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Sheila Taormina goes for the gold.

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**Young voters**  
As part of a continuing series on the presidential election, we explore the issue of why young people don't participate in the election process.

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While construction continues on Cherry Hill Road, work on retail buildings in Cherry Hill Village follows suit.

## Where to shop

Retail is on its way to the heart of popular Cherry Hill Village

As construction of Cherry Hill Village continues, the *Observer* will offer a continuing series of stories and photos documenting the area's growth.

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

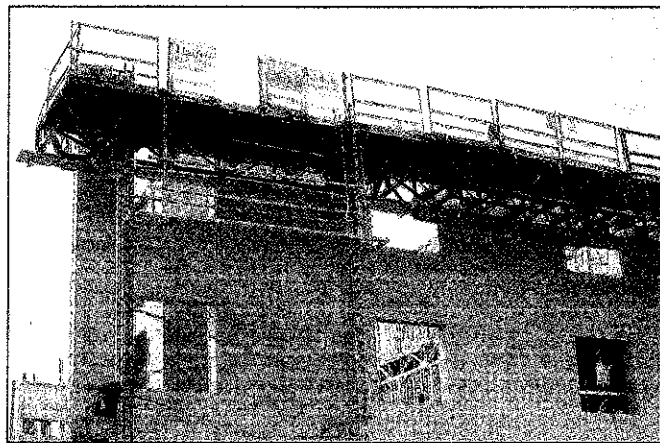
It may seem like you can't get there from here ... or here from there ... but Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet says that by the first week in September or thereabouts, the heart of Cherry Hill Village will start to look like something other than a construction site.

With work progressing on

the Village Theater, which is scheduled to open Sept. 11, and the reconstruction of Cherry Hill Road, it's more like a "mud pit" at the moment, Goulet said. But that's the way progress works.

In the meantime, while Phase III of the residential development west of Ridge is scheduled to get under way soon, commercial and retail development is also making progress.

"You're going to see a lot of activity out there in the next four weeks," he said. "The road should be ready by the end of the month. They're getting ready to put the curbs in."



The liner building near the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill will have residential on the top and retail on the bottom.

While the emphasis so far has been getting residential development in place, work is progressing on commercial and retail sites as well. "The first building on the square is being completed this month," Goulet said.

That's just south of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge. In addition to other offices, that building will house a General Store and a

PLEASE SEE CHERRY HILL, A3

## Clerk asks for early return of AV ballots

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton clerk's office is asking absentee voters in Tuesday's primary election to get those ballots turned in by 4 p.m. Monday.

"We need their help with managing our workload," Clerk Terry Bennett said. "If you're bringing them in person, please make sure they are returned to the clerk's office by 4 p.m. Monday."

Polks will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bennett also reminded voters that the election is a partisan primary.

"You are nominating those candidates who will be placed on the November ballot by party affiliation," she said. "You must choose to vote one party, either Democrat or Republican."

There is also a non-parti-

san judge race and two Wayne County proposals on the ballot.

Presidential candidates will not appear on the ballot. They are selected at the party conventions and will appear on the November general election ballot.

Bennett said people who are unsure of where they are supposed to vote should find out where their voting place is before Tuesday.

"Our biggest problem," she said, "is people who call and want to know where they go at the last minute on election day. They should have some forethought and do that prior to Tuesday if they're uncertain."

The township has 39 precincts after adding some new ones and splitting some existing ones.

"Everyone who had a precinct change was mailed a new voter registration card several months ago," she said.

"In cases of a split precinct, new cards were sent to people who remained in the old precinct as well as those who were moved."

Those voters in Precinct 39 voting at Plymouth High School should go to Room 401. When entering the school campus from Beck Road, voters should go to the second parking lot and look for the signs.

Bennett said if absentee ballots are any indication, she's not expecting a particularly high turnout.

After the polls close, election results will be posted on

the township's Web site as the votes are counted. That site is www.canton-mi.org.

"There will be a link on the home page for election results," Bennett said.

She said users might have to hit the "refresh" button on their browser to get the latest results as the votes are updated.

She also said she wants to thank all the volunteers who will be working the polls.

"A lot of them are first-time volunteers," she said.

"They were terrific to train. All have taken this service to the Canton community with enthusiasm and seriousness. We have a number of new chairpersons as well. I'm really impressed with all of them."

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## Caccamo spends most in primary

McLaughlin leads with total contributions

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Political newcomer Todd Caccamo was the biggest spender in a field of 10 candidates vying for four seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

According to campaign finance reports filed last week with the Wayne County clerk, Caccamo listed expenses of \$3,969.33 in the pre-primary period.

He was followed by Todd LaJoy with \$3,215.49, Karl Zarbo with \$2,397.89, Melissa McLaughlin with \$1,707.32, Vicki Welty with \$336.45 and Bill Rice with \$106.

Rice is a Democrat. The others are Republicans.

Democrat Godfrey Aguwa and Republicans Fred Bolden, John Burdzick and Jack Hakala all filed waivers indicating they would not exceed the \$1,000 limit and are not required to file finance statements.

On the contributions side, McLaughlin led the pack with contributions listed of \$9,000. More than half of that came from herself with a contribution of \$5,000.

Caccamo was next with contributions of \$8,150, although, again, most of those came from himself in the total amount of \$7,200.

LaJoy listed contributions of \$5,030.42, Zarbo had \$4,875, Welty had \$800 and Rice had \$250.

In addition to direct contributions, Welty listed in-kind contributions of \$3,425.69 and Zarbo listed \$1,095.94.

Welty listed contributions of \$100 each from Standard Federal Bank of Troy, Bryan Amann and George Shea of Canton.

Zarbo's contributors included developer Richard Lewiston, \$500; Bryan Amann, \$200; Mary Amann, \$200; Ronald Witthoff, \$100; Timothy Cronin, \$100; Frank Ciccarelli, \$500; Bruce Patterson, \$250; Paul Denski Jr., \$150; and Leslie Lewiston Etterbeek, \$250.

LaJoy, in addition to contributions from himself, listed many contributors of \$100 or less. Among those contributing more than \$100 were William M. Broucek II, \$200; Richard M. Lewiston, \$500; Anthony D. Marocco, \$200; and Glenn Shaw Jr., \$500.

McLaughlin listed contributions more than \$100 from Joe A. Bloch, \$500; Robert Brody, \$200; Richard Lewiston, \$250; Leslie Lewiston-Etterbeek, \$250; Murray C. Pitt, \$250; Michael Lewiston, \$250; Harry Fox, \$250; Mickey Shapiro, \$250; Ron Cook, \$250; Asa Shapiro, \$250; Ely Tama, \$250; Jeffrey Budaj, \$250; Daniel Smoth, \$250; Scott Sherman, \$250; Harvey Rulain, \$250; and Alvin Rubin, \$250.

Trustees receive an annual salary of \$11,138.

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## New school chief is certain God has a plan

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

God wanted Marilyn Meell in Michigan and that's good enough for the longtime transplanted Texan.

"My personal relationship with God is the most important thing in my life," said Meell, originally from Erie, Pa.

Meell is the new head of school at the more than 800-student Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton. She started her new position about four weeks ago and replaces Gordon



Meell

Nickel. How Meell and her husband, Howard, an ordained minister, got here is a kaleidoscope of coincidence and, in her opinion, a few paths opened by God.

Howard's elderly parents live in Michigan. For the past year, the couple, who raised her niece, had talked about moving closer to be with his parents.

"Could we move to

Michigan?" That was the question Meell and Howard contemplated.

As they were preparing to visit his parents this spring — with the thought of perhaps moving here — Meell went online to see what jobs were available through the Association of Christian Schools International.

Her search led to a request for applications from Plymouth Christian Academy.

"I had no clue to where Canton, Michigan, was," she said.

Meell filled out the what she said was the most comprehensive application she has ever seen. "I was on my way here," she said. "I did two telephone interviews with the search committee."

In five days, Meell's life changed. While in Canton meeting with the search committee and Tony Beckett, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, with which the school is affiliated, the Meells bought a house in Canton.

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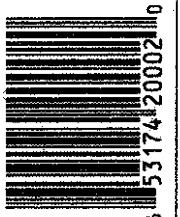


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# Carry named O&E ad director

Martin E. Carry has been named advertising director of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"I'm pleased to have Marty, with his experience in daily and weekly publications, join the O&E executive management team," said Peter Neill, general manager of the O&E. "Marty's enthusiasm and new ideas along with his keen attention to customer service and sales innovation will help the O&E as we continue to grow in western Wayne and Oakland counties."

Carry, 39, most recently



Carry

worked as the business development leader for the *Flint Journal*, a member of the *Booth Newspapers* Michigan division. He has experience in retail and classified advertising at both daily and weekly newspapers. He spent seven years at *The Oakland Press*, where he was promoted several times into key management positions. He also served as classi-

fied director for 35 weekly publications in suburban Milwaukee.

At the O&E, Carry will manage retail and classified advertising operations.

"It's been a very fast and fun 11 years in my newspaper career," Carry said.

"I am very fortunate to have worked with some excellent people that have provided me with the opportunity to grow. I have competed with the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* in my past and I know how strong they are. I am very proud and excited to

serve as the advertising director and appreciate the opportunity.

"Our major objective as a team will be to provide our clients with cost-effective products and services that will be targeted to achieve maximum results from our readers," he added.

Carry and his wife, Mary, live in Grand Blanc. They are the parents of Megan, 10. A home theater enthusiast, he also enjoys golf and billiards.

Carry can be reached via email at [mcarry@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:mcarry@oe.homecomm.net)

# Washing car in driveway can hurt water quality

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

A campaign sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to improve overall water quality has received the endorsement of Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas.

"We think this is a very worthwhile campaign that will ultimately benefit all of the township's residents," Faas said.

With the dog days of summer approaching, the SEMCOG campaign is urging southeastern Michigan residents to practice good car care habits — including washing their vehicle at car washes.

"What people don't realize when they are washing their cars in their driveways is that the dirty water and soap flows directly into storm drains,"

SEMCOG spokeswoman Sue Stetler said. "Anything that gets into those drains or into roadside ditches goes untreated into local waterways."

There are more than four million vehicles in southeastern Michigan. Stetler said improper washing or vehicles that leak oil or other fluids have a negative impact on the environment.

"We're really trying to promote awareness," she added, noting that the seven-step campaign will extend well into next year. "We want people to understand that what we do individually makes a big difference."

So what can individuals do to protect Michigan streams and lakes? Follow one or more of these simple tips for a clean, well-running vehicle that also protects the environment:

■ **Make a date** — Car wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to lakes and streams. So make a date to take your car to a car wash.

■ **Wash it on the grass** — If you wash your car at home, consider washing it on the lawn. Or if you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water toward the lawn and away from the storm drain.

■ **Minimize it** — Reduce the amount of soap you use or wash your car with plain water.

■ **Maintain it** — Keep your vehicle properly tuned. Consider taking your vehicle to a service shop for oil changes and other repair work.

■ **Recycle** — If you choose to change your oil and other fluids yourself, label the waste containers. Then take them to your community's household hazardous waste collection day. In Canton, Hazardous Waste

Roundup Day is Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DPW building on Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue.

■ **Soak it up** — Use kitty litter promptly to absorb small amounts of spilled vehicle fluids. Then sweep it into a bag and throw it in the trash.

■ **Do it under cover** — Perform vehicle maintenance in a well-ventilated, but covered location, like a garage.

This minimizes rainfall from washing those inevitable spills and drips into waterways.

Additional information, as well as all of the posters and tip cards about SEMCOG's water quality campaign, can be viewed online at [www.sem-cog.org](http://www.sem-cog.org).

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**FOR THE RECORD**

**DEATHS**

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Pauline Deedler-Koeslin, 82, formerly of Livonia, died July 14.

**E**  
Rev. John H. Ettema, 82, of Holland, died July 26.

**H**  
Margaret M. Harrington, 82, formerly of West Bloomfield, died July 26.

**K**  
Pauline Deedler-Koeslin, 82, died July 14.

**S**  
Viola Sparkman, 80, of Plymouth, died July 26.

**T**  
Roger James Tate, 49, formerly of Troy, died July 22.  
Ann Thomason, 83, died June 29.  
Phyllis Tracy, 85, died July 20.  
Richard Trefney, 73, of Livonia.

**For the Record** appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's *Observer Life* section in *Passages* on page C5.

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Construction along and on Cherry Hill Road continues.

## CHERRY HILL

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### Cold Stone Creamery.

A Remerica office is almost ready to open in the building and bronze plaques on the walls list other tenants as Habitat4Design, Approved Mortgages, William T. Sheahan Title Co. and CHV Building Co.

In addition to that, the old Cherry Hill Inn on the south-east corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill is being refurbished for commercial and office space.

Scott Colf, a former airline pilot who bought the building about two years ago, said he's going to restore it so that it will look as closely as possible to the original structure that was built in

1864 and served as a stage-coach stop.

"It's been my full-time job for two years and 60 hours a week," he said. "I used to pass the building every day. I knew what was going to happen in the village. Once I found out a theater was going in there, I knew what I wanted to do."

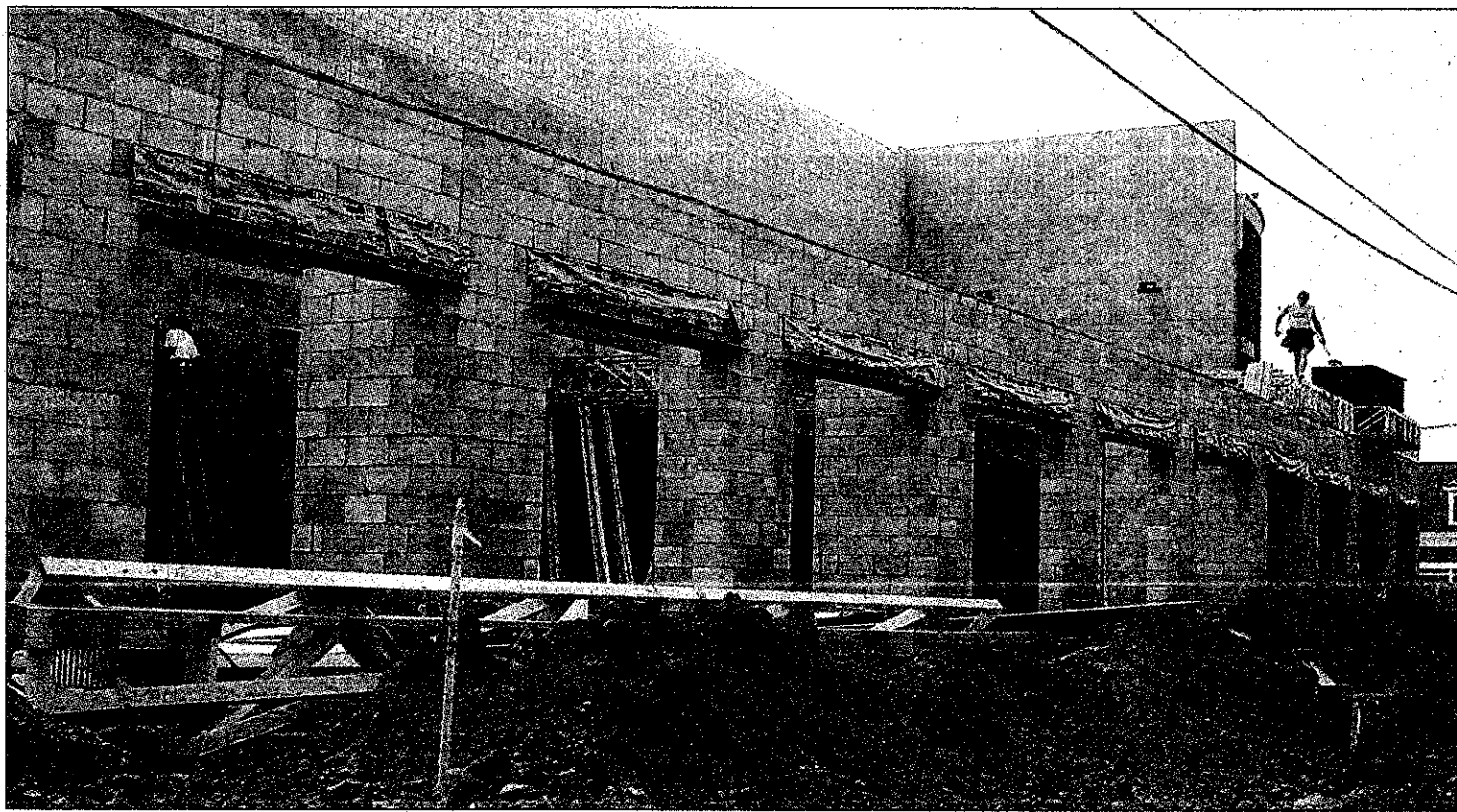
He said he plans to have retail on the first floor and office on the second.

"I'm not too picky on what actually goes in there," he said, "as long as they are secure to do that."

He said the first floor could house anything from a restaurant or pub to a hair salon.

Goulet said a dentist has bought the colonial house west of Cherry Hill School across the street from the old inn and it's being retrofitted for that use.

The liner buildings on the



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Work continues on retail shops that will line the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

wall of the theater will also house retail space, although Goulet said no specific tenants have been targeted yet.

The Integrated Health Associates building on the north side of Cherry Hill between Ridge and Denton is open for business. The Rainbow Child Development Center is under construction next door.

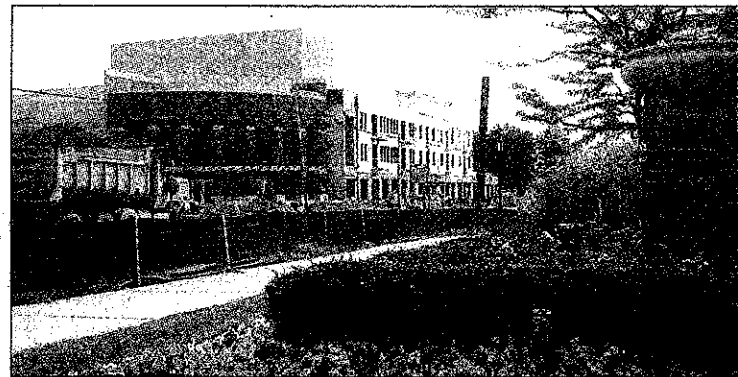
Hiller's Market is currently involved in purchase agreement talks with Biltmore developers.

It will be built on the corner of Cherry Hill and Denton. Goulet said a bank site is adjacent to the Hiller's site although no specific tenant has been identified.

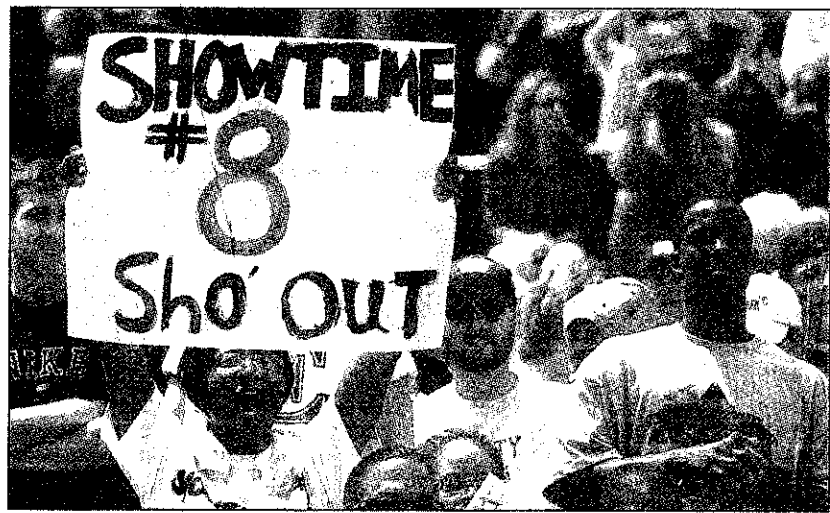
"Other people are interested in buying pieces along Cherry Hill Road for commercial development," Goulet said.

"There's nothing specific yet."

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Construction on the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill is moving along. This is a view across Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.



### Go, Go!

Strong support was offered for Devin Thomas of Canton, who was a wide receiver for the East All Stars at the Michigan High School Coaches All Star game, which played July 24 at the University of Michigan.

TOM HAWLEY  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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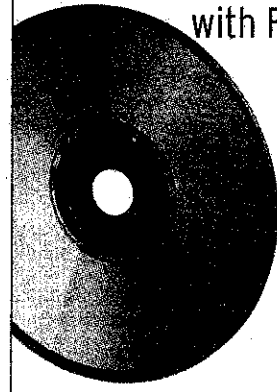
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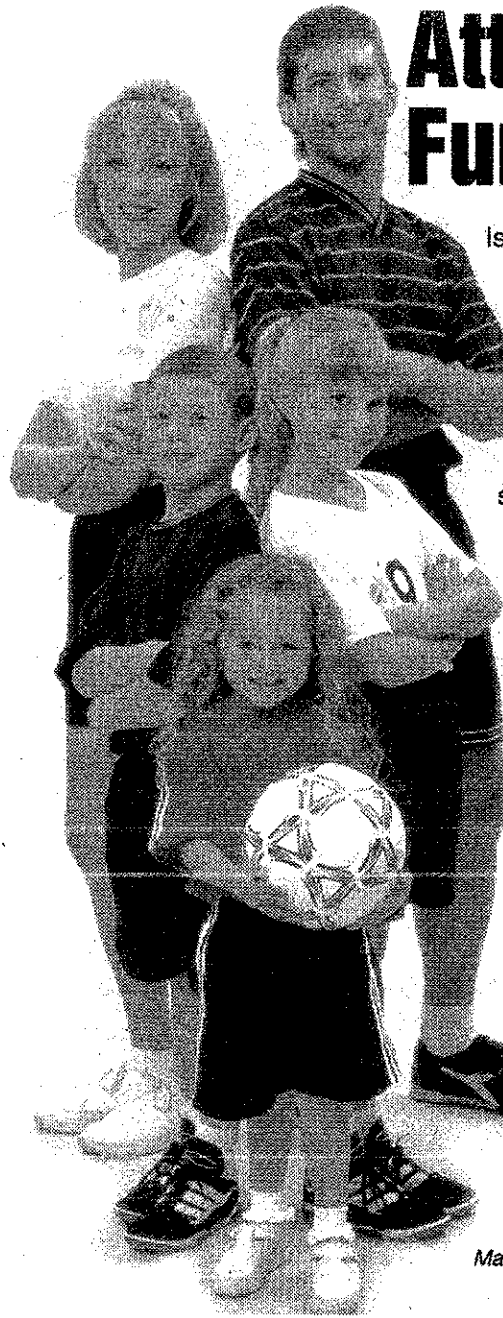
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## CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### ELECTION 2004

Ten candidates are vying for four trustee seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

They are Republican incumbents Karl Zarbo, John Burdziazak and Melissa McLaughlin, as well as newcomers Fred Bolden, Todd Caccamo, Jack Hakala, Todd LaJoy and Vicki Welty. Two Democrats, Bill Rice and Godfrey Aguwa also are seeking election and will be on the primary ballot.



**Godfrey Aguwa**

**Name:** Godfrey Aguwa  
**Family info:** Engaged to Ugochi Njoku, with a September wedding planned  
**Number of years living in the district:** 4  
**Employment info:** Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth/Rehabilitation Service.  
**Educational background:** Bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Wayne State University, and a master's of arts degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Detroit Mercy. He also has an associate's degree from Wayne County Community College.

As long as their intent does not constitute bribery and the money and/or in-kind services will benefit residents.

Plant flowers and/or trees that stand out. Install night lights, enforce traffic regulations, divert heavy duty trucks, clean up snow during winter on a timely basis, build ring roads and encourage community road clean up.

How should Canton avoid future financial woes?

Petition for the township to become a city. Encourage volunteer workers, including, but not limited to, retired elders. Seek court assistance to engage probationers to perform community services as part of the probation.

Specifically, what are your suggestions for improving the township's road system?

Install traffic lights, night lights. Enforce traffic regulations, ensure police visibility, build sidewalks, avoid snow build up, divert heavy duty trucks.



**Fred Bolden**

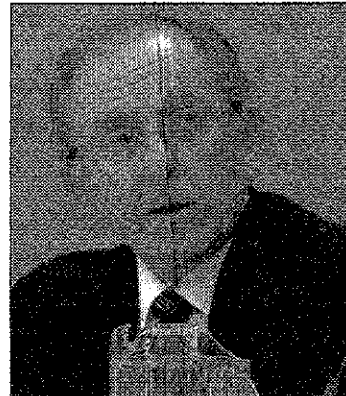
**Name:** Fred Bolden  
**Family info:** He and his wife, Laura have four children, Thomas, 9, Danielle, 7, Matthew, 4, and Jonathan, 2.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 13  
**Employment info:** Consultant at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan as a computer system analyst.  
**Educational background:** Bachelor of science degree from the University of Detroit/Sacred Heart Seminary, a master's degree in computer information science and is currently working on his doctoral studies in public administration at Western Michigan University. He also is certified in culinary arts from the College of Dupage, Ill.

In-kind services offer rewards but I am not a real advocate of this. For many this is the way to do business. If we follow specific legislative guidelines for all contractors and developers and make it fair is all we should ask for. Our goals should be to offer contracts and bids for the lowest cost while obtaining the best services. We all win in the long term if bids are fair and equitable.

Before we can truly tackle Ford Road we have to improve our total infrastructure. I would start with improving our other east/west flow. I would at the same time improve the north/south flow. I would go to the county and state and get I-275 reclassified and get additional exit/entrance ramps from I-275 with the possibility of using the tipping fees from our land fill over the next 10 years for road improvements.

To provide sound principles to guide the important decisions of the township board and of management. To set forth operational principles which minimize the cost of local government, to the extent consistent with services desired by the public, and which minimize financial risk. The township will maintain a diversified and stable revenue system in order to avoid short-term fluctuations in a single revenue source.

Proposing improvements for specific roads must conform to the township's longrange road plan. Planning and implementing road projects will prioritize concerns with health and safety, traffic, and financial longterm assessment and feasibility. Maintaining safe road conditions includes the road bed, approaches, drainage and signage, speed limits and school bus turn-arounds.



**John Burdziazak**

**Name:** Fred Burdziazak  
**Family info:** He and his wife, Yvonne, have been married for 43 years. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 31  
**Employment info:** Retired as a telephone engineer (designing fiber optic routes) from Ameritech for five years.  
**Educational background:** Burdziazak has two years of liberal arts and business administration courses at Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University. His engineering knowledge came from Ameritech's technical training classes.

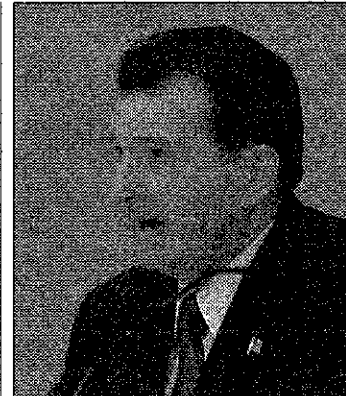
**Previous elected positions held and years held:** Burdziazak has served on the township board since 1990 and before that, on the planning commission.

Community contributions reflect a commitment to partnership and involvement in the projects and programs deemed important by the community. However, when choosing a firm to conduct township business, the selection should be based on a good service record and potential savings for the township.

Because of my utility engineering experience, I am involved with the Downtown Development Authority on a subcommittee to improve aesthetics on Ford Road. Our goal is to remove the utility lines off the poles and place them underground or reroute the poles to the rear of the business lots.

We must immediately curtail any new capital projects (buildings and equipment) to maintain an adequate fund balance to offset the next several years of reduced state funding. We must also consider privatizing work in lieu of additional full-time hiring.

Acquire additional right-of-way to widen intersections, close off multiple driveways and create one main entrance with interior roadways between businesses. Implement a smart signal system to improve traffic flow and encourage developers to participate in improvements for roads fronting on their developments.



**Todd Caccamo**

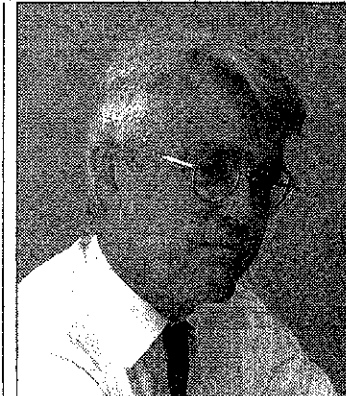
**Name:** Todd Caccamo  
**Family info:** Married to Kay and they have a dog, Hashi.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 6  
**Employment info:** Account executive with Tenneco Automotive and president of Sentan Technologies.  
**Educational background:** Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan, as well as a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University. He is a former member of the United States Marine Corps.

It should not be done. Period. The risk for, and the appearance of, impropriety is far too great. If all things are equal, the only preference should be to use local firms first. Who else does this? Enron did. Is this how we want to do business and be perceived?

Ford Road could use a regular, thorough cleaning. It is truly a gateway into Canton. Businesses should be encouraged through tax incentives to beautify their easements. Traffic is a result of poor planning but can be helped through proper lane and driveway designs, signal timing and more connecting access roads.

Quit spending on things that only benefit a few. There's money to go around, but when you spend like liberals, expect problems. For example, our fancy municipal complex, library café, and theatre. Let's try being fiscally conservative for a change and actively seek out the citizens' input.

Let's consult the citizens on a case by case basis for a change. Their priority of needs and desires are what matter. My greatest ideas are meaningless if they don't want it, and I won't force it on them. After all, they will be the ones paying for it.



**Jack Hakala**

**Name:** Jack Hakala  
**Family info:** He and his wife, Maggie, have two daughters, Megan and Jill, and two grown sons, Drew (Erica and grandson Jacob) and Dustin.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 16  
**Employment info:** A 30-year employee of Sodexho (management services company). He has been in his current position with Sodexho for six years as an area controller.  
**Educational background:** Bachelor's degree in management from Michigan State University and a master's of business administration from Western Michigan University.

As long as everything is above board and ethical, contractors and developers should be judged on their overall willingness to support Canton. I agree with Supervisor Tom Yack's assessment that the bank that "hit a home run" with its contribution to the Village Theater should be given consideration for that support.

Because of the cost, voters want to decide on burying utility lines. Working with businesses, Canton should encourage improvement to the appearance of their properties. Timed lights, improved access, left turn only lanes and improvement to alternate routes are some of the best ideas to improve traffic flow.

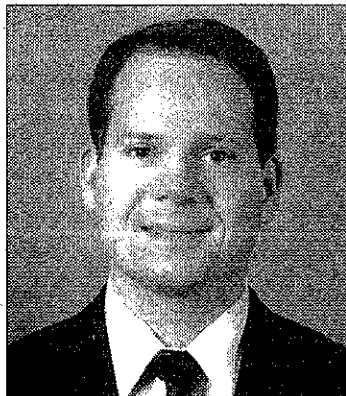
Income streams need to be evaluated against expenditures now, not when a future crisis occurs. Essential services need to be reviewed constantly to ensure cost effectiveness. Zero-based budgeting should be used. Programs could be at least partially self-sustaining instead of fully funded by tax dollars, encouraging corporate sponsorship.

We are reliant on Wayne County and M-Dot with regard to our roads. Canton must be proactive, continuing to develop those working relationships, coordinating its efforts with surrounding communities (the voice of many has strength) to work to reach current and future mutual goals, creating a win-win situation.

### ELECTION 2004

Ten candidates are vying for four trustee seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

They are Republican incumbents Karl Zarbo, John Burdziazak and Melissa McLaughlin, as well as newcomers Fred Bolden, Todd Caccamo, Jack Hakala, Todd LaJoy and Vicki Welty. Two Democrats, Bill Rice and Godfrey Aguwa also are seeking election and will be on the primary ballot.



**Todd LaJoy**

**Name:** Todd LaJoy  
**Family info:** Son of Phil and Jean LaJoy, twin of brother, Chris, and sister-in-law, Mary.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 27  
**Employment info:** Co-founder of LaJoy Group Inc., a workforce solutions company focused on staffing and assessments.  
**Educational background:** Salem High School graduate. Earned a bachelor of business administration with a double major in marketing and French.

Your opinion on judging contractors/developers based on cash or in-kind services to the community?

I would judge contracts by putting the best interests of the Canton community first. A request for proposal establishes a set of criteria. Specific information is provided based on the criteria. The information is analyzed and compared, when possible, to other proposals. This purchasing process provides a competitive balance and an opportunity for all parties to earn the business.

Specifically, what would you do to improve appearance, traffic on Ford Road?

Positive steps for improvement are in progress with the Access Management and Traffic Operations study. I believe the recommendations from this study will provide Canton with good ideas. If it's feasible and makes sense, a boulevard that weaves along the north and/or south side of Ford Road would ease traffic congestion.

How should Canton avoid future financial woes?

Canton could avoid future financial woes with continued focus and vision on streamlining processes, increasing efficiencies and economic development. Canton has a lot of growth potential with industrial parks on Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. Canton must continue building relationships with state and county officials. Canton should continue to pursue state and county dollars.

Specifically, what are your suggestions for improving the township's road system?

I would like to see continued improvements at our intersections, especially Cherry Hill, Palmer and Warren, specifically the addition of left turn signals, smart lights and right/left turn only lanes. Perhaps the township is already doing this, but I think we should study the weight stress of trucks with multiple wheels and axles on our local roads.



**Melissa McLaughlin**

**Name:** Melissa McLaughlin  
**Family info:** Married to John McLaughlin. They have two sons, Ian, 18, and Bryan, 14. She is the daughter of Vera and Gordon Noakes of Canton.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 42  
**Employment info:** Township trustee. She is the district coordinator for Sen. Bruce Patterson. She is also a longtime planning commissioner.  
**Educational background:** The 1975 Salem High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree in special education for the emotionally impaired and a minor in social studies.

When there is relative equality between contractors, community involvement becomes a minor factor in the decision making process for me. Community investment indicates the business cares about local customers and their community. Quality of service, costs, business stability, and the corporate office attentiveness to local interests factor into my decision.

Traffic: Pending approval by MDOT, I would support smart lights, consolidation of driveways, interior access drives, a continuous right turn lane and ramp improvements on I-275. Appearance: Development of a coordinated sign program, burying overhead lines, continuing DDA elements, encourage redevelopment and trees in the right-of-way.

Our finances are in very good shape, due to streamlining departments, efficient use of employees and budgets, prioritizing needs, cooperative intercommunity programs, pursuing grants for special programs in recreation, transportation and public safety, monitor debt and where feasible, consolidate debt to lower interest, and pursue options to reduce benefit costs.

With limited budgets all around, Canton has to continue to work cooperatively with state and county officials to maintain and improve our roads. When possible, Special Assessment Districts, partnerships with state and county, and developer-sponsored improvements will help to accommodate new growth and maintain existing infrastructure.



**Bill Rice**

**Name:** Bill Rice  
**Family info:** Married with two daughters and four grandchildren.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 20  
**Employment info:** Retired from General Motors and served as chair of the board of directors for a local credit union for nine years with a total of 20 years on the board.  
**Educational background:** His education includes business management, finance, health and safety work. He is a Canton Leadership Program graduate.  
**Community involvement:** Member of the Moose and VFW and a past member of the Plymouth Symphony Board. He has been involved with the band boosters and other youth groups through his church.

Contracts should be awarded based on the contractor's ability to meet the needs of the bid qualifications while delivering the best value and cost savings for the township. The expertise of the township and industry professionals, regulatory requirements and benchmarking should be the criteria for awarding contracts, not political paybacks. The bidding process should be equal for all.

Construct rear access roads, widen Ford Road, realign driveways for better traffic flow. Use smart signals and lengthen left hand turn signals in location studies show to be beneficial. Assure that pedestrian signals and crosswalks are installed at all intersections. Plant trees and require owners to maintain landscape and buildings in adherence to local ordinances.

Develop five and 10-year financial plans that rely minimally on state assistance. Michigan should implement a formula change beneficial to all communities. Review the entire pay/operating expenses and start cutting now. Look long and hard at merit increases. What it will cost down the road. Institute programs that will let us meet cost saving initiatives within our revenue restraints.

Push for the change of I-275 destination from rural to urban interstate. Fight to have decision of 10 years ago to not grant additional on/off access based on the rural destination overturned. Widen east-west, and north-south arterials, explore extending Morton Taylor to Michigan Avenue, create a system to evaluate and repair roads. Maintain Michigan Avenue better.



**Vicki Welty**

**Name:** Vicki Welty  
**Family info:** Married to Keith for 24 years. They have two sons, Aaron, 22, and Seth, 17.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 5  
**Employment info:** Director of human resources for Clayton & McKervy, an accounting and management firm.  
**Community involvement:** Welty is a former Wayne-Westland School Board member, former member of the Land Development Financing Authority and Recreational Board. She is also former president of the Westland Rotary. In Canton she has served on the Canton Leisure Services Committee, Canton Friends of the Arts and co-chair of the Village Theater Grand Opening Gala.

Contractors and developers bidding on services and development should be evaluated on a variety of consistent criteria, not just monetary or in-kind contributions. The criteria should include price, community presence, quality of services provided, reputation, working relationships and receptiveness to township needs.

I would suggest looking at the timing of traffic lights, the benefit of additional right-hand turn lanes and right-turn only signs during peak hours. In the longterm, we need to look at alternative access drives in the rear of many buildings.

We need to begin now to plan for the lean years that may be ahead. Other sources of revenue that may be available, capitalizing on our present growth and developing a five-year strategic plan are some of the ways that we can begin to plan for the future.

We need to continue to work on strengthening strategic relationships with county and state officials. This is a frustrating situation because of our roads are not owned by the township. We must work with our county commissioner to develop a regular maintenance and upgrading schedule and stick to it.



**Karl Zarbo**

**Name:** Karl Zarbo  
**Family info:** Single and without children. He has two brothers and his parents live in Buffalo, NY, his hometown.  
**Number of years living in the district:** 11  
**Employment info:** Vice president of KZ & Co. and vice president of operations for the Livonia Mall.  
**Educational background:** He has a junior accountant certificate from the Bryant Stratton Business Institute, an associates degree in business administration from Erie College. He has completed courses in business administration at the University of Buffalo.

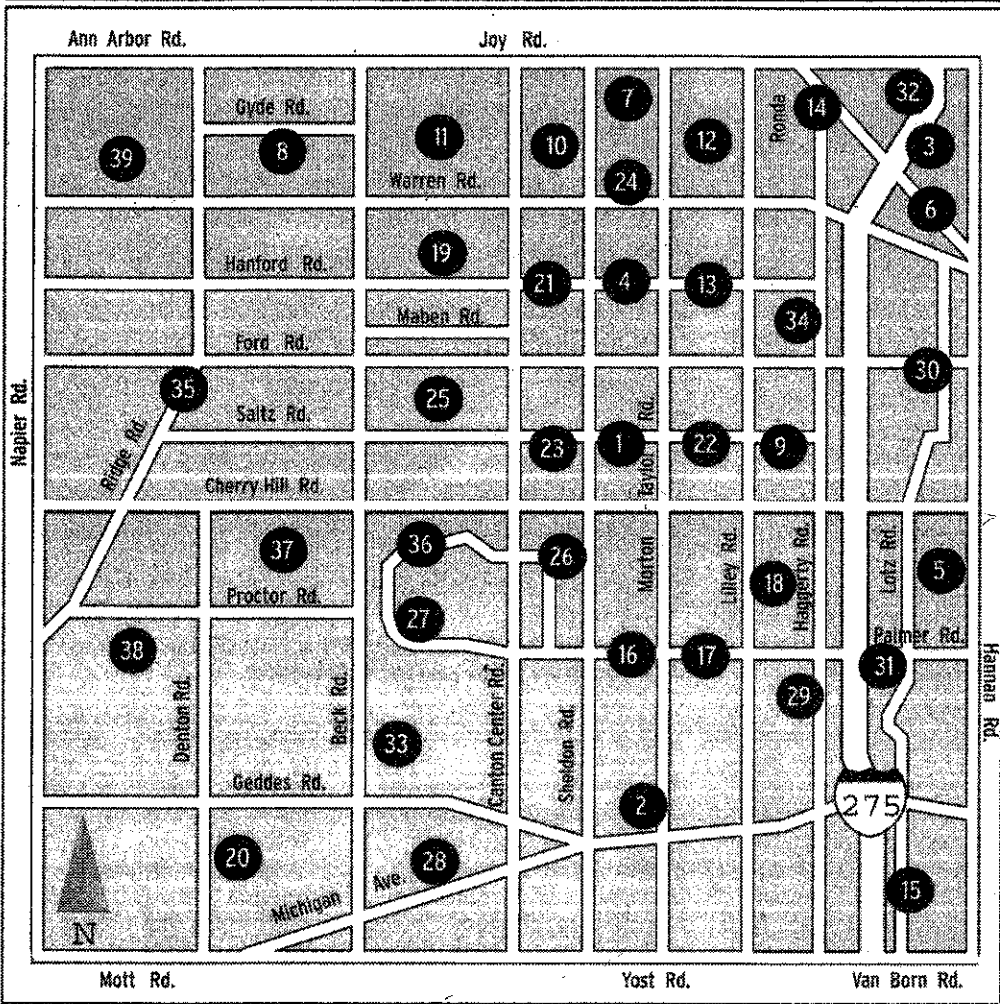
Contractors and developers should be judged on the total value of their product or service to Canton. Value added service of dollar contributions to the community should be evaluated along with all traditional selection criteria. Staying active in the community and being a good corporate citizen is important.

Write access management techniques into Canton ordinances. Implement smart lights on Ford Road, I-275 west to Canton Center. Continue DDA streetscape project, require cross access easement agreements to facilitate traffic between properties. Design and implement a directional signage package and design and implement a theme for new building design.

Create an environment that stimulates a strong Canton economy. We need to look internally for the effective and efficient use of every dollar. Work with our elected state officials to revisit state shared revenue disbursements to ensure Canton's fair share. Learn to do more with less.

Canton will work with other municipalities to receive its entitlement of county, state and federal dollars. We are using professional consultants for Ford Road, the clear intent is to use the lessons learned throughout Canton. Survey residents to determine priorities.

# VOTING PRECINCTS IN CANTON



# Check out precinct before you vote

Canton Township has 39 precincts. Some of the precincts share an address. The following addresses correspond to the precinct map:

- Precinct No. 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 Cherry Hill 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 F275 at the Westland 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

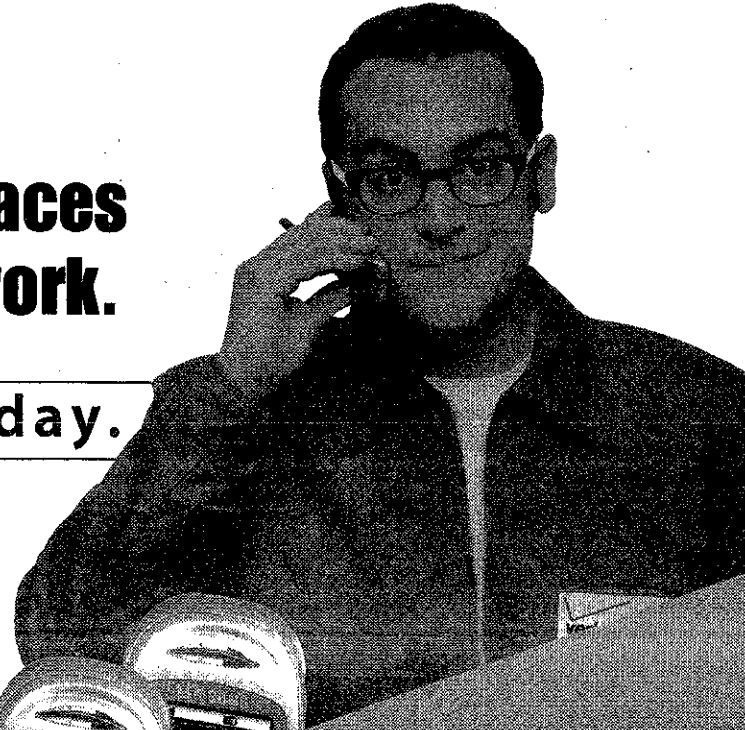
- Arlington, two stops and left)
- Precinct 15: Walker Elementary School, 9932 Michigan Ave. (between Lotz and Hannan).
- Precincts 16, 17: Bentley Elementary School, 1100 Sheldon (between Cherry Hill and Palmer).
- Precincts 18, 29: Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty (between Cherry Hill and 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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# Camp gives kids English language skills

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Claudia Carrillo speaks only Spanish. When she talks in English, it is her 5-year-old son who does the speaking. Standing in the hallway of Patchin Elementary School last week, Carrillo was there to let teachers in the English as a

second language summer camp know her son and niece would be coming back.

"She said that her son has become the interpreter," said Christine Verville, a Spanish teacher at Wayne Memorial High School. "There are a lot of words she doesn't catch that her son catches." Verville has been working

Shelia Massey, an ESL teacher with Wayne RESA, at the summer camp that is helping students learn English language skills and culture in preparation for the new school year.

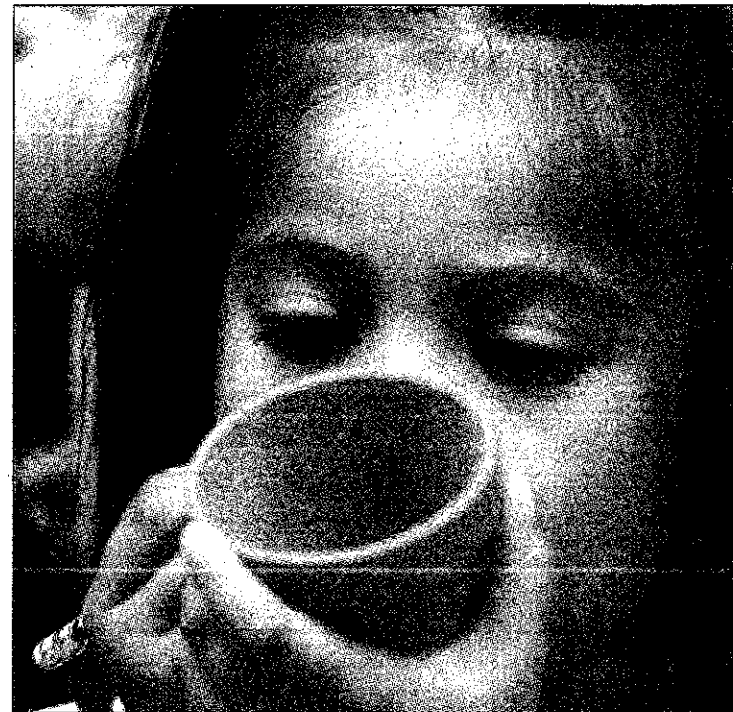
Twenty-five students in kindergarten through the seventh grade have been meeting at Patchin for four days a week for the past six weeks, learning new vocabulary, writing in journals and taking walking field trips.

"In school, they're in an English only environment, but they go home where the family speaks their native language, so they end up hearing that all summer," said Kathy Storch, a bilingual director with RESA. "They need something like this before school starts." The district has estimated

that it has 425 students for whom English is a second language. The largest groups are of Albanian and Hispanic decent. The largest contingent of ESL students are at Patchin Elementary, Marshall Middle School and John Glenn High School.

The camp started with 30 students, but lost five who returned to their native countries. They speak, Spanish, Romanian, Albanian and several Indian dialects.

"We want to increase their English language skills so they'll be ready for school," said Sally Perkins, the district's director of elementary education. "They have limited English, some are just starting. Some are new to the country and new to the district."



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Anyah Cruz, 6, who will be a first-grader at Patchin Elementary in the fall, draws her picture before painting her flower pot.

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## SCHOOL

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"We went home and started packing," she said.

The couple arrived in Canton June 25 and the rest is ready for history.

A lifelong educator, Meell made the switch from public education to Christian education in the mid-1980s. She has never looked back.

Meell's resume begins with teaching science in a junior high school, as well as a university professor. She has served as a public middle school principal and educator in Christian schools. Meell has four degrees, including a doctorate.

She makes no apologies for

her love of learning, love of keeping busy and active and love for secondary education, especially that group of kids known as middle schoolers.

"I love teaching things to other people," Meell said. "I believe God has gifted me as a teacher."

Meell remembers exactly when she decided her life would be about teaching. She was 4 1/2 years old and whether she was supposed to or not, accompanied the little girl next door to her kindergarten class. Naturally, Meell's mom was looking for her.

"She went to school and there I was," she said. "I never wanted to be anything else. I think teaching is a higher calling."

Meell loves seeing the lights go on in a student's mind. "When you are able to help

them learn content or skills, that is rewarding," she said.

On the Christian side of her students' learning, Meell makes no bones about the importance of developing a relationship with God. "We all have a lifelong relationship with God," she said.

What is important for Meell is to experience and see how God uses her to help others. She recalls a fifth-grade girl in the first Christian school in which she taught. The little girl had troubles and had struggled in a public school.

"Her self-image and attitude toward education was, 'I can't do this,'" she said.

Meell spent a lot of time with the girl, working with her to redevelop her attitude. The little girl blossomed into a confident woman who attended Boston University.

"God connected us. I'm

proud of her. I was thankful I could be a part of her life," said Meell, who remains in contact with her.

As head of school, Meell intends to continue with the philosophy that children will be educated and inspired spiritually, emotionally and intellectually while they are at Plymouth Christian Academy.

"I'm really trying to learn the school this summer," Meell said.

Summer is for planning. Already there are plans to introduce a hands-on science program in the elementary grades, a study skills class for middle schoolers, as well as advance placement classes — English, U.S. history, calculus and perhaps biology.

"This is a college prep school," she said. "We want to expand and offer more programs."

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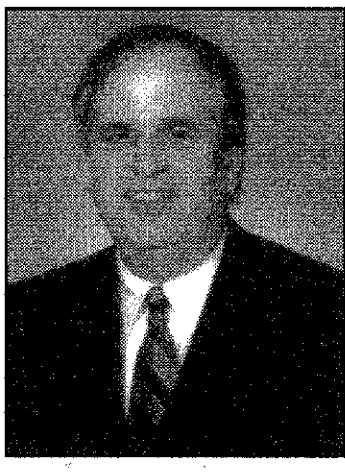
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Every four years, the entire township board — three administrators and four trustees — is up for election. The three elected administrators are unopposed. Ten candidates — eight Republicans and two Democrats — are seeking election to four open trustee seats.

The real election Tuesday is among the Republican candidates. The two Democrats will automatically move into the November general election. The winners of Tuesday's Republican primary will follow suit.

Unfortunately, in the 11th hour there has been some mudslinging in the Republican race. The *Observer* has covered the issues. We've seen the candidates in action and have studied their background. We believe the following candidates are

best equipped to move the township forward:

■ Incumbent **Karl Zarbo** has already shown in the past two years of what he is capable. Appointed to replace Phil LaJoy when he was elected to the state House, Zarbo is insightful and thoughtful. He has been a breath of fresh air to the board and doesn't hesitate to offer his opinion, whether it's popular or not. He brings knowledge of the retail and commercial world to the board, a plus as focus turns to improving Ford Road.

■ Incumbent **Melissa McLaughlin** has never let her 12 years on the board turn to apathy. She is perhaps one of the more outspoken members and brings with her a sense of history of where Canton has been and where it ought

to go. She, too, does not hesitate to speak her mind, and she does it loudly and clearly. She also brings years of planning commission experience to the board.

■ **Todd LaJoy** will bring a new and youthful perspective to the board, which is only fitting because he represents the up and coming in Canton. While young, he already possesses the skills of a leader, with a resume that includes the presidency of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. If elected, he is certain to grow into his new township role. He is practical, yet full of ideas for making life in Canton better.

■ **Fred Bolden** is an idea man. He is not troubled at suggesting a new way of looking at issues. He is tenacious and determined, as evidenced

by his revival of the Liberty Fest Parade. He is prepared and armed with the facts before he speaks and will be a welcome addition to the township board.

When you go to the polls Tuesday, it is important to consider the entire makeup of the board of trustees and what each candidate will bring to the board and to the township's future.

On Tuesday, you will be asked to choose four of the Republicans, who will go to the November election and vie against the two Democrats, Bill Rice and Godfrey Aguwa. Because the primary ballot asks you to choose four Democrats, Rice and Aguwa are automatically in the general election.

As the winning primary candidates prepare for the November



Zarbo



McLaughlin



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race, we urge them to talk directly to voters and to avoid the need to undermine and mudslinging, which is only insulting to voters.

The primary Tuesday is important to Canton's future. Exercise your right to vote.

# Truran and McCotter offer voters best choice in congressional race

In a presidential election year, other elections often take a back seat. This year in particular, Michigan will be a major factor in the presidential election. Four years ago, Al Gore squeaked through with a 200,000-vote victory over George W. Bush.

This year's election is expected to be just as close. President Bush and Sen. John Kerry will be crisscrossing Michigan in the next three months in hopes of convincing Michigan voters that they will provide the best leadership for the next four years.

But it is also important that the residents of western Wayne County have a strong voice in the national government. The Republican Party currently controls both houses of Congress, but by only a thin margin.

Voters in Congressional elections often make their choices on more than party ideology, but it is important that they have a clear and

honest choice.

In this year's 11th Congressional District election, we believe that union leader Phil Truran will most effectively present the core positions of the Democratic Party in the race against incumbent GOP Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, who is running unopposed in the primary.

Truran of Novi, president of Communications Workers of America Local 4013, is new to politics, but he has taken positions representing the mainstream, centrist Democratic Party. He supports international cooperation in Iraq, tax reform for small businesses, a change in tax priorities and more regulation of health insurers. As a union leader, he is particularly motivated to support what he regards as fairer trade policies that would slow the outsourcing of manufacturing jobs to other countries.

Truran's primary opponent, Mario Fundarski, is a politi-

cal maverick who has run for Congress in three different congressional districts. He offers some strong views, but they don't represent the mainstream of the Democratic Party. Further, his views supporting an immediate withdrawal from Iraq and opposing Israel are disturbing.

Eleventh District voters deserve to hear a lively debate on the issues from two candidates who represent the core values of their parties. We believe **Phil Truran** and **Thaddeus McCotter** are those candidates.

Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett and County Prosecutor Kym Worthy are in the enviable position of not facing any primary opposition in the Democratic primary. Democratic voters will have a choice in the elections for sheriff, treasurer and register of deeds.

The most heated race is the sheriff's election. Warren Evans was appointed by a

special panel to complete the term of Robert Ficano when Ficano became county executive.

Since taking office, Evans has struggled with budget problems, some caused by the rising county deficit, some caused by his decisions on how to use his funding, some caused by mandated services that in Evans' view are not adequately funded.

Evans is opposed by seven other candidates, all with police experience, several as deputies in the sheriff's department. Donald Watts, whom Ficano supported as his replacement, and Anthony Abdallah, with the Inkster Police Department, have administrative experience. They offer solid ideas on the budget problems.

Evans has come under sharp criticism for his handling of the budget and department morale.

But on balance we believe **Warren Evans** has the experience and the ideas to contin-

ue as sheriff. We urge that Evans and Ficano work together to resolve their political and budgetary differences.

While a Democratic nomination to a countywide position is usually tantamount to election, this year Evans will face Republican Bill Lucas in the general election. Lucas was a former sheriff, the county's first executive and a candidate for governor.

In the race for county treasurer, County Commissioner Susan Hubbard has waged a vigorous campaign against incumbent Raymond Wojtowicz. Questions have been raised about Wojtowicz's awarding of contracts and about the timeliness of service. After 28 years, we believe it is time for a change and endorse **Susan Hubbard** for the nomination.

Veteran politician George Hart is challenging first-term incumbent **Bernard Youngblood** for register of deeds. Youngblood, who is a



Truran



Evans



Hubbard



Youngblood

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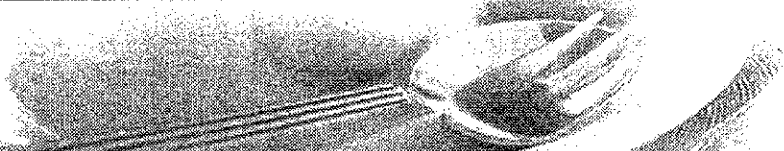


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John Kerry fans of all ages watch the Democratic National Convention at the Post Bar in Ferndale.

## Voting is a tough sell to young adults

BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS  
STAFF WRITER

Only 36 percent of eligible Michigan voters between the ages of 18 and 24 went to the polls in the 2000 presidential election.

This age group has lowest voter turnout in the state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, which recorded 349,000 registered voters between 18 and 24.

Garden City resident Theo Dobson tried to explain the low turnout.

"Nobody really cares to get out and vote anymore. They figure everybody else will do it for them," the 19-year-old said.

Some reasons Americans give for not voting include being too busy; out of town; uninterested; illness/disability; or disapproval of the candidates.

Dearborn Heights resident Christopher Jablonicky, 19, is someone who didn't like the 2000 presidential candidates.

"I think another reason why teens don't vote is because the candidates are older and they have nothing to interact with the younger generation," he said.

Although overall presidential voting turnout in Michigan rose 2 percent from 1996 to 2000, young voters did not contribute to that increase. Their participation rate actually dropped from 38 percent in 1996 to 36 percent in 2000.

"People feel like the little people don't matter anymore," said 19-year-old Garden City resident Mitchel Clark, referring to his fellow young adults.

Oakland Democratic Party

member Michael McGuinness agreed, saying, "they are not being directly addressed."

"They aren't voting because their issues aren't being addressed and their issues aren't being addressed because they are not voting," he said.

McGuinness, 20, said a significant amount of the potential young voters are recent high school graduates who have one overall concern.

"Things that are unique to them are affording college," he said. "Sometimes it's like playing Russian roulette -- trying to get scholarships."

A college education could result in higher turnout.

About 60 percent of Americans with a high school diploma or an associate's degree voted in the 2000 presidential election. People with a doctorate or a similar advanced degree had a 75-percent turnout rate.

When young adults enter college, they may have another set of obstacles keeping them from visiting to the polls.

"I have class on election day," said McGuinness, an Oakland University student.

The state of Michigan does not offer voting registration on the day of an election. Also, citizens must be registered to vote 30 days prior to an election.

"These are barriers that could be removed for any citizen to vote," McGuinness said.

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A Michigan resident's address indicated on a driver's license must match the address on a voter registration card and that agitates college students like McGuinness.

"I mean, it's kind of hard to live everyday life as it is," McGuinness said.

However, young adults are pleased with how simple it is to register.

"I had a bunch of people come around my dorm registering people," 20-year-old Troy resident Annie Wilson said.

Garden City resident Timothy Mousel, 19, said explaining how important it is to vote could help improve the turnout rate among young adults.

"Letting people know what's really going on and making the information more accessible," Wilson said.

Dobson said he just wants a forthright president and vice president.

"They have to be honest and they have to have my same issues in mind," he said. "He has to be for the country and they have to want to make it better."

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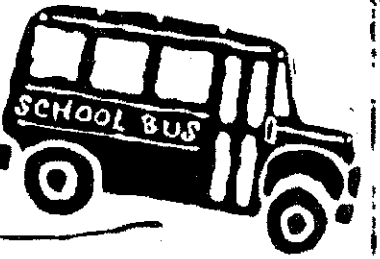
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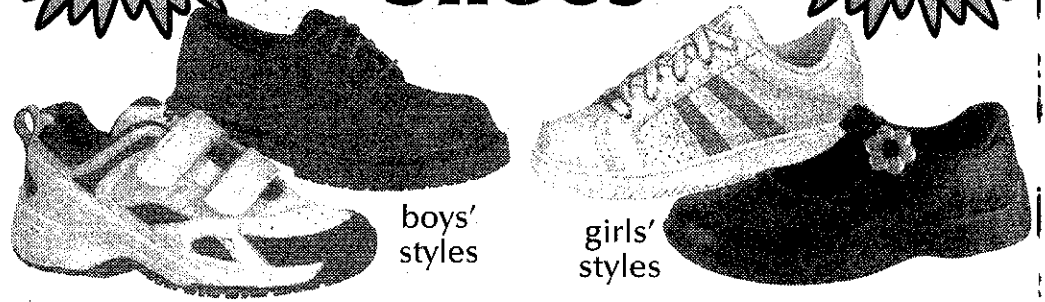
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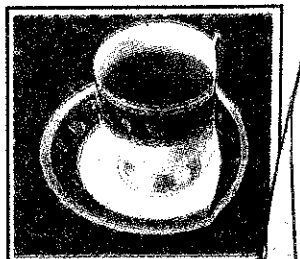


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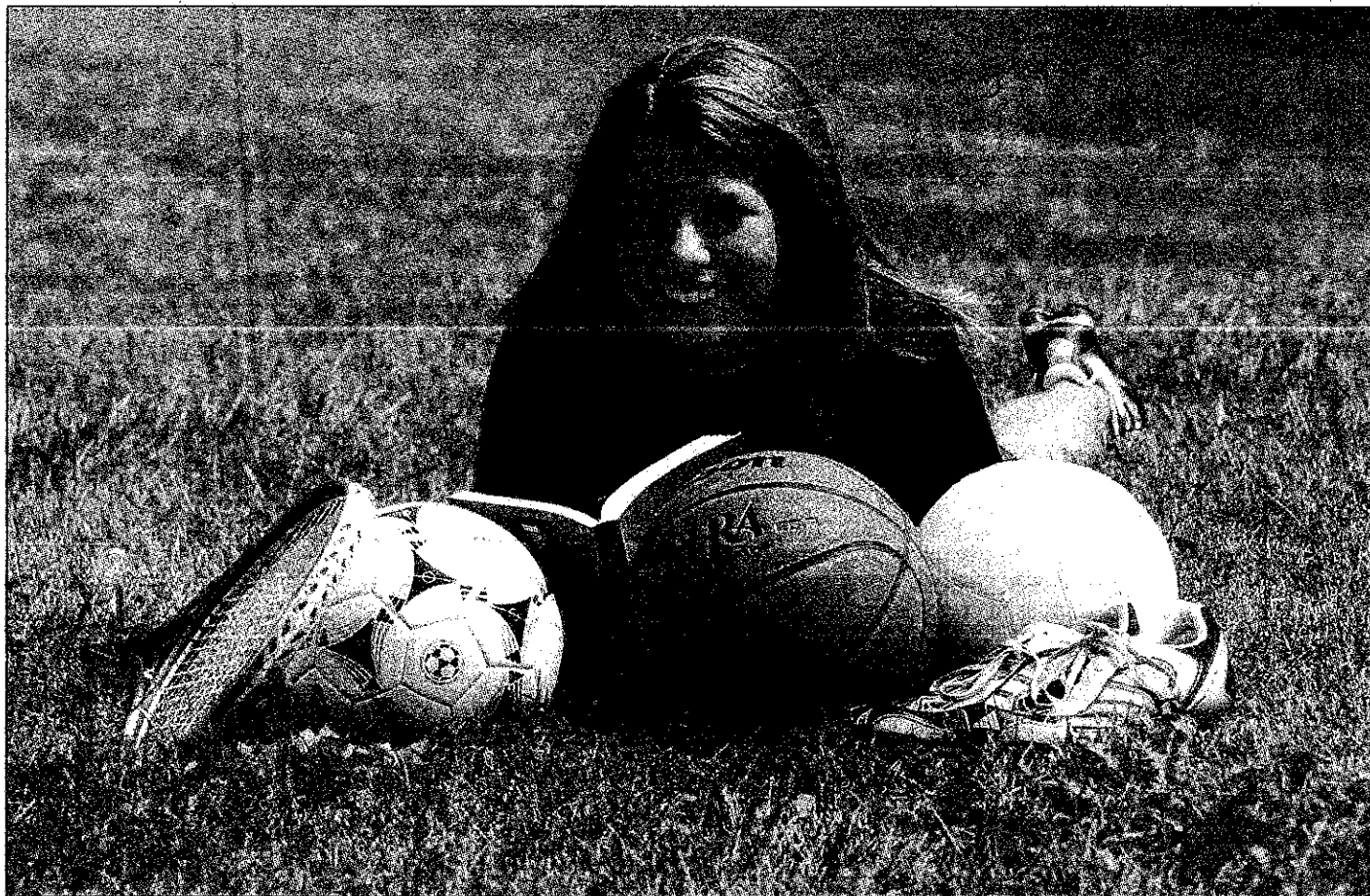
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Excelling in the classroom (3.7 grade-point average) and on the playing fields and courts (13 varsity letters) left Salem graduate Jordan Falcusan little time to rest the past four years.

## An athlete for all seasons

### Hard work earned Falcusan spot in Salem record books

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Most college-bound 18-year-olds are hitting the snooze button on their alarm clock on hot, muggy, mid-summer Saturday mornings, not churning out wind sprints and kicking an endless stream of soccer balls into a net like Salem graduate Jordan Falcusan.

But Falcusan is not your typical college-bound 18-year-old — and she has 13 high school varsity letters to prove it.

With a work ethic to match her energy supply, Falcusan earned her way into the Salem record books over the past four years, compiling more letters than any other female athlete in the school's history.

"If Jordan is not the finest female

athlete ever to compete at Salem, there's no doubt she's one of the finest," said Salem athletic director Tom Willette. "There may have been better players at one particular sport — Dena Head, for example, in basketball — but Jordan is probably the best overall female athlete I've seen here."

Amazingly, Falcusan earned varsity letters in five different sports: volleyball (four), soccer (four), basketball (three), track (one) and tennis (one).

During her freshman year, she competed for the varsity soccer and track teams during the same two-month period. She also earned All-State honors twice in soccer and once in volleyball.

What's Falcusan's secret to success? "You definitely can't procrastinate," the 2004 Salem Female Athlete of the

Year quipped. "I was good at managing my time in high school because between school, homework, practices and games I didn't have much free time to manage. When I got home from practice or a game, I couldn't just sit around and do nothing. I had to finish my homework right away."

If you think Falcusan's academics suffered because of her commitment to athletics, think again.

will take a 3.7 high school grade-point average to Texas A&M University in the fall.

"I've never been a good test taker, so I had to work a lot harder at academics than I did at athletics," the future Aggie admitted. "I give my parents a lot of credit for my success. My mom made

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## O&E golf tourney will crown new champ

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

There is one certainty with this year's annual Observer and Eccentric Golf tournament: there will be a new men's champion.

Other than that, the field is wide open heading into the event to be held in Livonia on Aug. 14-15.

Defending men's champion Dave Higham, who recently stepped down as the Livonia Churchill boys golf coach, won't be able to defend his crown after turning professional and taking an assistant pro's job at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

"And that's the only way I wouldn't come back," said Higham. "I can't play because I'm now a professional."

But that leaves the field wide open — on the men's side anyway. The 36-hole tourney begins with 18 holes at Fox Creek Golf Course on Aug. 14 and 18 more at Whispering Willows on Aug. 15.

The field also included an 18-hole women's open last year for the first time in 15 years, won by Livonia's Nancy Rhatigan with an easy 10-stroke win.

The jury is still out on the field this year — a field notorious for late entries.

"They usually don't start coming in until the final week," said Paul Worley, who runs the tournament. "I think this year, a few more women will get involved."

The tourney runs \$95 for the men and \$50 for the women with the great possibility of a skins game as well. The entry fee includes golf but not a riding cart, a gift bag for entering and prizes. All entrants must have a current handicap to participate.

The entry deadline is at 6 p.m. Saturday, but Worley, the head pro at Whispering Willows said he may take some late entries.

For more information on the tourney, please call (248) 476-4493.

## Sidelines

### Roth misses cut

Salem High graduate Jeff Roth shot an even-par 144 over the first two rounds of the Professional Golfers Association's Buick Open at Warwick Hills Golf Course in Grand Blanc Thursday and Friday, missing the cut by four shots.

Roth, who is the head golf professional at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield, will be competing on the PGA Tour again Aug. 12-15 in the PGA Championship, which will be held at Whistling Straits Golf Course in Kohler, Wis.

### Hornets sign Hess

Joe Hess, a recent Canton graduate and a captain on last fall's Chiefs soccer team, has signed to play soccer this fall at Kalamazoo College. As a senior, Hess was selected first team All-Observer, first team All-Conference, first team All-District, first team All-Region and a member of the All-State Soccer Team.

### Reds tryouts

The Canton Reds U-12 and U-14 travel baseball teams will be holding tryouts for the 2005 season later this month.

Tryouts for both teams will be held Aug. 9-10 at Canton's Heritage Park, field 1. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m., with tryouts running from 6-8 p.m. Both teams will be playing between 35-45 games from May through July.

Players interested in playing on the U-12 team must be 12 years old or younger as of July 31, 2005.

Players interested in playing on the U-14 team must be 14 years old or younger as of July 31, 2005.

Ron Goble and Jeff Hoeman will coach the U-12 team.

Goble and Doug Bricker will coach the U-14 squad.

For more information regarding either team, call (248) 885-2306.

### Fall softball

The Plymouth Recreation Department will be coordinating two men's fall softball mini-leagues beginning the week of Sept. 7 at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

A Men's Class D league will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a Men's Open Class will play on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Registration for new teams will run from Aug. 9-13, or until the league is full. Registration is for teams only.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302; or go to the City of Plymouth Web site at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

### Golf tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth High boys golf team are scheduled for Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Napier and Ford roads.

## Plymouth friends finish 1-2 in junior golf event

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Two good friends turned in two great performances Wednesday in the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt Junior Challenge held at the Strategic Fox Golf Course driving range in Plymouth Township.

Fourteen-year-old Plymouth residents Tyler Jeleniewski and Aaron Seubert, who play golf together regularly during the summer months, finished first and second, respectively, in the 13-14 age group.

The approximately 50 players in each of the four age groups accumulated points based on how well they hit two drives, three chips and two putts.

"Tyler and Aaron golfed together in a foursome just about every day this summer," said Jerry Seubert, Aaron's dad. "So it's neat that they finished first and second."

Jeleniewski won the competition by hitting his drive 236 yards, knocking one of his chips to within two feet of the hole, making a five-foot putt and just missing a 15-footer.

"It's a great format because to win it, you have to be a well-rounded player," said Rich Jeleniewski, Tyler's dad.

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By finishing in the top three in their age group, both players earned the right to compete in the challenge's regional competition later this month at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. The age-group winners at Treetops qualify for a berth in the national championship in Orlando, Fla.

Both Jeleniewski and Seubert will also have their names displayed briefly Tuesday night on the Golf Channel.

Undoubtedly, they'll be watching it together — if they've finished their daily rounds by then.



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers dried off July 7 after they completed the Motor City Mile in the Detroit River. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Monica Blaesser (Plymouth), Heather Michalsen (Plymouth), Megan Hodges (Plymouth), Lucy Xu (Canton), Whitney Aumiller (Canton), Kelley Hodges (Plymouth), (middle row) Adam Seroka (Plymouth), Heather Jefferson (Westland), Kate Musson (Plymouth), Mary Shereda (Livonia), Kelsey Lincoln (Canton), Jill Peterson (Westland), Kaitlyn Jefferson (Westland), Casey Peterson (Westland), (back row) Rob Blaesser (Plymouth), Aaron Reeder (Canton), Andrew Drennen (Wayne) and Nick Dixon (Plymouth).

## P-C Cruisers swim for charitable foundation

On July 7, 21 members of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, an age group swim team, braved the bone-chilling Detroit River to compete in the Motor City Mile, an annual event that raises money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, a charity that assists cancer patients and provides funding for cancer research.

This year's event took place just off the shores of Belle Isle and included events that ranged in distance from one-half mile to five kilometers (approximately 3.1 miles).

Over \$12,000 was raised for the charity.

"We had our largest group ever attend the event this year," said Cruiser coach Aaron Reeder. "It was a great team-building experience, not only because the team was getting together outside of the pool, but also because they helped raise money for a great cause. We hope to double the number of swimmers that we bring to next year's event."

The Cruisers finished in second place, winning \$500, which was

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## P-C Pride hit 50-win mark

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 12-and-under girls fast-pitch softball team didn't win the USSSA Fast-Pitch World Series this week at the Canton Softball Center, but they did finish off an impressive 50-win season.

The Pride went 2-4 in the 56-team national tournament, which left their overall mark at 50-25.

"We hit 50 wins, which was great, but we couldn't do too much after that," said coach Dan Bressler. "The girls had a great year,

though. They grew as a team so much throughout the season. I'm very proud of each and every one of them."

Highlights of the World Series for the Pride were their two victories: a 10-0 triumph over the Brighton Bandits and a 6-0 white-washing of the Ohio Lady Liberty.

Pitcher Amy Dunleavy picked up both mound victories for the Pride, who received strong defensive efforts from CarolAnn Sexauer and Miranda Rysdorp.

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## FALCUSAN

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sure I put a lot of time into my school work while my dad was the one who signed me up for all the sports camps and leagues. At least one of my parents attended just about every one of my games.

"They've both sacrificed a lot for me, too. Participating in sports can be expensive, so I'm sure there were times my mom would be shopping and say to herself, 'Should I buy this shirt, or sign Jordan up for soccer?'"

Much to the dismay of Falcusan's opponents, the shirt usually found its way back onto the shelf.

"Jordan is probably the most driven person I've ever met," said Salem soccer coach Joe Nora. "Every year I thought she would wear down when soccer season arrived (in the spring), but it never happened.

"She would do whatever needed to be done on the field. When there was a ball in the air and Jordan and a player from another team would go up for it, Jordan would get it 90 percent of the time."

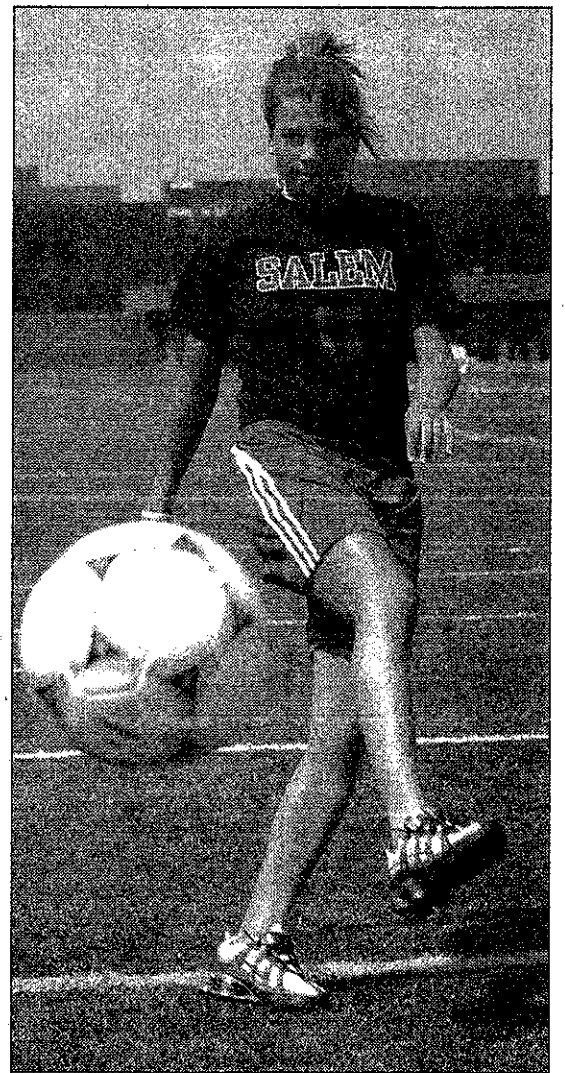
While extremely fast and athletic, Falcusan competes with a reckless-abandon style that at times leaves tables, fences and opponents in her wake.

"In volleyball, I would dive over the scorer's table to get the ball if I had to," she said, describing her all-out attitude. "When I played tennis for the first time this past spring, there would be times when the ball would get by me and it looked like I didn't have a chance to get to it, but I would dive for it or crash into the fence to return it. Sometimes, the other girls would look at me like I was crazy, but that's how I've always played. Whatever it takes."

Tom Teeters, Falcusan's high school volleyball coach, said he has coached few athletes with Falcusan's extraordinary combination of effort and ability.

"Jordan would take on new challenges every year to make herself a better player," Teeters said. "She is a phenomenal athlete who worked hard throughout her career.

"There's no doubt in my mind she could play



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jordan Falcusan will be taking her dynamic soccer skills to Texas A&M this fall.

volleyball in college if she wanted to."

Falcusan's quest for varsity letters will continue next week when she leaves for Texas A&M, where she received a full-ride athletic scholarship to play soccer.

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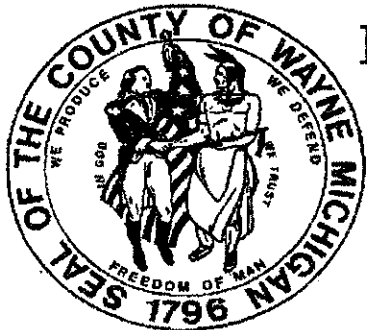
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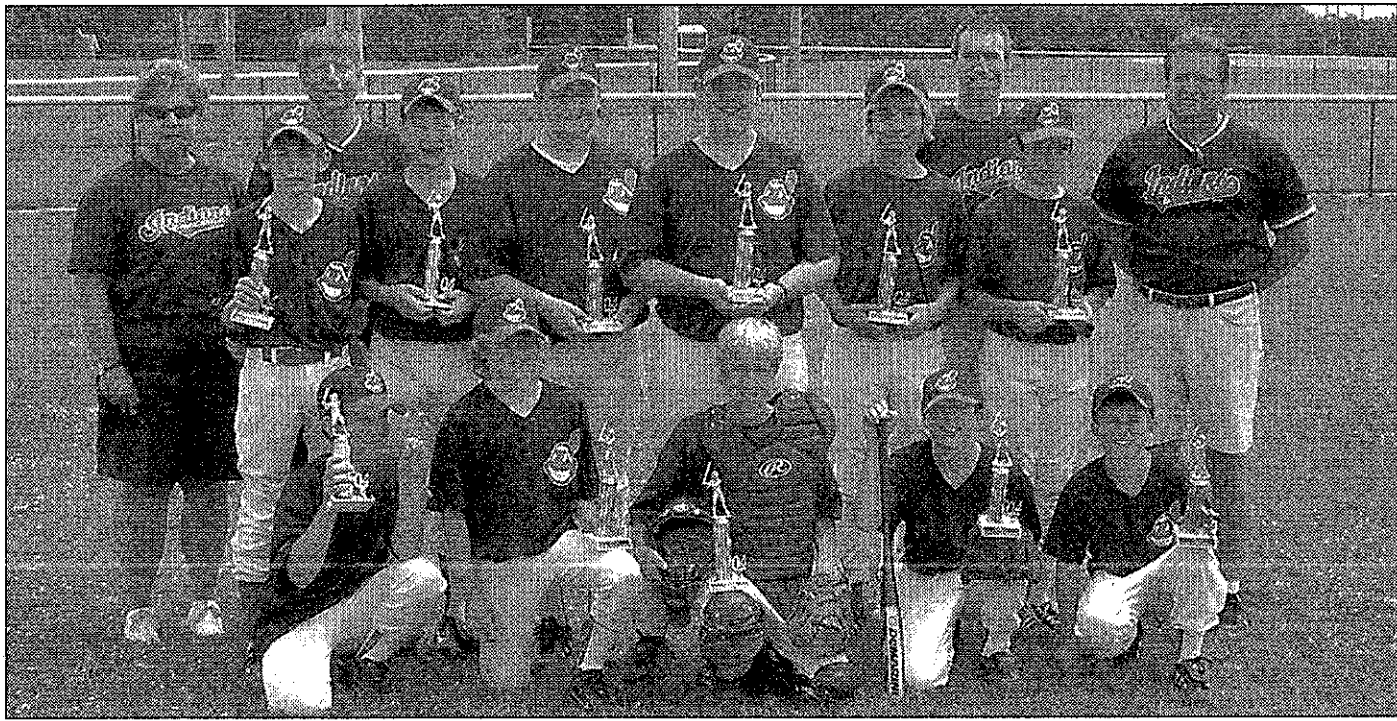
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### Indians prevail in CCJSBA

The Indians captured their third consecutive World Series title in the Canton Community Junior Softball and Baseball Association's 12-and-under baseball league, defeating the Athletics, 11-3, in the championship game. Jake Burnstein, Chris Kordick, Andy Dodge and Troy McParlane pitched for the winners in the final game. The remaining members of the team are Charlie Clark, J.R. Hope, Josh Johnston, Erik Lee, Michael Maciag, Sam Rector, Doug Shepherd and Jordan Smith. Don Clark, Art Maciag and Matt McParlane served as the team's coaches. The team manager is Patty Kordick and the equipment manager is Gordon Rector.

### MICHIGAN MILE RESULTS

Following are how members of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers fared in the Michigan Mile held July 7 in the Detroit River:

- 5-Kilometer Swim
- Boys 15-and-over: Nick Dixon (2nd place).
- Girls 15-and-over: Mary Shereda (4th).
- 1-Mile Swim

- Boys 15-and-over: Andrew Drennen (5th).
- Girls 15-and-over: Jill Peterson (6th); Kelsey Lincoln (11th); Heather Michalsen (12th); Kate Musson (18th); and Megan Hodges (28th).
- Girls 14-and-under: Kelley Hodges (3rd); Monica Blesser (9th); Kaitlyn Jefferson (16th); Lucy Xu (17th); and Whitney Aumiller (21st).
- Boys 12-and-under: Adam Seroka (1st).
- Girls 12-and-under: Lauren Seroka (5th); Danielle Moleay (10th); Casey Peterson (11th); and Abby Aumiller (13th).

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donated back to the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Supporting the foundation had quite an impact on many of the swimmers. "This event is especially important to me because my family has struggled a lot with cancer in the past, but it's because of events like these that we have been successful in our fight against cancer," said 17-year-old Nick Dixon, who swam the five-kilometer race. "We got the opportunity to raise money for cancer research and raise awareness about how serious of a problem cancer is in our world today, while at the same

time having fun." The challenging nature of the course benefited the swimmers. "I gained confidence in myself and my ability to swim well under any conditions," said 17-year-old Andrew Drennen, who swam the mile. "The Motor City Mile forced me to face obstacles that I never would encounter in a pool, so when I finished, I felt an awesome amount of self-confidence and achievement." Cold water and seaweed aside, the swimmers enjoyed the event. "I liked swimming the race, but I didn't like the seaweed," said Lauren Seroka, 10, who swam the half-mile. "I was glad when the race was over because the water was so cold. It was a lot of fun, though."

## Michigan Supreme Court rules in favor of MHSAA

The Michigan Supreme Court confirmed in a 5-2 decision yesterday that the Michigan High School Athletic Association is not a public body within the meaning of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Affirming a March 6, 2003, holding of the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court ruled that the MHSAA is funded neither by nor through a governmental authority; is not a creation of either state or local government; and is not an agent of its member schools, which join voluntarily by school board resolution annually. "This will not change how we operate, providing full accessibility for the public," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "Our success as an organization is the result of our

good service to schools and their constituents. At the same time, the MHSAA's private status helps to keep politics out of school sports." Roberts added that the Michigan Supreme Court's decision yesterday is interesting for its position on issues that have been discussed in the sports seasons case by the United States District Court in Kalamazoo and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this week. The Michigan Supreme Court rejected the holding of the U.S. District Court in the sports seasons case that schools have delegated control of interscholastic athletics to the MHSAA, something which is prohibited by Michigan law. The Court of Appeals did not

address the issue in its Opinion released on Tuesday. The Michigan Supreme Court rejected the argument that the holdings of the U.S. Supreme Court in a case involving the Tennessee High School Athletic Association which made the Tennessee organization a state actor automatically makes the MHSAA a state actor; and it rejected the argument that a state actor must be automatically subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of volun-

tary membership by over 1,800 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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# August is preparation month for avid bowlers

The month of August is upon us and my question is: Why doesn't winter go by as swiftly as summer?

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As for team captains, have you checked with your team members to be sure they are all returning? And league officers, have you recruited

some new individuals and/or teams in order to get a bigger and stronger league? Also, have the officers made plans to attend the upcoming seminars conducted by the local associations.

Lastly, is your local bowling center staging activities for the returning bowlers?

Example: Jim Hamlin, proprietor of Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, is putting on a league officers party later this week and will also hold a league appreciation day in another two weeks, the day and time of the league's scheduled opener.

The most notable of all, however, is the upcoming John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Labor Day week is the traditional start of most leagues, depending on how it is scheduled. Some open the week before Sept. 6, but most leagues start right after the holiday.

Are you a new bowler or one who is looking for a league? If so, there are many ways to get situated that will fit your needs, both from a skill level and the social comfort aspect.

Translation: Find a league where your average or potential average would fit in with most of the other bowlers. You would not enjoy being at a 155 average competing against 190 and 200 average bowlers.

Visit the prior year's standing sheets where all of the bowlers are listed with their averages. From a social standpoint, the same sheet will list the names of the league members because you might already know some of them. See if you can attend their preseason meeting to introduce yourself and mingle.

Bowlers come in many shapes and sizes, so try to meet a few and ask them about the league. If you like what you see, you will want to join.

Remember, joining a league is a commitment. Please do not sign on and then not show up, no excuses. This could cause an imbalanced league that would cause problems for the rest of the season.

League bowling is where the action is. The competition is really good because many leagues use the handicap system, which in essence, levels the playing field and makes it possible for a 155 average bowler to compete with the 190 and 200 hot shooters.

The high scoring leagues usually bowl "scratch" (with no handicap) and if you are at that ability level, there are some classic and all-star leagues all over the area.

In today's bowling world, the growth areas have been in mixed leagues (where both

genders bowl together) and youth leagues (mostly on Saturdays when school is out).

More and more kids are learning to bowl and to love the game. Most kids who are in organized bowling stay out of trouble, as their mind is occupied by wanting to be a good bowler.

As our aging population live longer and healthier lives, the senior leagues are another area of growth of bowling. It's a perfect activity and there are plenty of senior bowlers around who are able to enjoy life more in the golden years through bowling.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association has just released the new yearbook stockpiled with information.

It has all of the league averages of every sanctioned male or female adult bowler, as well as records of all 300 games and 800 series. It also lists all the officers and directors of the associations, including the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, All-City teams, latest up-to-date statistics and general information.

It's also the official listing for averages to be used in leagues or tournaments.

The yearbook can be purchased for \$5 and every league gets one for their own use.

Every bowling center has yearbooks at the counter from their particular local association, they are kept there for everyone's convenience. This comes in handy at the beginning of the new season for verifying averages and is normally what most leagues go by in placing new members.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248)477-1839.



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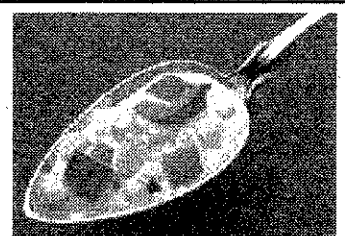
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# Schoolcraft College A.D. Kavanaugh steps down

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

There's going to be a changing of the guard in the athletic department at Schoolcraft College.

Ed Kavanaugh, who has been a part-time athletic director since 1998, has resigned, but will remain as a full-time tenured mathematics professor.

Cheryl Wright, dean of student services, will oversee the department following the promotion of John Toney to executive vice-president. Joyce Galindo, formerly a secretary for retired Vice-President of Instruction Louis Reibling, started as coordinator of athletics only July 1.

"It's a disappointment to lose an athletic director who has been as successful as Ed Kavanaugh," said a Schoolcraft College press release from Marty Heator, Director of Marketing. "We're grateful for all he has done for our student-athletes and for the way in which he has represented Schoolcraft at the state level."

"So even though he is stepping down from his role with athletics, he'll still be here teaching mathematics and helping our students succeed."

Kavanaugh coached two stints of women's basketball at Schoolcraft after a highly successful prep coaching career at Livonia Ladywood High School, where he won state

Class B titles (1983 and '85).

Under Kavanaugh's second term as AD, Schoolcraft captured the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's All-Sports Trophy four times (2004, '03, '02 and '01) and was named MCCA Athletic Director of the Year in 2002. Schoolcraft teams earned national tournament berths in women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, along with men's and women's soccer during his watch.

"It was just time to do it, the time was right now," said Kavanaugh, who has taught at Schoolcraft for 23 years. "I'll miss it intently, but I also love teaching."

As far as his replacement, Heator issued this prerequisite for the part-time position, which will be posted internally and externally until 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13:

"There is more to the job than hiring and supervising coaches," Heator said. "The athletic director is the liaison between the athletes and the coaches, and our college's student-support system. The director also schedules and plans home contests, and coordinates summer camps that bring hundreds of local athletes to our campus. We're looking for someone with the ability to maintain relationships with a variety of constituencies."

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# Jet Box edges Rams, 3-2

Karl Novick's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Matt Viggiano to give Troy-based Jet Box, an unlimited-age National Amateur Baseball Federation team, to a 3-2 exhibition victory Wednesday at Fraser H.S. over the 20-and-under Michigan Rams. Jet Box, headed to the NABF World Series, improved

to 29-10. The Rams, who open All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament play Aug. 9 in Johnstown, Pa. after finishing runner-up to the Michigan Bulls in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, are 21-10-1 overall.

Tim Frankhouse collected two of Jet Box's five hits.

## 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 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 flier. 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 OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads.

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.

## GOLF INFO

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all levels of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

## COACHES WANTED

Plymouth High School currently has coaching openings for the following athletic teams: girls cross country, boys cross country and girls/boys

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

## 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 will be provided; however, 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.

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp will be held from Aug. 10-12 at the St. John's Center on Five Mile Road, east of Sheldon.

The camp runs from 5-7 p.m. each day and is for girls in fifth-through-eighth grades.

The camp is also run by certified AAU and CYO volleyball coaches and has a \$75 fee.

For more information, please call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

## JOHN GLENN REUNION

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

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

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

For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimi.rr.com.

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

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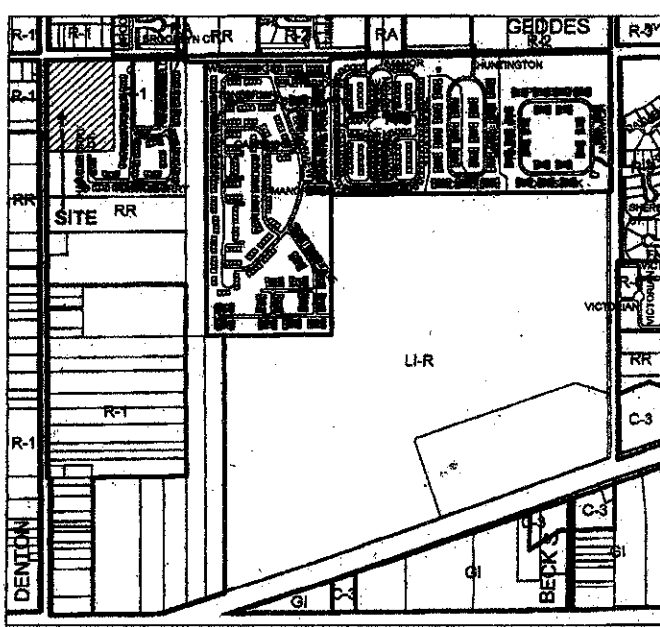
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 23, 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CISMAN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 126 99 0008 001 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located at the southeast corner of Geddes and Denton Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 19, 2004, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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## MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F. S. 713.78 on August 6, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

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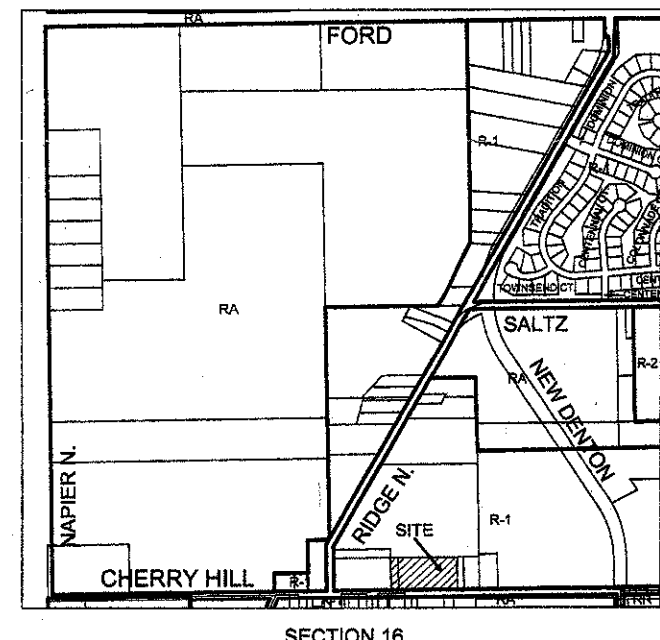
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 9, 2004, in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CHERRYWOOD PARC PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 072 99 0018 000 AND 072 99 0019 000.** Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Road. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 5, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2004 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE APPROVAL SP 04-05 Sell/Display Vehicles (Scooters)**  
200 W. Ann Arbor Rd.  
ZONED: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor  
APPLICANT: Laird Brothers LLC

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR: USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL APPROVAL/SITE PLAN APPROVAL**  
SP 04-06 parking lot/Screening wall  
260 W. Ann Arbor Rd.  
ZONED: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor  
APPLICANT: Patrick Tortora

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance 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  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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## PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received for construction of the "Golf View Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement" by Plymouth Charter Township as Owner, until 2:30 P.M. Local Time, on August 6, 2004 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

General Description of Work:

Replace approximately 104 lineal feet of existing 8" ABS Sanitary Sewer with 104 lineal feet of 8" Ductile Iron Pipe. This work includes the sawcut and replacement of existing asphalt pavement and concrete curb and gutter.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall. Copies may be obtained at the office of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan on, or after, August 2, 2004 by making a payment of \$25.00 for each set, which will not be refunded. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

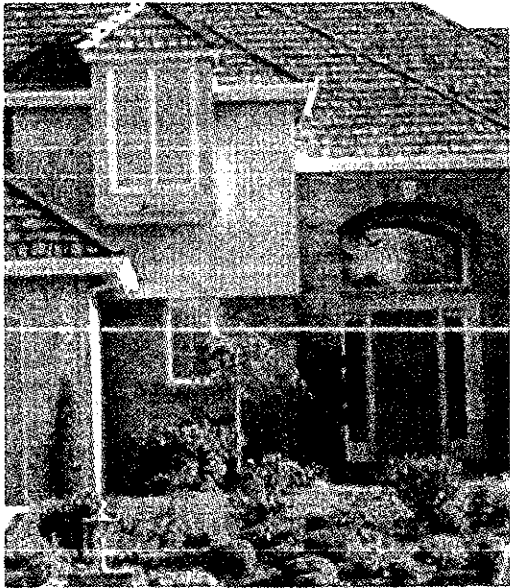
The Owner reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities or informalities contained herein, or to select any bid or proposal in whole or in part which is deemed to be in the Township's best interest.

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Plymouth Charter Township

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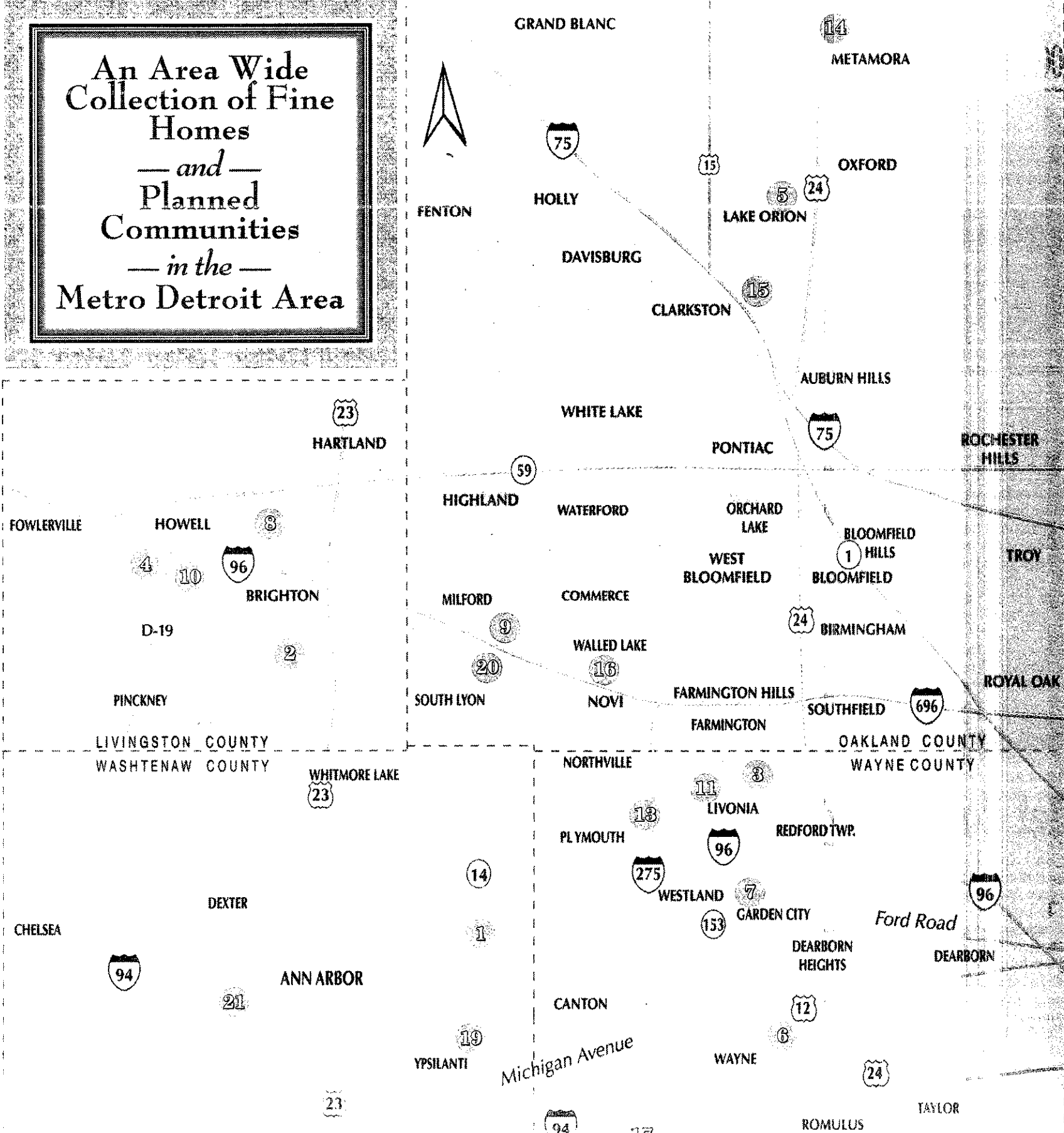


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Debra Madonna

## Where the pavement ends

In 1993, the NorthWest Canton Homeowners Association's (NWSHA) Beautification Committee obtained signatures of 800 residents, support of Canton, Plymouth and Superior townships' boards of trustees and approval of Wayne County to designate 3.129 miles of Napier, Gyde, Joy and Ridge roads as "Natural Beauty Roads" (NBR).

Legislation provides that "sound forest management principles" be applied in order to protect and conserve the natural vegetation on the right-of-way of a Natural Beauty Road from substantial damage or clear cutting. Twenty-eight Michigan counties have Natural Beauty Roads, totaling 212 miles.

The NWSHA is an organization that supports homeowners who live in "the four square miles in northwestern Canton Township bounded by Joy, Ford, Beck and Napier roads." Its purpose is "to maintain a rural atmosphere, preserve native vegetation and wildlife, monitor new development on roadside vegetation, participate in township decision-making processes and work with county and state officials."

Dick Dionne, president of NWSHA, and his wife, Joanne, have strong roots to this community and to the northwest corner of Canton. As new housing developments are built, Dick believes that thoughtful, caring people can best effect decisions "through a respectful exchange of information and a reasoned and logical discussion."

Dick is as invested in "finding intelligent solutions" as he is to preserving the beauty of the natural resources of the area. Dick's spirit of cooperation seems to be a trait that is shared by many of the residents of northwest Canton, including those who live in Pilgrim Hills. Pilgrim Hills is a subdivision of one-of-a-kind homes, built on large, wooded lots on rolling hills, located at Warren and Napier roads.

Dick said, "Elaine Jeris, another NWSHA member and Pilgrim Hills resident, enlisted the help of Pheasant Ridge residents for the annual spring roadside cleanup. They were happy to be asked to help."

And when Pilgrim Hills homeowners became concerned about the impact an upcoming sewer and water project would have on their homes and property, resident Barb Rochowski, said she was "proud of everyone in the neighborhood. Neighbors talked to neighbors and listened to each other. They were proactive, gathered information and worked with township officials until they found a solution that was satisfactory."

Engineers will use an existing boring method which will allow them to install sewer and water lines, protect natural plant life and have a minimal impact on the landscape in Pilgrim Hills. Work will begin on the sewer and water project in the fall and will take a few months to complete.

People working together to take care of their neighborhood is also part of the natural beauty of this area. It's a welcome reminder of how all the old farmers helped each other and how they talked to friends and neighbors about what was going on in their community. (Except farmers use the word "crops" instead of vegetation.)

Thanks to the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, four of Michigan's 111 picturesque Natural Beauty Roads are located in the Plymouth-Canton area.

And thanks to NWSHA, next spring you can take a walk and find trillium forests where the pavement ends.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at [ciari-on@storytellerdesign.com](mailto:ciari-on@storytellerdesign.com)

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David Travis, descendant of the Travis family, for whom the historic house in Cherry Hill Village is named, on the house porch with friends and family, including his wife Donna (Hunt). Below, Debra Janego, daughter of David Travis (at left), with harpist and friend Juliana Jayko at the gathering at the Bartlett-Travis house in July.

## Coming home

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a homecoming in many ways when Debra and Rick Janego decided to throw a party in July in a historic Canton house.

The Ann Arbor couple invited 50 relatives and friends for hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine in the Bartlett-Travis House in historic Cherry Hill Village at Ridge and Cherry Hill.

And it was all about location, location, location. The party was held in the home owned by Debra's ancestors more than 100 years ago.

As a young girl she remembered hearing about the house where her father, Dave Travis, worked as a boy on his grandparents' farm. Travis, 70, regularly traveled from Plymouth, where he lived with his family, to the Canton homestead.

The property was sold many times and was finally donated to the township. Now it's used for recreational events and is rented out for weddings and parties.

But the Greek Revival house was much different years ago when Travis was a child.

The Bartlett-Travis House was likely built in 1838, according to Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township trustee and vice chair of the historical commission.

Thomas Bartlett married Maria Blackman in 1823 and together they purchased the house and property at Canton Center and Warren from Maria's parents.

It was originally very simple. But after many renovations and additions, today it's about 3,000 square

## Descendants return for a party, memories and tour of the Bartlett-Travis House

feet and incorporates Greek Revival, Italianate and Colonial Revival architectural styles.

The Travis link came when William Travis bought the property in 1908 for \$5,400. The family owned it until 1954 and it went through a series of owners until it was finally purchased by Ken Dividock, a local realtor, who planned to convert it into an office.

The cost to bring it up to code to meet disability standards, however, were too steep and he gave it to the township for a donation if it were moved off the property.

"He didn't want to see the house destroyed and offered it to the township for a donation if we moved it," McLaughlin said. "We took the house."

In 1989, Canton moved the house to five acres in the Cherry Hill Village. Canton received \$50,000 from state grant funds and matched it with another \$50,000 to transport the house to the current historic district, fix the roof and make other changes.

Today, it's open for events sponsored by Canton's Leisure Services Department, including holiday decoration tours and the popular Corn and Hot Dog Roast every August.

But before it became a public building, it was a family homestead.

Debra and Rick, of Ann Arbor, hosted the party to honor Debra's parents, Dave and Donna Travis, who have homes in Bellaire and Fort Myers, Fla.

"I did this so my father would have a chance to tour the house," Debra said. "It gave everyone a chance to tour the house."

Debra was impressed by the décor, which she called "fantastic" and on par with the detail paid to homes in Greenfield Village.

The kitchen, for example, showcases many of the staples of the time, including pink Tower Spode dishes and a flowing well that "was unheard of at the time."

"Each room had special features, like hand-painted and screened wallpaper," Debra said.

One room has an Eastlake cherry bedroom set with

blue velvet in the drawers and pink marble tops.

"The restoration was just outstanding," Debra said. "There was a quality in the wood planks and furnishing. My father was surprised how large it was, too."

Debra's son, David, and her sister, Durinda Smith, of Saline, were among the guests. A third sister, from Jacksonville, Fla., couldn't attend.

Debra asked her friend, Juliana Jayko, a harpist, to perform while guests enjoyed the evening. The Scottsdale, Ariz., resident played a 1915 Lyon and Healy harp in the sitting room while guests mingled and toured the home.

Ultimately, the hope is that the Bartlett-Travis House will include a big barn for dances, art classes and other programs, McLaughlin said.

"It's another piece of our heritage that we've been able to preserve and have people be part of," she added.



## Irish native brings his music back to Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

When Alan Cullen was 18 years old, he was attending services at an Evangelical church in his native Dublin, Ireland.

"Music is my greatest passion," he said. "Suddenly, during the service, I felt moved to go to a piano and sing a song I had written."

He laughed at the memory. "You just don't do that in Ireland," he said.

He asked the minister if he could sing a song and the minister told him to go ahead.

"After the service an American approached me and said, 'We need you and your music in America.'"

Cullen was a bit puzzled. "I thought, what's this Yankee trying to sell me?" he recalled.

But the "Yankee," Kevin DeVries, at that time a Canton resident who was active in the youth and teenage ministry of Tri-City Christian Center in Canton, meant what he said.

And a few years later, Cullen stepped off the plane at Detroit Metro Airport for the beginning of an 11-month course — a kind of hands-on ministry — with the Tri-City Christian Center.

When Cullen and his hosts arrived at

the center, he saw her.

"She had blonde hair and blue eyes," he said. "And I said, 'This is it.'"

"She" was Kelly Smith, daughter of Jane and Bruce Smith, of Canton. She was 19, he was 21 at the time. She's a graduate of Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University, with a degree in communications.

"Unfortunately, as part of my commitment to the course, I had pledged not to date for the duration," Cullen said. "But one day after it was over, I was on her doorstep with a bouquet of flowers."

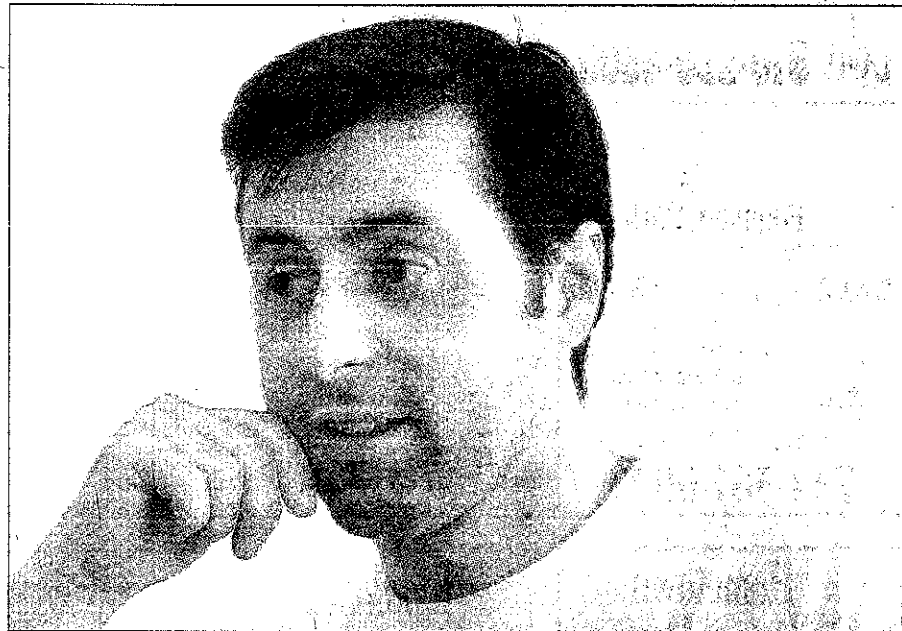
Cullen's 11-month course turned into a six-year stay as a staff member of the Tri-City Christian Center. He lived in Plymouth during that time and eventually he and Kelly were married.

After six years here, the couple returned to Ireland — to Galway this time — where they are in the process of setting up an evangelical church in Galway's city center. The opening is scheduled for Sept. 12.

He and Kelly recently spent five weeks back in the U.S., spreading the word and raising money for the project.

"We were just traveling around, going to different churches, raising awareness," he said.

Ironically, Cullen did not start out to



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Alan Cullen, a native of Dublin, Ireland, recently returned to Canton, where he had completed a ministry with the Tri-City Christian Center.

join the ministry.

"I studied business studies at the City Center of Dublin," he said. "My brother went to England, got a religion degree and now he works in business."

Alan has recorded one CD of religious music and was recording another

one while he was back in the United States.

For more information on Cullen and his ministry, visit his Web site at [www.alancullen.net](http://www.alancullen.net).

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**MILITARY NEWS**

**Army Sgt. Anthony M. Lollo** has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. Lollo is an infantryman assigned to the 4th Infantry, Hohenfels, Germany. He is the son of Marco T. and Sharon K. Lollo of Curtis Road, Plymouth. The sergeant is a 1998 grad-

uate of Huron High School, Ann Arbor, Mich. **John L. Moore** has been awarded an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship. The cadet was selected on the basis of comprehensive test scores, high school scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. The scholarship is designed to cover the cost of tuition, textbooks, laboratory and incidental fees, and a non-taxable

monthly stipend during the school year. Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, the cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The new lieutenants select and enter various career fields to train as pilots, navigators, engineers, medical, personnel, business management fields, and special operations. Moore is the son of Eric N. and Kim J. Moore of Adams St., Plymouth. He is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Schuler-Botosan**  
Gene and Barbara Schuler of Canton announce the wedding of their daughter, Tara Schuler, to Anton Botosan, the son of Valentin and Janina Botosan of Rochester Hills. The bride earned a bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University and a master's in education administration from Michigan State University. She teaches at East Middle School in Plymouth. The groom earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Oakland University and is pursuing a master's degree in management at Walsh College. He's a project coordinator for Kelly Services. The couple was scheduled to marry July 31.



**Ryans are golden**  
Virgil and Beverly Ryan of Hamburg, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, celebrate 50 years of marriage Aug. 2, 2004. Family and friends gathered at the Community of Christ Church on Ridge Road in Plymouth to help the couple celebrate. The couple married Aug. 2, 1954 in Pontiac. Today they happily boast of four children: Debora (Eddy) Zivisky, Diane (Gary) Simkiss, Ronald (Pamela) Ryan and Russell (Wendy) Ryan. The couple also has eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**LIBRARY PICKS**

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) or by calling (734) 453-0750.

- Brown**
3. "Skinny Dip," Carl Hiassen
  4. "Sam's Letters to Jennifer," James Patterson
  5. "The Rule of Four," Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason

- NON-FICTION**
1. "My Life," Bill Clinton
  2. "Shadow Divers," Robert Kurson
  3. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," David Sedaris
  4. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves,"

- Lynn Truss**
5. "Alexander Hamilton," Ron Chernow

- NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**
1. "The Frog House," Mark Taylor
  2. "Subway" Anastasia Suen
  3. "Harriet and the Roller Coaster," Nancy Carlson
  4. "Bing Gets Dressed," Ted Dewan
  5. "Music for Alice," Allen Say

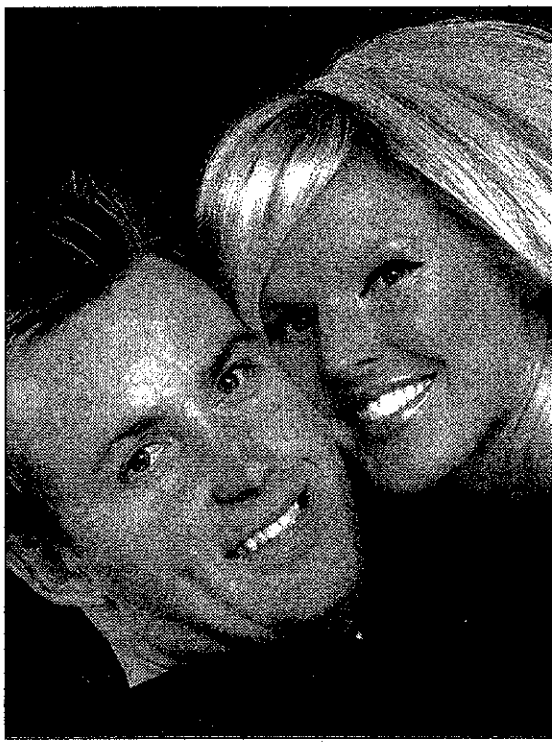
- FICTION**
1. "R is for Ricochet," Sue Grafton
  2. "The DaVinci Code," Dan

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**Minch-Butcher**  
Michael and Suzanne Minch of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Misy Michelle Minch, to David Mark Butcher, the son of Peter and Susan Butcher of West Bloomfield. The bride-to-be went to Wayne State University and works for McNeil Pharmaceutical. She will be attended by Wendy Guarino, Shannon Martin, Jillian Webber, Theresa Domas, Dana Toll and Tami Nicholas. The groom attended Western Michigan University and works for Paychex. He will be attended by Steve Butcher, Todd Dorgan, Paul Myers, Jon Vosler, Chad Cumisky, Jim Boland, Brian Jackson, Shawn Toldo, Clay Cumisky and Jeremy Johnson. An Oct. 9, 2004 wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi, Fr. George Charnley officiating. The couple plans a reception at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford and a honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta.

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- Does not follow through with Agreements with the Union
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# What a parade! Lions prez attends annual convention

Charlie Mott is the new president of the Canton Lions Club. He attended the international convention in Detroit and Windsor in July. Below he writes of his experience.

BY CHARLIE MOTT  
CORRESPONDENT

It was appropriate that the 87th Lions Clubs International Convention was in Detroit and Windsor in July. Detroit and Windsor have played a significant role in the history of the clubs.

The first Lions Club was organized in June 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones, who believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world.

Three years after its formation, the association became international when the first

club in Windsor was formed. More clubs were established throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 1950s and 1960s. Currently, there are 46,000 Lions Clubs in 193 countries and geographic areas with 1.4 million men and women.

At the July convention, workshops were held in many languages. Our Canton club, as well as other local clubs, were asked to be sergeant at arms. We helped people whenever possible to keep order, which wasn't a problem.

I had never attended an International Lions Convention before and everything to me was new and very interesting. I particularly liked talking to people from other countries and finding what types of projects they do. I found some that did manual labor to help their communities, such as painting schools, cleaning streets and alleys, to building homes for

the disabled. Others provided support services for the blind and hearing impaired and some provided diabetes education. It seems every country has its needs and each Lions Club is supporting the needs of the people in its area.

Famed screen and stage star Debbie Reynolds provided an evening of music and comedy at Joe Louis Arena. Some talented Lions also put on a show in the Cobo exhibition hall.

Oh yes, we had the traditional Parade of Nations, my favorite thing. Some of the costumes were in the hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars. It was one of the longest parades in Detroit. Comerica Park was opened up and all the parade groups were assembled there. The floats and bands were set up along Brush Street and they were all started in their proper order.

One-hundred-forty-four groups from more than 100



Charlie Mott, Canton Lions president, photographed the Lions Clubs International Convention in July. Photographed here is the Parade of Nations.

countries marched down Brush to Jefferson to Cobo Hall, from 9:30 a.m. until about 2 p.m. I couldn't stay for the whole parade because my sergeant-at-arms duties began before the end of the parade. How impressive the parade was. We had some judges looking out of the windows to watch the parade and then come to Cobo Hall to find out

what this parade was all about. You could see the taller buildings with people in every window and some with open windows cheering on the parade participants. It was great!

Later in the week at Joe Louis, Coretta Scott King, one of the most influential women leaders in the world, gave the keynote address. Since the assassination of her husband,

she has dedicated her life to speaking out on behalf of civil rights, including racial equality and women's rights.

Next year, the Lions International Convention will be in Hong Kong. I would like to attend, but somehow don't think I will be able. The following year it will be in New Orleans, and perhaps I will be there.

## Local home health group scores top notch with accreditation program

United Home Health Services, Inc. recently received a 100 percent compliance rating from the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), resulting in a three-year accreditation with deemed status for quality home care. This is a voluntary, rigorous evaluation process that assures the community that UHHS meets the home care industry's highest nationally recognized standards of excellence. The federal government recognizes CHAP accredited organizations as certified to provide care to Medicare patients.

'This level of compliance is rare so we are extremely proud of all our staff and congratulate them on a job well-done!'

Gloria Bruhowzki  
United Home Health Services

The perfect score was awarded to United following an intense, five-day review of patient care, patient records, administration, structure, resources, and long-term viability. CHAP's expert home care surveyor conducted actual home visits with UHHS clinical staff in addition to staff interviews. Some of the surveyor's comments included "You have the best home health aides I have ever seen" and "You give people the dignity to age gracefully."

UHHS President Gloria Bruhowzki said, "This level of compliance is rare so we are extremely proud of all our staff and congratulate them on a job well-done! This high honor reinforces our commitment and dedication to providing exceptional patient care and embodies our mission and our motto "United in our Caring."

Vice president Penny Rhein added, "United makes a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis. Our strength is in our staff. We hire good people and empower them to do their best. We seek accreditation for our organization because we want to provide the best home care possible for our patients."

According to Terry Duncombe, president of CHAP, the accreditation that United Home Health Services has achieved is important to the local and national health care community and to the public at large. It demonstrates that they have achieved excellence in operations and the services it provides to people in need.

United Home Health Services is a non-profit, Medicare-certified home health agency that has provided skilled nursing and therapy services in the community for more than 20 years.

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Plymouth Council on Aging**  
The 19th annual Senior Fest will be held Monday, Sept. 13 at Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for residents of City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township. Tickets have to be bought ahead of time by Sept. 8. Purchase tickets at Plymouth Council on Aging on the second floor of City Hall. Enjoy music, lunch, information booths, and a prize drawing. Call 453-1234.

**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. The breakfasts will be 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 directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth. The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

**Marquis Theatre**  
The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Raggedy Ann and Andy" between Aug. 3-Sept. 26. Babette, a French Porcelain doll, has been kidnapped from the playroom by the

Loonies! Babette is Marcella's surprise birthday present and must be returned. Raggedy Ann and Andy venture bravely into Looneyland to search for her. Performance dates are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28; 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26. Tickets are \$7.50, no children under 3. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call (248) 349-8110.

**Art center workshops**  
The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a "Beat the Heat" workshop and more during Sundays @ 1, a weekly series in which Art Center staff is on hand to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults, children, and families. Workshops are held every Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m. and the first Sunday workshop is free. Following the first Sunday, workshops are \$12 per class. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of the workshop, and drop-ins are welcome although space is limited. Pre-registration for the first Sunday is not required. Stop by the Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org for more information.

**Dixboro Country Fair**  
The 27th annual Dixboro Country Fair & Artisans on the Green takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. The fair is a country fair on a pleasant shaded green with fun for all ages. It features arts and crafts from more than 60 exhibitors, live music, a petting zoo, silent auction, ice cream social, homemade pies, hot dogs, sausages and corn on the cob, carnival games and a moon walk. Take US 23, exit 41 (Plymouth Rd.), two miles east on Plymouth Road to Cherry Hill. For more information call (734) 665-5632.

**Art center workshops**

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering two new one-day workshops, Paper Making and Book Arts, for its Summer 2004 term. The Paper Making workshop will be held noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 and will cover all the basic techniques for making hand-made paper with 100-percent cotton fiber and natural inclusions. Participants will learn basic skills for making paper at home. The Book Arts workshop will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 24 and will introduce some basic book binding techniques and students will create three different books that include an accordion, a pamphlet stitch and a Japanese stab binding. For more information or to register, call 734.994.8004 x101 or stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty. To view courses and register online, visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

**Craft show applications**  
Applications are being accepted for the 18th-annual Holiday Magic Craft show at Leonard Elementary in Troy. Show is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6. Juried, \$2 public admission. Sponsored by PTO. For info and applications e-mail craftshow@prodigy.net

**Leukemia team**  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training is recruiting volunteers to help in the fight against blood cancers by raising funds as they train to run, walk or cycle in honor of local patients. In addition to weekly training sessions under the guidance of a certified coach, TNT offers group training sessions and clinics on nutrition, equipment, injury prevention and safety. An information meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 26 at Best Western Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park Dr., in Livonia. For more information, visit www.teamintraining.org/mi on the Web or call (800) 456-5413.

**Ann Arbor Symphony**  
The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

announces the following orchestral vacancies beginning fall 2004: Section violin, section viola, section cello, section bass and third flute/piccolo. Auditions take place Sept. 7-10 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. Visit the symphony's Web site at www.a2so.com for the repertoire list and audition specifics.

**Fine Art Show**  
The second-annual Orchard Lake Fine Art Show is scheduled Aug. 6-8 featuring more than 140 juried booths. It's held at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's campus on Orchard Lake Road at Commerce. A preview is scheduled 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. For more information contact Patty Narozny at Hotworks@comcast.net or call (248) 684-2613.

**Bird expo**  
The Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club presents the 19th-annual Bird Expo from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12 free. Speakers include Vickie Barlow, "Choosing a Parrot Species," and Leah Matejka, director of PEAC, "Better Bird Care and Behavior Problems." The event features birds, playstands, toys, T-shirts and raffles. For more information contact show chairs Melanie, melaniecunningham2000@yahoo.com or (734) 662-4582, or Mary at mdw0123@aol.com or (734) 326-0720.

**Alzheimer's Walk**  
The Alzheimer's Association's 2004 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Disease takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Detroit Zoo. Some 2,500 people are expected to participate in the annual walk-a-thon to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at ALZGMC.org or call (248) 351-0280.

**Red Cross heroes**  
The American Red Cross is looking for nominees for its 2004 Red Cross Heroes. The 2004 honorees will be recognized at the Red Cross Everyday Heroes luncheon Nov. 17 at the Marriott Renaissance Center's

Columbus ballroom. Anyone may nominate a Red Cross Hero. Nominees must live in or have performed the heroic act in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties between Aug. 1, 2003 and July 31, 2004. Those chosen must be available for video/photography in advance of the ceremony. Nominations may be submitted on-line at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 494-3490. Deadline is Aug. 11.

**Madonna golf**  
Madonna University in Livonia holds its ninth-annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Links of Novi. Tickets are \$175 per person or \$700 for a foursome if purchased before Aug. 1, and includes golf, welcoming gifts, lunch, dinner prizes and more. Sponsorships are available. For information or to reserve a spot, call (734) 432-5421.

**Crafters needed**  
Crafters are needed for Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School's 18th-annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 23. The show runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. E-mail theways@comcast.net or call Jan, (734) 844-1707, for details.

**Entertainment books**  
The Plymouth Symphony League is selling 2005 Entertainment books to support the symphony's 2004-05 concert season. Buyers will receive a free 2004 Entertainment Book now and their 2005 book in late August. Buyers can pick the books up at the symphony office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, by calling the symphony office, (734) 451-2112 or calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. The books cost \$20.

**Crafters wanted**  
Organizers of the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale are looking for crafters and food vendors for the annual event, scheduled for 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth; food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight-foot spaces. For more information, call Sally or Toni Genitti, (248) 349-0522.

**Hospice training**  
Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor, is looking for caring, dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, (734) 973-1145, for more information.

**Fish Fry**  
The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

**Foster Care**  
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JOHN C.L. COWEN

Age 98, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died on July 22, 2004. He was born on July 15, 1906, in New York. He was graduated from the Detroit College of LAW and spent his career as a Patent Attorney, primarily with Harness, Dickey & Pierce in Detroit. During the war, he was a Lt. JG in the U.S. Navy, stationed in their parent office. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Huyette Cowen. He is survived by Doris Dempster Cowen, his wife since 1974. Upon retirement in 1986, John and Doris moved to Green Valley, Arizona. He is survived by three children: Nancy, of Northampton, MA; Bob, of Farmington Hills, MI and Tim, of Green Valley, AZ. He has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was a man of many talents and enjoyed diverse hobbies, such as: antique automobiles, camping in remote areas, train, and international travel, working in his shop. He loved reading, especially astronomy, cosmology and conservative publications. At his request, no service has been planned. Memorials to the donor's choice.

ERNEST WILLIAM DUREUX

July 24, 2004. Age 56. Beloved husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Member of the Motor City Harley Owners Group and Great Lakes Dart Association. Laid to rest July 28, 2004. He will be sadly missed.

WILLIAM ALFRED SHROSBREE

Chelsea, MI. Age 46, died suddenly on Thursday, July 29, 2004 while on a business trip in Dayton, Ohio. He was born on July 10, 1958 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the son of Alfred Gordon & Mary Alice (Reed) Shrosbree. A graduate of Southfield High School, Bill received a degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Michigan. He was employed by General Motors Corporation. Bill was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Chelsea, Chelsea Recreation Council, and Amazin' Blues singing group at U of M allowing him to perform at the White House and the Rose Bowl. Bill married Jane Elizabeth Mann on June 27, 1987. He is survived by his wife, Jane and their three beautiful daughters, Katherine Elizabeth (Kate), 15, Sarah Margaret, 13, and Emily Jane, 10. He is also survived by his parents of Bingham Farms, MI, a brother and sister-in-law, Robert & Susan Shrosbree of Farmington Hills and several nieces and nephews. Although Bill's profession was automotive engineering, his true calling was as a teacher of life and that could be seen in many ways. He was extremely active in his church and loved teaching Sunday school, as well as Bible school in his youth. He enjoyed golf, playing bridge with friends and writing. He coached his daughters in many sports, including basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. He was an avid singer and dancer, which produced many family performances. He truly loved life and wanted to make the world a better place. He was a true friend to many people. The most important thing in Bill's life was his family and he was a fantastic and devoted father and husband. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 3, 11:00 am, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Chelsea, with Rev. Karen Schulte officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea, Michigan. The family will receive friends at Cole Funeral Chapel Sunday, 6-8 and Monday 2-4 & 6-8; and then at St. Paul's on Tuesday, 10-11. Memorial contributions may be made for his children's education to the William Shrosbree Memorial Fund, c/o Chelsea State Bank, P.O. Box 10, Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by COLE FUNERAL CHAPEL, Chelsea, MI.

JEANNE ELLEN EISENHARDT (COBB)

Age 74 of South Branch, (formerly of Clarkston and Rochester) died July 30, 2004. Loving wife of Vernon. Dear mother of Andrea Jeanne (Khokan) Mitra, Mark Lee Eisenhardt, Dale Vernon Eisenhardt, Kay Ellen (Russ) Lund, and Amy Charlaime (William) Monroe. Grandmother of Romy, Nickoloff (Dr. Steven), Justin, Jevin, Robi, Anil, Amber, Jeremy, Jacob, Dale Jr., John II, Shane, Todd, Eric, and Melesa. Great grandmother of Isabel, Amelia, Hugo, Kaya, and Nathan. Sister of Floyd L. Cobb Jr. Jeanne worked for 33 years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Funeral Monday, August 2, 2004 - 11 a.m. at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester. The family will receive friends Saturday 5-8 p.m. and Sunday 2-8 p.m. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

DONALD F. MOORE

Age 68, of Washington, MI. July 27, 2004. Husband of Joyce; father of Donald L. (Linda) of Linden, MI; Monica (Mark) Vandebeghe of Ray, MI and Thomas of Washington, MI. Grandfather of Zachary, Kyle, Megan & Leah; Brother of Virginia Wanamaker, Marjorie Yungmann and the late Betty King. Donald owned and operated Professional Aviation Services based at Oakland-Pontiac Airport. Funeral services Saturday 12 Noon at Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Dr., Rochester. Visitation Friday 3-9 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

NOEL V. REED

Age 89. July 30, 2004, of Farmington. Devoted Husband of Dorine for 68 years. Loving Father of Pamela (Bill) Cunningham and Graham (Sandra) Reed. Adoring Grandfather of Carol, Karen, Julie, Deanna, Eric, and great-grandfather of ten. Noel was born in Wainstead, Essex, England and served 6 years in the British Infantry as a petroleum driver during WW II. Noel was a Prudential Financial Insurance agent for 38 years. He was an avid stamp collector and enjoyed gardening. Noel will always be remembered for his generosity and compassion. Funeral Service Monday 7 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Visitation Monday 5-7 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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## View life from a new perspective

I try to keep up a daily routine of physical exercise by walking every day and jumping rope. It's always good to get the old heart pumping, and exercise is something everyone should do.

I also think it's a good idea to keep yourself mentally healthy and that means making an effort to gain new perspectives on life. One of the best ways to do that is to mingle with people of other generations. Young people can contribute greatly to an older person's attitude, just as I think older people can have a positive influence on younger folks.

Sometimes in an older generation, we have a tendency to look down our nose and talk about the good old days and things aren't like they used to be. And younger people tend to dismiss my generation's ideas as "old-fashioned."

I'd like to see people of all ages take opportunities to connect with each other and understand each other's point of view. If you're at church or a social gathering, spend some time getting to know people of all ages once in a while.

It may mean getting out of your comfort zone, but the reward is a healthier attitude and it's well worth the effort.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

## Exercise leads to a good night's sleep

Establishing a regular routine that includes daily exercise and proper nutrition can work wonders in the sleep department. In terms of personal health, sleep is one of the most important factors leading to overall well-being.

"Wide-ranging studies conducted by the National Sleep Foundation, the Mayo Clinic and the National Institute of Health show that sleep is impacted dramatically by diet, exercise, regular routine, and a restful environment," said Betsy Ludlow, founder and president of Slim and Tone, a national fitness chain headquartered in Pennsylvania. The women's only fitness club is dedicated to and designed by women, and offers a 30-minute circuit-training workout that combines hydraulic resistance machines with cardiovascular stations.

Slim and Tone recommends the following tips to achieve a good night's sleep:

■ Maintain a regular time to go to bed and wake up, even during the weekends.

■ Establish a relaxing bedtime routine. Take a warm bath, light candles, listen to soft music, read a chapter of a book, perform breathing exercises.

■ Exercise early in the day. This serves to not only wake your body and mind but also jumpstart your metabolism for the remainder of the day. Aim to get 30 minutes of physical activity daily and be sure to include resistance training along with cardio for the most effective results.

■ Avoid caffeine four to six hours before bed. In addition, pass on or limit alcohol and nicotine. Alcohol initially acts as a sedative, but interrupts your normal sleep patterns. Nicotine, like caffeine, is a stimulant which makes it difficult to fall and stay asleep.

■ Create a sleep-conducive environment. The most important tools are a comfortable mattress and pillows. Recognize your bedroom as a place of rest and intimacy and stay away from paying bills, working and eating in bed. Make sure your room is well ventilated and the temperature consistent. Turn off any disruptive sounds like a television.

■ Eat at least two to three hours before your regular bedtime. Foods such as milk, tuna, pumpkin, avocados, almonds, peaches, walnuts, apricots, oats, asparagus, potatoes, and bananas all promote sleep.

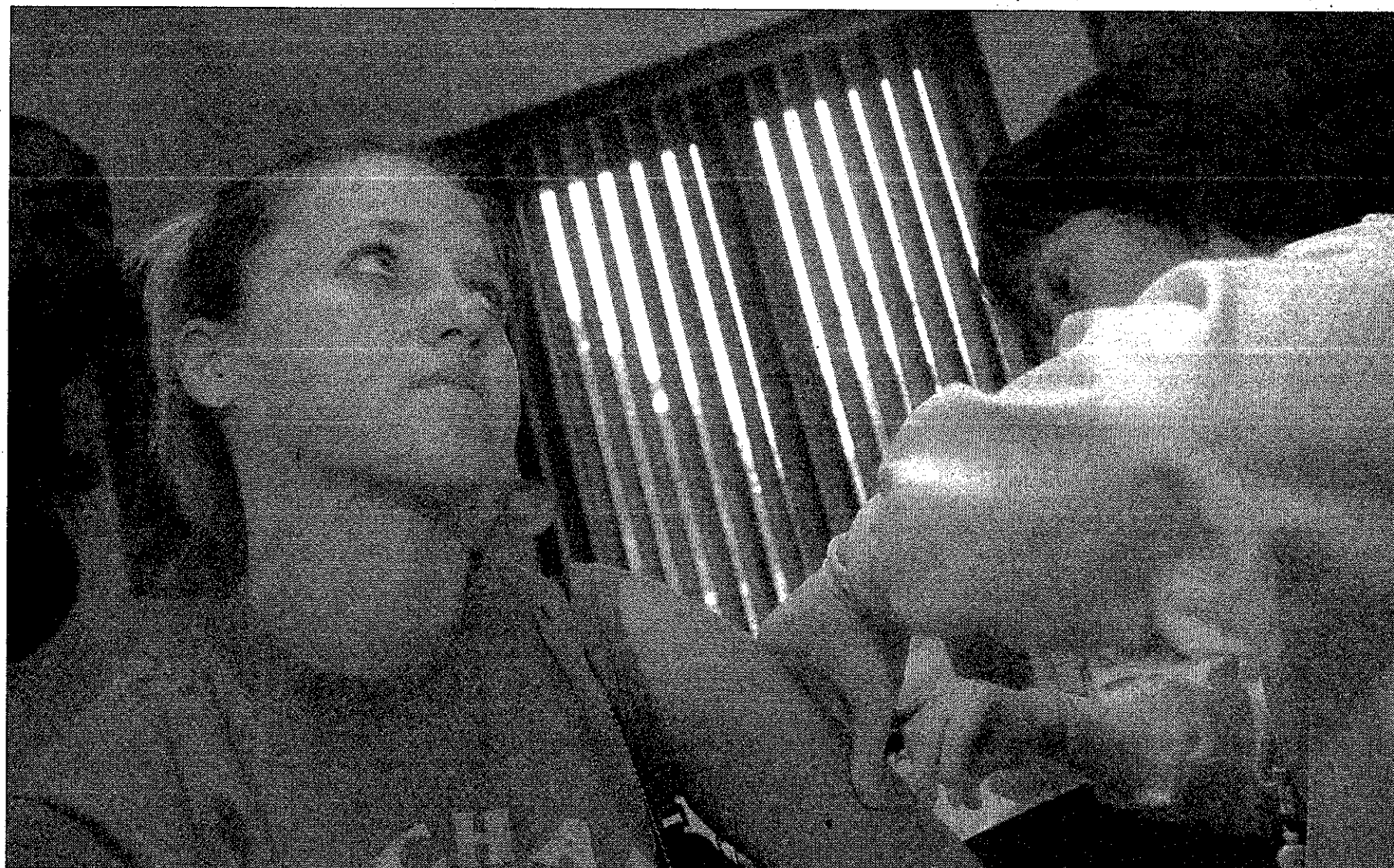
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Megan Gill looks like she's trying not to think about the vaccination given by Kay Renny, R.N.

## All the rage

### Shot parties combat fatal form of meningitis

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

There's an undercurrent of nervousness running through the party at Terry Czekaj's Livonia home. Daughter Corinne, who's chatting with friends about going off to play hockey at Finlandia College in Hancock, becomes uneasy when nurse Kay Renny begins setting up a table in the living room.

This is a party with a purpose. These teenagers are not here for food and fun, but to protect themselves from four of the most common strains of bacterial meningitis, an infection of the lining around the brain and spinal cord.

August is Meningitis Awareness & Prevention Month and time for freshmen like Corinne to head off to college. Students living in dorms are six times more susceptible to meningitis. No one likes getting shots, but they want to prevent the disease that can kill within seven hours.

The shot parties seem to be catching on since the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan began offering them last year.

"I heard so many kids have died of meningitis," Terry Czekaj said. "My son complained when he left for college that he had to go so far for a shot. This was really easy to do. Kids can come locally."

VNA of Southeast Michigan requires a minimum of 15 to throw a party. Corinne easily came up with the required number by inviting college-bound freshmen she ran into at graduation parties for classmates at Stevenson High School in addition to those for friends like Megan Gill, who went to Ladywood in Livonia.

"I didn't have to go out and find a place myself to get the shot," said Gill, who's headed to St. Mary's College in Indiana. "You always have to worry about catching stuff."

Ashley Leitch literally was scared into getting the shot after a classmate at Garden City High School acquired the disease. Equally in favor of the meningitis vaccination was Ruth Schlaff, whose daughter Rachel Bonkowski was leaving for Michigan State University. Three students died of bacterial meningitis in 1996-97 at the East Lansing school, and there have been at least two cases reported in the last three years.



Ashley Matz and Claire Doty got their meningitis shots and they're ready for college.

A 2001 Michigan law requires colleges in the state to educate students on meningitis and the vaccination. Michigan State University distributes materials on vaccinations to students as part of a proactive health campaign. Even so, Bonkowski appreciated nurse Holly Coppielli's talk on how to prevent the disease.

"I had to do it. I just don't like shots," said Bonkowski, a Churchill High School graduate. "I just know it's important because it's a dangerous disease. You need to be safe. When I'm out I'm aware of not taking drinks from anyone. I wash my hands a lot."

Students need to take precautions to prevent meningitis, which is spread by direct contact, said Renny, manager of community programs for VNA of Southeast Michigan. And they need to recognize the symptoms early — fever, headache and lethargy, which are frequently ignored because they mimic the flu.

"While it's rare, it's fatal. It usually peaks in late winter and early spring; that's why it can be easily misdiagnosed, because that's when flu is diagnosed. That's when they need to be aware," Renny said.

"If they have sensitivity to light, a rash, stiff neck, the disease is progressing. That's not to say if you had those symptoms it's not something else, but you need to

seek medical attention immediately. Meningococcal bacteria double in number every 20 to 30 minutes once they enter the bloodstream."

The swift progression of the disease is what makes it so dangerous. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and health care providers like Dr. Kimberly Keller of the Snow Health Center at Eastern Michigan University are encouraging parents to consider the vaccine. Eastern had a student die of bacterial meningitis.

"That was about four or five years ago and the first point we did start to recommend the vaccination. Up to that fact it was considered new and optional. That brought the point home to us," Keller said.

"The most important thing is to definitely consider the vaccination, be aware of the signs and symptoms, because the vaccine only covers some of the types of meningitis, and seek help early. It really does progress quickly. Everything with meningitis is so extreme, body aches and headaches. I'm a big fan of vaccines. A flu shot keeps you healthy and helps in the diagnosis."

For more information about the shot parties given by VNA of Southeast Michigan, call (248) 967-8751.

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## Meningitis shots quick and easy at clinics

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan law doesn't mandate bacterial meningitis vaccination, but half of the states do. The disease not only takes lives, but causes brain damage, hearing loss, seizures and can lead to amputation of limbs.

Clinics provide several different options for students seeking meningitis vaccinations. VNA of Southeast Michigan and Michigan Visiting Nurses of the University of Michigan Health System offer public clinics in addition to walk-ins at their offices, and individually by appointment. The cost is \$85.

University health centers can direct students to where the shot is available on campus.

Off-campus, U-M Health System Michigan Visiting Nurses is teaming up with Kroger for meningitis vaccination clinics 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor; 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at 9968 E. Grand River, Brighton; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at 400 S. Maple, Ann Arbor. No appointment necessary.

If students are unable to make it to one of the Kroger locations, MVN offers clinics 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, at its office, 2850 S. Industrial at Eisenhower, Suite 75, Ann Arbor. If unable to come in to this location, MVN will make special arrangements to give shots at satellite offices, including those in Plymouth and West Bloomfield. For more information, call (800) 880-0020 or visit [www.umvn.org](http://www.umvn.org).

"We're holding public clinics at Kroger and at our offices to make it easier to immunize," said Kathy Gold, president of the U-M Health System Michigan Visiting Nurses and an RN. "There are also clinics in the dorm in late summer that are very popular. They're very convenient."

"We want to deliver shots to students in a more convenient way. We've had reports from students that it's harder and harder to get the shots from their family physician. Rather than having to make an appointment to see their physician, we set up in the dorm. They can come between classes, before or after classes, to get the vaccine."

"We're also scheduling private clinics for minimum of 10 at our offices, including the satellite office in West Bloomfield. We would come to their home if they have 10 students or more. It's a good way to get educated about meningitis and get it all taken care of."

For more information about clinics run by VNA of Southeast Michigan, call (248) 967-8751. The office is at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, in Oak Park. Individual appointments are available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Public clinics are scheduled at Kroger stores noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, at 44525 Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon, Plymouth; noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at 4805 Haggerty at Pontiac Trail, West Bloomfield; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1905 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, Canton.

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## AUGUST

## Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer will reveal the shocking truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia, which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. No charge. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

## Massage techniques

From 2 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, learn energizing and relaxing massage techniques, at the Carnegie Institute, 550 Stephenson Highway, Troy. Cost is \$50 per couple. To register, call (248) 219-7398. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Aug. 2.

## Child safety fingerprinting

Parents and guardians are invited to establish a permanent record of their children that can be shared with law enforcement agencies when dealing with emergencies. Representatives will fingerprint children and ask parents to complete personal information cards on each child 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at all Art Van Furniture stores including Southfield, Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, Waterford, and Westland. Each family is given the information and prints to take with them for safekeeping. AAA of Michigan is providing the materials.

## Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

## Karmanos benefit

Friends and supporters of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be among the first to dine at Coach Insignia, the newest venue of Matt Prentice and Unique Restaurant Corporation, located atop Detroit's Renaissance Center at the 8th Annual "Night of Good Taste" fund-raiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, features a strolling dinner, silent auction and live music. Tickets are \$80 per person and include valet parking or round-trip shuttle bus from Oakland County locations. For more information, call Denise Lowe at (248) 443-5800 ext. 4632 or send email to [lowed@karmanos.org](mailto:lowed@karmanos.org). Ticket sales end August 9. Proceeds benefit state-of-the-science cancer research, world-class patient care and education programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

## Parenting Classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering parenting classes called "Parenting with Love and Logic" 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 12, (Toddlers and Preschoolers), and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 28, (Preteens and Teenagers), at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. For directions or additional information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). "Parenting with Love and Logic" is a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults

avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures.

There is a fee, and registration is required. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 for more information, or to register.

## Volunteers wanted

Doctors at Beaumont Hospital are testing Comtan (entacapone), an approved drug, to determine if it extends the benefits of levodopa treatment in people with Parkinson's disease. Needed to participate in this research trial are people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease who are taking no more than four doses of levodopa each day, and who are not yet experiencing uncontrollable movements. Research subjects must not be taking or have taken Comtan (entacapone) in the past. For more information, call (248) 898-8595.

## G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road, Group swim from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact: Karolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522-0036.

## Volunteers sought

Oakwood Healthcare System is seeking patients to participate in a study which utilizes computer-guided navigation for hip replacement surgery. If you are suffering from hip pain, and would like to be considered for enrollment in this study, please call 866-4NEWHIP. These surgeries are offered at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

## UPCOMING

## Medicare Prescription Benefits

Learn about the new Medicare prescription coverage and how the new prescription drug discount card can help save money, especially those with low-incomes, those who pay all of their prescription drug costs, and those with no or limited health care coverage at a "Let's Talk" presentation for seniors called "Understanding the New Medicare Prescription Benefits" 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). The speaker will be a representative from AARP of Michigan.

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts, including free lecture series, AARP Safe Driving Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs, discounts on health education classes, women's programs, and more. Simply call to register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits.

## Safe Driving Program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offer the two-day AARP Safe Driving Program 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, in Classroom 2 of the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use South Entrance off Levan Road. There

is a \$10 fee. Make checks payable to AARP. To register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only). For directions or additional information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). Attendance at both sessions is required. The AARP Safe Driving Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course specially designed for motorists age 50 and older. The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. AARP members and non-members alike may take the course. There are no tests. Upon successfully completing the course, graduates of this program may be eligible to receive a state-mandated multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums.

## ONGOING

## Divorce support

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## Adult grief support group

A self-help support group for any adult grieving the death of a loved one meets the first and third Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland. No charge. Open to all. For more information, call (734) 522-4244.

## Breast feeding support

La Leche League of Livonia offers breast feeding information and support 10 a.m. the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Sarah at (734) 266-0632 or Jane (248) 471-4232.

## Grief support group

Meets 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at the Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia. All groups are free-of-charge and open to the community. For more information, call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464-7810.

## Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group

Meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For information about the group, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at [www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS](http://www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS).

## Low carb support group

Meets 7:15-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, at Low Carb Depot, 32622 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge. For information, call (248) 476-3064.

## Volunteers needed

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking individuals who are interested in providing information and support to callers dealing with issues about Alzheimer's disease and related Dementias. Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys mental capabilities. Help for individuals affected by Alzheimer's can be found at the association's help line and through other services provided by the offices in Southfield. To volunteer, call Rebecca Reiten at (800) 337-3827, ext. 240.

## Prenatal Yoga

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering an ongoing Prenatal Yoga class 5-6 p.m. Thursdays, in Classroom 1 at the Marian Women's Center at the hospital 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan Road, Livonia. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1145. Through traditional yoga poses and postures, the mom-to-be will strengthen mind and body to help adjust peacefully to the daily changes of pregnancy. This class also includes guided meditation and relaxation techniques that will increase expectant moms' awareness, confidence and focus.

## Research volunteer opportunities

Beaumont Hospital needs volunteers for research in a variety of areas including blood pressure, breast cancer, bronchitis, diabetes, Parkinson's, prostate cancer, urinary incontinence in women, and dialysis grafts. For more information, call Beaumont's Outpatient Clinical Research Center at (888) 80-STUDY.

## Healthy cooking classes

Classes continue with Valerie Wilson, a whole foods chef who's been teaching cooking classes since 1997 and is the author of "Perceptions in Healthy Cooking." Call (734) 261-2856 or visit [www.macroval.com](http://www.macroval.com).

## Volunteer opportunities

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has multiple opportunities. Volunteers are needed to install Lifeline units in clients' homes. No experience need, training provided. There is also a need for volunteers to escort patients to departments within the hospital and to visit with newly admitted patients. For more information about these and other opportunities, call Volunteer Services at (734) 712-4159.

## Meningitis Vaccinations

Meningitis vaccinations for college-bound high school students are being offered through Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointment only during May and June, in its office at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, Oak Park. The cost is \$85. Call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8755 for more information or visit [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org). While early symptoms are easily mistaken for the flu, bacterial meningitis can result in death in as little as two hours. College freshmen living in dorms are six times more likely to get the disease than those living off campus. Vaccination reduces the risks of contracting the disease.

## Support cancer research - and some have fun

Friends and supporters of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute have two upcoming fund-raisers from which to choose - A Night of Good Taste at Coach Insignia Friday, Aug. 13, and a one-mile walk for women's cancers at the Detroit Zoo Sunday, Aug. 29. Both benefit education programs and awareness programs at the Institute, home to one of the largest oncology practices in Michigan.

Supporters of the Institute will be among the first to dine at Coach Insignia, the newest venue of Matt Prentice and Unique Restaurant Corporation, located atop Detroit's Renaissance Center. The Institute's eighth Annual "Night of Good Taste" fund-raiser will take place at the new restaurant on Friday, Aug. 13. This year's event themed "A Night of Good Taste Goes Classic," will be emceed by Ric Bohy, editorial director, HOUR Media and editor, HOUR Detroit magazine, as well as Madeline Triffon, Master Sommelier with Unique Restaurant Corporation.

A Night of Good Taste benefits state-of-the-science cancer research, world-class patient care and education programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. A Night of Good Taste - 8th Annual dining event "Goes Classic" with a strolling dinner, silent auction and live music. Friday, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Coach Insignia, located at the top of the GM Global Renaissance Center. Tickets are \$80 per person and include valet parking or round-trip shuttle bus from Oakland County locations. To purchase tickets or for more information call Denise Lowe at (248) 443-5800 ext. 4632 or e-mail [lowed@karmanos.org](mailto:lowed@karmanos.org). Ticket sales end Aug. 9.

Based in midtown Detroit, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is committed to a future free of cancer. The Meyer L. Prentiss Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit, operated by the Institute, is one of 38 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States.

Caring for more than 6,000 new patients annually on a budget of \$200 million, conducting more than 400 cancer-specific scientific investigation programs and clinical trials, the Institute is among the nation's best cancer centers. The Institute strives to prevent, detect and eradicate cancer through the commitment of 1,200 staff including 300 faculty members supported by hundreds of volunteers and thousands of financial donors.

## ZOO WALK

The National Arab-American Medical Association (NAAMA) is organizing the zoo walk. Gates open at 7:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:30 a.m. Walk begins at 8:45 a.m. Registration is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children under 12. Team registration available. Call (800) KARMANOS or visit [www.cancerwalk.org](http://www.cancerwalk.org).

Each year, 210,000 women nationwide are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer. Last year, nearly 212,600 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. NAAMA's Walk For Women's Cancers will celebrate lives saved and acknowledge memories of lives lost. The event is an opportunity for cancer survivors, their families and friends, the medical and business communities and the general public to come together in strengthening the fight against women's cancers.

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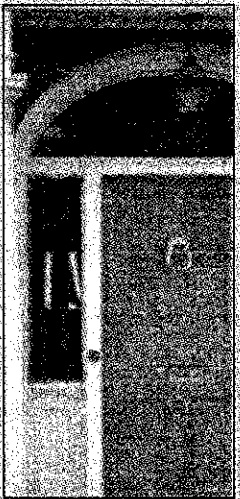
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# Add decorative lighting for outdoor safety

(MS) — There are many reasons to add landscape lighting to your home's exterior. The welcoming glow of landscape lighting can add curb appeal and value, even as it increases your home's safety and security during the fall and winter months.

There are styles to satisfy just about every taste and architectural design. To create a coordinated look, seek manufacturers who offer lighting in several sizes, allowing homeowners to place the same style of outdoor lighting in different areas.

For example, a larger-sized fixture at the garage area can coordinate with the same style, but in a slightly smaller size, for the front door area, which can also coordinate with the smaller version to be placed at the back door.

Additionally, a combination of landscape lighting with decorative outdoor lighting can add a sense of security to your home. Potential intruders will be

discouraged by a well-illuminated landscape that leaves them few places to hide.

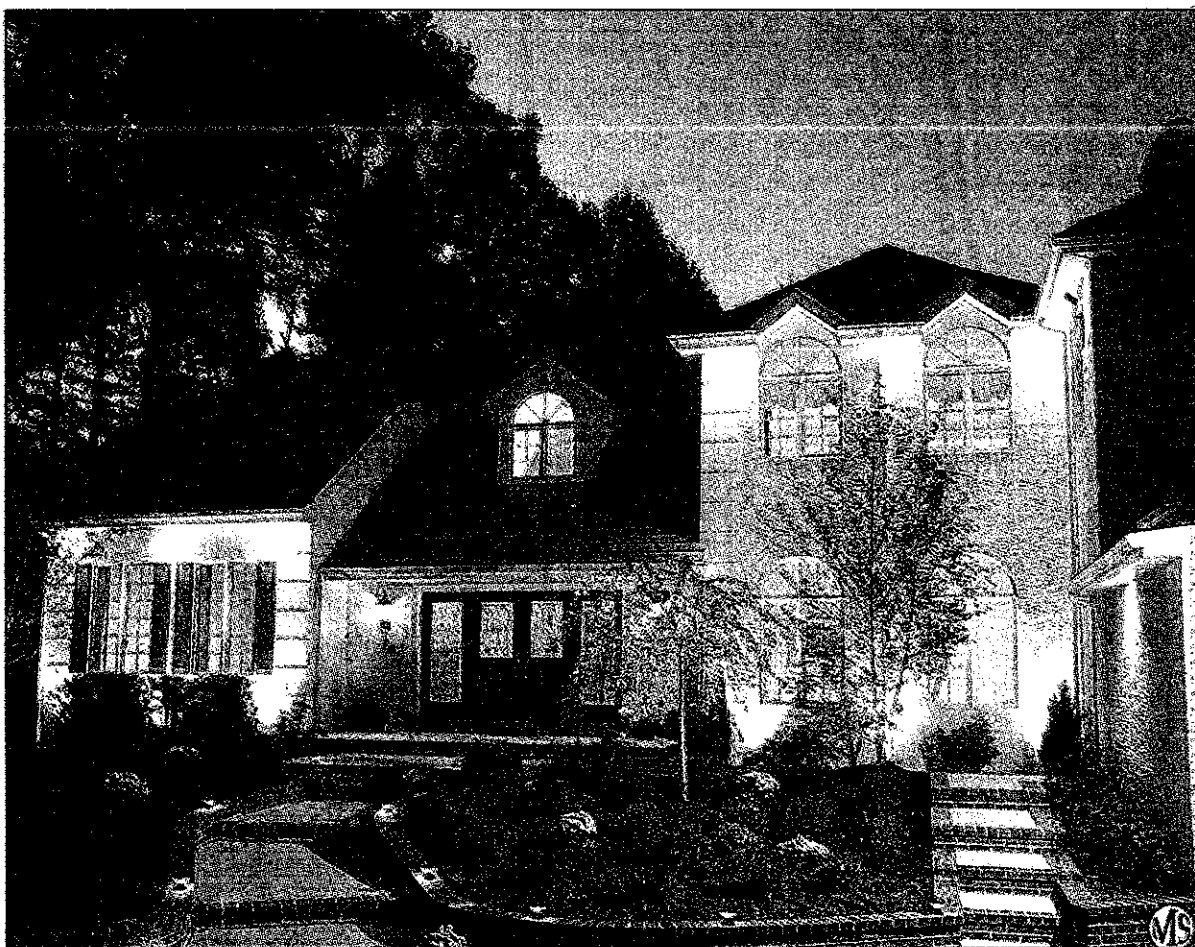
Here are a few things to consider when adding outdoor lighting:

■ Pathways should be evenly lit for safety. Uneven path areas or areas where walking could be difficult should have increased illumination of 25 to 50 percent for safety.

■ Each tread or step should be illuminated. This can be achieved by adding path lights for illumination or recessed step lights to increase security and add an attractive, low-level glow of light to your evening landscape.

■ To increase security of larger areas, consider lighting from above. Flood lighting can be added along strategic areas of a home or building's eaves to optimize light.

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The welcoming glow of landscape lighting can add curb appeal and value.

# Use the power of light to change look and feel

(NUI) — The use of light is an integral element in art, architecture and design. It has the power to dramatically change the look and feel of everything, from a sculpture to a family room or even a hallway.

Incorporating lighting elements into a home can alter the ambiance from clean and modern to warm and rustic, creating specific moods and enhancing colors and textures.

Consider these tips for bringing both natural and artificial light elements into your home design for breathtaking results:

■ Let the natural light shine in. Windows bring the dynamic qualities

of daylight into a home, capturing outside views, enhancing colors and flooding surfaces, rooms or any interior spaces with natural light.

However, bringing in more natural sunshine can increase the temperature of a room due to heat transfer through windows. To get the natural sun without unwanted temperature changes, you may want to consider tinted glass to help reduce the transfer of heat.

In addition to capitalizing on natural light through the strategic placement of windows, you can choose from a broad scope of window shapes, juxtapositions and designs to create an artistic flair.

■ Use decorative lights for night and day. The imaginative use of alternative lighting can showcase unique features inside and outside the home.

Instead of using traditional overhead lighting or table lights, artistically combine shadows and light with subtle tree lights lining the edges of the ceiling or a chandelier with a dimmer.

■ Reflect light to enhance the ambiance. Often overlooked as a key element in the lighting of a home, mirrors have traditionally been utilized solely as a tool for personal reflection. The creative placement of mirrors can throw light around the

room, making a room sparkle and appear larger.

While an entire wall of mirrors may seem a little risky, the placement of framed mirrors sporadically on a particular wall brings a fresh, artistic element into the home.

Regardless of its source — whether it's natural light that streams in through a window or the soft glow from a table lamp or chandelier — lighting is an important decorative accessory in a home.

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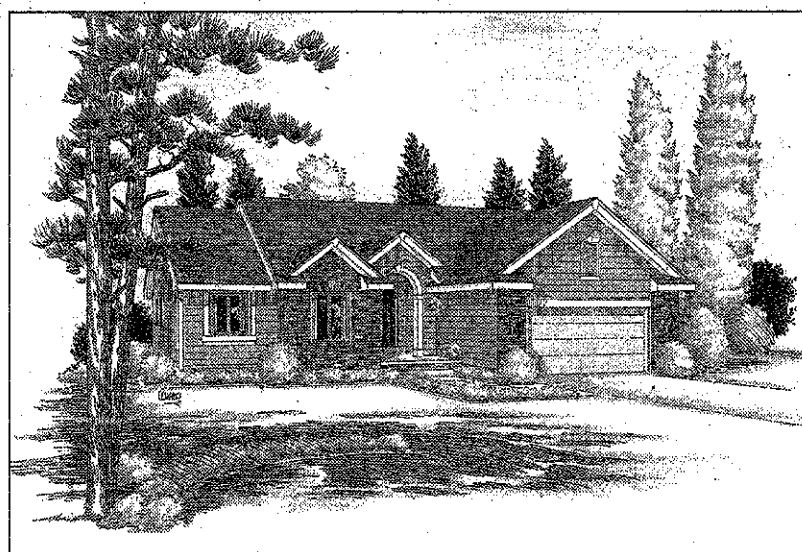
At 1,360 square feet, the Winter Woods is an ideal home for newlyweds or for empty nesters. The rooflines are varied to give the home a unique look and the eaves have been extended to provide eye appeal from the street. The use of brick and wood also enhances the home.

Crossing the covered, sheltered porch brings one to the front door, which is protected by the porch from weather. The foyer has a coat closet on the left and faces the enormous great room. A large fireplace is on the rear wall with windows on each side. This room also has 10-foot ceilings to add to the overall feel or openness.

The kitchen and nook are on the right rear of the Winter Woods. The kitchen counters are in the front corner with an eating bar toward the nook. Large windows across the back of the nook bring the sunlight in as well as giving a great view of the backyard. On the wall of the basement stairs is a pantry and the refrigerator. There is also a storage closet at the end for brooms or supplies.

## LARGE GARAGE

Adjacent to the kitchen is the utility room with its washer and



dryer. A door opens into the large two-car garage. The rear of the garage could be used for storage, as a workshop, or for crafts.

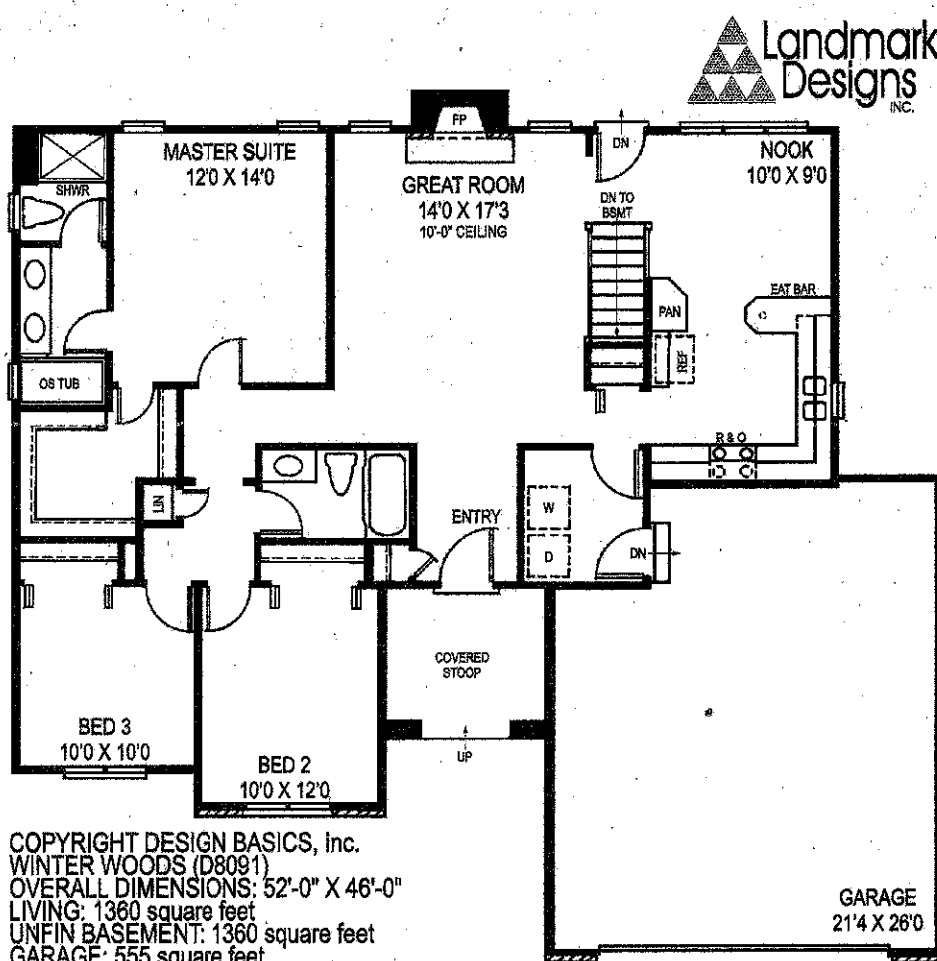
The left side of the great home is bedrooms. Bedrooms 2 and 3 are in the front with windows overlooking the front yard. Each has wall closets and is adjacent to a full bath with a single sink and a tub.

The master suite is large and open. It has a gigantic walk-in closet and a long fully equipped bathroom. There is an oversized tub and two sinks in one portion of the

master bath, and the toilet and large shower separated behind a door for privacy.

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## Tips to sell your house for top dollar Wood decor adds history, uniqueness to enhance a home

BY DAVID FINKEL  
CORRESPONDENT

(NUI) - Selling a home can be difficult. But by employing the right tactics, you can find a buyer who's willing to pay the price you want.

Here are some tips to help you sell your home for top dollar:

■ Create competition for the property. Create an environment where multiple buyers are competing to buy. Stack appointments to show the house in a narrow window so that several buyers are at the property at the same time. This strategy taps into a buyer's fear of loss, the single greatest spark to get a buyer to buy now.

■ List it with the very best agent in the area. Interview agents and choose one who has a record of selling homes for a high percentage of the listing price. You should interview at least three agents, ask for referrals and ask for proof of their abil-

ity to do what they say they can do. Get in writing what the agent will do to market the house. Be clear that if the agent doesn't live up to his or her promises, you want the option of canceling the listing.

■ Set the right scene in your house. Make sure the house is bright, clean and open. Get the temperature right, and make sure the house smells nice. The three most important views of the house are the view from the front curb at the front of the house, the view at the front door, and the view at the front entrance-way when someone first walks into the house. The combination of these three views gives the prospective buyer his or her first impression of the house. Make sure it's a good one.

To improve the front view, use flowers with color and ensure the front porch looks tidy. The door should be either freshly painted or brand new.

The kitchen and master bedroom deserve special attention. Simple things

like new hand towels in the bathroom or fresh flowers in the kitchen go a long way.

■ Spend money for the upgrades that buyers want most. Before you rush off to make repairs in the property or pay for expensive upgrades, tour five or more homes of similar value that are selling in your area. See what final touches are popular with actual buyers. For example, a Jacuzzi tub can be an important feature on homes in certain price ranges but can be a waste of money in others. The key is to ensure upgrades generate at least twice their cost in the home's final selling price.

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## history, uniqueness to enhance a home

(NUI) - A home featuring traditional wood crafts, folk art and hand-carved furniture exemplifies a unique style of beauty. Whether you proudly display family heirlooms or collectibles gathered throughout the years, the addition of wood as a classic backdrop throughout your home will set the stage for these historic treasures and enhance your home's sense of warmth and style.

Here are some tips for adding wood decor to your home.

■ Start with the entrance. An impressively detailed, hand-carved wood door will set the tone before anyone even takes a step into your home. A stately carved wood door informs those entering the home of your own personal style.

■ Include interior decorative wood pieces. From windows, doors and furniture to clocks and artwork, decorative pieces are available in the wood species and style of your choice. Many of these pieces are still being created by hand. Artisans utilize their skills to replicate the exquisite works of old-world craftsmen, as well as create new, original designs. Craftsmen construct each piece individually, often choosing and planing the lumber themselves to bring out the true beauty of the wood.

■ Create your own style. Continue your wood theme throughout your home when selecting moulding, cabinetry and any additional woodwork. Using the same species all through your home creates a

When decorating, match hand-carved wood items with factory-built accents, which are stylish yet economical.

truly harmonious, classic feel. Or, use a blend of species by coordinating two or three different types of wood to create a varied, somewhat eclectic look.

From maple, pine and oak to mahogany and rosewood, these woods complement each other and promise an exotic design that will add interest and character to each room.

■ Mix and match old with new. When decorating, match hand-carved wood items with factory-built accents, which are stylish yet economical. Handcrafted tables, cedar chests and armoires blend seamlessly with manufacturer-made wood picture frames, clocks and candlesticks. Mixing in your antique treasures will add that final touch, giving your home the individuality you desire and a proud display of your prized possessions.

Whether your home's style is colonial, country or shaker, handcrafted elements instill a bit of style and tradition. Look for local craft fairs and galleries to find artisans in your area, and visit [www.jeld-wen.com](http://www.jeld-wen.com) for more information on Jeld-Wen IWP hand-carved doors

## Don't buy more house than you can afford

(NAPSI) - Historic lows in the home mortgage market have been a windfall for many homebuyers in recent years. However, home mortgage rates are now on the rise and there's a new sense of urgency among some would-be homebuyers. Before rushing out to lock in lower rates, consider these few tips if you're about to make one of life's bigger investments.

### The big picture

Too often homebuyers don't consider how a mortgage will impact their entire financial portfolio. Using too much of your income may not leave you enough money to put aside for other financial goals, such as retirement or a college fund.

According to Richard Musci, vice president, loan products officer at Charles Schwab Bank, a monthly house payment (including mortgage, taxes and insurance) should

hover around 28 percent of gross income. SmartMoney recommends total debt payments (mortgage, car and credit-card payments) should be under 36 percent of your gross income. Look for a mortgage provider that understands your current financial position and works to ensure that your mortgage fits in with your long-term financial goals.

### Understand your options

Along with the traditional fixed mortgages, there is an array of adjustable-rate mortgages available, including traditional ARMs, hybrid mortgages and interest-only mortgages. According to Musci, the wrong mortgage can cost significantly more than necessary.

"The right mortgage depends on your income stream, financial situation and how long you plan to stay in your home," said Musci. "Ask

lots of questions and if an offer sounds too good, it probably is."

### Timing

When mortgage rates rise, timing can be crucial in terms of maximizing buying power. All mortgages take time to apply for and close on, but not all mortgage providers work on your schedule. Ask your provider how long it will take to process your paperwork and make certain it can provide the kind of service that guarantees you will not miss out on a great deal. You don't want to wait two weeks for what could take 24 hours.

### Compare price

When factoring in lender fees, third-party fees, points and other considerations, sometimes the lowest rate doesn't always mean the lowest-price

loan. Make sure all fees and costs are disclosed up front so that there are no surprises later.

### Know your provider

Choose a provider that will work with you throughout the borrowing process without trying to lock you into a mortgage that doesn't fit your needs. And for peace of mind, you may want to ask if your provider will service the loan for the entire duration or if you are likely to be dealing with another company farther down the road. You'll save time and worry by going with a provider that understands your short- and long-term financial situation and considers you a long-term customer, not just a one-time win.

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## Apartment Decorating Gives You Head Start

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
Special Writer

Picking the right apartment can give you a head start in decorating your home.

For instance, many apartments are listed as contemporary or traditional at Fourmidable, with 32 apartment communities in Michigan. Choosing the style you like best gives you a base from which to build.

"We're trying to give people more choices in apartment living," explains Barbara Davis, Fourmidable marketing and communications manager.

Walls at Fourmidable are covered in smoky taupe with white accents in contemporary units. The traditional apartments are painted in shades of white.

The contemporary units also have track lighting and Berber carpets, which add to the sleek look. Traditional apartments have plush carpets.

"That way they already have a style going when they move in," Davis says.

Renters are also given the option of choosing accent walls to add variation and excitement to rooms.

"People like having the option of different colors," Davis said. "Our conventional communities offer designer walls so people can select these accent walls in bedrooms, living rooms and dining rooms to allow them to personalize and customize a space. The more it feels like home the more people are inclined to reside with us longer."

Ceramic floors are going in kitchens as apartments are updated, Davis says.

"And people really seem to appreciate that," she adds.

Renters may also change light fixtures with anything from chandeliers to ceiling fans as long as the original light is replaced, according to Penny Torrey of Autumn Ridge, which has 176 apartment units in Canton. Group Five Management, with 16 communities throughout Michigan and Ohio, owns Autumn Ridge.

"You can pretty much do what you want as long as it's restored to its original condition when they move out," Torrey says. "If you want to paint the wall we have to be able to cover it in one coat."

Rooms in Autumn Ridge are grayish and some feature

Berbers. The paint is off-white, "because it will go with almost anything," Torrey says.

That goes for wallpaper, too. If you put it up, you have to take it down.

Making the switch from a house to an apartment means downsizing and purging the clutter that can pack a house.

"We try to match lifestyle to the space of the person's needs and wants," Davis says. "We tell them to think about, 'what do I need and what do I want around me?' Oftentimes it's about getting rid of large pieces of furniture. Which ones really speak to you? Think about how you might work with the space."

Keep in mind too, she adds, that smaller furniture and lighter colors make rooms look larger.

Small spaces are dramatically enhanced with mirrored doors, Davis says.

"A tiny vestibule with a mirrored door reflects the whole living area," she adds. "It's useful and adds a lot of drama. It really expands the space. In some communities we've added closet organizers as an option. It's another way to help people organize a smaller space."

Added touches help people stay in the same location longer.

"They do make it more like their own," Torrey says. "They may put an area rug over carpeting to make them cozier."

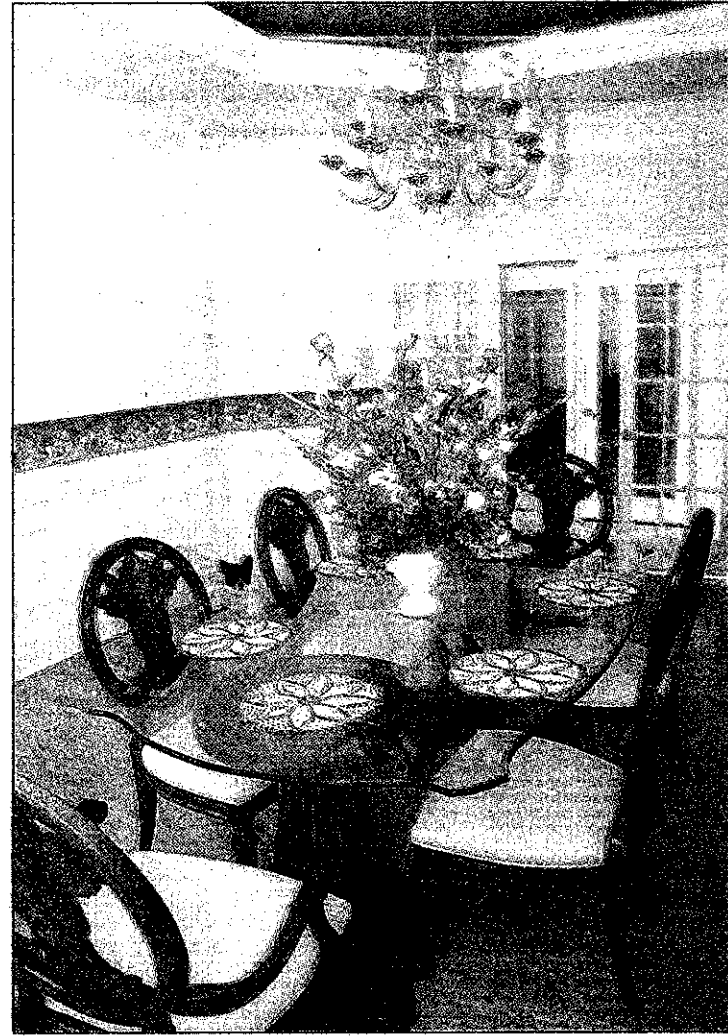
If you make holes in the walls to hang shelves or pictures, remember you won't be responsible for the tiny ones, Torrey says. But, the larger holes will have to be repaired.

Davis tells clients to ask themselves what's most important to take. It helps, too, to visualize what everything will look like.

"If I've fulfilled your desires and met your needs then you're more likely to lease with me," Davis says. "It's not an accident that our leasing personnel are called leasing consultants, because their role is to consult and find out what the needs and desires are."

We have a more selective buyer than we've ever had before."

Although, most Fourmidable Apartments provide



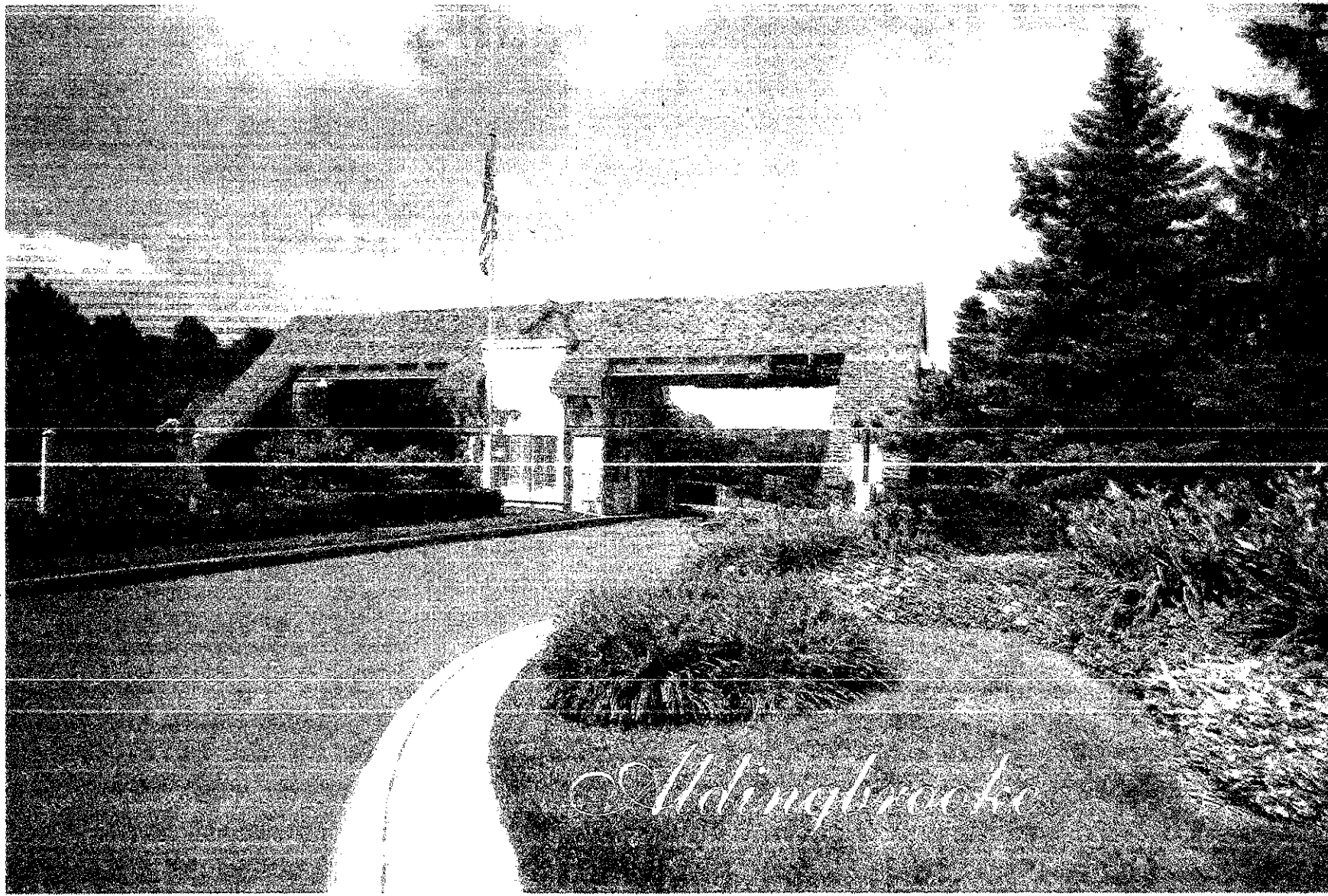
Many apartments now feature choices in home décor.

window treatments, she says, more and more renters are trying out their own creativity.

"I have seen people with a rod and some beautiful fabric wrapped around a pole and letting it drape on one side to create a dramatic window," Davis says. "Adding art really creates a feeling and a mood and a sense of quality rather than the poster style pictures, too."

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# Apartment Living Takes Headache Out Of Maintenance

By **DIANE GALE ANDREASSI**  
Special Writer

You know the frustration of home maintenance if you've ever made a honey do list for your spouse to take care of the things that go wrong in your home and there it sits collecting dust.

Or, maybe you're waiting to hit the lottery and can afford to pay the plumber, electrician and handy man.

Even the handiest of people have dreams of what might be repaired for the days when they have enough time, money or both.

Living in an apartment can pretty much wipe away those concerns. You have a leaky faucet or a closet door goes off the hinge and all you have to do is make a call to get it fixed. In most apartments the repair is done within 24 hours.

Lisbeth Renkin, a leasing manager at Pontrail Apartments who also lives in the South Lyon complex, knows first hand about the luxury of having a staff of people who are available to come to the rescue if something goes wrong.

"I don't know that much about fixing things," Renkin says. "And I don't have to worry about fixing them."

Living in an apartment as opposed to living in a house means less worry and "it's definitely cheaper" when it comes to repairs, she adds.

Renkin recently had a problem with the water in her shower running. She called the apartment office, a work order was written and the maintenance staff came out and her shower was fixed.

There were no trips to Home Depot or desperate searches through the telephone book and decisions about who to call.

"When you live in an apartment you have the benefit of having a handy man at your disposal pretty much," explains Sandra Zendell, property manager of Country Corner Apartments in Southfield.

In fact, that luxury is one of the most common reasons, Zendell says, people choose to live in apartments.

"They don't want to shovel the snow, fix appliances or do the other maintenance," Zendell adds. "There's a staff of people who do that for them, which makes apartment living so desirable."

The best part is that there is no extra charge unless someone puts their fist through the wall during a fight or "they do something unusual to break the appliance," Zendell adds.

"It's carefree living and it makes their life a lot easier," she adds. "They know someone is looking after them."

Lock-outs are one of the most common emergency calls to the maintenance staff at Woodbury Management with 14 apartment properties in metro Detroit, including Diamond Forest in Farmington Hills, Twin Arbors in Plymouth and Woodridge in Livonia; as well as other locations in Colorado and Missouri.

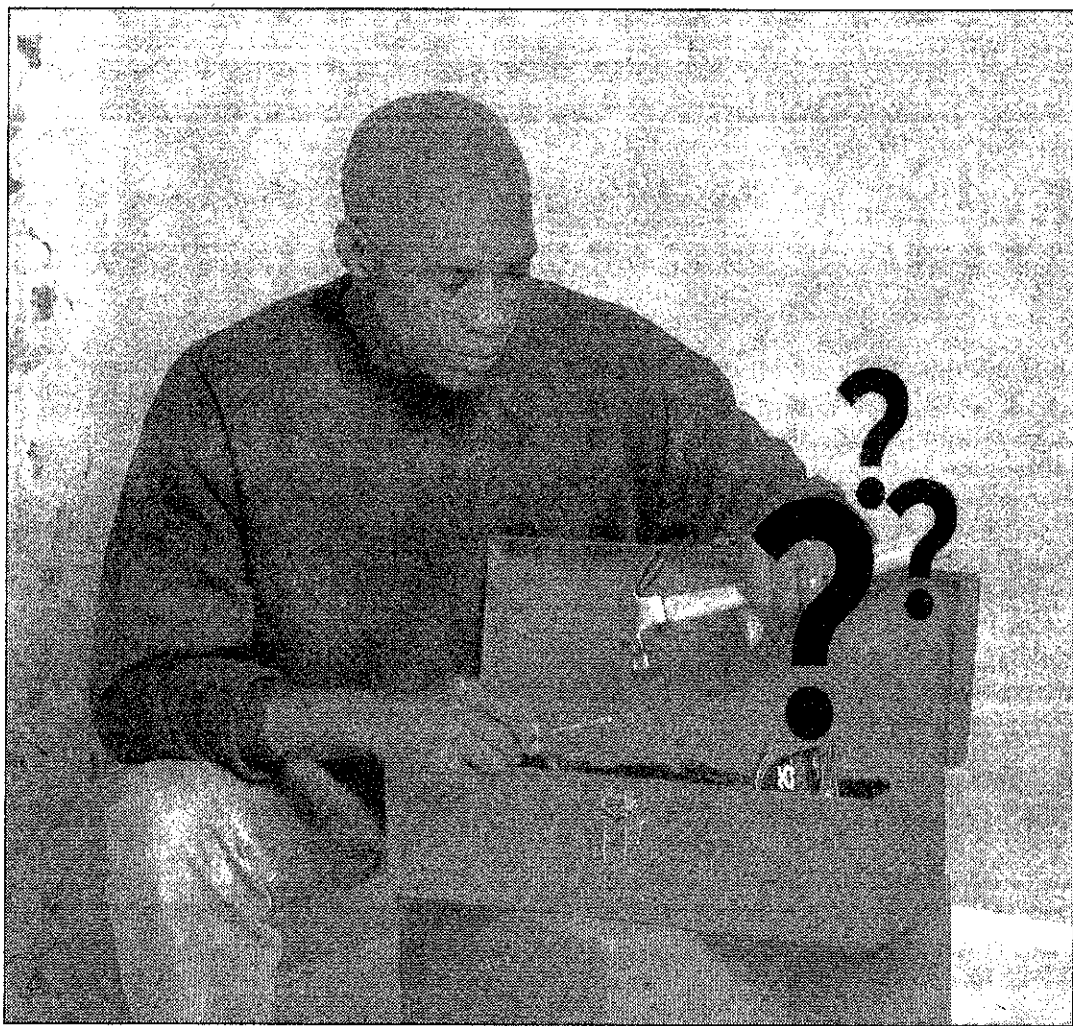
"You just make a call to an emergency number and someone would come out as soon as they could get there - usually within a half hour - to fix it," according to Nick Sheffler, Woodbury leasing consultant.

If the call is made after regular working hours, Sheffler says, there is a \$20 charge to open the door. However, during regular working hours the service is free.

Pipe and gas leaks, as well as refrigerator and air conditioning breakdowns are the most common maintenance repairs, Sheffler says. If you live in a home, those repairs can be the biggest headaches, because they need to be fixed immediately.

Usually people who have had bad experiences in the past with maintenance problems in their homes are most drawn to the convenience of having a maintenance person on hand for their apartment repairs, he adds.

"Those are the people who ask before hand," if the maintenance is covered, Sheffler says. "A lot of people rent so they don't have to take care of household things that come up like that."



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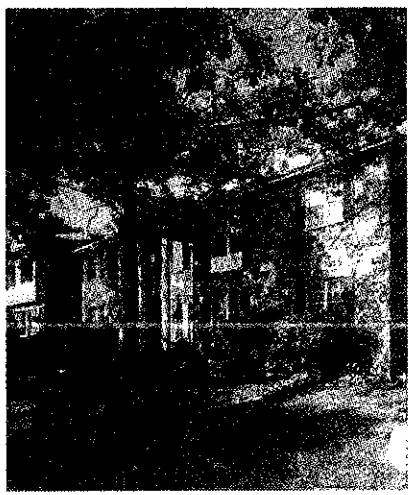
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# Socializing Becomes Easier In Apartments



The fitness room at your apartment complex is a great place to make friends

By **DIANE GALE ANDREASSI**  
Special Writer

Another perk of apartment living is having a social calendar that's always full.

Finding other residents in the apartment who have the same interests can be a wonderful way for singles and couples to make new friends and have someone to share the activities you enjoy.

"Basically, it's getting people together who have common interests," says Peggy Henwood, leasing consultant of Bloomfield on the Green.

"That way, they get to know people here," she adds. "They get together and have fun together."

She's currently putting together a list of events at Bloomfield on the Green. And the options - ranging from going to the theater and gardening, as well as playing and attending sports games, is bound to catch everyone's interests.

"The thing with apartment living in Michigan is that we have people from all over the country brought in here with the Big Three (automobile companies) and EDS and they don't know a soul," Henwood says.

Providing group activities in the apartments they live in helps them meet their neighbors and gives them something to do especially if they don't know what's available.

"That way they have a home away from home type of thing," Henwood adds.

Apartment fitness rooms, clubhouses and pools are great meeting spots and are other good ways for residents to congregate and potentially meet people.

For instance, Canterbury Woods Apartments in Inkster has cookies, coffee and soda available in the clubhouse. Anyone who wants to take a quick break is invited to have a cup of coffee or a soda with a new or old friend - compliments of Canterbury Woods.

"There's a fireplace and a big screen TV," explains Tiffany Cahalan, Canterbury Woods assistant manager.

"And some people just come in and read or relax," according to Tiffany Cahalan, assistant manager of Canterbury Woods.

Residents who want to meet other fitness minded people might spend time in the facilities workout room. What better way to get to know someone new than to do it while you're working off some extra pounds and stress?

Cahalan says the pool is also a great place for apartment residents to meet one another, especially kids who are looking for playmates who live nearby.

When Henwood worked for another apartment complex, she says, she planned a lot of outings ranging from rafting trips to forming a bowling league. And many of those residents developed long term friendships.

"They got to meet their neighbors and they found that they had something in common with them," she says. "The place I worked before, going back 12 or 13 years, some of those people still know each other. You don't have to be a single - it's basically getting to know your neighbor."

In the past, Henwood says, she also planned a flower competition among residents in the apartment complex. A local greenhouse donated window boxes and seedlings. In the true spirit of competitiveness, residents vied for the title of best green thumb. The result was breathtaking.

"We had the most beautiful community in town because everyone was trying to get the best flowers going," Henwood says. "I'm planning to do these things here too."

Canterbury Woods also plans regularly scheduled events, like an annual picnic complete with a moon walk for kids and monthly bingo that often attracts older residents. An annual ice cream social lures residents of all ages who have a sweet tooth.

"We encourage everyone to come out and have a good time," Cahalan says. "It's pretty important that apartment complexes have things like that. Everyone becomes like a family, just like it is in residential neighborhoods."

Once residents get to know each other, Cahalan adds, they tend to look out for each other's safety.

"People are excited about the events that are coming up whether they are married or single," Cahalan says. "The events are for whoever would like to participate."

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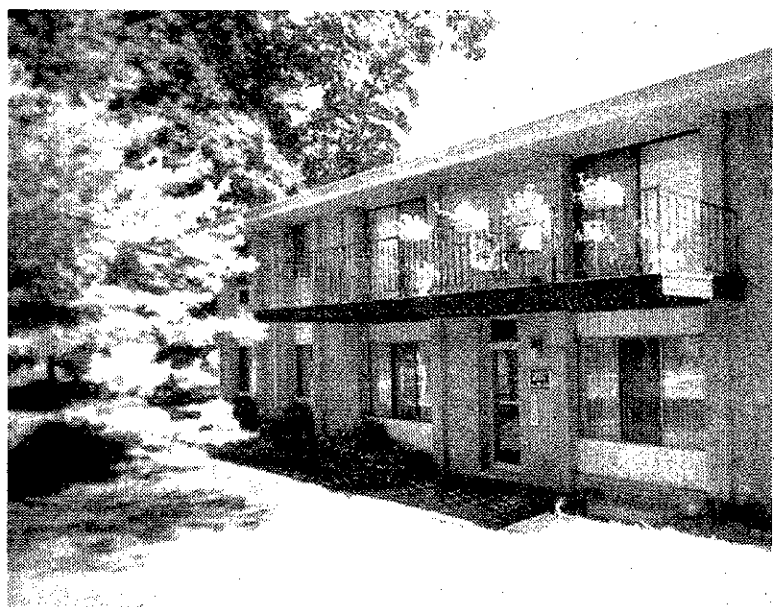
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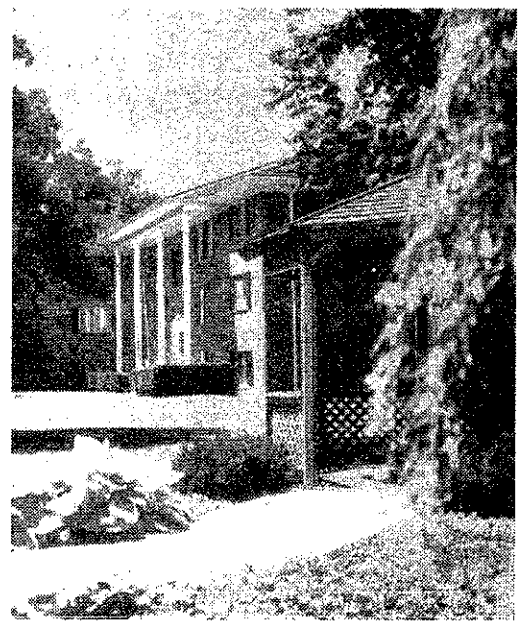
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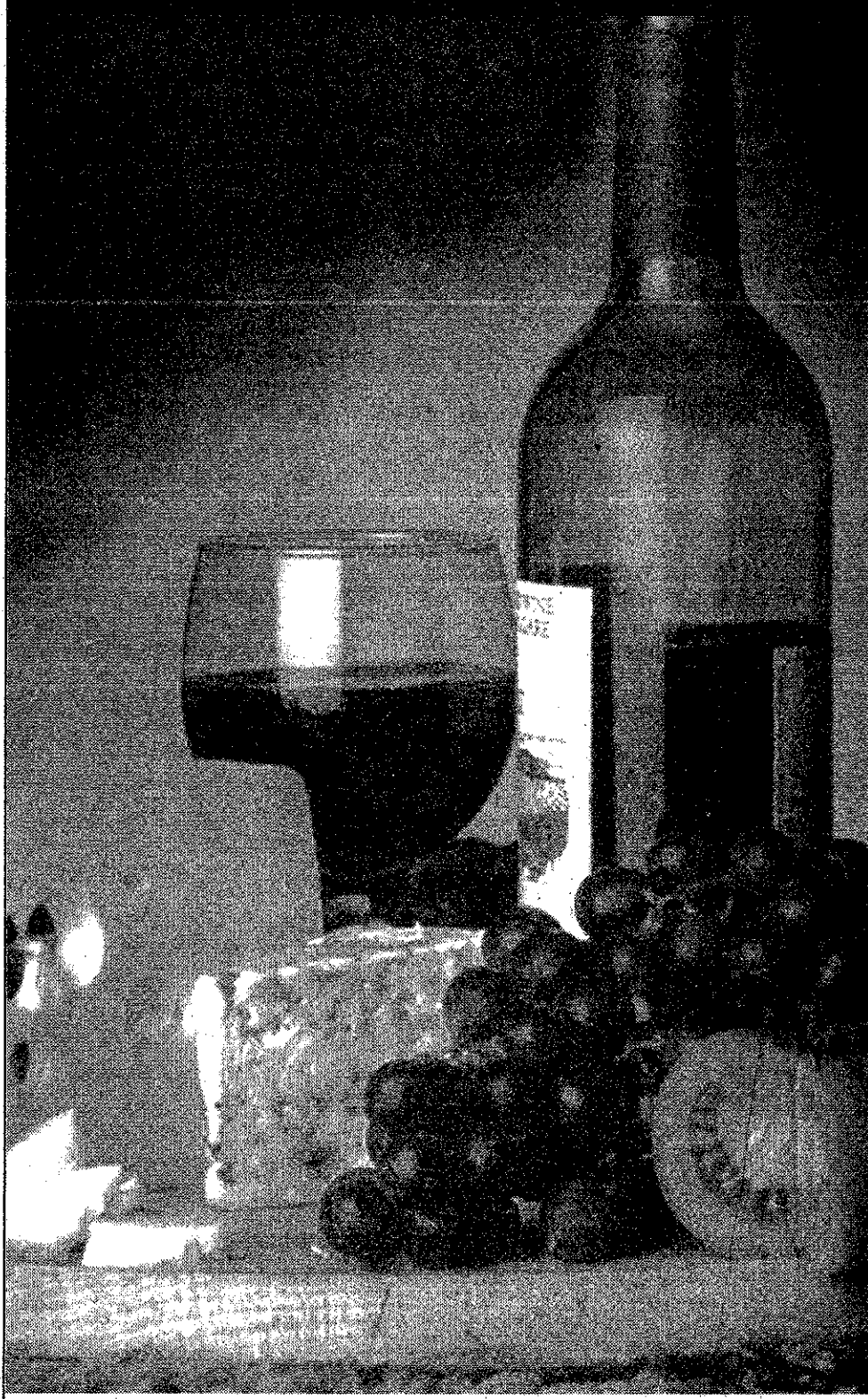
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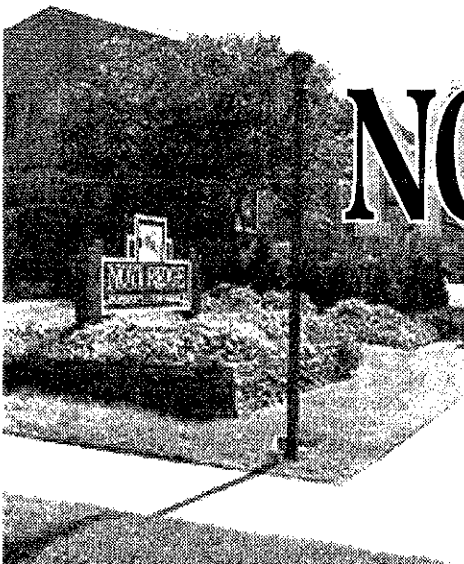
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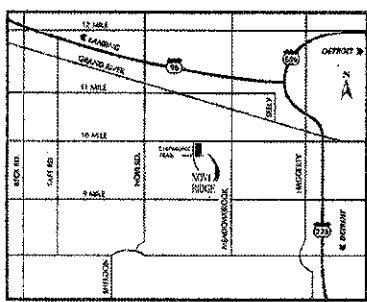
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# Uncover the hidden costs of owning a house

By **DIANE GALE ANDREASSI**  
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Living in an apartment is a good way to sidestep a lot of extra, sometimes hidden, costs tagged onto home ownership.

These expenses can be just enough to keep some young people from venturing out on their own. Oftentimes, when these first timers do buy their own home, they're forced to move back with family or friends, because these added bills are just too much. "There are a lot of hidden costs in owning a home that are sometimes overlooked," explains Karla Killday, leasing manager of Thornberry Apartments, which is managed by Village Green providing apartment living throughout the Midwest.

Some homeowner novices think all you have to worry about is the mortgage payment. Then they come to find out that owning a home means paying property taxes and homeowner's insurance. Renters don't have property taxes, but they are required to buy renter's insurance. The cost, though, can be as low as \$6 monthly.

Another major cost involved in owning a home is buying appliances, like a stove and refrigerator. "We provide all appliances, including a washer and dryer in each apartment unit," Killday says. "We also provide the stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and in some cases the microwave."

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"Ours are top of the line appliances and if they happen to break down, we're the ones who have to replace them," Killday says.

And there's always the unexpected emergencies tagged onto homeownership that a lot of people are unable to weather.

"A lot of people don't think about the emergency maintenance things that go on with homes, as well," explains Dawn Drozd, Woodbury Communities marketing director with apartments, town houses and senior citizen villages in Livonia, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Novi, Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Sterling Heights, South Lyon and Shelby Township.

"If the roof leaks or a hot water heater quits those are expenses that aren't going to be tacked onto the rent that month," Drozd says.



Appliance repair is one of the hidden costs of home ownership

On the other hand, a homeowner would have to take care of those necessities immediately, because they aren't something that can be postponed.

It's just plain easier to live in an apartment. If you have a pool in your backyard, you also have a lot of worry about upkeep and expenses. In an apartment, you jump in and let someone else take care of the fuss.

Add on snow removal and landscaping costs that are provided in apartment living and would otherwise be part of life in a house. And there are other conveniences of apartment living. Like, having someone available to accept packages if you're not home.

"Residents don't have to be home and if they miss the UPS person, they don't have to go to pick it up," Killday adds. "We'll sign for it. Empty nesters want to get rid of the maintenance and the up keep of a home. And it can be affordable."

There are other inconveniences, too. Some

people enjoy living in certain communities without the big price tag of owning a home, she says. Living in an apartment is especially attractive when parents want to keep their children in specific school district.

"People forget when they own a house there's a lot of painting and other maintenance and regularly needed upkeep, Drozd explains.

"Would you rather weed a flower bed or go to an art fair on your weekends? she asks. "Would you rather paint the bathroom or lie by the pool in an apartment?"

There are other considerations, too, like having the flexibility to move whenever you want.

"If you have to move on a dime, it's certainly a lot easier when you live in an apartment," Drozd says adding that if you live in a home and you want to sell quickly, you most likely won't get your asking price.

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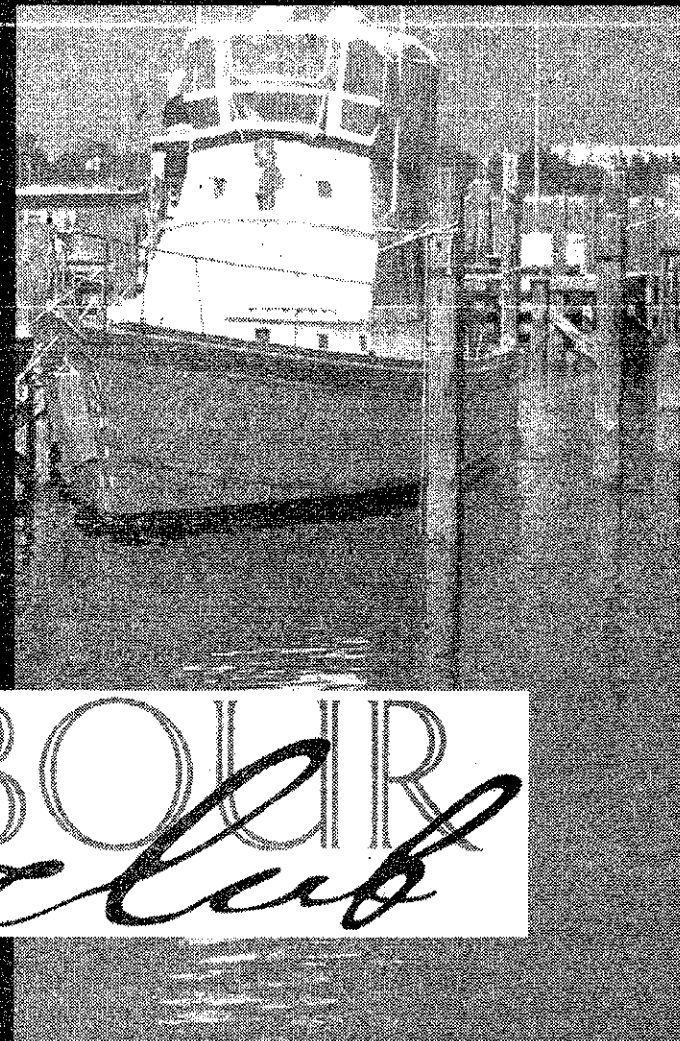
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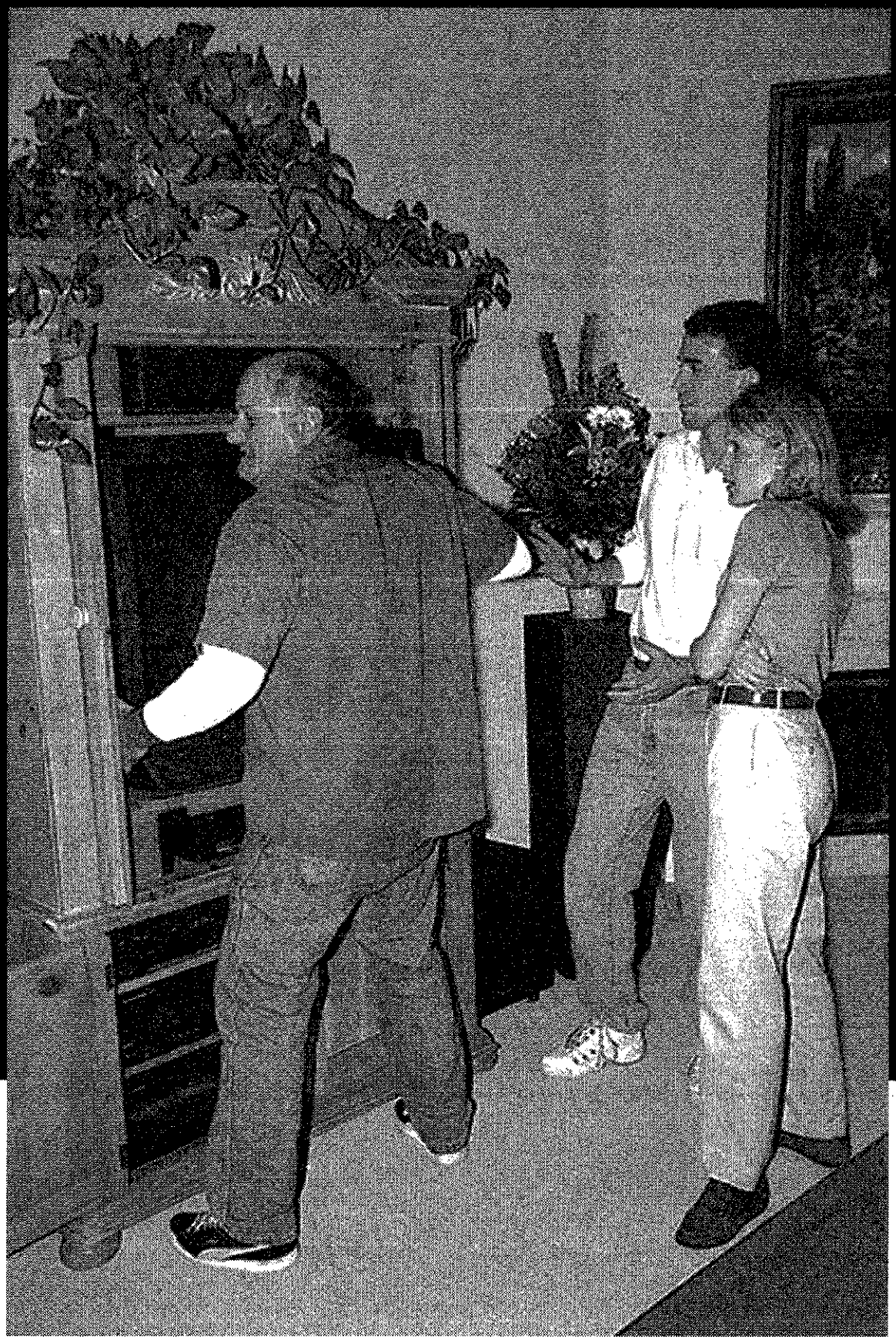
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# Nix the friends when searching for roommates

By **DIANE GALE ANDREASSI**  
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Finding a roommate can be tricky business and the obvious people who you consider might not be the best choices.

Don't roommate with a friend, according to Catherine Dube, residential manager of Great Oaks Apartments in Rochester.

"If you're a friend with someone and you move in with them, it usually turns sour," says Dube, who has been in the apartment business for more than a decade.

"It can ruin your friendship," she says. "If there are people who don't know each other, but advertise their rooms for rent, it usually goes better."

Dube stresses that her observations aren't based on official studies, but rather what she has seen.

Some roommate search services will conduct credit and background checks to make sure the person doesn't have a documented history of taking advantage of people, Dube says. Many services are available in newspaper classified sections and on the internet.

"It can make you feel more at ease if you don't know the person," she adds. "You definitely want to know if the person is trustworthy and won't be delinquent on the rent."

Cutting costs in half is one of the biggest and most obvious reasons to have a roommate. But, if you have to worry every month about whether your roommate is going to come up with their share, it might not be worth the savings.

There are other benefits to having a roommate. Maybe you don't like coming home to an empty apartment night after night. Or, you might want someone to share in the housecleaning.

Whatever you do, take the time to ask yourself questions about whether the person is a good choice for you.

"I tell them it's hard enough to live with someone you're related to or married to let alone

roommate," explains Donna Athanasoff, residential manager of Timberlea Village in Rochester Hills.

"You really have to have someone you have confidence in and someone with the same lifestyle," Athanasoff says.

If you like a home to be extremely neat, make sure the person you plan to share living quarters with feels the same way. If you tend to be messy, keep away from a roommate who demands an immaculate environment.

Use common sense, Athanasoff says.

"Be kind and thoughtful," she adds. "Don't always put yourself first and ask yourself how this (whatever you're about to do) would influence the person you're living with."

If it's a concern, ask whether the person smokes and if they plan to do it in the apartment?

"They should really know a person before they move in," Athanasoff says adding that "it truly isn't easy" to find a roommate.

Peggy Henwood, leasing consultant of Bloomfield on the Green, says to make sure you get the rules of the kitchen down before you move in together. How people behave in the kitchen can make or break a roommate relationship, she adds. Little things might become big issues if they aren't talked about first.

For instance, you might want to explain that your leftovers are off limits to the roommate, no matter what.

"That can cause a war," Henwood says.



Finding a roommate can cut apartment costs in half.

Maybe, you have a pet peeve about leaving dishes in the sink. Sometimes, even the smallest details, like whether to use dish soap or the dishwasher, can become a problem, Henwood adds.

Bigger issues should be considered, too.

For instance, you should know how the potential roommate feels about entertaining guests on a long-term basis. If they plan to have a friend stay for a night, a week or a month it could become a problem for you.

Maybe, the person has little idiosyncrasies, like walking in and out of rooms while they dental floss, that will end up driving you crazy. The key here is to stay flexible and not sweat the small things, according to the experts.

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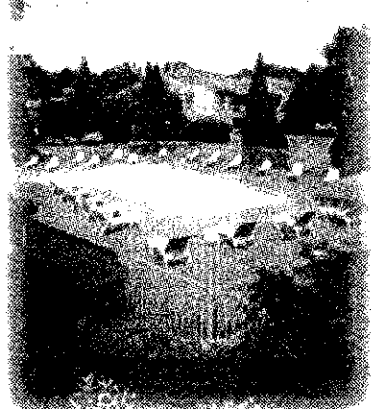
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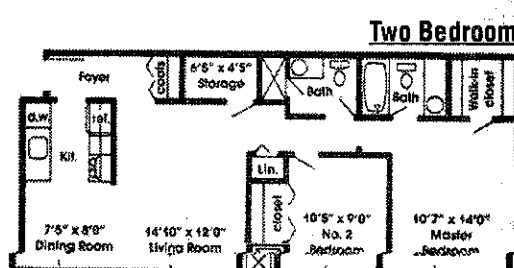
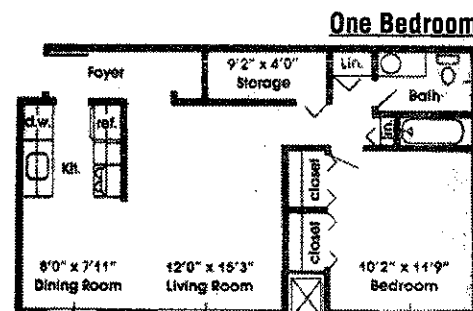
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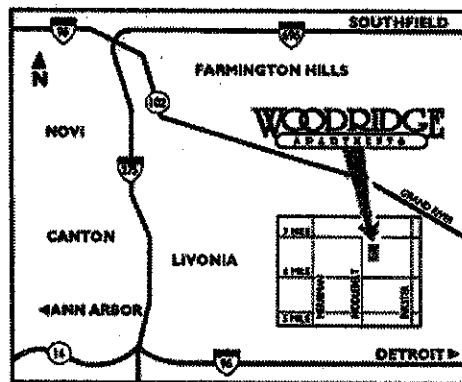
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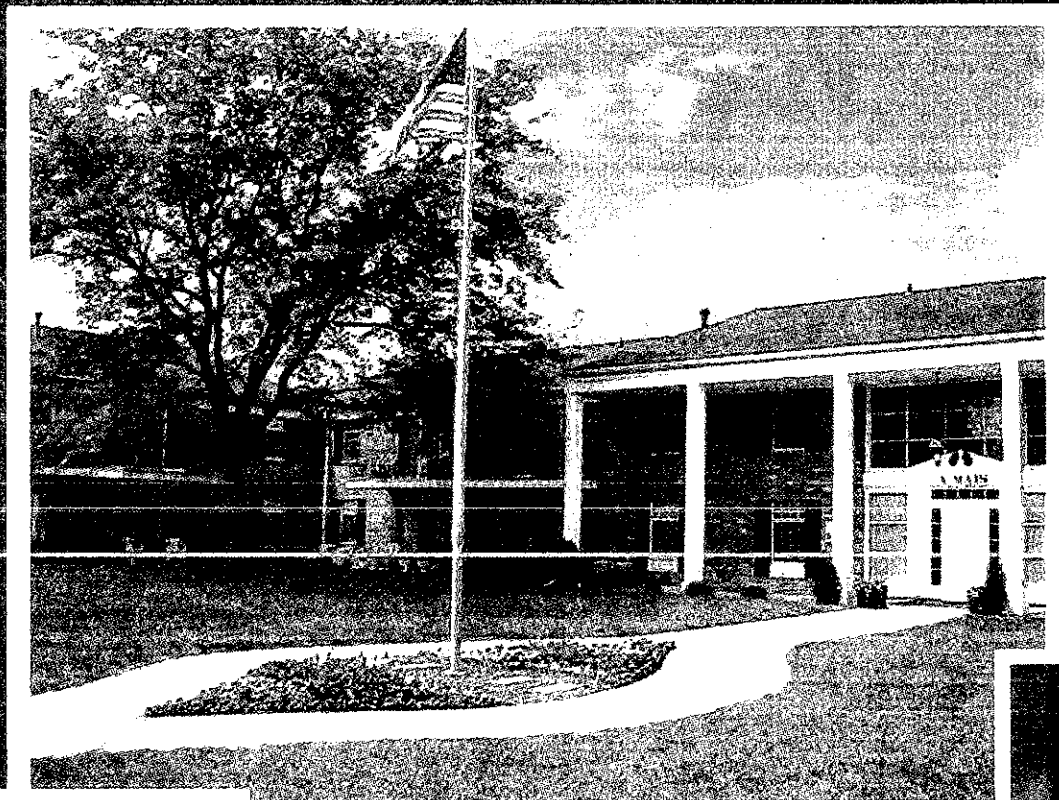
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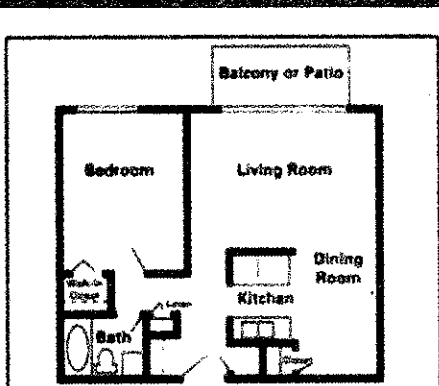


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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 Executive Assistant Immediate opening for assistant to Real Estate executive. You should be an organizer, a positive person, a good communicator both written and verbal, excellent computer skills, be a fast learner with a quick mind and be willing to work hard and smart.

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Help Wanted-Medical 6060 MT-ASCP Contingent generalist opening in our lab located within Providence Hospital. Fax resume to 248-424-5392 or send resume to: HOSPITAL CONSOLIDATED LABORATORIES Contingent Prov Lab 23775 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075 or email to: HCLResume@providence-hospital.org. Subject: Contingent Prov Lab

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 RECEPTIONIST Busy Plymouth real estate office has opening for part-time secretary. Applicants must be team players, outgoing with a desire to learn. Hours are evenings and week-ends. Computer and phone skills required. References requested.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 RECEPTIONIST Busy Mortgage company in Farmington Hills is seeking a responsible, resourceful person to provide receptionist and general clerical duties. Responsibilities include answering a multi-line switchboard, data entry, and misc. duties. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Medical/Dental and 401k available.

Help Wanted-Dental 6040 DEARBORN HEIGHTS GENERAL DENTAL Are you looking for a position where you can use all your skills in a fun, energetic, environment? We are looking for a dental assistant to join our dental team. If this is the position you are looking for fax resume to 313-274-7092.

Help Wanted-Medical 6060 MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Busy orthopedic surgery practice seeks full time, exp. Front Office Receptionist. Computerized scheduling, telephones, patient check-in. Fax 248-937-5150.

Help Wanted-Medical 6060 MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Needed for busy family practice in Plymouth. Full time with benefits. Experience please. Fax resume to Cheryl 734-455-3405.

Help Wanted-Medical 6060 NURSE MANAGER Seeking an LPN/RN experienced in Geriatrics to join our team as the Nurse Manager for our new residential program serving individuals with memory impairments. Candidate must possess excellent nursing skills, strong people skills, leadership, flexibility, and organizational skills.

Help Wanted-General 6000 SERVICE TECH Love dogs and working outdoors? This is the job for you! Work hard and have fun while installing, servicing and repairing the Invisible Fence® system. Valid driver's license with good record required. \$11/hr. + Cash bonuses + Insurance+401k and more!

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY - FULL TIME We are a large residential building company located near 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. Qualified candidates should type 35 wpm accurately. Good computer skills, telephone/customer service experience, and a pleasant personality. Hours are 9am-6pm, Monday thru Friday. Please fax resume to "Office Manager" at 248-539-2125.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 RECEPTIONIST/FILE CLERK Good communications, basic computer skills, and knowledge of multi-line phone system. 9:30am-4:30pm. Benefits, 401k. Fax resume to: 734-354-0311 or mail/apply: PDC Glass, 300 Dunn, Plymouth, MI 48170, attn: Pam.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 RECEPTIONIST/TYPIST Rapidly growing law firm in Waterford has an excellent opportunity for the right individual. Must be self-motivated, intelligent and able to handle a 20-Line phone system. Typing skills a plus. Experience not necessary but preferred. PLEASE FAX SALARY REQUIREMENTS along with resume to: 248-886-8652 Attn: Susan

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT Part-time, permanent position with small fundraising organization in Bloomfield Hills. Good phone manner, accurate typing and good computer skills are musts. Call 248-540-8800.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 SECRETARIAL/RECEPTIONIST Small law office. Computer skills & legal exp. essential. MS Word, Quicken, Timeslips exp preferred. Fax resume to 734-994-1201

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST (Full-time) Busy Plymouth real estate office has opening for full-time secretary receptionist. Duties include making appointments, answering phones, processing listings, faxing, etc. Applicants must be able to multi-task, have phone experience, some computer knowledge and a willingness to learn and be a team player.

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 BOOKKEEPER Part-time for party rental company. Must know Quickbooks. 734 354-9591

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020 CLERICAL PERSON Full / Part Time in Livonia. Must have computer experience. E-mail resume to: frank988@hotmail.com

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