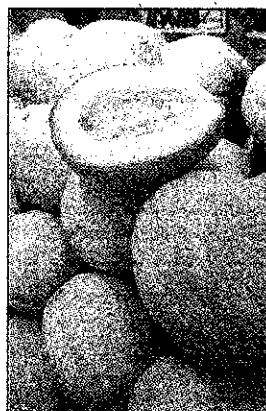


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Area teams are keeping vintage Base Ball tradition alive.

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This is the time of year when Michigan's bounty fills stores and markets.

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Memo Homecoming

Tickets to the Canton High School Homecoming will be available beginning next week. Students can pick up tickets between Aug. 23-26, when they pick up their schedule. Tickets cost \$15 at that time.

Phone Problems

Callers who got a busy signal or no answer this week when phoning Plymouth-Canton Community School (P-CCS) buildings were not alone. As a cost saving measure, the district is transferring its phone and data information lines from SBC to a P-CCS owned system. The district experienced some unexpected problems and school officials apologize for the inconvenience. The system is expected to be fully operational by Monday, Aug. 23.

Spelling bee

The Community Literacy Council, Inc., in association with Yazaki North America, Inc., hosts the 2004 Community Spelling Bee Oct. 13 at the



Yazaki Learning Center in Canton.

The annual event raises money to promote literacy programs and awareness in the community. Last year's winning team, the "Spell Binders" of Community Financial Credit Union, out-spelled the "Library Links," of the Friends of the Canton Library, to snag the coveted trophy and bragging rights.

For more information about the annual spelling bee or the Community Literacy Council, contact Suzanne Stichler, tutor coordinator, at (734) 416-4906.

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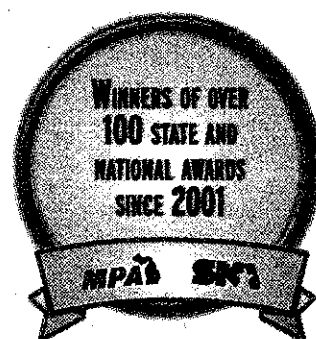
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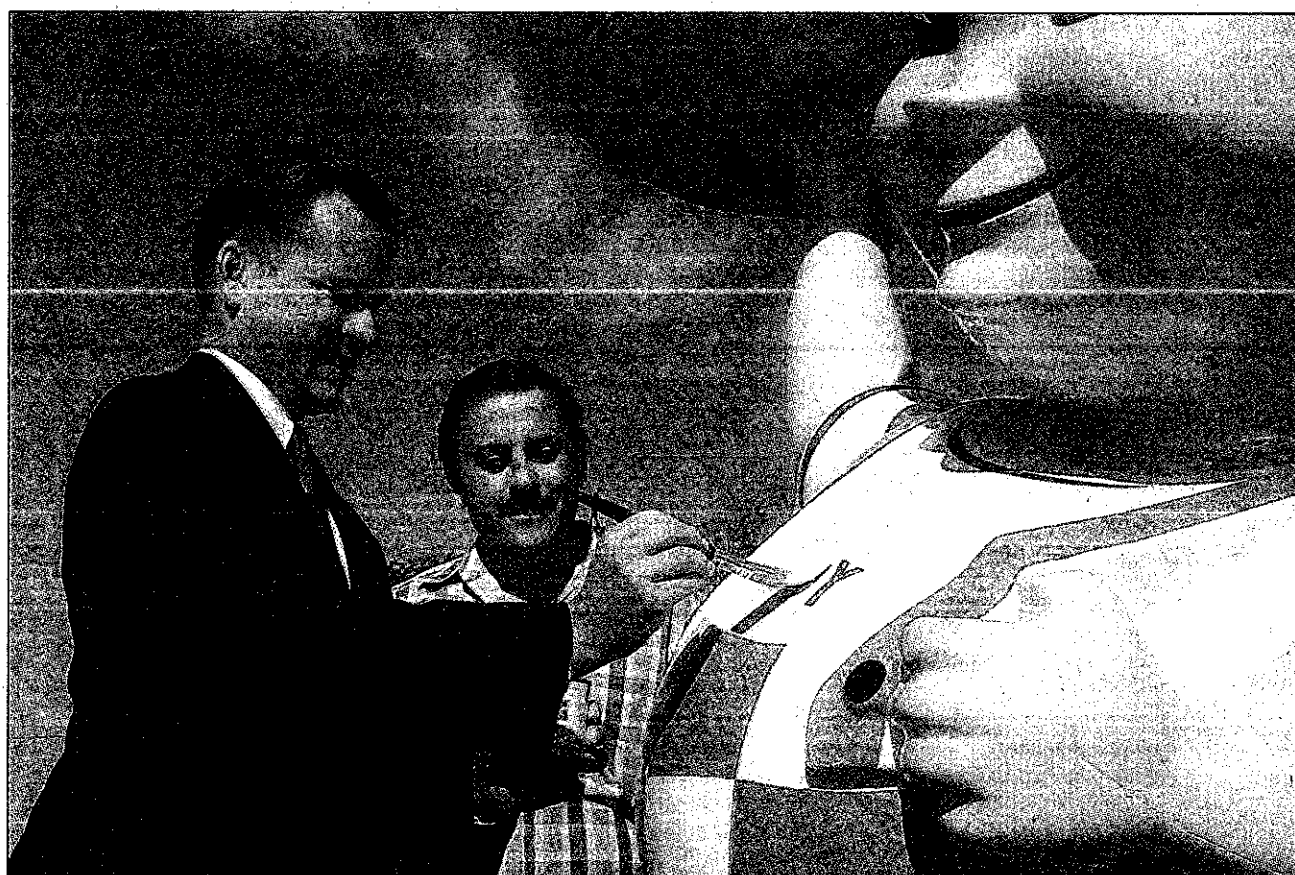
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Attorney David Lawrence helps Big Boy owner Tony Matar paint over the lettering on the Big Boy statue as part of a settlement agreement with Canton Township.

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A little dab'll do ya

Small amount of paint colors end to Big Boy saga

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

rest of my days."

-Apologies to lyricist Bert Kalmer

"Two little words, Oh what I'd give for that wonderful phrase. To hear those two little words, That's all I'd live for the

Canton's Big Boy may not be singing that modified version of a 1950s song, but the two little words "Big Boy" are gone

from his bib, painted over with white Rust-Oleum paint.

It was the finale to a court case that has dragged on since January 2003 and the ceremony took place at 10 a.m. - well, actually a little later than that - on Tuesday.

Tony Matar, owner of the Ford Road restaurant, armed with a two-inch paint brush and his can of Rust-Oleum, painted over

the first "B" while newspaper photographers and TV cameras recorded the moment.

When "Big" was whited-out, Matar passed the brush to attorney David Lawrence, who represented the restaurant in the case that drew national publicity, who painted over the "B" in "Boy."

Lawrence then passed

PLEASE SEE BIG BOY, A10

Schools making AYP advances

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

All 20 Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle schools made Adequate Yearly Progress in MEAP scores for the 2003-04 school year.

The AYP is Michigan's response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which has produced changes in K-12 public education in the United States. It's an effort to make individual schools, not just school districts, more accountable for improved test scores.

"We're very pleased we were able to meet this year's targets," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We take it very seriously because we want to prove to our community that we're educating kids, and they're learning."

"And, we have the proof

we're making progress."

If a school fails to meet AYP for three consecutive years, consequences could range from providing a change in curriculum, additional staff development, to replacing the principal and staff.

Last year, both East and Pioneer middle schools failed to make AYP because special education students didn't score high enough on the standardized tests.

This year, the situation was much different. Because each school didn't have 30 special education students, they weren't graded as a sub-group by the state.

"We spent a great deal of time determining the appropriate testing for our special education students, and those scores did improve from the

PLEASE SEE AYP, A7



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Sing, sing, sing!

Kelsey Rose Young of Canton, 8, performs the song, Put On a Happy Face, during the youth talent competition at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Tuesday. The fair continues through Saturday (closes at midnight) at the fairgrounds 10871 Quirk Road (west of Belleville Road) in Belleville.

2nd annual event is 'Faire' game

It'll be modified a little from last year, due to the reconstruction of Cherry Hill Road, but Canton's second-annual Village Faire is set to go this Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road. And Bob Dates, Canton recreation coordinator, is hoping for a good turnout.

"Everything is weather dependent," he said. "This is an event a lot of people look forward to. We're looking for a good day and a lot of fun, so I hope the weather cooperates."

It's the second year for the faire,

which joined forces last year with the Canton Lions Club's annual corn roast. And the corn roast will be a featured attraction of the event, which runs from noon to 5 p.m.

"This year, because of the road construction, all activities will be at the house," Dates said.

Those activities include the corn roast and old fashioned ice cream social, demonstrations of blacksmithing and corn-husking, displays of antique tractors and bicycles, face-painting for the kids, a petting farm starting at 1:30 p.m.

and musical entertainment by The Blended Strings.

New this year is a Victorian era fashion show on the porch of the Bartlett-Travis House.

Because of the construction on Cherry Hill Road, which is blocked to through traffic, Dates said the best way to get there is to take Ford Road to Ridge, go south on Ridge to the Bartlett-Travis House which is on the left just before Cherry Hill.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer



A new DVD helps infants begin a life of healthy habits in hopes of preventing obesity in later years. See the complete story in Sunday's Health section.

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BEGINNER BIBLE STUDY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts a Bible study for beginners (adults who have not read or studied the Bible before) from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 9 and running through May. Meetings will consist of prayer, Scripture reading and discussion. Experienced scripture study leaders will facilitate the meetings and will be coordinated by Tom Okasinski. There's a \$10 fee for materials due upon registration. To register, send name, phone number or e-mail address to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Attn: Tom Okasinski, 1062 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170-1149. Deadline to register is Sept. 3. For more information, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 223.

NEW MAESTRO

Karen Schanerberger has

been named a maestro producer for the third year by Kindermusik International, the world's leading publisher of music and movement programs. Schanerberger is an early childhood specialist at Evola Music of Canton, 7170 N. Haggerty Road. The maestro award recognizes excellence in program size and growth. Kindermusik programs at Evola Music of Canton are in the top 5 percent internationally. Schanerberger is one of 5,000 licensed educators in the world who use Kindermusik's music and movement curricula. She began work at Evola Music in 1998 with two small classes. This fall, Evola offers 15 classes in four different age groups to area families. At complete schedule is available at the store or at www.kindermusikatevola.com.

"I'm truly blessed and excited that families have enjoyed and learned from their classroom experiences," said Schanerberger. "I am very appreciative of the loyalty of our students and their willingness to share their enthusiasm with family and friends."

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Scouts honor

Scouts from Plymouth and Northville gathered with state Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), on Mackinac Island to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Scout Service Camps on the island. Stewart was an Eagle Scout who raised and lowered the flag at the Governor's Residence on the island from 1959-63. He presented a wooden plaque of the Boy Scout emblem, carved by the Plymouth Historical Museum's Pierre Bataille, to island officials to commemorate the event.

The Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club will be hosting the second annual Tails and Trails charity dog walk Saturday, Sept. 18. Grab your favorite four-legged friend and join the club at Heritage Park in Canton (behind the Canton library). The fund-raiser is presented on behalf of the Michigan

Technical Rescue Operations Team search and rescue dogs. Registration is \$15 in advance or \$20 after Sept. 7. Check-in begins at 10 a.m.; vendors, contests and concessions will be offered as well as a pet safety seminar. The family event is for all types of dogs. Call Carol at (734) 451-3500.

CRAFTERS, ARTISTS WANTED

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

TRYOUTS

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association/PC Pride hosts tryouts for both community travel and premier travel

teams. The tryouts take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 21-22, and from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Canton Softball complex located on Michigan Ave., west of Canton Center. Tryouts are for players 10-under, 12-under, 14-under and 16-under. Participating in tryouts does not commit players to the season. All levels of play are welcome. For more information, call (734) 981-5989.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford Road in Canton. Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game. To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

WASTE ROUND-UP

Canton's Hazardous Waste Round-up Day is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sauk Trail Hills Landfill will help to sponsor the event together with Canton Township, and the Environmental Quality Company will be packing the materials and transporting them to the appropriate off-site hazardous waste disposal facilities. The event will be held at Canton's DPW building on Sheldon Road just south of Michigan Avenue. For a detailed fier or other information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call Canton's Public Works Division at 394-5150.

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It is always a good idea to see a medical specialist to determine the cause of a problem sooner rather than later. Our staff at HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY is happy to educate you about your health and work together with you to help you feel better fast. Our clinic's goal is functional improvement of motoric and neurological systems by means of application of manual therapy, including techniques such as myofascial release, triggerpoint release, muscle energy, strain counter strain, cranial release, and joint mobilizations. For an appointment, please call 455-8370. Early morning and evening hours are available. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth and we offer easy access and parking.

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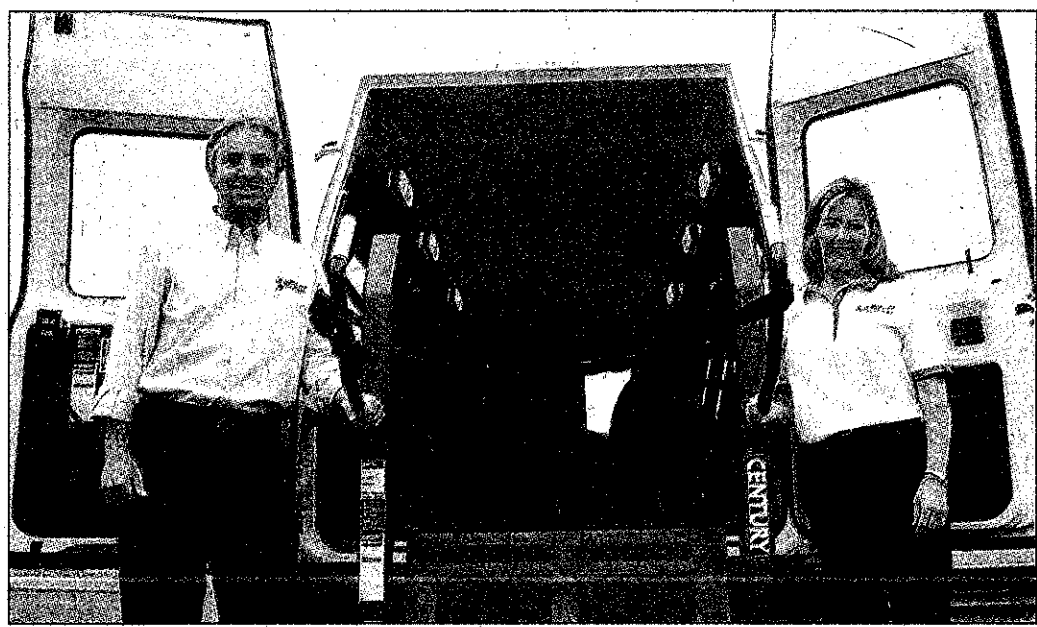
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Dave and Geri Brown, owners of Mobility Transportation, stand by a newly converted van for the handicapped Tuesday in Canton.

Going mobile

Canton man's mobility company riding a wave

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When Canton resident Dave Brown decided to move on from his job as fleet manager for Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and start his own business, he never dreamed what it would grow into.

That was 12 years ago and he operated it out of his home for the next four years. The company, Mobility Transportation Services, provides wheelchair lift equipped vans or buses for nursing homes, government agencies, nonprofit corporations and other groups needing such equipment. For four years Brown operated out of his home and contracted out the mechanical work. Now he operates out of a factory-sized shop on Koppernick Road in Canton. Last year he sold 420 vans across the country and this year expects to do 450.

"We've placed vans with private transportation providers in 48 of the 50 states," Brown said.

The only states where he hasn't sold any vehicles are Hawaii and Wyoming.

His company gets the van



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"We like to focus on the non-profits that save children," Dave Brown

chassis, primarily Fords from Bill Brown Ford in Livonia, and does the conversion to meet standards set by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

That includes raising the roof of the vehicle, raising

the height of the doors and installing wheelchair lift equipment according to ADA standards. He does not provide mobility adapted vehicles for individuals.

He said about 50 percent of the vans are sold in Michigan although he sells about 100 a year in Florida.

It's still a family run business. His wife, Geri, is office manager and sons David and Nicholas also work there.

With a total of 12 employees, in addition to family members most are family friends.

While he only deals with commercial businesses, that allows him to do occasional charity work for individuals at cost. The vans run about \$30,000 on average and Brown's company also does service work, not just for the vans they convert but for others as well. An 18-year-Canton resident, Brown donates 10 percent of the profits from his company to local charities. "We like to focus on the nonprofits that save children," he said.

For more information, call 1-800-496-4280 or visit the Web site at www.mobility-trans.com.

'Give peace a chance' is what 11th District group is saying

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

A small group of area residents has been quietly meeting for the last year at the Plymouth Library to promote peace.

The 11th District Citizens for Peace meets the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 14; members come from throughout the 11th U.S. Congressional District, which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Westland and Garden City.

"We are peace activists, not anti-war demonstrators" group member Shirley Erickson said. Erickson, who lives in Plymouth, said the group's goal is "peaceful responses in all areas of our lives. Ghandi said we must be the outcome we seek ... if we seek peace we must be peaceful."

Chairwoman and spokesperson is a Livonian, Colleen Mills, a retired Detroit teacher and wife of a U. S. Navy veteran.

"Our message is that peace is patriotic, and the country is not going in the right direction," she said.

About two dozen people were at the August meeting and they are hoping for more in September and October as the national election approaches.

Mills said her group is working on several things, including inner peace, peace in your homelife and in the community.

There most visible project is the promotion of the idea that the country needs a cabinet

level Department of Peace, an idea which has been around a long time but was recently given full voice by presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, an Ohio congressman.

"We feel it is time for the creation of a Department of Peace," Mills said.

Linda Herman of Garden City went to her first meeting last month.

"I wanted to get involved. Maybe we can push through this legislation. The group didn't seem that political to me. The focus was on finding alternatives to war. There was a mix of people whose ideas crossed all lines," Herman said.

Herman first heard about the Department of Peace and various peace efforts through Marianne Williamson, a well-known writer (eight books so far) and lecturer.

Barb Jones of Canton said she has joined the group for another reason.

"The issue challenges us to become more active, to take a stand for what you believe in," she said. Her focus is inner peace and the effect it can have on families.

"We can make a difference if we have a more peaceful environment for families and children."

"And there is no reason not to have a Department of Peace. It makes sense that we would want something like this."

The various groups that support the legislation for the Department of Peace include Citizen for Peace organizations throughout the state and nation. The idea was endorsed by famed CBS newsman Walter Cronkite in June. Many

of the groups are organized along Congressional district lines because the actual bill is in the House, HR1673.

The 11th District congressman, Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), had written one of the group's members in June. Here is part of his response:

"The pursuit of peace is paramount, especially when there are so many who seek to deny us such privilege. In fact, having met with proponents of this legislation I am truly (and given the climate in Washington, refreshingly) impressed by the altruistic interest and tireless efforts of all involved in this undertaking. Yet, as I candidly told these kind, visionary people I do not believe the creation of a Department of Peace is presently politically feasible."

McCotter said that when the war on terror is over and the world has returned to "sanity and decency" there may be a better atmosphere for considering the legislation. Michigan Congressman John Conyers and Congresswoman Carolyn Kilpatrick support the bill.

There is more information at the Department of Peace Web site, and also at Web sites for the Global Renaissance Alliance, Citizens for Peace, for Marianne Williamson, for Veterans for Peace, and for Dennis Kucinich.

The September gathering will be held in the meeting room on the Plymouth library's main floor opposite the checkout desk. You can contact Mills for more information at (734) 425-0079 or e-mail her at cmills0079@yahoo.com

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DEATHS

B
Otto Buckberry, 77, of Plymouth, died Aug. 16.

C
Robert Allan Cobb, 91, died Aug. 17.

D
Mary Jo DeVries, 63, formerly of Livonia, died Aug. 14.

E
Raymond W. Evans, 79, of Garden City, died Aug. 11.

H
Jean Marie Holcomb, 67, of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 7.

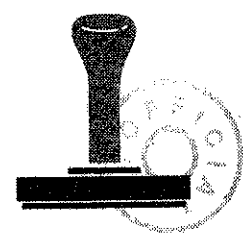
J
James Michael Johnston, 53, of Livonia died.

K
Thomas A. Kunder, 78, of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 11.

M
Catherine Isabelle (Guay) Martin, 49, of Oakland Township, died Aug. 7.

S
Carl F. Schorn, 96, of Troy, died

FOR THE RECORD



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

Aug. 11.
Edward James Scully, 77, of Birmingham, died Aug. 14.
Kathryn (Kay) Sovran, 81, died Aug. 14.
D. Marvel Steiger, 75, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 7.

W
Robert E. Winkler, 86, of Chebanse, Ill., died June 19.

POLICE

HOUSE TRASHED

A Canton resident reported to police that sometime between Aug. 8 and Aug. 14 someone stole aluminum siding and copper plumbing pipe from a house in the 39000 block of Cherry Hill.

He said his mother, who lives in the house, had been ill and hadn't been staying there.

When he went to check on the house recently he walked to the rear and discovered all the siding had been removed.

Inside, copper plumbing and copper pipes had been removed.

Loss was estimated at \$1,950.

CIGARETTES TAKEN

The owner of Pine Tree Market on Ford Road reported to police that when he arrived to open the store on Aug. 14, he discovered that the

lock on the door had been removed and the door was open.

All the cigarettes behind the counter were missing. The stores video camera caught the thief in action.

RING STOLEN

A resident of the 3500 block of Brooklyn reported a wedding ring valued at \$3,600 missing.

The resident said some people had been over for a party and the ring was later discovered missing from an upstairs bedroom.

GOLF CLUBS STOLEN

A resident of the 5800 block of Wedgwood told police that someone stole two bags of golf clubs from his home between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Aug. 13.

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"Electronic Commerce" - Gary P. Schneider

"Spectacular Showers For Brides, Babies, And Beyond" - Madeline Barillo

New Children's Fiction Books

"The Anybodies" - N.E. Bode

"The Game of Sunken Places" - M.T. Anderson

"Honeysuckle House" - Andrea Cheng

"West with Hopeless" - Carolyn Lieberg

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"How to Draw Dragon Ball Z" - B.S. Watson

New Children's Picture Books

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"Things I Learned in Second Grade" - Amy Schwartz

"Tinyflock Nursery School" - Suzy-Jane Tanner

"Super Sam!" - Lori Ries

New Teen Books

"Backstage Pass" - Gaby Triana

"Monolith" - John Passarella

"Real Bout High School. Vol. 6, Samurai Girl" - Reiji Saiga

"Vampire Game, Volume 7" - Judal

Hot Topic of the Week

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ON STAGE

Here is the concert schedule for the remainder of the Music in the Air Friday night concert series in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

■ Aug. 20 — Impact 7 revue-style show featuring music from Motown to Earth, Wind & Fire.

■ Aug. 27 — Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band.

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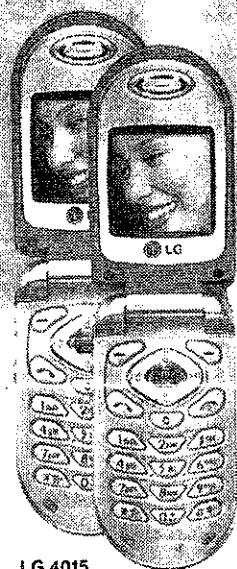
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District's middle schools, elementaries make the grade

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The State of Michigan had good news for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools when it released the Education Yes! report card this month.

All of the district's 17 elementaries and four middle schools met the state's required adequate yearly progress, an improvement over last year, when the district had one school - Taft-Galloway Elementary - not make the Education Yes! grade.

"We're happy about that," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Even though it's one small aspect of student achievement and performance, we're pleased with the hard work of the students, parents, teachers and administration in continuing to make improvement."

The Education Yes! School Report Cards are issued as part of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, and are a compilation of many things, including student MEAP test scores and various, self-reported, school performance indicators, such as family involvement in the schools, curriculum, student attendance and professional development for teachers.

Three Wayne-Westland schools - Hamilton, Madison and Edison Elementaries - received a grade of A, while a majority received a grade of B. Those schools were Schweitzer, Elliott, Hoover, Kettering, P.D. Graham, Patchin, Roosevelt-McGrath, Taft-Galloway, Vandenburg, Walker-Winter and Wildwood Elementaries and Adams, Franklin and Stevenson Middle Schools.

Four schools received a grade of C - Jefferson-Barns, Lincoln and Hicks Elementaries and Marshall Middle School.

Because of when MEAP tests are administered in the high schools, report cards for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial will be released at a later date.

Under Education Yes!, schools must continue to maintain and show progress and the requirements to make the grade will increase next year. Baracy said the challenge now facing the district is continued progress at schools achieving at a higher level.

"They could be put in jeopardy, if they don't continue to achieve," said Baracy. "Because their scores are so high, they have to show continued growth even though they only can achieve at a certain level. It will be easier to pull up schools that are not that high as it will be to maintain those that are higher."

And it is the legislation's cookie cutter approach to grading schools that concerns Baracy. Hesitant to use the word flawed, he said the report card doesn't address the success happening in school everyday.

"One shoe doesn't fit all and this report card doesn't reflect that each student has a different style of learning," he said. "These report cards don't reflect those shining moments that happen everyday in school, they don't reflect when the light bulb of learning comes on for a student."

The district isn't resting on its success this year. According to Baracy, staff and administrators know they "have some work to do."

"We know where our strengths and weaknesses are and we will address them," he said.

"Overall, we have our work cut out for us."

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LaJoy record lauded by Michigan Chamber of Commerce

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), has been honored by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce for his pro-business, pro-job creation voting record.

LaJoy is one of five state legislators who have received the Chamber's Champion of Commerce award in recognition of their 100-percent scores on the Chamber's 2003-2004 Job Providers Index (JPI).

"I am honored they recognize what we have done," LaJoy said. "We have been working hard to create a good business climate in Michigan."

"It is part of a smart agenda, it is the right thing to do, and it needs to be bi-partisan."

LaJoy cited his past experience as the owner of a small business.

"I know how business drives the economy. We don't want to lose jobs to China. But we also don't want to lose jobs to

Indiana and Ohio; we have to continually create jobs," LaJoy said.

LaJoy said Michigan has to have a "diversified economic approach" that include jobs of the future such as those in technology.

"We need good jobs in Michigan. We can train and educate our children but they will leave Michigan if there are no jobs," LaJoy said.

Actions often speak louder than words," said Michigan Chamber president Jim

Barrett in announcing the endorsement.

"Over the past 18 months, these five lawmakers have made an extraordinary effort to support Michigan's job providers by casting their votes in favor of legislation to encourage business investment and employment growth."

The 2003-2004 JPI covers a range of business issues. This year, the voting record in the State House includes 21 roll call votes on topics including

education, environmental quality, human resources, regulatory affairs, tax policy and tort reform, according to the Chamber.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a state business organization representing approximately 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The state Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

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Friends: Late congressman was 'for little guy'

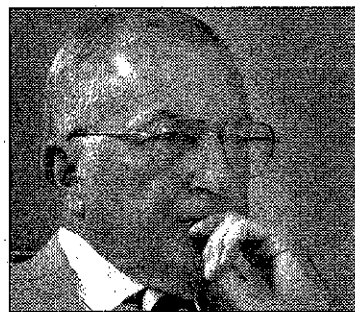
BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

During a career of public service that included 30 years in Washington, D.C., Congressman William Ford never lost touch with the people he served.

"Bill was always for the little guy and I admired that tremendously," said State Rep. Jim Plakas (D-Garden City). "He did a lot for education. There are a lot of kids who benefit from the work he did on the education committee opening up students loans."

A member of congress from 1964 until 1994 when he decided not to seek reelection, Mr. Ford, 77, died Saturday at his Ypsilanti home from complications of a stroke. His old district included Garden City, Westland, Canton and part of Livonia.

"Bill Ford was unique for a Washington power broker, he cared for the little guy," said Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli. "His efforts to make a college education accessible for all is sure to be his legacy, but just as importantly he should be remembered for his ability to relate to the common man on the street as easily as he could negotiate with heads of



Ford

state."

A Detroit native, Mr. Ford earned a law degree and at 26 became the Taylor Justice of the Peace before being elected to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1960.

"I thought Bill was a great person, very professional. He was from Taylor, but treated Westland like it was his hometown," said Westland Council President Charles Pickering, who served as Westland mayor 1982-86.

During his time in Congress, Mr. Ford had chaired the Education and Labor Committee as well as the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. A local recognition of his efforts on education is reflected in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' William D. Ford Career-Technical Center which was

named in his honor.

Along with sponsoring a number of education initiatives, including middle income education assistance, Mr. Ford also was known for his work to require large employers to give employees advance notice of plant shutdowns and on benefits for federal employees.

A Garden City councilman and mayor before being elected to the State House, Plakas said he first met Mr. Ford in 1962 during the Constitutional Convention.

"Bill became a very dear friend to me - a mentor. He was always there for me," said Plakas, who worked as a local representative for the congressman 1965-67. "I enjoyed being with him, I learned a lot."

The son of a Scottish immigrant who died in a factory fire, Mr. Ford was an advocate for work place safety and closely allied with organized labor.

"Bill was really a pioneer on plant safety and worker safety," said Plakas. "He was always a very strong union supporter - I liked his quote about the AFL-CIO."

Mr. Ford once told a union audience, "The AFL-CIO sent me to Congress, the AFL-CIO keeps me in Congress, and the AFL-CIO will tell me when to

leave Congress."

Over his long congressional career, Mr. Ford was known for hosting regular trips to Washington for local officials and an annual picnic for constituents.

"It was old-fashioned politicking. That picnic was well-attended - probably 500 or so people each year," said Plakas. "It was a lot of fun. I got a lot of enjoyment working for Bill. He was a good guy and a good friend."

Mr. Ford often had joint events with U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn) with whom he developed a close friendship.

"Bill was very friendly with John Dingell. He told me when in doubt on an issue, call John Dingell," said Plakas.

A lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Ford also was known for his support of the military.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Eastern Michigan University Education Center, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Mr. Ford is survived by his children William D. Ford Jr., Margaret VanFleet and John; sister Janet and brother Robert.

Captivity changes journalist's life

Jerry Levin is probably the last person you would think would have any sympathy for Middle Eastern terrorists.

In 1984, just weeks after taking over CNN's Middle East Bureau in Lebanon, the former Oakland County resident was kidnapped at gunpoint by Hezbollah extremists and held in captivity for more than 11 months.

During that trying time, death threats and unbearable conditions were constant facts of life for Levin.

He was fortunate because his wife, Lucille (Sis) Levin, worked tirelessly, employing a number of tactics to convince the terrorists to allow her husband to escape. Others, such as Terry Anderson, were not so lucky, and ended up spending years in captivity until the American government could secure their release.

As can be imagined, Levin's time in captivity was life-altering. "I was an atheist when I was kidnapped. During captivity, I had nothing to do but think. I became a man of faith. Up to that time, I thought violence had a place in our world. But I became a follower of Jesus, particularly his message of non-violence," said Levin, 72.

That message of non-violence has guided his life ever since. He and Sis, a longtime teacher from Birmingham, Ala., have dedicated their lives to the notion of peace, which is why they are so troubled by recent world events, particularly Israel's occupation of Palestine and America's occupation of Iraq.

SPEAKING FOR PEACE

Today, the Levins are members of the Christian Peacemaker Team, a faith-based, non-violent intervention organization. Although they technically live in Alabama, the Levins spend most of the time in war-torn places like the West Bank and Baghdad, working to end what they see as oppressive policies on the part of the Israeli and American governments. Currently they are traveling across America trying to spread that message by doing speaking engagements at churches, universities and anywhere else people want to hear what they have to say.

They recently concluded speeches in Livonia, Dearborn, Ann Arbor and Detroit. Unlike most Americans, the Levins weren't surprised by the terrorist attacks of 9/11, only that they didn't happen sooner. Jerry, who is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School, said we are "reaping the whirlwind" of misguided international policies, which he believes are led by our desire to secure an energy source from the oil-rich Middle East. Supporting Israel and its occupation of the Palestinian territory is just one aspect of these policies. Another is the Iraqi war.

The Levins believe the rash of suicide bombers and terror-



Sis and Jerry Levin.

ist attacks are a direct result of those policies.

"Both my wife and I have been brought up to tell the truth. I am a journalist, and she is a teacher. We wouldn't be true to our teaching or our professions if we looked the other way. I have a deep concern about the country I grew up in. There are too many people here selling themselves and the truth for a wage or an ideology," Levin said.

Even the kidnappings, which robbed a year from his own life, are understandable to Levin. "The disparity of weapons - us having many, they having few - makes hostage-taking one of their only options. That doesn't mean I agree about the brutality of it, but they would say they don't agree with the brutality of our occupation," he said.

DEALING WITH MYTHS

Though they work as a team, the Levins argue the same thing from two different perspectives. Jerry concentrates on the geo-political realities, whereas Sis tries to "debunk the myths" Americans have about the Arab world, which she says has been demonized by American politicians and the media. "People can not say Arab without saying Arab terrorist," she said.

Furthermore, Sis, who grew up in the South when blacks were treated as less than second-class citizens, believes America has too readily relied on its military might and conflict to solve its problems. This has trickled down to the local scale, resulting in tragedies like the school killings of Columbine and Paducah. She believes we must start teaching our children that there doesn't always have to be a winner and a loser.

"Military action seems to be the only answer we know. But what's worse is we are passing this notion on to our children. It's very sad," she said. "We can't end this war in Iraq or Israel with violence, because they're going to come right back at us with more violence."

As the Levins continue their cross-country trip of "truth-telling," their immediate goals are twofold. First, they want to see America quit supplying aid to Israel until that nation's leaders quit trying to solve the Palestinian problem unilaterally, a tactic they believe the Israelis learned from President George W. Bush in the way he attacked Iraq with little international support. Second, they want America to turn over control to the Iraqi people as soon as possible.

The couple's ultimate goal, however, is one we should all take to heart, and that is world peace. What a concept.

Kurt Kuban is a staff writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and can be reached at (248) 901-2536. He welcomes your comments.

Hills hosts first meeting on Water Legacy Act

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

State Democrats held the first of eight town hall meetings Tuesday in hopes of shoring up enough public support to force Republicans in the state Legislature to approve the Water Legacy Act, which would regulate large-scale Great Lakes water diversions.

The meeting drew about 100 interested residents to the Farmington Hills city council chambers, where they heard details of the proposed legislation from state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi (D-Farmington Hills), Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Steve Chester and Jeff Irwin, director of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, the group that is co-sponsoring the meetings with the Democrats.

Championed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the Water Legacy Act would force any company or entity that withdraws more than 2 million gallons of water per day or 100 million gallons per year to obtain permits from the DEQ. As part of the permit, the companies would also have to submit a water management and conservation plan.

Although a large majority of those in attendance Tuesday

expressed support for the proposed legislation, a few questioned the urgency of the issue. West Bloomfield resident Ken Gold, a lawyer who represents business interests, said we shouldn't pass any laws that would restrict the business climate in the state.

"There should be no rush to pass something because of fear," Gold said. "The process we embark on should not kill our ability to do business."

In 1995, the governors of the eight Great Lakes states, as well as the premiers of Ontario and Quebec, signed the Great Lakes Charter, a document that laid out certain protections for the lakes. Each of the entities at the table promised to pass laws that would govern the withdrawal of Great Lakes waters. Michigan, which is the only state completely in the Great Lakes basin, is the only participant that has not passed such a law.

Last month, state Democrats signed a pledge of support for the proposed legislation.

Republicans, however, have refused to support the act, saying they need to conduct more studies on the issue.

Irwin said this is a classic case of partisan politics getting in the way of much-needed legislation. He said the National Wildlife Federation recently conducted a poll, which suggested 80 percent of Michigan residents support such a law.

"This is a common-sense, no-brainer issue," Irwin said. "The problem is once you get to the state Legislature, sides begin to be drawn and it becomes a partisan issue."

Chester said the Water Legacy Act is the DEQ's highest legislative priority, because it would regulate Michigan's greatest natural asset. He said the state should live up to the commitments it has made to the other states in the basin.

"Michigan doesn't have a lot of credibility among the other states right now," he said. "We're at a point we should move forward with this."

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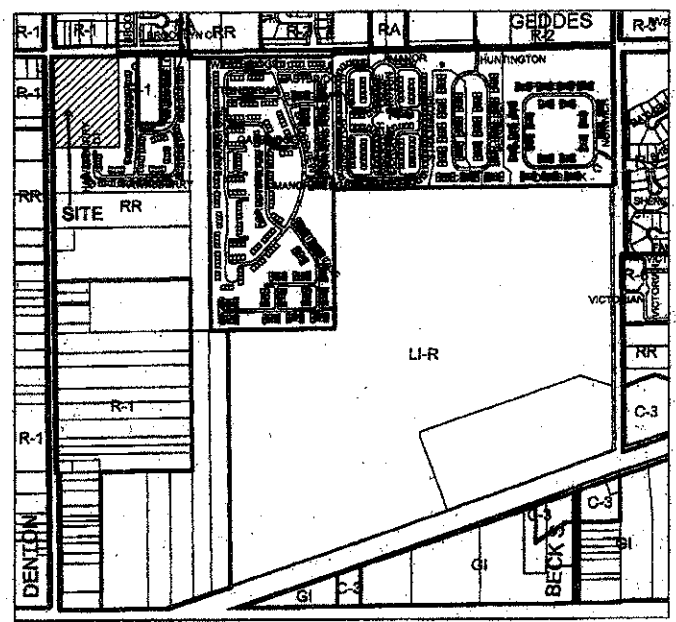
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 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 RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located at the southeast corner of Geddes and Denton Roads.



SECTION 32

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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Biker 'toy run' aids underprivileged kids

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Do you own and ride a motorcycle?

Think Christmas in August and bring an unwrapped toy to the annual bikers' Toy Run.

The Motor City H.O.G. (Harley Owner's Group) Chapter, a nonprofit organization, is having its 10th annual Toy Run Sunday, Aug. 29, at the traditional jumping off point, the parking lot on the west side of Westland City Hall.

All the toys and money raised goes to underprivileged kids at Christmas.

"This has been our signature event over the past 10 years," chapter secretary Lynn Barr said. "We do these runs to assist local and national charities. In this case it's toys for the kids."

Barr said the chapter is involved in six to eight similar charity events every year.

Brad Bockstanz, Motor City's chief officer the past five years, said they plan to keep going with the charity event every year even in the tight economy.

"We want to make sure all the kids have a Christmas. We

look at those who are most needy every year," Bockstanz said.

The route for the toy run goes through Plymouth to Northville, back along Hines Drive through Livonia and Redford and ends up at the Dearborn Heights Knights of Columbus for a picnic.

The parade of motorcycles usually numbers 400 or so bikes plus riders and will be under the supervision of a police escort, led by Sgt. Dan Karkick of Westland Police Department's traffic division. Wayne County motorcycle mounted sheriff's deputies usually assist.

The escorted run will leave from the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road at noon sharp.

Normally the run is held in mid-September, but the chapter had to reschedule due to conflicts.

The public is invited to watch the parade along the route; and for a donation of \$5 and a new unwrapped toy, or \$10, they are invited to join in the fun. The participants of the parade must ride a motorcycle, but it doesn't have to be a

Harley-Davidson. Everyone will drop off their donations of unwrapped new toys and/or money at registration at Westland City Hall.

After the run, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, pop and music; and a small auction will take place. Raffle tickets for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle may be purchased until 3 p.m., and you need not be present to win. The raffle winner will take home a 2005 Harley Sportster 1200 Custom.

Motor City H.O.G. is sponsored by Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills. The chapter's regular meeting place is Joy Manor in Westland.

The planned route is west on Ford, north on Newburg, west on Ann Arbor Road, north on Main Street (then Mill to Hines), north on Hines Drive, east on 7 Mile and south on Hines to Redford.

The parade will take the Inkster Road exit and go south on Inkster Road then east on Warren to Garling Drive, where it will go south to the Hunt/Knights of Columbus at 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights.

Jarrett car heads lineup for cancer fund-raiser

Quality Care Service Center in Canton is holding fund-raiser Saturday, Aug. 21, to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

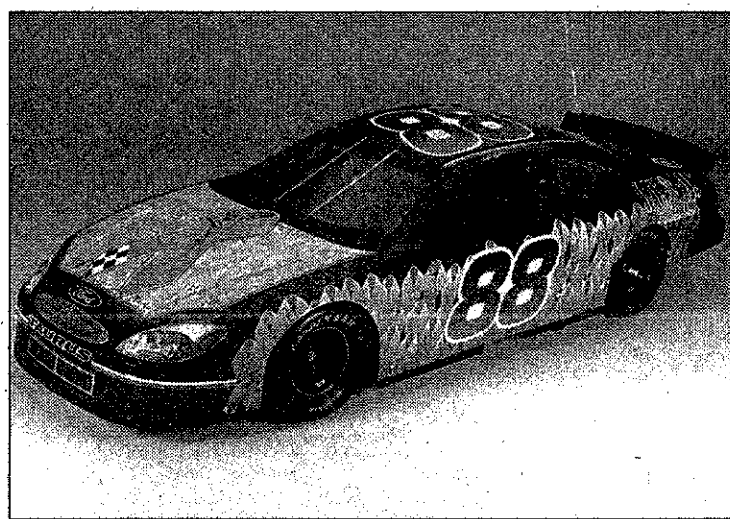
Centerpiece of the event will be the Dale Jarrett No. 88 car, which finished second-place at the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis earlier this month.

That second-place finish netted a \$7,500 donation from Ford Credit to the Komen foundation.

The car has now been retired and is making the rounds for fund-raisers. It will be on display at Quality Care Service Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The center is located at 6181 Canton Center Road.

Joseph Lane, manager of the center, said representatives from the foundation will be on hand with educational



Dale Jarrett's car No. 88 will be on display at Canton's Quality Care Service Center Saturday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

literature.

"We are having a car was with volunteers from Hines Park Lincoln Mercury," Lane said, "with all proceeds going

to the cause."

Also \$2 from every oil change on Saturday will be donated as well as \$5 for every tire sold.

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previous year," said Phil Freeman, principal at Pioneer. "However, the reality of the situation is we had a much lower special education group than we had the year before, and we didn't hit the minimum threshold (30) for them to be considered a sub-group."

Last year, Canton and Salem high schools failed to reach AYP because not enough students took the MEAP. The guidelines indicate 95 percent of students must participate in the MEAP exams. Salem had 94.2 percent, while Canton was at 91.2 percent. Final AYP figures for the high schools in

2003-04 have yet to be released.

Plymouth High School scores are incomplete because the school doesn't have all four grade levels yet.

While the district was penalized for not having enough high school students taking the MEAP, Plymouth-Canton is generally top in the state for students receiving the \$2,500 Merit Award Scholarships for high marks on the test.

This past school year, the high school park had 632 Merit Scholarship winners, over half the graduation class.

In 2003, the district had 604 scholarship winners, with 557 recorded in 2002.

Ultimately, the No Child Left Behind Act says 100 percent of students have to score in the

highest category on the MEAP tests, and if they don't, that individual school will be listed as underachieving. Many educators believe that makes the ultimate goal not only unfair, but unachievable.

"I'll always have the concerns for the funding of the system and the amount of testing required that takes away from class time," said Ryan. "We already do MEAP at the state level, the Iowa tests on the national level, and the kids take ACT and Advanced Placement tests."

"If the goal was to find out that public education doesn't work, you won't find that in Plymouth-Canton," he said.

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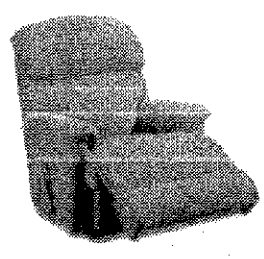
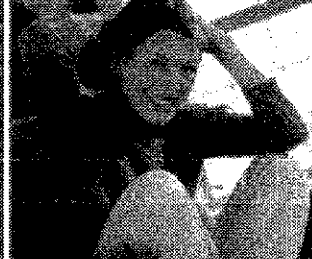
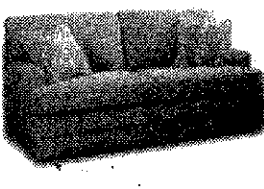
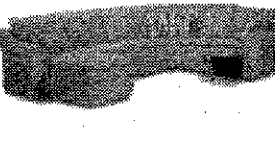
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OUR VIEWS

Quilt helps us remember, heal

The enormity of the 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt that honors and memorializes each of the more than 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks truly illustrates the total devastation inflicted on families.

It was so appropriate that the quilt recently visited Canton, home of Meredith Whalen, just 23 years old when she worked on the 93rd floor of the World Trade Center. She and her colleagues were directly in the path of the first plane that struck the twin towers.

Like the rest of the world, her mom, Pat Whalen of Canton, watched the devastation on television. "I knew it was my daughter's tower. I recalled hearing a voice and then a quiet calm came over me," Pat told the 100 guests who gathered for the quilt's opening ceremony in Canton.

Pat Whalen, who was the first to ask about bringing the quilt to Canton, as well as Debbie Zevalkink, assistant to Supervisor Tom Yack, who helped make it a reality, are to be lauded for their efforts.

No one can take away Pat Whalen's pain or grief. But a community can help. At the very least, the arrival of the quilt helped Canton remember Meredith and the other victims of the terrorist attacks. It is hoped the quilt and the love and care that went into the personal creation of each of the panels is a step toward healing, not only for Meredith's mom and sister, but for the community and the nation.

The quilt says what words cannot express to the mothers, such as Pat Whalen, fathers, sons, daughters, wives and husbands, as well as friends, who lost someone on Sept. 11, 2001. Pat Whalen reminds each of us that we cannot forget what happened and that each of us must work to ensure it never happens again to another family.

Though it is certain no one can imagine the pain and anguish Pat Whalen feels, it is equally certain that she is an amazing woman, who through her dignity and openness, is indeed helping this community heal, grow stronger and more unified.

Corey Gammel, one of the idea men behind the quilt, and creators of United in Memory, the quilt's nonprofit organization, is to be thanked for obliging the request for a visit from Whalen and Zevalkink. It is a request that touched the hearts of all who were at the opening ceremony as well as those who visited the quilt while it was displayed in Canton.

Sept. 11, 2001, changed everyone's lives, but not quite as it changed the lives of the families of each victim honored on the quilt. The visit has helped us all remember one of Canton's own, and to share her family's grief – and healing.

We salute our local Olympic athletes

Need a little inspiration, a little motivation, for pursuing your own dreams?

You don't have to look much further than some of the local folks who are taking part in the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

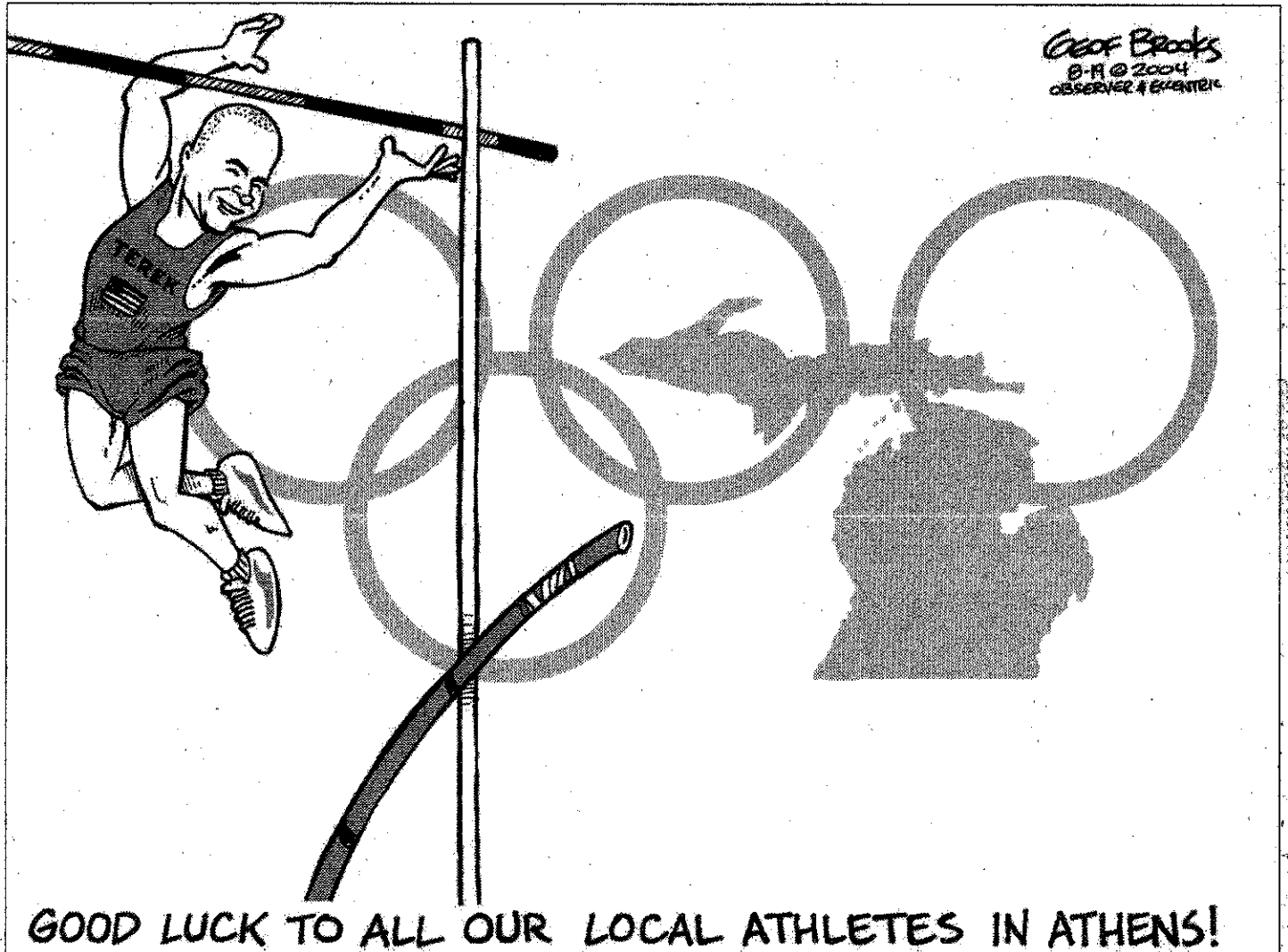
There's Steve Warner, not a household-name athlete, but an Olympian nonetheless. The Livonian was a track and cross country standout at Stevenson High before heading to the University of Michigan, where he took up rowing, which is a club sport.

He was ecstatic with being selected for the Olympics, even in a less-than-glamorous sport. "It's something you have to enjoy doing. There's really no fame or glory, just hard work," he said. "You're there because you want to be there, not because you're on a scholarship." Win or lose in Athens, the U-M honors grad will move on to start medical school in September.

On the more high-profile side is Peter Vanderkaay, a Rochester Adams grad who was a state champion freestyle swimmer as a senior. Now a swimmer at the University of Michigan, Vanderkaay is part of the four-man 200-meter relay team featuring swimming phenom Michael Phelps.

When it comes to individual Olympians, decathlete Paul Terek and triathlete Sheila Taormina, both of Livonia, bring stories of dedication and endurance in the most grueling sports around. Taormina is a repeat Olympian, having taken a gold medal as part of a freestyle relay swimming team in 1996 and competing in the triathlon in Sydney, Australia, four years ago. Terek, on the other hand, was a football standout at Franklin and an All-American at Michigan State, who figured the Olympics would be "fun and pretty cool."

We salute the efforts of our local athletes and all who give their best in fair competition during the Olympic Games.



LETTERS

Football thanks

The Salem High School football team and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club would like to thank everyone in the community who supported our recent bottle/can drive and car wash fund-raisers.

A special thanks to Mr. Chan and his staff at the Sheldon-Warren Mobil station for hosting our very successful car wash. Go Rocks!

Linda Sorensen, chairperson
fund-raising/community activities
Salem Linebackers Football Booster Club

Involvement applauded

I'm writing this in response to the recent editorial captioned "Who's the candidate?" My daughter happened to be one of the girls campaigning on one of the days leading up to the Aug. 3 primary. Although not her idea, she was asked to participate and to my surprise agreed.

The goal of this activity was to get the girls involved in the election and to remind people to vote. These girls, for the most part, were middle school students who knew the candidate and wanted to show their support. It was the girls' idea and they had adult supervision. These girls have also gone door to door and collected signatures for this candidate again with adult supervision.

It saddened me to read the editorial. In this day and age we should support involvement and where better to start than a local election where the girls actually know the candidate. As we know now, the turnout for the election was very low. It's a shame registered voters didn't take the time these girls took to show their support.

Although you may have better ideas on how this could have been done, these girls should be applauded for giving up their time and even taking the time to come up with the idea and following through with it.

I say great job, girls. Keep showing your support despite the negatives. People of Canton please take an interest in our local elections. There are a lot of important issues facing us this year. Take the time to vote.

Dawn Aumiller
Canton

Editorial inconsistencies

I would like to point out some inconsistencies in the editorial "Limit spending in November race," that was in the Thursday, Aug. 12, *Observer*.

The editorial staff shortchanged two candidates in the second paragraph and later declared one of those candidates as a loser in the primary. I am referring to Godfrey Aguwa and Bill Rice, both Democrats and who automatically moved on to the November election.

I know Canton is primarily Republican, myself included; however, stating in an editorial "... that township board candidates who will run in the November general election – incumbents Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo, and challengers Todd LaJoy and Todd Caccamo" is irresponsible on the editorial staff. Why weren't Aguwa and Rice

mentioned in this?

Toward the end you talk about the candidates' right to file a waiver stating that they will spend \$1,000 or less. There again you were wrong. Yes, Godfrey filed that waiver, but NO he did not lose. He is on the general election ballot in November.

Normally I consider the press to be too liberal, I guess there is an exception to everything. As we move toward the general election, I would hope that the editorial staff gives a fair representation to all candidates who will be on the ballot.

Scott Redding
Canton

Thanks for column

About Hugh Gallagher's Sunday column on: Communists, socialists, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I have wanted to write this myself, but you did it so much better. Besides the gentleman in question doesn't take criticism of his ideas well and in his caustic manner questions the intelligence of anyone that dares to disagree with him. I just didn't feel like subjecting myself to his verbose ranting.

So thank you, Mr. Gallagher, I believe that you spoke for many of your readers. Maybe the "silent majority" is liberal.

Barbara Malburg
Livonia

Kerry is no moderate

Kerry's biggest lie is that he is a moderate, a centrist, a middle of the roader. He hasn't referred to his ideology in years. Is Kerry a liberal?

Kerry's liberalism has taken him to leftism, socialism, and evidence most anyone can collect on the behaviors of Kerry suggests he has an affinity for the complete socialism: communism.

How should it strike the reader, the listener, when Kerry in his tome, *The New Soldier*, maintains that there was no communism in the East that had meaning for the United States, that we had nothing to fear with its presence.

His tete a tete with Daniel Ortega, leading communist and thug in Nicaragua during the Iran-Contra experience, makes one more than uneasy when he finds that Kerry returned to the United States with a document calling for cessation of war efforts and the capitulation or surrender of the freedom fighters.

Why should Kerry be a courier for Ortega ... Kerry's votes for 19 years in Congress were far left determinations that would hurry the surrender of American business and industry, and the elimination of inalienable rights of the citizenry.

The poor man's John Kerry, Michael Moore, has convinced the unwashed, the uneducated, the poorly read, that America ought to go socialist. Down with private enterprise, private property, private contract, capital accumulation, competition, and the profit motive.

Farfetched this little tale?

Great Britain went socialist 50 years ago when the 10 largest business organizations were taken from private interests and put under government control.

It could happen here. If it does, pray

we find a Margaret Thatcher to help us find the way back to competition, the profit motive, and goods on the shelves in plenty.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

A non-issue

Recent letter writers have urged us to support amendments to our state and federal constitutions to legally ban same-sex marriages. The subject deserves comments on a number of levels.

Amending the federal Constitution is an extreme step. In 1920, the 18th Amendment banning the sale and consumption of alcohol went into effect. That amendment put this country into chaos for 13 years. History tells us not to tamper with a sacred document like our Constitution unless absolutely necessary. Banning same-sex marriage falls into the same category as the Prohibition Amendment: unnecessary, ill-advised and downright silly.

President Bush and the GOP are trying to use this non-issue to divert attention from the Iraq quagmire the Republicans have plunged this country into, and the daily deaths of our soldiers there without an end in sight. They are hoping that American voters are that easily diverted and bamboozled.

Some are saying that the institution of marriage and its sanctity must be protected. The state of marriage in this country today is probably at its worst level ever. Divorce is rampant. Single-parent households are on the rise. Child and spouse abuse is widespread. The institution is diseased.

As to religions, some churches bless same-sex partnerships and others oppose them. It is illegal for our Constitution to endorse one religion over another. It should be illegal for our Constitution to hold amendments that discriminate against certain groups of people.

Same-sex marriages will have absolutely no impact on any of us or on our daily lives. It is a non-issue. Some large corporations already grant benefits to same-sex couples. It is only a matter of time before same-sex marriages gain legal status. Gays will not just disappear one day. I suspect the motives of anyone making this non-issue into an issue.

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

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"Educating young people has the capacity to change the future. I can't think of anything I'd rather sell."

– P-C Schools Development Director Thomas Sklut on the importance of his new job

Cleaning out the notebook as summer begins to fade

Notes and comments on some recent news events (kept mercifully brief in this season of high summer):

■ Former U.S. Rep. William D. Ford died last Saturday. He represented western Wayne County and Downriver communities during his 30 years in Congress, where he chaired the powerful House Education and Labor Committee, and before that the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. I first knew him when I worked for another Michigan congressman; Ford's reputation in Congress was that of somebody you did not want to cross.

■ Short-statured, intense and pugnacious, Bill Ford was a classic Democratic politician who did a great job representing his working class constituency. "The AFL-CIO sent me to Congress; the AFL-CIO keeps me in Congress; and the AFL-CIO will tell me when to leave Congress," he once told an AFL-CIO gathering, which explains why his opponents tried to pigeon-hole him as a "labor stooge." Ford never forgot that his immigrant father died at age 42 in a factory fire (which the company tried to deny) and he made workplace safety one of his top priorities.

■ Ford was a leader in a generation of liberal Democratic politicians who made no bones about their belief that government had an important role to play in improving the lives of workers and poor people, and who were quite prepared to play political hardball to achieve their objectives. Ford soldiered on, partisanship and ideology unchanged, during a period when knee-jerk liberalism became increasingly unpopular. So perhaps his decision to retire from the House after 1994 (when the Republicans under Newt Gingrich took control) came at the right time.

■ The Woodward Dream Cruise rumbles to life again this week, enchanting more than a million spectators lined up along 16 miles of Route One from Eight Mile to Pontiac. They are bound to have more fun than last year, when the Great Blackout of '03 put a damper on things. During the decade it's been in existence, the Cruise has lifted spirits, exalted our hometown industry and made retro automotive design a fashion statement. That's a great record, and one that still stirs the heart of yours truly who, at age 17, wanted nothing more than to go cruisin' down Woodward Avenue.

Given the decades-long slide in market share of our domestic auto manufacturers, however, I can't help but be reminded of the famous comment of the early 19th century German historian and philosopher, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel: "The owl of Minerva takes flight only at dusk." If we remember that Minerva was the Greek goddess of History whose symbol was the owl, Hegel was commenting on the tendency of civilizations to become preoccupied with their history exactly at the time they enter their decline. It's a useful perspective to bear in mind while you're thrilling to the rumble of mighty exhausts.

■ Michigan voters turned in their usual fairly sane performance in the August primary elections. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and the forces of moderation (something that will seem amazing to anyone who remembers Brooks' political debut amid the busing controversies of the early 1970s) defeated the hard right-wingers led by County Commissioner Tom McMillin of Auburn Hills.

Best news of all was from the Seventh Congressional District, a sprawling piece of real estate running from the suburbs west of Lansing through Battle Creek and Jackson and into western Washtenaw County. Former state Sen. John (Joe) Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, easily won a GOP primary that featured no less than five other candidates who were vying for the title of "most conservative." A "moderate" Republican (whatever that means these days) Schwarz told me he was delighted that voters realized that there are other issues at hand than guns, gays and abortion. When I asked which ones, Schwarz answered, "jobs and the economy, national security, the war in Iraq, health care, the environment and our national infrastructure."

Schwarz's victory came in part because he was the only moderate candidate in a crowded election where the prevailing wisdom was that candidates had to pander to the right wing to get anywhere. But it also came because he is tough, smart, experienced and sensible enough to realize what's important and what's emotional fluff. He'll likely be elected in November, after which the big question is whether he can present himself as enough of a "regular Republican" (whatever that means) to survive a potential challenge two years from now.

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



Phil Power

Necessary corrections could fix Michigan's broken finance system

There have been numerous changes over the years that affect the way local government is financed. The two most recognized changes are the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A, both the result of proposals voted in by the electorate of the state of Michigan. I would like to acknowledge that the Headlee Amendment is a sound concept, and I do not advocate changing it.

I further wish to concede that Proposal A is a sound concept, and I do not advocate changing Proposal A. So what are Headlee and Proposal A, and what's the problem?

The Headlee Amendment, ratified in 1978, intended to limit the growth of property tax revenue by controlling how a local government's maximum authorized millage rate is calculated. The Headlee Amendment requires that when growth on existing property communitywide is greater than inflation, the local government must "roll back" its maximum

authorized millage rate so that the increase in property tax revenue caused by growth on existing property does not exceed inflation. This is commonly referred to as a "Headlee rollback."

In March 1994, Proposal A also created a new methodology to determine property values for tax purposes with the introduction of taxable value.

Taxable value on each individual property cannot increase by more than the lesser of inflation or five percent annually until a property is sold or "transferred," regardless of how quickly existing property values may be growing.

This difference between state equalized value and taxable value when a property is sold or transferred and before taxable value is reset to state equalized value, is commonly referred to as the "uncapped value."

It all sounds pretty good so far. The problem is that when Proposal A passed and the Legislature attempted to combine both proposals statutorily, there was an unintended compounding effect that was never part of what the voters approved.

The Legislature, in its implementation of Proposal A, did two things. First, it used uncapped growth created by Proposal A to calculate your Headlee millage rate. Then it removed the ability of Headlee to move mill-

age rates in both directions.

This is a very real issue in many communities, and the consequences are crippling municipal finances. Problem 1: Most people believe that a municipality benefits whenever a property is sold and uncapped, but that does not happen. Instead, when an individual property is uncapped, the homeowner pays taxes based on the reset taxable value as was intended, but the unintended consequence is that the community must use this growth in calculating a Headlee rollback of the local millage rate.

What that all means is that even though an individual purchaser is paying more, the increased revenue isn't realized by the community. It is nullified by virtue of an infinitesimally small reduction in millage rate across the rest of the community. Problem 2: Headlee intended to fairly adjust millage rates in both directions to prevent runaway tax revenue growth during boom times, but it also recognized that there may be times that growth of property values would not keep pace with inflation, and that the pendulum needed to swing both ways.

So Headlee allowed for a rollup as well as the rollback. After the Legislature implemented Proposal A, millage rates can now go down when growth in value outpaces inflation, but cannot go up when inflation outpaces growth.

The solution? Keep the Headlee Amendment as it was intended — a fair and balanced approach to adjusting and controlling taxes. Keep Proposal A, which was a fair way to ensure that inflation and growth did not penalize someone that has been in their home for many years, and sought to provide balance and control in the wake of rapidly rising property values.

The Legislature needs to acknowledge that in implementing both proposals, mistakes were made that had unintended consequences that, left unchecked, will ultimately destroy the ability of local government to fund itself.

This can only lead to a deterioration of services and degradation of communities. The needed correction will have almost no effect to any individual taxpayer, but cumulatively will be a big first step toward correcting a broken municipal finance system, and ensuring viable local government services.

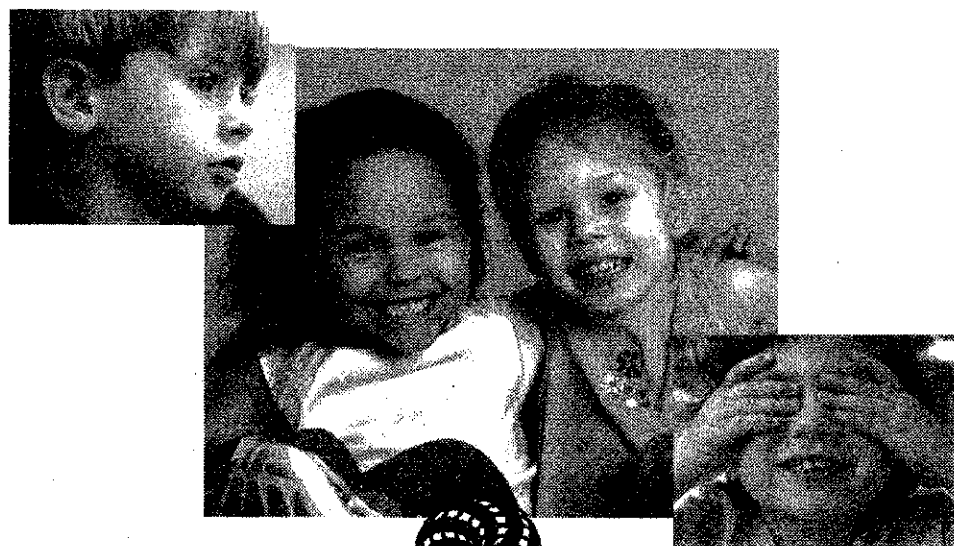
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BIG BOY

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the brush to the Matars' children, Robert, Gina and Rog  , who finished the job.

Matar's wife and business partner, Rana, declined to take part in the paint job.

"I told him, 'You got the ticket, you get to do the cleanup,'" she said.

In the greater scheme of things, it wasn't much of a ceremony, but it was symbolic.

The case goes back to January 2003 when Matar was ticketed by the township for the statue, which officials said violated Canton's sign ordinance.

"In that incident," Lawrence said, "they said the 6-foot-9-inch statue was too tall."

That ticket was dismissed after Matar met with Township Supervisor Tom Yack and told him that a similar case arose in Novi, Big Boy took it to court and won.

In July 2003 Yack sent Matar a letter in which he said he was advised by the township's attorney that "it was not in Canton's best interest to litigate the matter at this time."

"As a result," Yack wrote, "Canton does not object to the placement of the Big Boy near your restaurant."

But the Zoning Board of Appeals called Yack on the carpet, saying he had no authority to make such a decision and another ticket was issued, this time that the statue violated the ordinance because it was considered a sign and the restaurant already had another ground sign closer to Ford Road. The ordinance allows only one such sign.

As the case wound its way through the court, the Matars maintained that the statue was not a sign but rather an



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Big Boy figure was transformed from a "road sign" to a simple statue Tuesday when its lettering was painted over as part of a settlement agreement with Canton Township.

American icon. That led to debate over "Is it art or is it a sign?" The media pickup up the story and newspapers across the country ran it.

A petition drive to "save the Big Boy" was started and Rana Matar said the petition had collected 11,000 signatures. The story became the subject of classroom discussions and provided fodder for columnists.

Finally, last month, the attorneys for both sides reached a consent agreement that was subsequently ordered

by the court: The statue could stay, but the words "Big Boy" on his bib had to be painted over.

"We offered to do this in May," Lawrence said Tuesday, while helping paint over the words. "But the township refused."

Taking the words off the statue shouldn't present identity problems for anyone though.

"Everything else around here has 'Big Boy' on it," Lawrence said.

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Ashka Salon in Canton offers a mobile and versatile interior for hair shows, parties and other events.

Salon recognized for its interior design

Ashka Salon of Canton has been named a Salon of Distinction in the nationally acclaimed "Salons of the Year" interior design contest sponsored by *Salon Today*, a the salon industry's leading business owner publication.

Owned the Steve and Lisa Curry, Ashka distinguished itself among 126 entries and was featured in the June 2004 issue of *Salon Today*. Ashka was recognized in the \$250,000-\$499,000 revenue category.

"Mobility was the inspiration for our salon design. We desired a flexible construction to allow us to adapt to changes in our organization, area and industry," Steve Curry said.

"We conceptualized a floor plan that would allow us to clear part of the main floor for parties, hair shows, education events and so forth. Moreover, with relatively little furniture permanently fastened, we can swiftly redesign as needed to better focus attention on higher revenue generating products and service," he continued.

Added Lisa Curry: "We are honored to be chosen as a winning salon in this event. We



Furniture is movable at Ashka Salon in Canton. The salon was recognized by *Salon Today* magazine for its interior design.

have set our sights on many awards and honors. This is a great way to start our journey."

Competing salons were either newly constructed or remodeled salons that opened Jan. 1, 2003- Dec.31, 2003.

Salons were divided according to four revenue categories.

Salons were judged in six design categories: use of color, lighting, flooring, efficient use of space, consistency of design and overall aesthetics.

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Chiefs' hard work pays off

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Of all the notable qualities this year's Canton girls basketball team possesses – and there are several – the most valuable in coach Bob Blohm's estimation is the Chiefs' willingness to expend every last ounce of energy every time they hit the court.

"This team is a 100-percent team," Blohm said. "They give everything they have in every practice and every game. It's a hard-working group of kids that is fun to coach."

The Chiefs will have to work hard to match or better last year's achievements, which included a 19-4 record,

first-place finish in the Western Lakes

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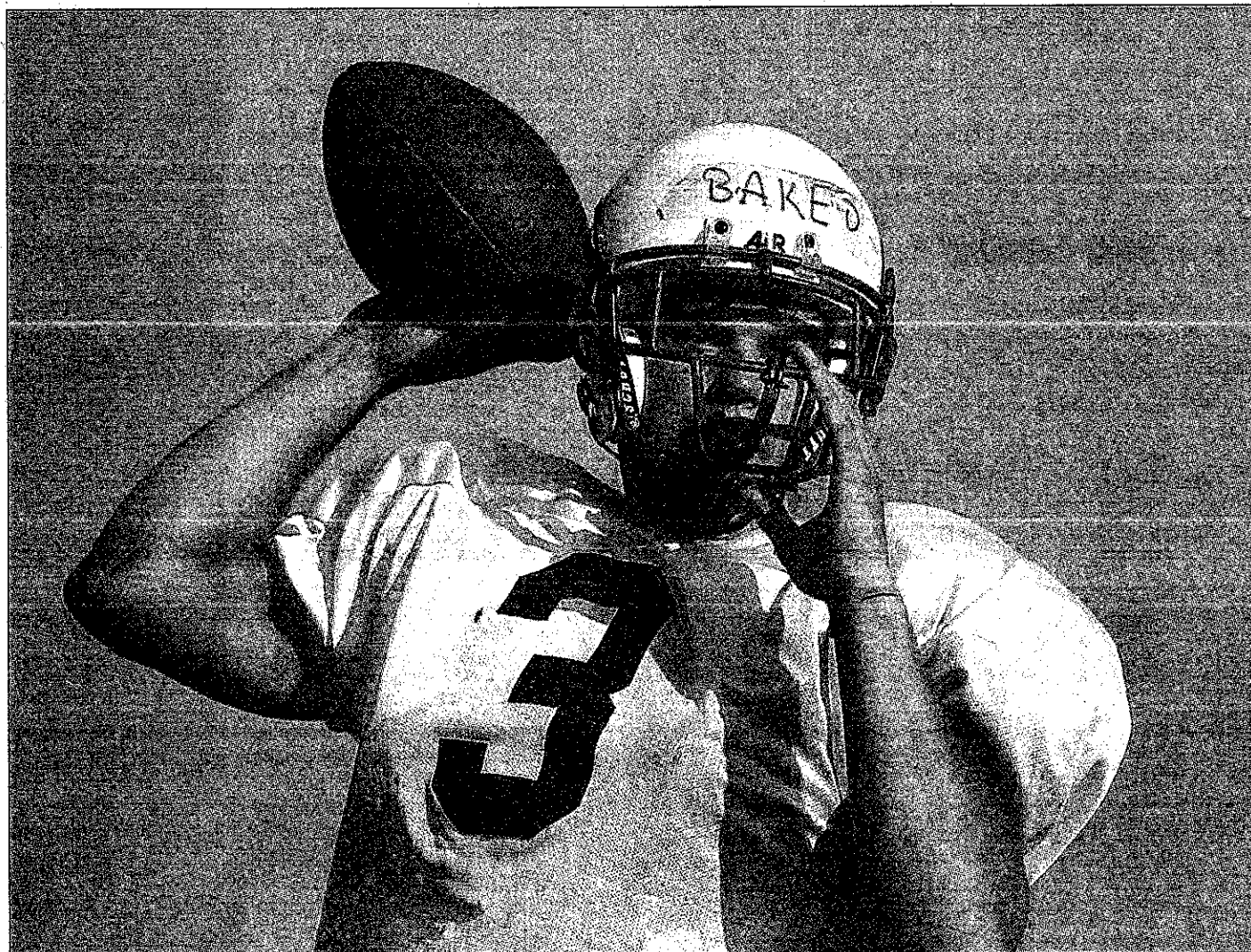
Activities Association's Western Division and a Class A District championship.

"We're going back to the old format of playing every team in the conference once, which I like," Blohm said. "This way, there will be a regular-season champion, two division champions and a post-season playoff champion."

Senior post player Katie Cezat will once again be Canton's top weapon. The three-year letter winner averaged 19.5 points and 14.5 rebounds last year.

"Katie is 5-11, but she plays much bigger than that," Blohm said. "She has really long arms, so she blocks a lot of shots. Her overall game has really evolved the past three years. She's been playing away from the basket more and has developed a nice jump shot, plus she can take the ball

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior quarterback Jeff Lake will try to pick up where record-setting Rock signal-caller Chris Drabicki left off last year.

End of Rocks' slide?

Salem hopes ground game can lead it back to glory days

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Expect the Salem offense to be more grounded this season compared to last – but not necessarily less potent.

That's the prognosis offered by fourth-year head coach Bob Cummings, who unleashed the strong right arm of quarterback Chris Drabicki on opponents in 2003 to the tune of an un-Salem-like 25 passes-per-game average.

"My former coach, Tom Moshimer, said that we passed more times in one game last season than some of his teams did in an entire season," Cummings said. Led by Drabicki, Salem lit up the

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

scoreboard in 2003, but not the win column, finishing 1-8. The Rocks were often disappointed by a charitable defense that gave up big plays more often than Drabicki could manufacture them.

With Drabicki graduated and preparing for life in the armed forces, the Rocks will turn once again to the wish-bone ground game that helped Moshimer gain Hall-of-Fame status during his illustrious coaching career.

Piloting the ship will be senior quarterback Jeff Lake (6-foot-3, 200

pounds), who served as a running back and defensive back last year.

"Jeff played quarterback as a freshman and sophomore, so he definitely knows the position," Cummings said. "He's a real strong, hard runner and he's improved a lot with his passing. Jeff's a great leader, too. He's one of those kids who wins every sprint in practice and finishes first in all the conditioning drills."

Lake will be joined in the Rocks' starting backfield by senior fullback Cam Schambre (5-11, 230), who will replace last year's graduated starter Mike Kerul,

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B3

Defending champs bounce Rams, 12-0

The Michigan Rams couldn't sustain their early tournament momentum Saturday as defending All-American Amateur Baseball Association champ Baltimore cruised to a 12-0 victory in seven innings at Point Stadium in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams, the runner-up in the 20-and-under Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, finished the summer with a 25-13-1 record and wound up fourth in the AAABA tourney.

Steve Clevenger went 4-for-4 to lead Baltimore, while Tyler Young and Adam Heffron each went 3-for-4 to pace a 15-hit attack.

Baltimore jumped on Rams starter Ben Darga for three runs on five hits in the first inning. Relievers Matt Dillard and Kyle Fedorka (Madonna University)

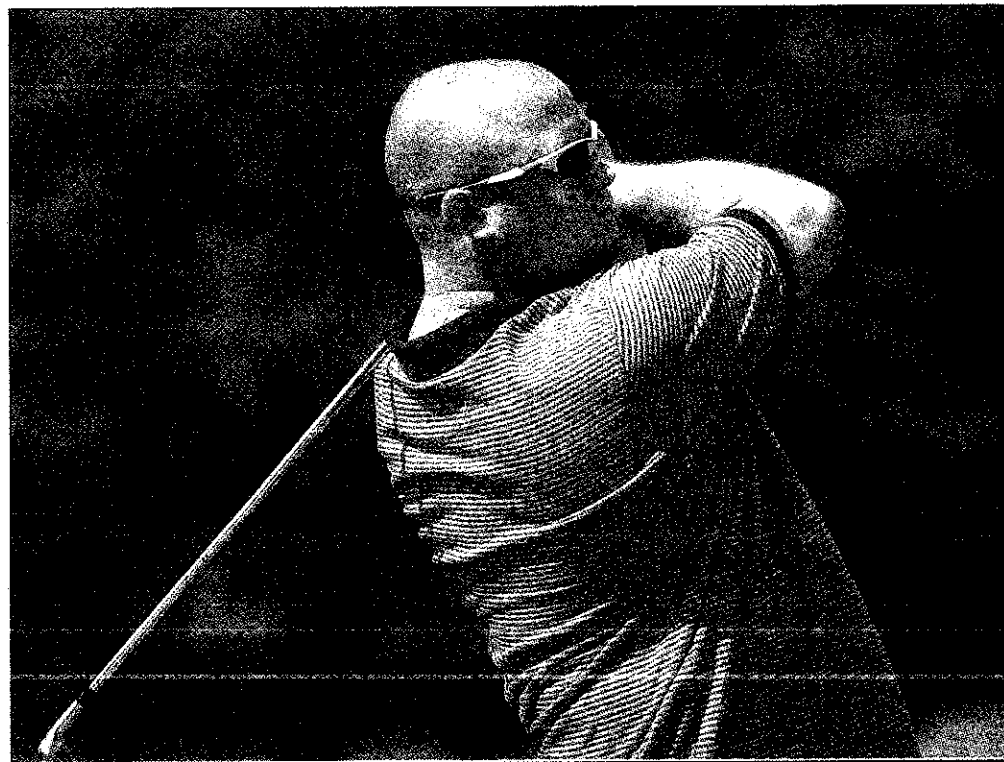
fared no better as Baltimore added one in the second and eight more in the third to complete all the scoring. Rams reliever Paul Phillips worked the final three innings.

The Rams collected just five hits, including a double by Jon Wiesman and singles by Brian Campbell (Livonia Stevenson/Central Michigan), Nick Thurman, Ryan Heath and Dan Dobberowsky.

The Rams were the only team to defeat champion Baltimore during the 20-and-under wood bat tournament, 6-3 on Aug. 11.

On Sunday, Baltimore beat host Johnston, 8-4, in 12 innings, and then New Orleans, 2-1, to repeat as AAABA champion.

On Saturday, New Orleans handed Johnston its first tourney loss, 6-3.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chaz Kornegay tees off on the 13th hole Sunday at the annual Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament. The Plymouth resident finished fifth with a two-round total of 150.

Kraus overcomes poor start to win O&E event

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Gary Kraus's golf game was unraveling faster than a cheap driving-range ball that had lost its cover Sunday morning at Whispering Willows Golf Course during the second and final round of the annual Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament.

Instead of throwing in the towel, Kraus, 25, made a few mental adjustments, regrouped and went on to win the event by posting a two-round total of three-over-par 145.

Farmington resident Matt Lee finished second, two shots behind Kraus.

"I was absolutely horrible early on (Sunday)," said Kraus, who carries a 1 handi-

cap. "After I went four-over (par) on the first five holes, I decided I needed to bear down more if I was going to get back into it."

Kraus did just that, paring the final four holes on the front nine before firing a two-under 33 on the back to hold off a hard-charging Lee.

"I made a good par-saving putt on the 10th hole and that really seemed to get me going," Kraus said. "My biggest shot of the day was probably a 35-foot birdie putt on 14."

A graduate of Livonia Churchill and Michigan State University, Kraus was making his first appearance in the O&E tournament since finishing second in 2000.

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Canton, Salem golfers struggle at Fall Classic

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

East Lansing's Forest Akers East and West golf courses proved to be tough early-season challenges for the Canton and Salem boys golf teams Monday when they competed in the East Lansing Fall Classic.

Both squads finished in the bottom third of the 32-team standings for the one-day, 36-hole event that attracted many of the top high school teams in Michigan.

"I was disappointed that some of our more experienced players didn't play better," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "But I was pleased with the play of Dominic Gallo, who broke 80 for both rounds, and Brandon Eggesfield, who was playing at the

varsity level for the first time."

Canton finished with a five-player team total of 663, 11 shots better than the Rocks (674).

Gallo, a senior, led the Chiefs with rounds of 77-75 (152). He was followed by Eggesfield (85-81-166), Matt Haar (88-84-172), Garrett Hyman (88-85-173) and Bryan Wioncek (91-86-177).

Mike Cassidy paced the Rocks, firing rounds of 79 and 84 (163). Other Salem golfers who contributed were Joel Cheesman (84-84-168), Mike Houston (92-81-173), Chris Treadwell (86-88-174) and Tyler Jeleniewski (88-92-180).

"Forest Akers is one of the courses they use on a rotating basis for the state finals, so it's definitely a tough course," Alles said.

Sidelines

Adult hockey

Several fall adult hockey leagues will be forming soon in Plymouth and Canton. Games will be played at the Plymouth Arena and Arctic Pond in Plymouth, and the Arctic Edge in Canton.

The league schedule will run from Sept. 19 through April 3 and games will be played Sunday evenings.

Three over-21 divisions for men and women will be offered as well as two over-50 leagues. There will also be a senior over-50 drop-in session offered Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Arctic Pond beginning Aug. 31.

For more information and registration forms, visit www.rspl.net; call John Wilson at (734) 927-1267; e-mail john@rspl.net; or call the Arctic Pond Arena at (734) 207-7663.

Cardinals tryouts

The Canton Cardinals U12 travel baseball team will be holding an open tryout 1-4 p.m. Aug. 29 at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Road between Sheldon and Beck.

The Cardinals will compete in the Kensington Valley League.

For more information, contact Doug Heuer at (734) 459-8166 after 6 p.m.

MCBC tryouts

The Motor City Baseball Club will hold tryouts for its 2005 U-12 baseball at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 at Motor City field, which is located on Michigan Avenue, one-third mile west of Beck Road.

The MCBC is an independent squad that plays in western Wayne county.

For more information please e-mail Gerry at mayer22@aol.com; or call (734) 281-1385.

Racing results

The C-Main Street Stocks feature was an all-area affair Saturday night at Flat Rock Speedway. Livonia's James Pankow won the event, with brother-in-law Nick Bradley (Redford) coming in second and sister Stephanie Pankow coming in third. Livonia's Chuck Pankow, father of the clan, won the second heat of the Figure 8s and finished 14th in the 25-lap feature race.

Canton's Justin Schroeder came in 14th in the 25-lap Street Stock feature. Steve Cronenwett (Westland) was second in his heat of the Late Models and 16th in the 35-lap main feature. Garden City's Ken Ahlgren was fifth in the feature, with Canton's Eric Britt coming in 18th.

Friday night at Toledo Speedway, Redford's Rich Frantz won his heat in the Sportsman class as well as the last chance race before finishing ninth in the 25-lap feature.

Canton's Harold Fair Jr. was fifth in the 35-lap Late Model feature.

O&E GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Aug. 14-15 at Fox Creek and
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MEN'S RESULTS

Championship flight: 1. Gary Kraus, 73-72-145; 2. Matt Lee, 73-74-147; 3. (tie) Mark Peterson, 73-75-148; Kevin Wallon, 73-75-148; 5. Jim Omietanski, 73-76-149; 6. Chaz Kornegay, 78-72-150; 7. Mike Dolmetsch, 74-78-152; 8. (tie) Alex McLuckie, 78-75-153; Russell Walk, 79-74-153; 10. (tie) Tommy Lucko, 84-71-155; Chris Kiehl, 75-80-155; 12. Kirk Osler, 79-78-157; 13. Paul Rys, 79-79-158; 14. (tie) Leon Kashawlic, 82-78-160; Michael LaCroix, 76-84-160; 16. Bill Doroghazi, 82-79-

161; 17. (tie) Dennis Kitchen, 83-79-162; Rick Wheeler, 82-80-162; Aaron Cheesman, 85-77-162; 20. (tie) Bruce West, 81-82-163; Marino Apollinari, 79-84-163; 22. John Corrigan, 84-80-164; 23. (tie) David Lave, 83-82-165; Tom Higgins, 77-88-165; 25. Steven Robinson, 83-83-166; 26. (tie) Jim Adams, 82-85-167; Terrance Welsh, 84-83-167; 28. Mark Allen, 80-89-169; 29. Matt Talbot, 92-78-170; 30. Dan Higham, 82-91-173.

Low net: 1. Mike Dolmetsch, 140; 2. Jim Omietanski, 141; 3. Russell Walk, 145; 4. (tie) Paul Rys, 146; Mike LaCroix, 146.

First flight: 1. Dale Cordes, 83-74-157; 2. Jeff Jackson, 81-81-162; 3. (tie) Brad Ralls, 79-84-163; Steve Anton, 82-81-163; 5. Steve Mato, 87-

78-165; 6. Dan Omietanski, 83-84-167; 7. (tie) Mark Harris, 83-85-168; Doug Harmala, 79-89-168; Nick Moutatis, 84-84-168; 10. Fred Gunderson, 83-86-169; 11. Peter Mianowski, 85-85-170; 12. Brian Hoff, 86-89-175; 13. Ty lies, 92-84-176; 14. (tie) Rick Miller, 86-92-178; Craig Nehasil, 92-86-178; 16. Albert Patrash, 91-92-183; 17. Rick Talbot, 90-98-188; 18. Gerald Sasek, 101-93-194.

Low net: 1. Steve Anton, 137; 2. Steve Mato, 141.

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Championship flight: 1. Janina Jacobs, 76; 2. Molly Gibson, 83; 3. Nancy Rhatigan, 93; 4. Michelle Sroka, 95; 5. Alethea Van Corp, 97; 6. Kate O'Conner, 98; 7. Peggy Stevens, 99.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BRAVES TRYOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton Braves will be holding open tryouts for their 2005 12-and-under travel baseball team on Aug. 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The tryouts will be held at Pioneer Middle School, on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, between

Sheldon and Beck roads. For more information, call (734) 340-3435 or (734) 416-3317.

PC PRIDE TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Pride girls softball teams will be held at the Canton Softball Center on Aug.

21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Players interested in trying out need to attend just one of the tryout sessions.

The pride will have 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U. For more information, contact Rich Rohn at (734) 981-5989; or Dan Bressler at (734) 927-9757.

TOURNAMENT

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"To be honest, I haven't even played Whispering Willows since the 2000 tournament," said Kraus, deflating any notions of a home-course advantage.

The opening 18 holes of the two-day, 36-hole event were played Saturday at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course. Both Kraus and Lee recorded first-round 73's to set up Sunday's showdown.

Lee, who played in the final group, made the turn in 38, one shot better than Kraus, who played in the foursome ahead of Lee.

The lead changed hands three times between the two golfers over the final nine holes. Kraus secured the top spot for good when he birdied the 487-yard par 5 16th hole.

Lee needed a birdie on the 394-yard par 4 18th to force a playoff - and he knew it.

"There was somebody driving a cart around the course, letting us know where things stood," said the 20-year-old Lee, a former standout prep golfer at Farmington Hills Harrison. "Some guys don't like knowing what the other golfers are doing, but I do. I knew I needed a birdie on the final hole to get into a playoff, so I played more aggressively than I normally would."

Following a fairway-splitting drive, Lee's second shot on 18 landed just off the green, about 30 feet away from the pin. The must-make chip shot bounced wide of the cup by a few inches and rolled 10 feet past the hole. He missed the par putt, but it didn't matter.

"My game was very sporadic today," Lee said, moments after accepting the runner-up trophy. "I was all over the place with my driver and I didn't putt real well either."

Mark Peterson (148), Jim Omietanski (149) and Chaz Kornegay (150) rounded out the top five finishers.

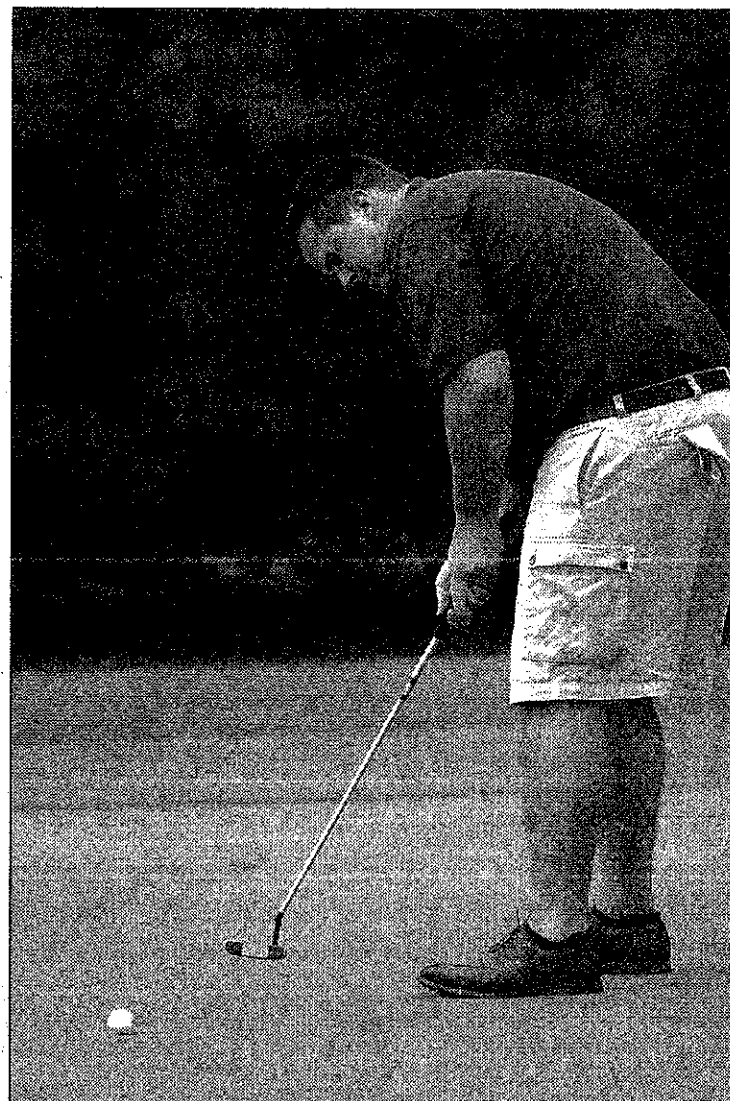
Livonia Churchill's Mike Dolmeson, a 12 handicapper, won the low-net title with a net score of 140 (152 actual).

The first-flight medalist was White Lake's Dale Cordes, who turned in rounds of 83 and 74. Cordes finished five shots ahead of runner-up Jeff Jackson.

Thirty-one golfers competed in the championship flight while 18 battled for the first-flight trophy.

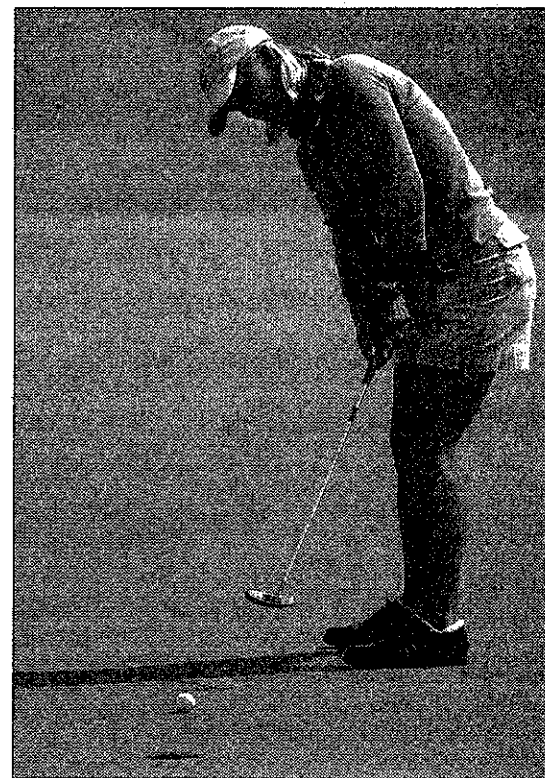
Defending men's champ Dave Higham was not eligible to defend his title because he accepted an assistant pro job at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford. Professionals are not eligible to compete in the tournament.

Livonia resident Janina Jacobs won medalist honors in the 18-hole women's tournament with a sizzling 76. Molly Gibson (83) placed second and defending champion Nancy Rhatigan took third.



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Medalist Gary Kraus displays his tournament-winning putting form.



Women's winner Janina Jacobs sinks a birdie putt on the ninth hole.

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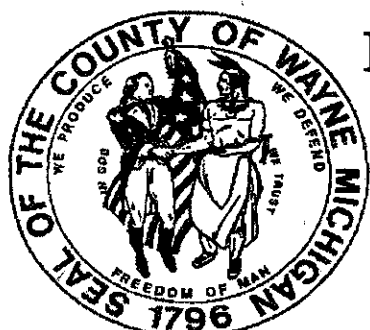
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ROCKS

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and junior Kevin Bradley (6-2, 200), who logged substantial minutes as a sophomore.

"We ask a lot from our full-backs because we need them to get the tough yards, plus they get pounded the most," Cummings said. "But I'm confident that Cam will do a great job. Kevin did a good job for us as sophomore, and he will only get better this year. He's a good hard runner, plus he has great speed in the open field."

Bradley suffered a minor concussion in the Rocks' intrasquad scrimmage Saturday, but should be ready for the regular-season opener Aug. 27, Cummings said.

Senior Ed Evers (5-10, 195) will also rotate into the Salem offensive backfield, due in large part to his exceptional blocking skills, Cummings said.

Anchoring a robust offensive line will be senior two-year starter Cory Sinischo (6-4, 225), who will man one of the tackle spots. Sinischo missed half of last season due to a knee injury, but has completed an extensive rehabilitation program and is fully recovered.

Sinischo will be joined on the line by senior guard Erik Dines (5-10, 205), junior center Mark Skotak (5-11, 220), junior guard Joe Sander (5-11, 210), senior tackle Ross Behrman (6-

5, 275) and senior tight end Jon Marsh (6-2, 230).

Marsh is No. 99 in the program, but No. 1 on the list of players Cummings needs to stay injury-free in 2004.

"Jon Marsh has suffered a lot of bad luck with injuries the past three years," Cummings said. "He's one of the strongest kids we've ever had go through this program, but he's only played three games in three years due to knee injuries. He's gone through a lot of rehabilitation, so he should help us out a lot this year."

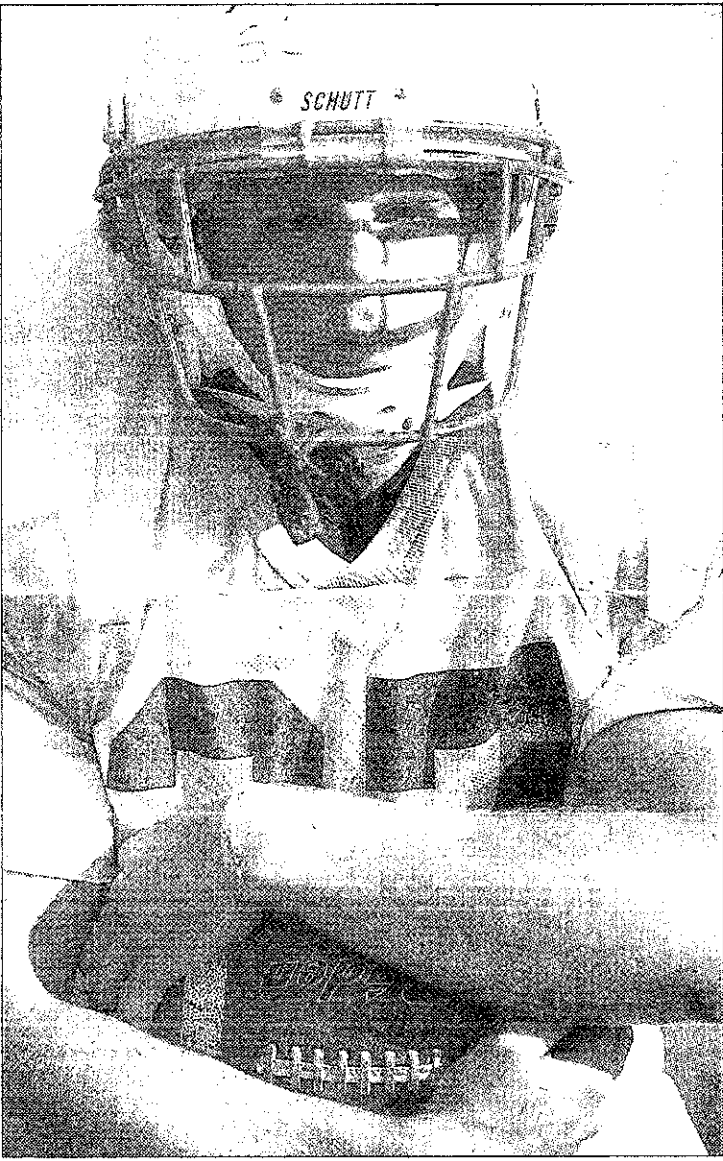
Lake, Schambre, Bradley, Sinischo, Dines, Skotak, Behrman and Evers will also see considerable time on the other side of the ball as well this year in an effort to shore up the Rocks' defense.

They'll be joined by senior linebacker Steven Lahane (6-0, 185), senior tackle John Kaptur (6-1, 255) and junior defensive back Chris Sorensen (6-0, 195).

Special-teams responsibilities will be handled by Jon Pomorski, who will kick extra points and field goals and punt for the Rocks.

"We'll probably run the ball more than we did last year, but I don't want us to get too predictable," Cummings said. "I'm extremely happy with how our new kids are running the option and with the way Jeff Lake is throwing the ball, so we'll try to keep the defenses honest by balancing our attack."

Salem opens the season Aug. 27 at home against Pinckney.



Salem fullback Cam Schambre will be a key component in the Rocks' wishbone offense.

CHIEFS

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to the basket.

"Katie is a complete player now who definitely has the game to play at the next level."

Cezat will be joined in the starting line-up by fellow returning starters Lisa Ealy, a 5-8 junior forward, and Molly Conlon, a 5-7 guard. Ealy averaged 6 points and 7 rebounds a game last season.

"Lisa is a very athletic player and Molly is one of our best perimeter shooters," Blohm said. "They both made major contributions last year and I'm counting on

them to step it up this year as well."

For the second consecutive year, sophomore Becky Houdek will handle the ball-distribution responsibilities from the point-guard position for the Chiefs. Houdek started all 23 games last year as a freshman and quickly earned the respect of her teammates and opponents.

"Becky really did a nice job of handling the ball-handling chores last year," Blohm said. "She's a good floor leader who is working hard on improving her jump shot from the 15- to 17-foot range."

Power forward Molly Przybylski will fill out the Canton starting line-up.

"Molly has worked very hard in the off-season to improve her game," Blohm said.

The Chiefs' reserve unit will be fortified by five players who starred for their 17-3 junior-varsity squad last year, and a freshman. Juniors Leslie Olech and Ali Perry will fill in at the wings, Amanda Sitko will spell the post players, and Kelly Zemanski will serve as the back-up shooting guard.

Steady sophomore point guard Lauren Delapaz will allow Houdek to take extended breathers while Marie Martin, a 6-1 freshman, gives Canton valuable depth underneath the basket.

"Marie runs the court well

for a young player," Blohm said. "As the year goes on, she could evolve into an effective low-post player for us."

Blohm singled out cross-campus rival Salem as the team to beat in the WLAA.

"They have several good players returning, so I'd make them the favorites," Blohm asserted. "Northville should be tough, too, as they improved a lot last year and they have a lot of key players returning."

Canton opens the 2004 campaign Aug. 26 at Novi.

"We have a tough non-league schedule, so we will be tested early and often," Blohm said.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY FUND-RAISER

The three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing Aug. 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club. The event will serve as a fund-raiser for the Canton, Salem and Plymouth hockey squads.

The registration fee is \$110 per player (or \$400 for a four-some). The fee covers greens fees, a golf cart, a steak dinner, a snack at the turn, and prizes for best team score, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin.

Hickory Creek is located at the intersection of Napier and Ford roads in Canton.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start. A dinner/auction will commence at 1 p.m.

A four-person scramble format will be used.

For more information, contact Deborah Tollison at (734)

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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.

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The league will consist of leagues for boys and girls in grades 3-12. The season will include practices, games and a

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The CEBL will hold registration from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Gallimore Elementary; Sept. 14 at Hulsing Elementary; and Sept. 16 at Field Elementary.

Registration fees are \$85 for grades 3-4 and \$95 for grades

3-12. There is no additional fee for non-residents.

Teams will be selected at an evaluation day, except for players in grades 3-4, who will be randomly assigned to teams.

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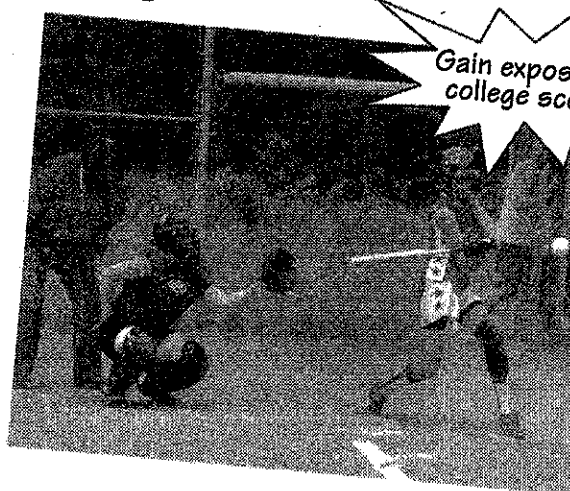
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Crusaders picked to shine in NAIA volleyball polls

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

To nobody's surprise Madonna University's volleyball team is ranked third — only behind California schools Fresno Pacific and Biola — in the National Association of Intercollegiate Association preseason poll.

The Crusaders, who earned one first-place vote, made their sixth NAIA National Tournament appearance last December and lost only one starter lost to graduation — defensive specialist Amanda Suder (Salem High) — off a team that finished 44-4 and captured their seventh Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown.

So what is there not to like about the 2004 edition of the Crusaders?

Three NAIA All-Americans — outside hitter Natalja Tinina, middle hitter Laura Lesko and setter Ashley Frost — all return. Throw in right-side hitter Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin), an All-WHAC pick, and middle hitter Caryn Inman, along with two other veterans and five promising newcomers, and it's no wonder coach Jerry Abraham (681-197 career record) is optimistic about the 2004 season.

Medical red-shirt Stefanie DeNardin, a 5-foot-6 junior from Marysville, will replace Suder at the Libero position. She sat out last year with a wrist injury, which required surgery.

"Stefanie's a sound defen-

sive player, tenacious, with great court sense," said Abraham, entering his 19th season. "She has a good volleyball background and has been on a winner."

The 5-10 Frost, a junior from Lake Odessa Lakewood, averaged 13 assists and 2.8 digs per game.

"Ashley has excellent technique, a great work ethic and runs the show very well," Abraham said. "She makes good decisions and can provide a more versatile attack."

With the 6-foot Tinina, a native of Riga, Latvia, and the 5-11 Bush, a senior from Flint Central and Mott Community College, MU's outside attack will once again be potent. The two combined to average nearly 10 kills per game.

"They're both among the best at their position in the country," the MU coach said. "Opponents will have a difficult time stopping them."

The 5-10 Morrill, who red-shirted as a freshman with a knee injury, returns for her final season after undergoing her second shoulder operation. She averaged a team-high 4.45 digs per game, also 2.12 kills per game.

"Tera's an excellent blocker with excellent hands and good game sense," the MU coach said. "She can terminate the attack and she also gives us leadership and experience. I hope she can come back."

Lesko, a 5-10 senior from Wyandotte, averaged 4.27 kills per game and led the Crusaders in kill percentage (.429). Inman, a 6-1 sophomore from Oxford, gives MU a strong one-two punch up the middle after averaging 2.19 kills per game.

"Laura (Lesko) is a senior captain who will lead the way," Abraham said. "She is very aggressive and powerful. She's a four-year starter. She has the ability to terminate the attack."

"Inman is another starter

who gained experience. She has range and hits the slide well. She gives us nice size in the front row."

Also returning to the front row is 6-foot sophomore Heather Spooner (Woodhaven), who if necessary, can also play the left and right side.

Becci Crane, a 5-4 defensive specialist/setter from Burton Atherton, is another returnee who helped MU win its pool in the NAIA nationals and reach the quarterfinals (before bowing out to Biola).

Four new recruits should also contribute, including three freshman who earned first-team All-Observer honors led by 5-7 outside hitter Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill), who has impressed in the early going.

Gatt is joined by 5-9 setter/defensive specialist Amy Szymanski (Livonia Ladywood); 6-foot middle hitter Genevieve Kirby (Churchill); and junior Elizabeth Cipparone, a 5-7 outside hitter and defensive specialist from Troy High via Henry Ford Community College.

"She's just a freshman, but Gatt looks good," Abraham said. "This is one of the strongest classes we've have because they can play all the way around."

"And our starting offensive players are all good defensive players, which is a big plus for us."

Abraham, however, does not expect to walk through the WHAC this season.

"Cornerstone is excellent, the whole conference should be better and University of Michigan-Dearborn is a nice addition," he said. "Our (NAIA Region VIII) is should be strong. Taylor (Ind.) is always an excellent team."

"But the main goal is to win the conference, of course, and get back to the (NAIA) tournament. That's always the goal."

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Vicki Pails Canton 23 41:29

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 Danny Jess Farm. Hills 23 42:35
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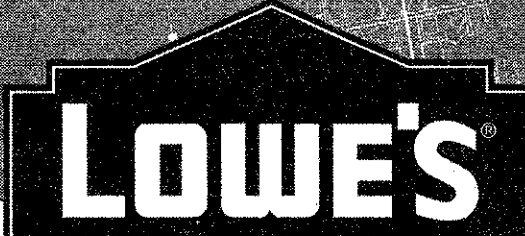
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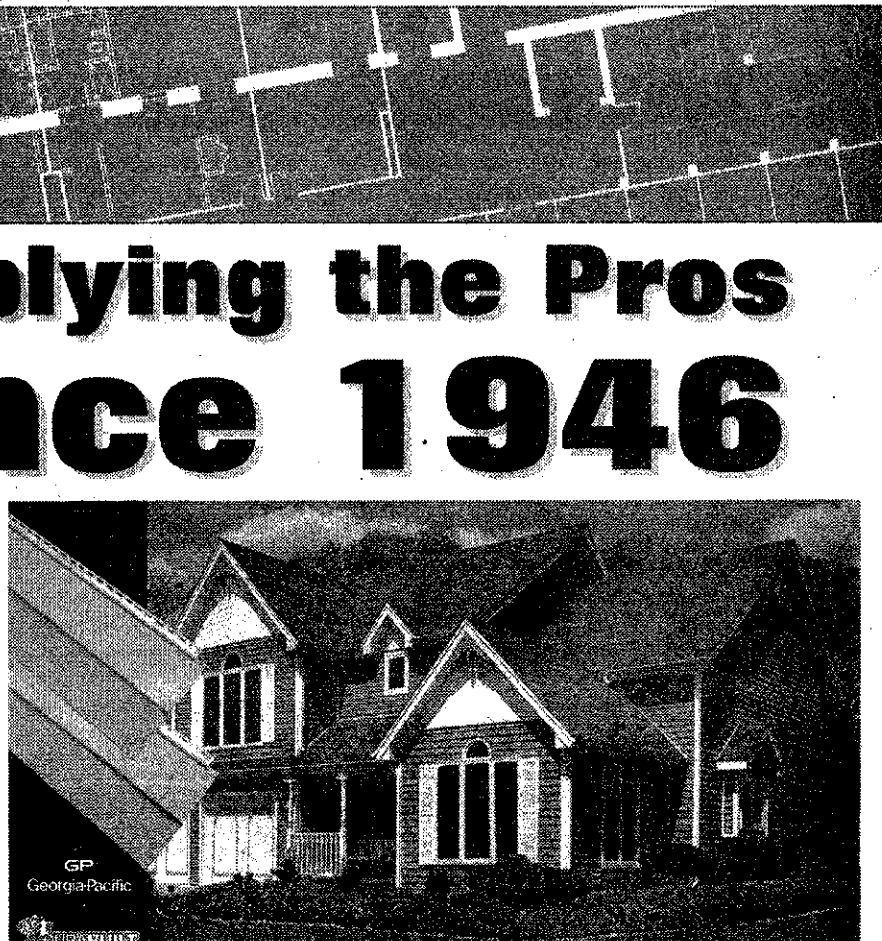
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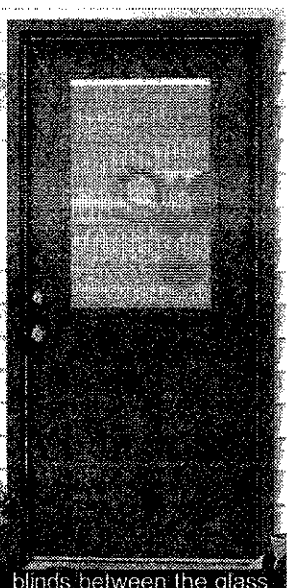
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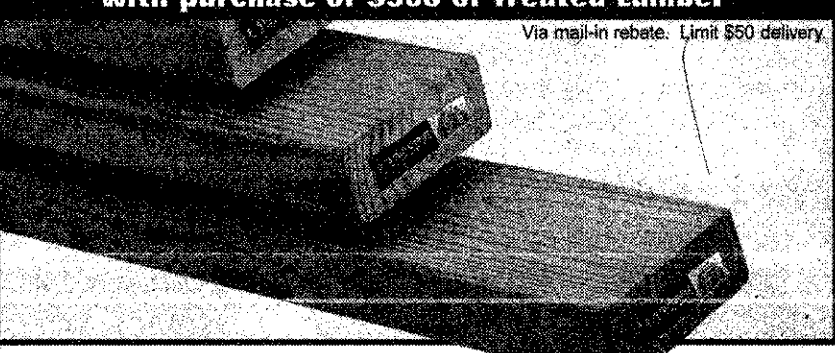
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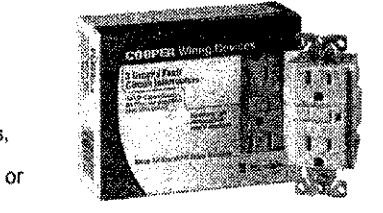
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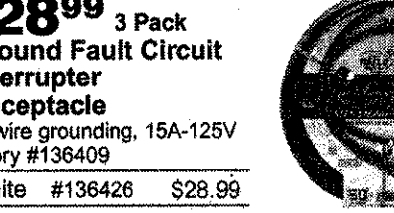
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Salem grad climbs U-M depth charts

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If Salem graduate David Hull keeps climbing up the University of Michigan football team's depth chart at his current rate, the preferred walk-on may be running with the Wolverines' first-team defense in the not-too-distant future.

The former All-Western Lakes Activities Association defensive lineman has opened the eyes of the U-M coaching staff with his inspired play on the scout-team defense the past two years.

Despite his walk-on status, the 6-foot-1, 270-pound defensive end made

the trip with the Wolverines to the 2004 Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

"He's probably considered third-string on the depth chart right now, but he's impressed the coaching staff so far," said Doug Hull, David's dad. "He played a lot in the spring intrasquad game and he did well."

Hull, who is leaning towards majoring in computer science at U-M, enjoyed a stellar career at Salem, earning All-State honorable mention consideration during his senior campaign.

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Former Salem football player David Hull signs a football for his cousin, Matthew Hull, at the University of Michigan football team's Media Day Aug. 12.

Palis prepares for marathon with 10K win

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

A local runner represented the Plymouth-Canton area in fine fashion Sunday at the Second Annual Mary Angela Race for Angela Hospice in Farmington Hills.

Vicki Palis of Canton was the women's overall 10K winner, finishing the race in 41:29. She was sixth among all runners and 30 seconds ahead of the next female, Denise Dean of Berkley.

The 23-year-old Palis, who graduated from Canton High School in 1999 and the U-M last year, ran what she said was a good time but not her personal best.

"I was very pleased with that," she said. "It was a great race; it was the first time I did that race. I know of Mary Angela, and my family is friends with her family."

Palis, who is preparing for the Detroit marathon this fall, intended to use the event as a training run. She and some friends ran six miles before the race and a four-mile cool down afterward.

"It was our long-run day," she said. "We don't normally do that. We were planning on doing the run, because it's a nice charity event."

"Once you get going and get in that race mode, you just take off. It wasn't easy; I definitely pushed myself and it went well."

Palis, who did the Boston Marathon in April, played soccer in high school and only took up running as a serious pastime in college.

Steve Gannon of Farmington Hills showed he's ready for the upcoming high school cross country season with his performance Sunday.

The 17-year-old Gannon was the overall male winner in the 5K race at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus with a 17:30 time.

Gannon, who will be a senior at North Farmington High School, overcame a series of running-related injuries that have hindered his career to win his first race.

"I was pretty excited I won, because I've been running cross country for a few years but had health problems and was finally able to do well," he said.

"Seventeen-30 is a pretty decent time for me at the beginning of the season. I didn't have high expectations going into the race, because I've been running so much. But I did what I wanted to do."

Gannon also won bragging rights in the Gannon house-

hold by edging his older brother, 18-year-old Ben, by four seconds to win the 18-and-under male title.

Ben Gannon, a former cross country and track runner at North, is a student at the University of Michigan and no longer runs competitively.

"He's pretty much the reason I got into running, because he told me I couldn't," Steve said. "It's the first time I've ever beaten him."

"I've been training considerably harder for the upcoming cross country season, and he's tapering down, not running as much. It was understandable. He was a little bit mad but also happy for me."

The men's 10k winner was Vince Molosky of Pontiac. He was first in the 20-29 age group with a 36:01 time. The runnerup was Farmington Hills' Dan Jess, a former Redford Catholic Central runner, in 42:35.

Ashley Patten, 20, of Clarkston won the women's 5K race in 19:33. She's a former state champion in the 800 meters at Lake Orion High School and is an All-America indoor champ at that distance for the University of Missouri.

The event raised \$65,000 for Angela Hospice in Livonia and exceeded all expectations, according to race organizer Dan Jess Sr.

"It's amazing in two years we raised \$125,000," he said. "It's really a tribute to Mary Angela (DiGiovanni) and the passion she had for running."

"While raising money for Angela Hospice is a very important part of this, it brings family and friends together to celebrate Mary Angela's life. That's what this is really all about."

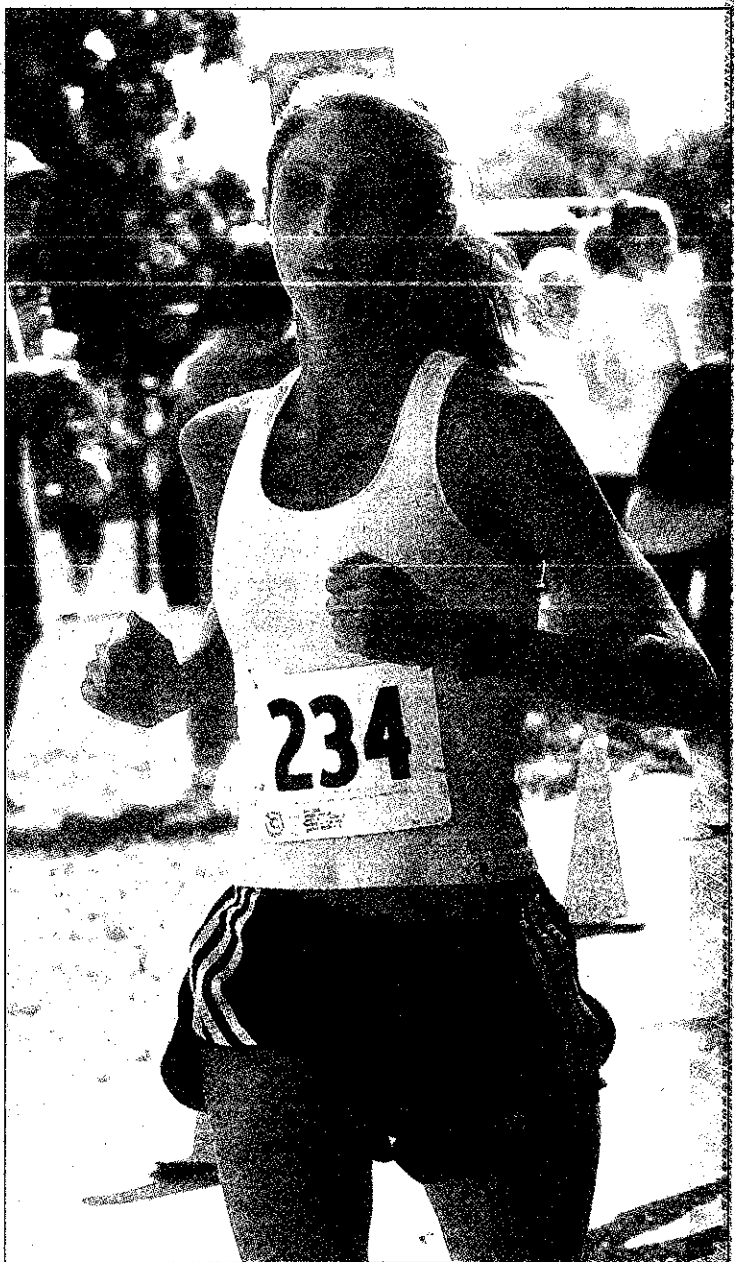
The race is named in memory of DiGiovanni, a Mercy High School alumna and University of Michigan graduate student who was killed in an auto accident in January, 2003.

Two hundred-forty six runners participated in the 5K races, 110 in the 10K and 300 in the one-mile walk.

A one-mile run for children 12-and-under had a pair of Farmington Hills winners - Mary Kate Vincent, 11, a cousin of Mary Angela, and Harrison Wenson, 9.

Jess Sr. added the event was professionally managed by Gault Race Management and the course was certified this year.

"That really contributed to having a very smooth event," he said. "By doing those two things, we hope again next year to attract a large crowd of serious runners."



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The women's 10K winner was Vicki Palis of Canton, a 23-year-old hospital administrator who ran the Boston Marathon in April.

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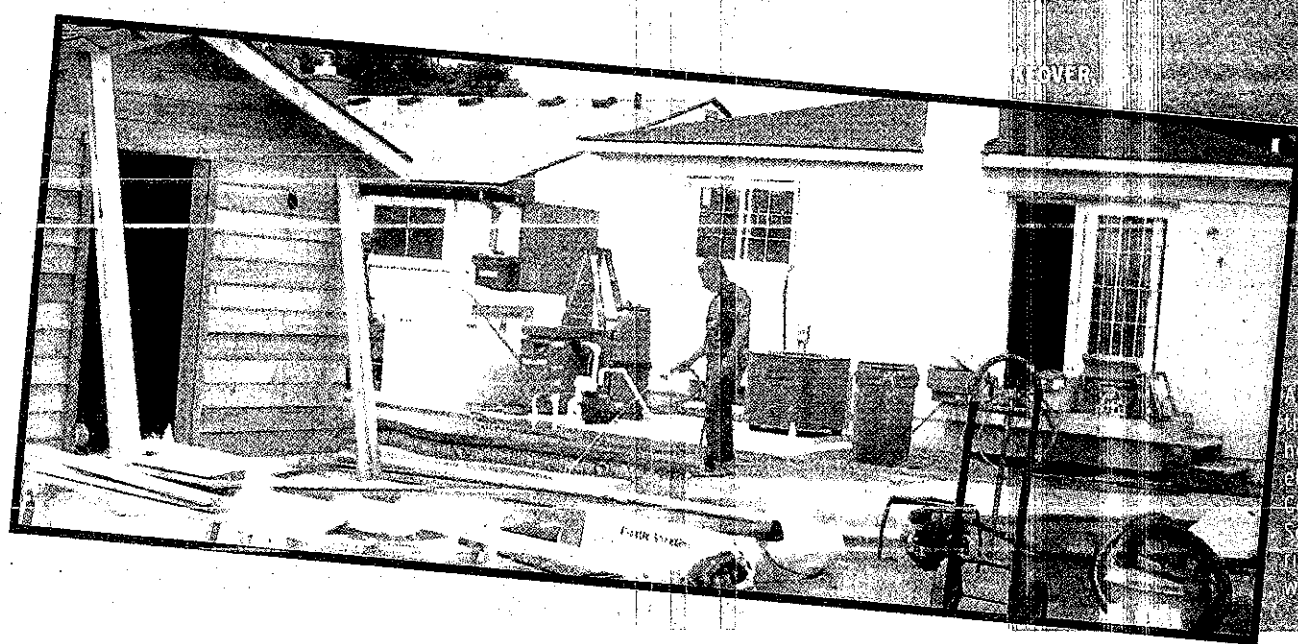
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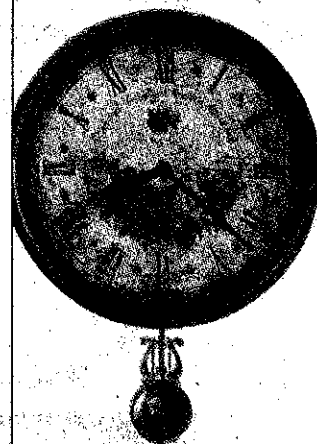
Above: A view of the Oak Park home, remodeled by Fairway Construction of Southfield. At right: a new pool was installed.

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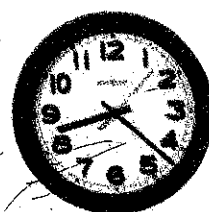
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James and Morris Carey of AP Weekly Features share news about how you can have an automatic faucet in minutes. They write:

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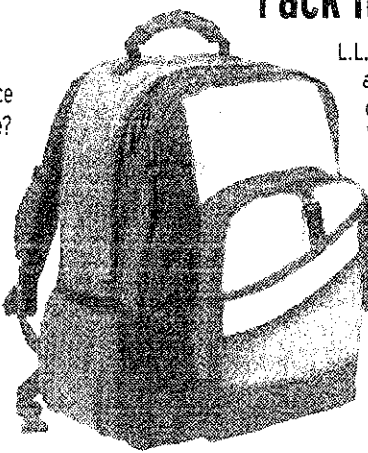
While a nice feature (that reduces water usage by up to 70 percent), the cost has been prohibitive for home use - until now.

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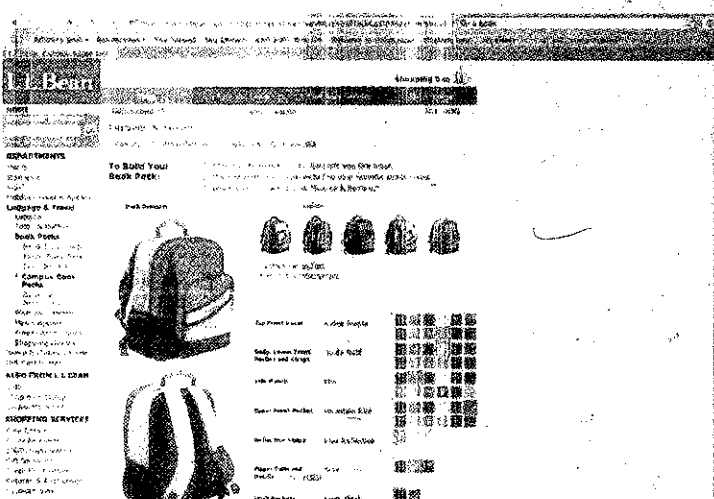
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Area gardener creates historic daylily garden

LaVere Webster, of Rochester Hills, began to create his large historic daylily garden 10 years ago for the 2002 Hemerocallis



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The garden contains 800 registered daylilies that date from the 1500s through 1980. The first hybrid was introduced in 1892. One section of the garden contains 22 species of day lilies and

the first 50 years of hybridizing from 1892 to 1942.

Species daylilies are collected in the wild and grow naturally. At first they were yellow and orange.

As people began hybridizing these flowers, the colors became more varied and intense. Daylily colors are generally subtle, some are rich; others have a hint of color. They range from tantalizing shades of white, yellow, red, gold, orange, lavender and rose.

In the newer hybrids the colors have been extended, especially into rose, pink, red, and purplish shades. Currently there is no blue daylily right,

but there are bitones and bicolors.

Daylilies are rather complicated, so it's difficult to describe them verbally. They resemble the flowers of the genus Lilium, but are shorter lived, usually lasting only one day. (Thus the name, Daylily, means Beauty for a Day.) The forms are defined as circular, double, fragrant, flaring, flat, miniature, oval, pinwheel, ruffled, spider, star, triangular, or trumpet. Blooms are single or double. Some have smooth edges, others are ruffled, some are rounded, and others are pointed.

When he developed the garden, Webster corresponded



MARTY FIGLEY

A profusion of more than a thousand daylilies grow in LaVere Webster's garden at his home in Rochester Hills.

with other growers to find the necessary plants. He says, "The goal is to keep these plants and not lose them as the years pass." As you view this garden, you can see changes in hybridization through 10 years as every decade is represented in order of each year.

For instance, in 1934 the first red daylily, Theron, is the result of work by A. B. Stout, formerly with the New York Botanic Garden. It took Stout 30 years and a dozen complicated hybridizing crosses to get that first red daylily.

The American Hemerocallis Society commemorates his dedication annually with its award of the prestigious Stout Silver Medal. Dance Ballerina Dance caught my eye with soft orange sherbet colors and ruffled petals. It was introduced in 1976.

Webster says, "Daylily hybridizers are now backcrossing with species plants to get stronger stems and plants."

Another large bed contains some of the many daylilies by this gardener as well as two local and renowned hybridizers, Al Goldner and Howard Hite, now deceased. Here are Goldner's Bouquet and Webster's Twisted Windmill, both yellows. Twisted Windmill will be introduced in commercial catalogs next year.

A blended pink with a green throat with a chartreuse eye, Zola's Pink Nightgown was named for Webster's wife, who photographed it and applied a print to his T-shirt (that he proudly wears). A yellow spider daylily bears her name, Zola's Hi Ho Spider.

Spiders and unusual forms take center stage in a special garden in memory of Harris Olson, who was so instrumental in the garden at the The Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ (located at the corner of Cranbrook and Woodward).

He was the creator of the annual Spider award given at the annual AHS meeting. A clear classic yellow spider, Kindly Light, was developed in 1949.

"Spiders have different shapes and petals," Webster said. The size of the petals are a four to one ratio, length to width, giving the flower a spider-like look.

When the foliage begins to wither, Webster lets it stay where it falls, then adds a layer of dried leaves, then wood chips.

He feeds it with a lawn fertilizer that contains nitrogen to replace that which is wicked from the chips. Strips of old carpet are laid between the

rows and provide a stable walkway.

It takes three years to get bloom from a daylily. Webster believes he is about 20 years ahead of the market.

If you get a chance to see this unusual and beautiful garden, take it. The garden is only one of two or three in the country that contains daylilies arranged in order of hybridizing.

If you are interested in viewing his garden, purchasing plants or wish to learn more about the AHS, contact him at (248) 853-9426, or e-mail LaVere@aol.com..

Webster is a true daylily pro. It was a pleasure to stroll his gardens when I visited one day in July.

Asked when it's the best time to plant daylilies, Webster said, "Any time you have a shovel in your hand."

The excellent book, Daylilies by A.B Stout, is out of print (it was last published by Sagapress in 1986), but you might find a copy in a used bookstore. It would be worth the search.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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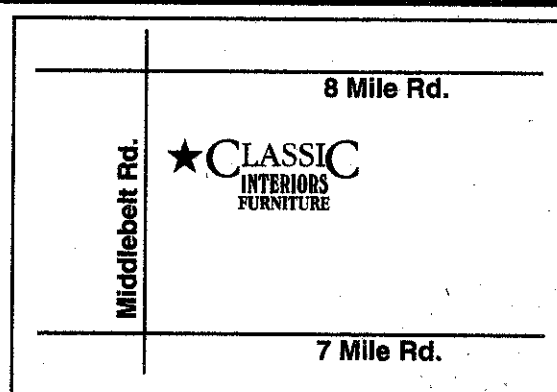
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While Helfman, president of Fairway Construction, and Becker, vice president, wanted to contribute to this great community cause, they wondered about how the construction company would be presented after they watched an episode of the show.

After all, it is reality television.

"We saw the show they did in Canada where the contractor walked off the job," Becker said. "All of the staff had watched the show, and they came in (the next day) and said, 'Are you out of your mind?'"

But ABC officials flew to town, spoke with Helfman and Becker about the ease of this particular project in terms of time. After Helfman spoke with contractors who worked with ABC on earlier shows and heard about their positive experiences, they decided to go ahead and donate labor and some materials for the project, overseeing the construction on the 980-square-foot home in Oak Park.

"We knew it would take a coordinated effort, and they asked, 'Are you up to the task?'" Helfman said. "We felt we could take this on. We selected subcontractors who do work with us on a regular basis."

Today that home is renovated with many high-tech equipment and safety features to help the family of Larry and Judy Vardon. Both are deaf and their 12-year-old son, Lance, is blind and autistic.

An older son, Stefan, 14, interprets and hears everything for the parents. Stefan wrote an essay as part of a school project, which also caught the attention of the Extreme Makeover producers. The show receives more than 7,000 renovation applications each week.

In the letter, Stefan discusses his family. "(Lance) is a loving human being," Stefan wrote. "He may act different, but he will always be my loving brother." Stefan relates his brother's love of classical music, includ-



Two weeks ago, the Vardons resided in this white brick home.

ing Mozart and Beethoven, and a love of reading Braille.

Rebuilding a dream
ABC selected the Vardon home to remodel and the Vardons were sent to Mackinac Island for a week. Then Fairway Construction crews and ABC designers and producers went to work.

"It's normally a process that takes four to six months," Helfman said. "We got it done in three and a half days."

On Saturday morning, the former white brick home was demolished in three hours, brick walls torn down, right down to the studs. "That was absolutely crazy," Becker said. "There was stuff flying everywhere." Demolition crews and TV crews were both inside the home at the same time, Becker said. "Nobody got hurt and that was one of our biggest concerns," he said.

The first day consisted of concrete trenching, forming and pouring for the porch, and concrete pouring of the driveway. The carpenters got started, as rough framing for the basement was completed by one crew, while another did the first floor interior and exterior, and framed the deck.

"After 17 hours, we had a rough building inspection of the framing, electrical and plumbing," Becker said.

The second day crews insulated the home, and installed drywall, trim and cabinetry, and work began on replacing the above ground pool with a built-in pool. "We had 70 different people doing different

things," Becker said. "The cooperation was unbelievable." Sometimes there were as many as 100 people inside the home.

(The drywall was installed with a special quick-drying mud — two applications with 20-minute drying periods, and a final one with a 90-minute drying period.)

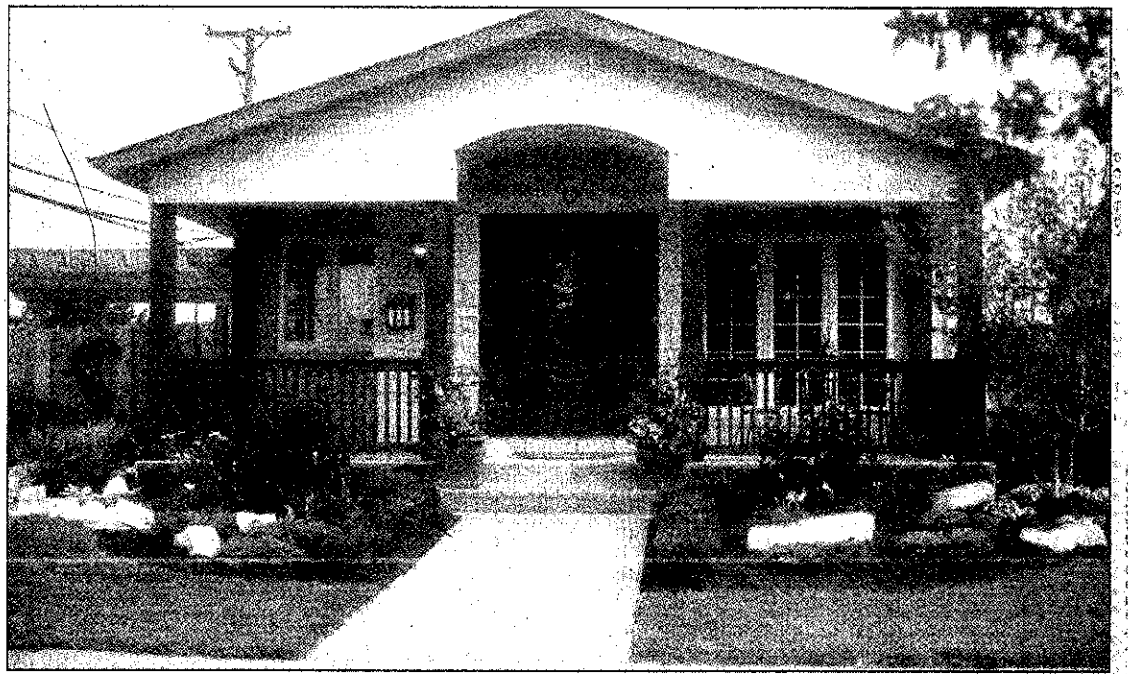
The third day, contractors put up the exterior sand-colored stucco. Electrical, heating and cooling systems were completed.

Landscapers worked on the outside of the home Monday and Tuesday, dressing up the new cedar porch, fencing and pergola to go with the new in-ground swimming pool in the backyard. A new pond sits on the west side of the front yard.

The contract entered with the show prohibits contractors from discussing details of the inside of the home. The home, now at 1,100 square feet, contains high-tech communication and safety devices to help people with hearing loss. The equipment will help the parents, who are deaf, communicate with Lance, who can't see his parents, which will be critical when Stefan leaves for college in a few years.

Guardian Security Services of Southfield installed much of the assisted living technology.

A home transformed
Liz Clarno, a sign language interpreter with the Deaf Community Alliance Network, said the family was shocked when they first saw the house last Thursday. Clarno signed to communicate with the parents.



LYNNE GARCIA | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The home of Larry and Judy Vardon was remodeled and refurbished for ABC's 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' by Fairway Construction of Southfield.



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Joseph Roth, a neighbor of the Vardon family, shakes Stefan's hand while Larry, Judy and Lance Vardon stand waiting to get into their new home. Liz Clarno, a sign language interpreter with the Deaf Community Alliance Network, stands between Lance and Stefan.

"Stefan's reaction was 'oh my gosh,' it's just so different," Clarno said. "It was just so great, with the transformation they had made."

"I think (the home is) very nice and it will meet all of their safety concerns," she added.

Chris Larsen, location manager for Extreme Makeover, said the show "went flawlessly" due to the cooperation of Fairway, the neighborhood and city of Oak Park, finishing the home 36 hours early, beating the previous record by 18 hours.

"There were no glitches," Larsen said. "I don't exaggerate when I say the show went perfectly. This episode was

built around making this family's life easier, given the trials and tribulations they deal with daily. And some of the changes are so subtle. It succeeded beyond our wildest expectations."

The Southfield builders were thrilled to be part of it. "We are highly honored to have been chosen for the show and feel that it's an affirmation of our reliability and ability to work under stressful conditions," Helfman said. ABC wanted "a stable company with a solid foundation" to complete the

renovation, he said.

"It's probably one of the most fantastic things we've ever done," Becker said. "Next to getting married and having children, this is No. 3."

The show is expected to air in October, according to Nancy Rosen, public relations for Fairway.

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Three days after a demolition on a Saturday, crews have already started painting.

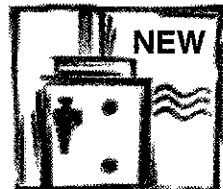
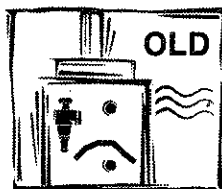
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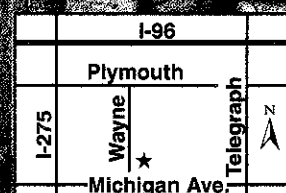
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will like the gift, whether they have one already and whether it is within your budget.

Follow a few simple rules in gift giving:

■ Surprise the person with a gift or ask them for a list of items that would interest them.

■ Before choosing a gift for someone, observe their wants

and needs. Visit their home, watch what they wear, and what they do. Ask the expertise of someone who knows them better than you do.

■ Plan ahead so you can take advantage of store sales and you will have time to shop for the perfect gift.

■ Keep your receipt in an accessible location in case you need to make an exchange or return a gift.

■ Make a list of the people you shop for and the gifts you give them. Keep this list for several years so you can use it as a reference to avoid duplicating the gift several years in a row.

■ Walk through a mall or discount store. You will accumulate ideas just by walking from one aisle to the next. It is also a great way to scout sales because many items are discounted 50-70 percent.

■ Some people have a hobby such as fishing, golfing or sewing. Others are collectors of items such as sports cards,

thimbles, or plates. Make a purchase that would contribute to their collection or area of interest.

Listed below are basic and creative gift ideas:

Man (Dad): Tie, shirt, socks, sports tickets, pen set, desk organizer, cologne, sports cap, belt, tools, watch.

Woman (Mom): Perfume, blouse, jewelry, scarf, inspirational quotes, a book about mothers, flowers, film, linens, houseware products, monogram sweatshirt, coupons for items to help around the house, perfumed soap, lotion, and bath splash.

Baby/toddler: Stuffed animal, musical toy, sand toy, pull toy, pool toy, building blocks, clothing, hat, book.

Teenager: CD, movie tickets, head phones, mall gift certificate, telephone card, phone, movie video, back pack.

Boys (brother): Car, truck, computer game, video game, board game, sports cards, model, sports t shirt or sweat-shirt, book.

Girl (sister): Doll, baby doll, doll or baby accessories, jewelry, hair accessories, book, clothing, play makeup, stuffed toy, game.

Grandparent: Plant, handkerchief, stationery, framed photo, photo album, tote bag, stamps, wrapping supplies, craft kit, box of all occasion

cards, case for reading glasses.

Friend: Lunch coupon, friendship plaque, friendship book, handmade item, picture frame.

Teacher: Book store gift certificate, decorative note pad, pens, pencils, assortment of stickers or awards.

Boss/secretary: Pencil organizer, desk organizer, floppy disk organizer, plant, day off coupon, dinner coupon, box of candy, fruit basket.

Pet: Chewing bone, pet toy, food or water dish, decorative collar, grooming coupon.

Design a card to coordinate with the gift you buy. For your convenience some suggestions are listed below:

Watch (Every moment with you is a treasure); Framed picture (An important memory in time); Jewelry with stones, (You are a precious gem); Stuffed toy (sweet dreams); Sports tickets, (You are always a winner with me); Plant (You grow sweeter each year).

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HOME CALENDAR

Mia Mahalo

Mia Mahalo, southeast Michigan's only exclusively eco-friendly store, will celebrate its one-year anniversary 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, with a party featuring refreshments, fall product previews, special pricing, samples and representatives of some of the products it carries.

The store is at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-1900.

Mia Mahalo's product line includes home furnishings, cleaning products, food, body care and aromatherapy items, organic diapers and clothing, glassware made from recycled wine bottles, lamps and wine bottle holders made from chopsticks, and Ghery-inspired cardboard chairs.

The store also presents guest speakers and educational seminars on a variety of subjects, including sustainable living, menopause, immunizations, yoga disciplines, and holistic topics.

Woodcarving show

The Livonia Wood Carvers will present their 30th annual Woodcarving Show 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile.

Admission is \$2 per person or \$3 per family.

More than 100 carvers from around the United States and Canada will display their work. Many handcarved pieces valued from \$5 to \$9,000 will be available for purchase. Carvings will be judged in more than 40 categories, including best of show.

Tools, wood and books will be sold to beginning and advanced woodcarvers. Application forms to join the nonprofit Livonia Wood Carvers will be available (membership is \$12 a year).

Door prizes will be given away at the top of every hour. Food and refreshments will also be featured.

The show is sponsored by Livonia Parks and Recreation.

Ultimate Show House

The Ultimate Show House, 615 Hanna in Birmingham, is open now through Sunday, Sept. 12. Visitors shuttle from The Somerset Collection, Coolidge and Big Beaver (16 Mile) Road in Troy. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Shuttle hours from The Somerset Collection are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets are \$10, available at the Concierge desk at The Somerset Collection North.

A ticket purchase will also entitle you to an entry to win the master bedroom set at the Show House, valued at \$11,000, and a complimentary gift from Williams-Sonoma Grande Cuisine or The Bombay Co. Other contributions enter participants into a raffle or a chance to putt on a

professionally designed golf green. A miniature replica of the Show House playhouse is on display in The Somerset Collection Grand Court. Make a donation and your child can be architect for the day, receiving an authentic architect tube filled with supplies to use their wildest imagination in drawing their own dream home. Their art work will be displayed at The Somerset Collection and their name will be entered into a Sept. 12 drawing for a miniature motorized Porsche or miniature motorized golf cart.

For information, call The Somerset Collection at (248) 643-6360.

Meadow Brook Hall

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

The general tour at Meadow Brook Hall includes the main and entertainment levels of the house. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and take place 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. daily, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$12.50, free for ages 2 and under.

The new Garden and Architectural Tour explores the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall and amazing architectural structures surrounding it. Tours are available 12:45 p.m. Monday-Sunday, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$8, free for ages 2 and under.

Knole Cottage has undergone some renovations to ready itself for the summer months.

New landscaping provides the perfect setting to enjoy a lemonade and cookie stand, oversized tic-tac-toe game, and croquet on the lawn outside the cottage. Inside the cottage children can enjoy an activity center and kid-friendly music.

Meadow Brook Hall's Café Cappuccino is the perfect place for a refreshing mid-afternoon snack. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, now to Labor Day, Café Cappuccino offers snacks, sandwiches and popular summer beverages and cocktails.

Inspired by luxurious picnics of old, full-service summer lunches with champagne are served 12:30-2 p.m. daily on the sun porch. Reservations are required for summer lunches. Cost is \$55 per person, \$50 for members.

All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall programs support its preservation and interpretation. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Naturescaping

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) will sponsor a free program, Naturescaping for the Rouge River: Restoring Biodiversity to Our Home Landscapes, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road. Bill Schneider, owner of WildType Native Plant Nursery, will help home gardeners understand the process and principles for planting and maintaining woodland and prairie gardens. To register, call Karen Bever weekdays at (248) 288-5150.

Container gardening

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, will present a program, Fall Container Gardening, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The lecture will demonstrate the many ways tired and overgrown window boxes and patio planters can be replaced with exciting annuals and perennials that shine from late summer until late fall. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Rose propagation

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, will present a Rose Propagation Workshop 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. In this popular hands-on workshop, conducted by Nancy Lindley, participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings. Reservations are requested; the \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Bring your own pruners. The program will last about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather; bring a hat if it's sunny.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Northville Farmers Market. Great Lakes Roses is open only Fridays and Saturdays now to Aug. 25, but its phone is answered 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. It will be open five days a week beginning Aug. 28. For information about Great Lakes Roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns, Tuesdays, Aug. 24-31, in Pontiac (fee is \$69); and Focus on Design, four sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Pontiac (\$132).

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

Make your home more accessible

We baby boomers are aging. That isn't news to anyone, but that fact and that we're caring for aging parents has created one of the



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

biggest trends in the home improvement industry; that of making homes "accessible."

An accessible house is one that allows an individual to do what they need or desire to do as independently as possible.

Whether or not a home is accessible depends what are a person's disabilities as well as the extent of the disability.

Accessibility requirements vary greatly because of the differences in disabilities. The Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards gives dimensions and characteristics for door widths, clear space for wheelchairs, audible and visual signals, grab bars, switch and outlet heights and more. The more renowned Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulates accessibility for public buildings and areas. These standards as well as many

other publications on the subject can be found at the web site; <http://www.access-board.gov/indexes/accessindex.htm>.

The smart builders look to "adaptable design," which is planning certain features to change, as the homeowner's needs change. These changes should be planned so they can be made easily without the need for specialized tools and have minimal impact on the appearance of the home.

Certain elements of accessible design, such as wider door openings and hallways, must be in place in the earliest planning stages. Adaptable design plans should include supports in bathroom walls for future installation of grab rails and cabinets under sinks so that they are easily removable.

Features such as wider doors and halls, elevated outlets, lowered switches and door levers have minimal – and often a positive – impact on people without disabilities.

Here are items worth considering:

HEARING:

Most of us are familiar with text telephones and sound amplifiers for those with hearing disabilities. In the home, normally audio signaling

devices such as doorbells, telephone ringers, and smoke and security alarms need visual (flashing lights) or tactile (bed or pillow vibrators) signaling devices added to them.

VISION:

These modifications are usually minor. Clear travel paths are needed and usually achieved by simple furnishing rearranging or adding some form of tactile warning especially where floor levels change. Increasing light levels or using contrasting colors often gives the same results for those with limited vision.

MOBILITY:

The absolute minimum width for hallways is 36 inches with 32 inches of free opening for doors (the wider, the better).

If ramps are needed, again

36 inches is the minimum width. They must have a maximum incline of 1-inch rise for every 12 inches of run. Handrails should be placed on each side. Lever-type doorknobs are much easier to use than conventional round type and are presently stylish. Push-button or remote-operated locks are far easier to use than keys.

There are far more residential adaptations than I have room for here. The area of accessible/adaptable design is growing at an enormous rate. I encourage you use your library and the Internet for further information.

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

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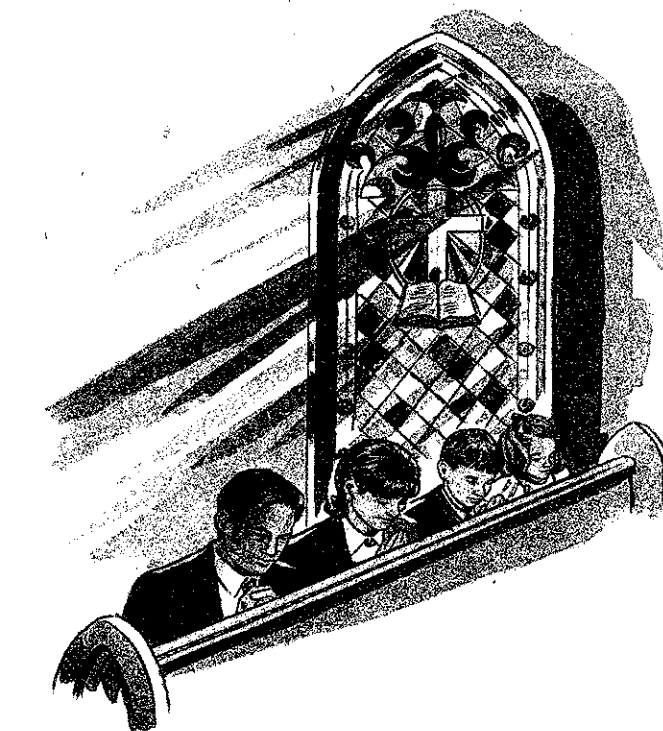
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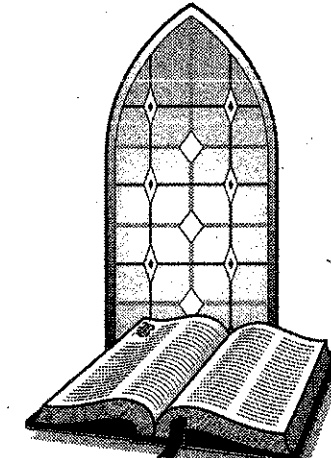
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Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

AUGUST

Divorce Recovery Workshop

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

Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, one-half mile west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Stem cell research

What is stem cell research? What are the major differences between embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells? What are the pros and cons for both? What are the ethical questions, dilemmas and challenges that this research presents to us as U.S. citizens and as Christians? Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, Livonia; just north of I-96) presents a series of lectures by Dr. Kyle Hollman 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday August 22 and 29. Dr. Hollman, a research scientist in biomedical engineering, will present background information and current results. His wife, Linda, director of Outreach at Christ Our Savior Lutheran, will present and lead the discussion concerning this topic.

Gospel concert

Gospel musicians, George and Kathleen Abbas from Colorado perform 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Community Baptist Church, 28237 Warren Rd., Garden City. The Abbas' music features a variety of vocal and instrumental renditions using piano, keyboard, trumpets and acoustic guitar, to present Scripture and praise songs, favorite hymns and gospel songs, and Scripture and poetry recitations. Please come, and bring a friend.

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River and Freedom, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 474-0584.

Family movie evening

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, The Fourth Wise Man, the fictional story of a man who missed out on joining the original three wise men on their journey to see the newborn Jesus. The fourth wise man spends his life in search of Jesus only to find and serve Jesus in the most astonishing ways, in the Monsignor Alex Burnett Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Brief discussion follows. Popcorn and beverages provided. Call (734) 425-5950.

Outdoor concert

The Men of Grace, featuring men that are currently in or have completed the one-year rehabilitation program at Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac, will perform their popular gospel-blues vocal harmony 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, on the east lawn at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 749 W. 14 Mile Road at Bywood, Clawson. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and visit with your neighbors. Trinity is serving free ice cream to all in attendance, and will collect a free will offering to support the missions of the musicians.

For more information, visit www.trinityclawson.org or call (248) 435-8025.

Benefit concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, featuring Mark Willis and special guests presenting a program bridging the blues, jazz, spirituals and gospel from the 1800s to present at Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 E. Adams, east of Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$10. All ages welcome. Free parking and entrance in the rear, just north of Central United Methodist Church. Call (313) 963-7575 for reservations.

Open House

McKinley Cooperative Preschool 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 North Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Children are welcome. Call (734) 729-7222.

Picnic at the Park

5-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, classic cars beginning at 4 p.m., music by Pix 'N Sticks, the Musicality Sweet Adeline's Quartet, and Nardin Park's Carillon Choir, moon walk, clowns, face painting, on the front lawn of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Rain or shine. Ice cream, hot dogs, soda and popcorn will be available for a small fee. Call (248) 476-8860.

Home Vendor Shopping Spree

To benefit the Oakland Hills Community Church Building Fund 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at The International School Middlebelt north of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Vendors include Body Shop at Home, Close To My Heart, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Longaberger, Tupperware, Usborne Books, Ashley's Earth Stones, PartyLite, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, and more. Questions, call Julia Piggins at (734) 229-1376.

Vendors wanted

For Saturday, Sept. 11 Flea Market (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church parking lot, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Table space is \$15. Call (248) 476-0908.

Christian-based preschool

Antioch Lutheran Preschool, 13 Mile and Farmington roads in Farmington Hills, offers Christian-based preschool for three and four-year olds (by Dec. 1), now accepting registration, developmentally stimulating curriculum, small class size. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

Registration opens

St. Edith School is accepting registration forms to fill openings available in kindergarten, first and sixth through eighth grades, at 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call the school office at (734) 464-1250.

Elementary school registration

For grades K-8 at St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Avenue, three blocks east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Schools includes state of the art networked computer lab/ progressive K-8 computer program, all day academically directed kindergarten curriculum, hot lunch program, local bus transportation, and latchkey. Call (734) 721-1240.

CBC Day Camp

Began Monday, June 14 and continues for 11 weeks. There will be fun field trips, Christian-based lessons and lunch provided daily. The cost is \$160

per camper each week. Camp is limited to the first 14 campers and there is a \$25 deposit due in order to hold the camper's spot for each week. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with pre-care (8-9 a.m.) and post-care (4-5 p.m.) available for an extra \$35. To register or for more information, call camp director Ethan Allen at (734) 306-2391.

Sports Camp

Begins with a Bible study followed by instruction in various sporting activities and participation by children age 4 through sixth grade 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 8, at Harvest Ministries Church, 23233 Drake, Farmington Hills. Call Bob Trejo for information, (248) 478-1511.

UPCOMING

Crack the code

Beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, through Thursday, Sept. 30, crack The Da Vinci Code, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

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OTTO BUCKBERRY

Age 77, of Plymouth, died August 16, 2004. He was born June 22, 1927, in Ypsilanti. He came to the Plymouth community in 1958, from Romulus. He was a retired engineer from Michigan Bell. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He enjoyed flying planes, aviation history, and sailing. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his son, Gary (Juliette) of East Lansing; his grandchildren, Gary Lynn Buckberry II, Colette Buckberry, and Cosette Buckberry of East Lansing; his brother, Marshall (LeDora) Buckberry of Texas; and his sister, Elsie (Dr. Donald) Overy of Bloomfield Hills. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 11:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

MARY JO DE VRIES

Age 63, of Cascade, formerly of Livonia, passed away Saturday, August 14, 2004, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerome Donnelly. Surviving are her husband, Jon F. De Vries Sr.; her children, Maureen (Vaughn) Calip, Mark (Jane) Donnelly, Paul (Michelle) Donnelly, Peggy (Michael) Duffy; her step-children, Debora (Darrin) Mehlert, Mary Beth (Larry) Erhardt Jr., Jon (Leslie) De Vries, Robert (Jackie) De Vries; her brother Richard (Cynthia) Deane and 20 grandchildren, also many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday at 9 a.m. at St. Robert of Newminster Church, 6477 Ada Dr. SE, Rev. R. Louis Stasker, Celebrant. Interment St. Augustine Cemetery, Howell, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Richard DeVries Memorial Scholarship Fund, 18191 Peninsula Way, Northville, MI 48187.

MARY LOUISE (Nee Lingard), DICKSON

Age 79. Passed away August 16, 2004. Resident of Farmington Hills for 42 years. Beloved wife of John for 60 years. Loving Mother of Patricia (Randy) DeGrow, Judy (Wally) Peterson, and John (Shelly) Dickson. Proud Grandmother of Dana, Katherine, Matthew, Christopher, Stephanie, Christina, Whitney, and David. Great Grandmother of Mary Grace. Memorial Service for family and friends Thursday 4 PM at: THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Road) Visitation 3 PM until time of service. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Interment at Glen Eden Cemetery

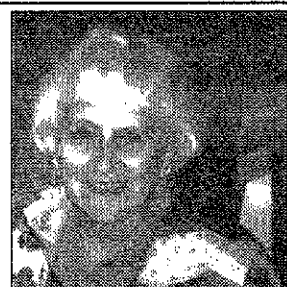
HAROLD E. O'NEILL

55, died suddenly August 14, 2004. Survived by children Jason, Daniel, and Megan. Granddaughter Isabelle. Son of Doris and the late Frank O'Neill. Brother to Ann Hanusik and Patrick. Burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery August 20 at 1pm.

EDWARD JAMES SCULLY
Age 77, Aug. 14, 2004. Retired executive, K-Mart Corporation, 44 yrs. of service. Husband of Bette. Father of Laura (Dennis) Grim and Brian Scully. Grandfather of Kevin Grim, Kristin Grim and Heather (Michael) Bettini. Great grandfather of Kyle, Heidi, Alex, Joey, Amber, Kelly, Jonah, Connor and Sophia. Memorial Service, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Rd. Sat., Aug. 21 at 11AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Diabetes Association or Crystal Cathedral. Arrangements by Wm. R. Hamilton Co. (248) 644-6000

MARION H. CARLSEN

Age 90, August 16, 2004. Wife of the late Reverend Olaf N. Carlsen. Mother of Lois Carlsen (Brian) Blaesing, Eunice A. Carlsen and David N. (Judy) Carlsen. Grandmother of Bethany Carlsen. Funeral service, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Friday, August 20th at 11:00 A.M. Visitation after 10:00 A.M. Friday. Memorial tributes to Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. Lasalle Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, 60610

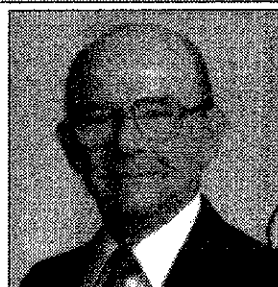


KATHRYN (KAY) SOVRAN

Kay Sovran was born and raised in Decorah, Iowa, and was of Norwegian parentage. From a young age she studied piano, and became an accomplished pianist. She attended Luther College in her home town, earning a Bachelors Degree with specialization in Music and English. She taught high school music in Minnesota for several years, and elementary school in California for one year. She then attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, earning a Masters Degree in Music, with a specialization in piano. It was there that she met her future husband, Gino, who was earning a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. They married at the completion of their studies and moved to the Twin Cities of Minnesota where Gino taught mechanical engineering for 5 years at the university. He also continued his graduate work to the Doctorate level, and the family then moved to the Royal Oak-Birmingham area in 1954 when Gino was employed by the General Motors Research Laboratories. Kay was very active in church music as an organist and choir director, serving at the Episcopal Churches of St. Matthews in St. Paul, St. Andrews in Clawson, and St. Stephens in Troy. Music was central to her life, and she had seasons tickets to the Detroit Symphony and the Detroit Opera. She also resumed teaching when the children were older, and taught elementary school music in Southfield for many years. She suffered a severe stroke in early May, which was compounded by an existing immune system problem that made her susceptible to infections. She passed away unexpectedly on August 14. She was 81 years of age. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lars and Sylvia Seim of Decorah, Iowa, and by her sisters Ruth Steneroden and Pauline Seim of St. Paul. In addition to her husband, she is survived by Daniel (Cynthia), Ralph (LouAnn), and Andrew (Nancy) Sovran, and by Victoria (Thomas) McCuish. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren: Michael and Amy of Novi, Brittany and Sam of DeWitt, Sarah, Joseph, Anne, Mary Kate, Dominic, Molly, Hope, Abigail, and Kathleen of Southfield, and Kathryn of Troy. Funeral services were held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Troy on August 19, and interment was at Acacia Park Cemetery in Southfield. There will be a funeral service at St. Stephen Episcopal Church, 5500 N. Adams Rd. Troy, MI on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 11:00 am. Visitation was at the William R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham, 820 E. Maple Tuesday 6 to 8pm and Wednesday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8pm. Memorial tributes may be made to: Spina Bifida, 681 Spaulding Ave. Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or to The Detroit Symphony, 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48201.

JUDITH ANN MANNS

Of Novi, MI. Age 64. Died suddenly August 17, 2004 at her home, of natural causes. Survived by her son Christopher (Wendy) Golla of Hartland, MI and their children Danielle and Dale. By her daughter Susan (John) Lundin of Hartland, MI and their daughters Meghan and Emily. Also her youngest son William Brose of Warren, MI. Judy is also survived by her father Aubrey Kennedy of St. Helen, MI and her brothers Terry (Perry MI) and Jon (Farmington Hills, MI). Memorial Service Saturday 2 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 block W. of Farmington Road) Visitation Saturday 1-2 p.m.



ROBERT E WINKEL

Robert E Winkel Sr passed away June 19, 2004. "Bob" was born on September 29, 1917 on a farm near Chebanse, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Effie, and three children, Barbara (Schoenith), Robert Jr and Gail (Linn). Also surviving are seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In 1939 Bob graduated from the University of Illinois and moved to Detroit. He was employed by Ernst & Ernst, an accounting firm, and in 1945 he became Controller of the Ernst Kern Company. In 1956 the family moved to Franklin, where he served on the Franklin Village Council for many years. Following retirement in 1985 as president and CEO of Crowley-Milner, a Detroit area department store, Bob and Effie became residents of Sun City West, Arizona. Bob and Effie traveled, were participants in community affairs, and above all, took great pleasure in the growing families of their children and grandchildren. As "Bob", "Dad", and "Grandpa", he loved dearly, and was dearly loved in return. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 28, at 1:30 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 West Maple Rd, Birmingham, Michigan. Join the family for a few moments of fond remembrance.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS -AUGUST 10, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present:

Bennett, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly Members Absent: Burdziak Staff Present: Director Minghina, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda with the deletion of Items G-11, Approve Purchase of Replacement Lawnmower and Related Budgeted Amendment (LSD) and Item G-12, Award Bid for Picnic Tables (LSD) as amended. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Board Minutes of July 27, 2004. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for August 10, 2004

General Fund	101	\$	676,530.87
Fire Fund	206		79,123.90
Police Fund	207		151,472.51
Summit Operating	208		97,658.97
Street Lighting	219		17,311.55
Cable TV Fund	230		3,244.75
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		7,379.48
Auto Theft Grant	289		900.00
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294		36,460.90
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		219,355.45
Golf Fund	584		60,570.97
Water & Sewer Fund	592		973,283.91
Trust & Agency Fund	701		6,267.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736		33,963.67
Saltz Road Paving	803		1,795.18
Lotz Road Paving	804		4.67
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815		379,170.94
Total - All Funds			2,444,494.42

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo presented articles ranking the top Canton Township employers and Michigan Supreme Court limiting the government's use of eminent domain. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 1.REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reappoint James Cisek to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term. (Term expires August 31, 2007) Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE CHERRY HILL INVITATIONAL FINE ARTS AND ANTIQUES SHOW. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the special event status for the Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Arts and Antiques Show and placement of signs. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate additional funds to reimburse the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for half of the cost of school crossing guards at Canton School crossings during the 2004-2005 school year:

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$2,375 Increase Appropriations: School Crossing Guards-Public Safety #101-316-950-0000 \$2,375 Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTION BOARD OF CANVASSERS Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint James A. Kosteva (Democratic Party) to fill a vacancy in the Canton Township Election Board of Canvassers for a term expiring on December 31, 2007. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASSER'S REPORT OF THE AUGUST 3, 2004 LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the report of the Board of Canvassers meeting of August 4, 2004, and to attach these minutes to the August 10, 2004 meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried by all members present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION BOARD OF
CANVASSERS PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 4, 2004

A meeting of the Election Board of Canvassers was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. **ROLL CALL** Members Present: Dr. Clifford McClumpha, Robert Bovitz, Daniel R. Amman, Clerk Terry Bennett Members Absent: A vacancy on the Board of Canvassers as submitted by Mr. Blumenshine in late July, moved to Texas. (Vacancy to be filled at August 10, 2004 Board of Trustees meeting) Clerk Bennet explained that the responsibility of the Board of Canvassers was to confirm and certify the vote totals for the offices of Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Treasurer, and each of the four positions of Township Trustee. The Board then proceeded to examine and ask questions of the results tapes certified by each of the 39 precinct and eight Absentee Voter Precincts to the Canton Township Statement of Vote Total. Totals were compared to the results tapes for each of the listed precincts. The Board of Election Canvassers certified all results of all precincts. The Board took note of the remarks related to Precinct 5, where a computer malfunctioned, dropped a ballot into the ballot box without being read. Notation was made in remarks section of the poll book. In addition, one person malfunction created a ballot being read twice in the Absent Voter Counting Board. A jammed ballot was read twice. Notation was also made in the Remarks section of the Poll Book. Clerk Bennett noted that two polling locations opened late due to the First Baptist Church's designated person not showing up to open the building. The Youth Pastor of the First Baptist Church arrived at 7:05 to open building. One voter waited and voted. Cherry Hill United Methodist Church Pastor overslept due to a power outage and his clock not going off. A parishioner arrived to open building at 6:45 a.m. One voter indicated that they would return later in the day. Mr. Bovitz, being a new member, asked questions related to processing Absentee Ballots. The Absent Voter Counting Board process of handling ballots was explained by Clerk Bennett. Voter turnout was noted as extremely low. Motion by Dr. McClumpha, seconded by Mr. Amman to certify the results of the August 3, 2004 Primary Election for the offices of Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, Township Treasurer, and the four (4) positions of the Township Trustees for the Republican and Democratic Parties as follows:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Board of Canvassers for the Charter Township of Canton met on August 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road to certify the results of the Local Primary Election. The certified results are as follows:

Statement of Votes Cast		
Primary Election, Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan		
Township Supervisor		
Party	Candidate Name	Total Votes
Republican	Thomas Yack	3224
Democrat	None	
Township Clerk		
Republican	Terry G Bennett	3303
Democrat	None	
Township Treasurer		
Republican	Elaine J Kirchgatter	3175
Democrat	None	
Township Trustee		
Republican	Fred A. Bolden	1094
Republican	Jon M. Burdziak	1259
Republican	Todd Caccamo	1546
Republican	Jack S. Hakala	635
Republican	Todd A. LaJoy	2982
Republican	Melissa McLaughlin	2001
Republican	Vicki L. Welty	1215
Republican	Karl Zarbo	1283
Democrat	Godfrey N. Aguwa	1122
Democrat	Bill Rice	1644

The highlighted candidates will be carried over onto the November, General Election Ballot. Motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. was made by Mr. Bovitz and seconded by Dr. McClumpha. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted, TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Motion carried by all members present. Following each election, the

Board of Canvassers meet to either certify local election results or accept the results to forward to Wayne County for Certification. In this case, the Board met to accept and to forward election results to Wayne County, which is required under Michigan Election Law. **GENERAL CALENDAR:**

Item 1. **SITE PLAN FOR CRYSTAL CREEK ADULT FOSTER CARE ADDITION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the site plan for Crystal Creek Adult Foster Care Addition. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Crystal Creek Adult Foster Care Addition

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Dennis Krestel, has requested site plan approval for Crystal Creek Foster Care Addition to be located on Lilley Road between Warren and Joy Roads, identified as tax EDP #006-99-0015-702; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Dennis Krestel, to approve the site plan for the proposed Crystal Creek Adult Foster Care Addition subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 2. **CONSIDER FINAL PLAT FOR GRAND OAKS SUBDIVISION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the final plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Final Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Danny Veri, has requested final approval for the plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision to be located on Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads, identified as tax EDP #062-99-0021-000 and 062-99-0022-000; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the Final Plat and made a recommendation to APPROVE the final plat, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Danny Veri to grant final approval of the plat for the proposed Grand Oaks Subdivision subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 3. **CONSIDER FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PHASE 3.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the final site plan resolution for Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums, Phase 3. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Final Site Plan for Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums,
Phase 3

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. David Stollman, has requested final site plan approval for Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums, Phase 3 (identified by Tax I.D. Numbers 073-99-0002-703, and 074-99-0008-718) to be located on South of Cherry Hill Road between Denton and Ridge Roads; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant final site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. David Stollman, to approve the final site plan for Cherry Hill Village Site Condominium, Phase 3, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 4. **REPROGRAMMING OF CAPITAL PURCHASES - WATER AND SEWER FUND.**

Resolution #1 Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to transfer the following amounts for new items from account #592-000-154-0000,

Item 2 Water Gate Valve Operator: - \$4,300 Metro Tec and Retro fit old Unit - \$3,900 Muller Power Operator - \$1,850 B-101 Tap Machine - \$1,125 Reed Ductile Pipe Cutter Motion carried by all members present.

Resolution #2 Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to transfer funds to account #592-000-142-0000, item 5, Hydraulic Ditch Bank Mower: - \$747 Box Scaper 72" - \$802 Landscape Rake 96" - \$3,334 Dump Hopper - \$4,048 Tiller 76" Motion carried by all members present.

Resolution #3 Motion by

Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to transfer funds to account #592-000-142-0000, Item 2 Small Excavator from the following balances of accounts: - \$425 from item 2, account #592-000-154-0000 (Water Gate Operator) - \$1,218 from item 3, account #592-000-142-0000 (Backhoe) - \$419 from item 5, account #592-000-142-0000 (Hydraulic ditch bank mower) - \$1,337 from item 7, account #592-000-142-0000 (Scissor Lift) Motion carried by all members present

Item 5. **CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CAPITAL AND WATER DEBT FEE WITH C.H. CANTON EMAGINE LLC.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk to execute the Agreement for Sewer Capital and Water Debt Fee Between Charter Township of Canton and C.H. Canton Imagine, LLC, and authorize the reimbursement of \$124,806.50 overcharge. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Shefferly Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CAPITAL AND
WATER DEBT (TAP) FEE
BETWEEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND
C.H. CANTON EMAGINE, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT, between the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, (hereafter "Canton") of 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI, 48188, and C.H. CANTON EMAGINE, LLC., a Michigan limited liability company, (hereafter "EMAGINE") of 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48337, is entered into and effective upon the latest date of execution indicated with the signatures below.

Recitals

- EMAGINE is constructing the "Imagine Theater" in Canton Township as approved by Canton. It is necessary for EMAGINE to connect to the available sewer and water systems under the jurisdiction of Canton.
- Pursuant to Canton's applicable ordinance(s), Canton is authorized and required to charge EMAGINE and any other prospective a connection or "tap" fee for the privilege of connecting to the respective systems. The applicable ordinance provides that for uses which may not be accurately reflected under certain prescribed categories, the Township Engineer may make a determination through other reasonable means to provide an amount for the respective fees.
- Pursuant to the applicable ordinance, the Township Engineer has reviewed data demonstrating the actual usage of the sewer and water of the Novi Imagine Theater which is substantially the same as the Imagine Theater approved for construction in Canton. The Township Engineer has determined that the appropriate fees tentatively total FORTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 50/100 (\$44,813.50), subject to the contingency that such determination must be reviewed on an annual basis for a period of three (3) years after the Imagine Theater begins operation to determine if it should be adjusted based on the actual usage.
- It is mutually beneficial to EMAGINE and Canton that the actual fee accurately reflects the actual usage and that the Imagine Theater be constructed in Canton Township as approved.

WHEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:
A. Pursuant to the applicable ordinances(s), EMAGINE will be

allowed to pay a tentative tap fee for connecting to the sewer and water systems under the jurisdiction of CANTON in the amount of FIFTY ONE-THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$51,138.00). The tentative tap fee of \$51,138.00 is calculated on presumed usage by the theater center of approximately 10.86 units per year; (or 10.86 Residential Equivalent Units X \$4,500.00=\$48,870.00) in addition to certain one-time charges (tap, meter, water construction, inspection) totaling \$2,268.00 for a total fee of \$51,138.00. A Residential Equivalent Unit is and for purposes of this Agreement shall be 115,000 gallons. The final amount of the water and sewer tap fees are and will be based on the applicable rates at the time of the applications, but will be determined by calculating the amount of the fee based on the actual usage after a THREE (3) year period beginning from the date that CANTON issues a CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY to EMAGINE which would allow EMAGINE open for operation for the general public.

- EMAGINE shall, within SIXTY (60) days after the third anniversary date of the issuance of the CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, contact the Township Engineer to review of the actual usage of the water and sewage systems for the period of time provided in this AGREEMENT. The Township Engineer may, on his/her own initiative conduct such a review and communicate the findings to EMAGINE. The Township Engineer shall provide EMAGINE his/her findings, calculations and results in a timely manner.
- Within THIRTY (30) days of receipt of such information, the appropriate payment by EMAGINE for the amount of the adjustment, if any, shall be made as determined by the Township Engineer. If within the same THIRTY (30) days, EMAGINE communicates to CANTON that EMAGINE either disagrees with the adjustment due to some error in calculation, the required payment shall be made by the end of the THIRTY (30) day period. Any subsequent adjustment pursuant to mutual agreement with the Township Engineer shall be made within FIFTEEN (15) days of the mutual agreement authorizing the adjustment. Written verification of the mutual agreement shall be required, but it may be in the form of a letter.
- Notwithstanding any contrary provision contained herein and notwithstanding any change or modification in CANTON's tap fee rate or schedule, the final sewer and water permit (tap) fee shall be calculated based upon a usage charge of \$4,500.00 per Residential Equivalent Unit (\$1,000.00 for the Water Debt, and \$3,500.00 for Sewer Capital) times the actual number of each Residential Equivalent Unit (115,000 gallons) used determined pursuant to the proceeding paragraphs.
- Both EMAGINE and CANTON acknowledge the applicability of the COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH and each agrees to use its best efforts to achieve the objectives of this AGREEMENT.

THERE ARE NO OTHER UNDERSTANDINGS, ORAL OR OTHERWISE, REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT WHICH ARE NOT CONTAINED HEREIN. THIS IS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

For Charter Township of Canton:

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

For C.H. CANTON EMAGINE, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company:

By: Carl Slemmer Its: Authorized Member
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___ day of ___ 2004, by Thomas J. Yack and Terry G. Bennett, Supervisor and Clerk, respectively, of the Charter Township of Canton. Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___ day of ___ 2004, by Carl Slemmer the authorized member of C.H. CANTON EMAGINE, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, by and behalf of said company. Notary Public, County, MI My Commission Expires: _____

Item 6. **AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID FOR WELCOME TO CANTON SIGN CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the award of bid for the "Welcome to Canton" sign construction and installation to Sign Stuff, Inc. of Livonia, MI for a total of \$9,995.00 (account # 246-170-970-0000, Council for Community Excellence, Capital Improvements-General Improvement Projects). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. **APPROVE CONSULTANT FOR CDBG FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the contract for the preparation of the FY 2005-2009 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan to John Pollick, AICP, PCP, in the amount of \$10,000 (account #274-666-810-2003 CDBG Administration). Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8. **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A SMART TRAILER.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of the SMART LP speed trailer from Kustom Signals, Inc., for a cost of \$8,791.50 (account no. 207-301-977-0000 Capital Outlay.) Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. **SALE OF MICHIGAN AVENUE PROPERTY (APPROXIMATELY 8 ACRES).** Motion by Bennett. Supported by * to have Canton modify its original January 13, 2004 offer to sell Richard Scott the Easterly _ of parcel sidwell No. 99-000-9700 to include the balance of the parcel (approximately 8 acres) for \$1,748,000. The purchase is a 7% five-year land contract with monthly payments of not less than interest payment only. Principal and interest shall be fully due and payable within five years from the date of the contract. All proceeds from the sale of this parcel shall be placed into the public improvement fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. **APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF PRE-EMERGENT TREATMENT FOR GRUBS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the emergency purchase of \$7,000.00 to Turfgrass, Inc., 28064 Pontiac Trail, P.O. Box 667, South Lyon, MI 48178 for grub control needed at Pheasant Run from Parks 2004 Ground Maintenance budget, Account #584-756-930-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 11. **APPROVAL PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LAWNMOWER AND RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT.** Item Deleted.

Item 12. **AWARD BID FOR PICNIC TABLES.** Item Deleted.

Item 13. **AIR CONDITIONING REPAIRS FOR FELLOWS CREEK.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the purchase of a portable cooling unit for the Fellows Creek kitchen area and approve a budget transfer in the Golf Course Fund in the amount of \$2,814 to Capital Outlay-Buildings account number 584-697-976-0000 from Insurance account number 584-697-911-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 14. **CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RICHIO AFICIO 1035/FAX FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$3,237 (\$6,887 from the Administration Building account #402-302-975-0000 for purchase of the copier, \$675 from account #101-250-932-0000 for _ year maintenance agreement and \$675 from account #101-240-818-0000 for _ year maintenance agreement) to IKON Office Solutions for the purchase of one (1) Richio Aficio 1035 copier and one year maintenance agreement under the State of Michigan Bid. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 15. **SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2004 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2005 BUDGETS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to levy the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2004 be set as follows: Charter Mills (General Fund) 2.3660, Fire Protection Special Assessment 2.3580, Police Protection Special Assessment 4.1260, Total 8.8500 I further move that a Public Hearing be held on September 14, 2004 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2005 budgets. Motion carried by all members present. The proposed maximum millage rates are as follows:

	2003 Millage Rate	Proposed 2004 Millage Rate	Increase (Decrease)
Charter Millage	2.0000	2.3660	0.3660
Fire Special Assessment Millage	2.6000	2.3580	(0.2420)
Police Special Assessment Millage	4.2500	4.1260	(0.1240)
Total	8.8500	8.8500	0.0000

Move door frame to fix sticking door

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

In an earlier article, we mentioned that a sticking door could easily be repaired by planing the spot where a rub was occurring.

Although we still feel that doors that rub can be quickly fixed with a small block plane or a pad sander, the sticking condition eventually is likely to reverse itself as winter rains return. The tight joint that currently exists between the door and frame will widen.

So, be careful not to overdo the removal of what will again become precious and needed door material. Simply put: Plane or sand sparingly.

Before beginning any type of repair, check the hinges to be sure the problem isn't loose hinge screws.

A loose top hinge will allow the weight of the door to fall against the opposite side of the door frame - resulting in an annoying rub that isn't unlike one caused by a door that has shifted because of house movement.

There is an option to sanding or planing when only a slight rub exists. Slightly - and permanently - move the door frame at the point where the rub is occurring. This increases the distance between the door

and the frame.

This technique is a common one, and takes only seconds to perform. It could take you longer to read this article than to make the repair.

This repair is most successful when only a moderate rub exists between the door and the door frame. This is because it is generally difficult to move the frame more than 1/16 to 1/8 inch.

WHAT YOU NEED

You'll need a hammer, a box nail, a fat nail punch and a small block of wood.

Any hammer will do. We usually use a 10- to 16-ounce finish hammer. We use 16d sinkers, but any size between 8d and 16d will work.

A short piece of two-by-four or a piece of two-by-two works well as the block of wood, although any smooth piece of wood will do.

Rough-sawn wood shouldn't be used. It will leave an irregular pattern in the door frame.

■ First, locate the rub and drive the nail through the face of the door frame and into the adjacent stud.

■ Don't hammer the nail all the way in.

Use the punch to finish the job to prevent hammer marks in the door frame.

Structural pests pose variety of threats

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Here's one for you: According to those in the know at the Entomological Society of America, you can expect insect populations to be more active than in recent years, and believe it or not, all because of recent changes in the weather.

"Weather or not," structural pests left unchecked can become a costly proposition for a homeowner.

Here are a few statistics that may encourage you to take action if you suspect a termite invasion has occurred at your place:

Termites cause more than \$2.5 billion in damage to U.S. homes each year - that's more than fire, storms and earthquakes combined!

Fifty billion termites infest about 1 million U.S. homes (one in every 30 U.S. homes) each year.

Termites can be hidden for 10 to 12 years before a swarm becomes visible.

Homeowners insurance doesn't cover termite damage, so annual inspections are critical and far less costly.

A small colony of approximately 60,000 termites can eat a linear foot of a two-by-four in about five months.

Several termite colonies could be present in as little as 1 acre of land and contain

more than 1 million termites.

Our recommendation: Have your home inspected for termites on a regular basis.

In areas where termites are known to be doing major damage, we suggest that you have your home inspected by a structural pest control operator (termite contractor) at least once a year.

By the way, if you are considering a new home, make sure that the builder has treated the area with an approved termiticide that will discourage the tiny buggers from eating away at the structure.

If you would like to try a do-it-yourself approach, there is a Web site you should check out: www.doityourselftermitecontrol.com. The company can be contacted by phone at (800) 476-3368.

Although we don't strongly encourage self-management of structural pests, we think anything that can be done to supplement regular inspection by a professional is a good thing.

More than 75 percent of Lyme disease cases are contracted in residential properties - that's your back yard!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded nearly 20,000 human cases of Lyme disease in 2000, with 23,763 human cases reported in 2002 - an increase of 15 percent in two years.

Moreover, health officials believe that only one in 10 cases is actually reported.

Lyme disease cases have been reported in every state in the country.

For more information on ticks, Lyme disease and how to check for and eradicate ticks on your property, contact the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Mill Pond Offices, 293 Route 100, Somers, NY 10589.

You can e-mail questions to

Inquire@aldf.com or check out the Web site at www.aldf.com.

FIRE ANTS

Once you've experienced the pain associated with an encounter with a pack of fire ants, you will want to learn everything there is to know about how to get rid of them, or at the very least how to completely avoid contact with them.

Here is some interesting information:

Fire ants are extremely resilient, and their ability to return and thrive after the application of most insecticides makes them difficult to control.

Colonies have multiple queens that can produce as many as 1,500 eggs per day for as long as seven years.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION TO VOTE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

A Special School Election has been called to be held in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on the 28th day of September, 2004, for the purpose of voting on the following positions:

TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL - OPERATING MILLAGE

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the School District to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed in any one year for all purposes upon non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property situated within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of twenty (20.00) mills on each dollar (\$20.00 per \$1,000) of taxable value, for a period of ten (10) years, from December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2014, with eighteen (18) mills of the total being a renewal of a previously voted millage authorization which would otherwise expire on June 30, 2005, which millage would provide estimated revenues to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools of Twenty Eight Million Eight Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight and 00/100 (\$28,893,628.00) Dollars during the 2004 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes?

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$108,945,000.00) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Remodeling, re-equipping and refurbishing elementary, middle school and high school buildings and other facilities;
- Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new elementary school building;
- Acquiring, a site for a new elementary school building and developing and improving sites for elementary, middle school and high school buildings, other facilities and playgrounds;
- Equipping and re-equipping school buildings for technology systems and technology equipment; and
- Acquiring school buses?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty-five (25) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.40 mills (which is equal to \$0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty-five (25) years is 0.94 mills annually (\$0.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

(PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, EXPENDITURE OF BOND PROCEEDS MUST BE AUDITED, AND THE PROCEEDS CANNOT BE USED FOR TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR OR EMPLOYEE SALARIES, REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE COSTS OR OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.)

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, the 30th day of August, 2004 up to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Local Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said Election. Application for registration should be made to the Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons desiring to register must ascertain when the respective clerks' offices will be open for receiving registrations in addition to the 8:00 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, August 30, 2004.

JOANNE LAMAR,
Secretary of Board of Education

Publish: August 19 and 26, 2004

SHURGARD STORAGE CENTERS

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 09/03/04 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Shurgard of Canton
2101 Haggerty Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-981-0300

Unit 4028 household
Unit 4038 household
Unit 4244 household
Unit 5223 household
Unit 5225 household
Unit 6015 household
Unit 6052 household
Unit 6266 household

Shurgard of Canton South
45229 Michigan Ave.
Canton, MI 48188
734-398-5416

Unit 1004 household
Unit 3010 household
Unit 4109 household

Shurgard of Walled Lake
1901 East West Maple Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248-669-4020

Unit 1131 household
Unit 3045 household
Unit 4003 household

Shurgard of Dearborn
24920 Trowbridge
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-277-2000

Unit 1260 household
Unit 1276 household
Unit 1560 household
Unit 3010 household
Unit 3014 household

Shurgard of Westland
36001 Warren Rd.
Westland, MI 48185
734-326-6000

Unit 1038 household

Shurgard of Ann Arbor
2500 So. Industrial Hwy.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-972-2212

Unit 3049 household
Unit 3051 household
Unit 4079 household
Unit 4120 household
Unit 6001 household
Unit 6003 household
Unit 6011 household

Shurgard of Livonia
30300 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
734-522-7811

Unit 2017 household
Unit 2063 household
Unit 3091 household
Unit 4070 household
Unit 4087 household
Unit 4130 household
Unit 5032 household

Shurgard of Taylor
9300 Pelham Rd.
Taylor, MI 48180
313-292-2950

Unit 3015 household
Unit 3029 household
Unit 4079 household
Unit 5009 household
Unit 5073 household
Unit 7049 household
Unit 7087 household

Shurgard of Plymouth
41889 Joy Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-459-2200

Unit 3020 household

Shurgard of Shtfld @ Telegraph
24200 Telegraph
Southfield, MI 48034
248-208-9000

Unit 1041 household
Unit 1047 household
Unit 1101 household
Unit 2011 household
Unit 2038 household
Unit 2047 household
Unit 2108 household
Unit 2166 household
Unit 2175 household
Unit 2187 household
Unit 3099 household
Unit 3183 household
Unit 3185 household

Shurgard of Southfield
19350 W. 8 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075
248-357-1137

Unit 1002 household
Unit 1025 household
Unit 1073 household
Unit 1094 household
Unit 1120 household
Unit 1126 household
Unit 1135 household
Unit 1143 car frame
Unit 1166 household
Unit 1185 household
Unit 1327 household
Unit 2012 household
Unit 2109 household
Unit 2126 household
Unit 2128 household
Unit 2174 household
Unit 4006 household

Shurgard of Farmington Hills
28600 Grand River Ave.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-473-9303

Unit 2084 household
Unit 2188 household
Unit 2220 household
Unit 2336 household

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1961, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment levy to be spread on the tax rolls effective December 1, 2004. DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2004, TIME: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., PLACE: Summit on the Park Community Center, Banquet Center 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188

FIRE DEPARTMENT		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salary's & O/T	\$4,440,825	Salaries & O/T	\$6,963,491
Fringe Benefits	1,792,717	Fringe Benefits	2,818,284
Capital Outlay	158,600	Capital Outlay	418,147
Operations	1,213,838	Operations	2,701,915
Bond Debt Service	212,545	Bond Debt Service	70,872
Total	\$7,818,525	Total	\$12,872,709

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

	P.A.5 2003	Limit	2004	Increase (Decrease) over 2003
Fire Millage	2.6000	N/A	2.3580	(0.2420)
Police Millage	4.2500	N/A	4.1260	(0.1240)
Charter Millage	2.0000	1.0790	2.3660	0.3660
Total	8.8500		8.8500	0.0000

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed fiscal year 2005 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice published by: Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5100

OTHER: Trustee Zarbo stated he had just finished reviewing the Liberty Fest schedule of hours and Director Conklin did a great job. Trustee McLaughlin stated that the Memorial Quilt for 9-11 at the Summit was very well received, impressive and moving to all viewers. Mrs. Helen Griwicki, Canton resident for 32 years, inquired if the master plan will include small farmers. Mrs. Griwicki stated the community still needs the small farmers in the area for our children's future. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn to closed session. The Board of Trustees moved to closed session at 8:10 p.m..

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 10, 2004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON						
PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES						
December 2004 TAX LEVY						
12/1/03	12/1/04	Millage	Taxes on \$120,000	Taxes on \$160,000	Taxes on \$200,000	Taxes on \$300,000
Millage Proposed	Millage Increase	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
Levy	Millage (Decrease)	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
		TaxV= \$60,000	TaxV= \$80,000	TaxV= \$100,000	TaxV= \$150,000	
CHARTER MILLS 2.0000	2.3660	0.3660	\$141.96	\$189.28	\$236.60	\$354.90
FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 2.6000	2.3580	-0.2420	141.48	188.64	235.80	353.70
POLICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 4.2500	4.1260	-0.1240	247.56	330.08	412.60	618.90
TOTAL 8.8500	8.8500	0.0000	\$531.00	\$708.00	\$885.00	\$1,327.50

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Bail out your dishwasher by unclogging drain

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Olivia asks: "Every time I run the dishwasher I've got to stand by the sink with a cup to bail the water out that comes up and drain it into the adjacent sink. If I don't, the sink and dishwasher will overflow. The water comes up on the side of the sink where the garbage disposal is. We've never used the disposal because it has been

broken since we've moved here some weeks ago, but I'm not sure this should affect the way the dishwasher drains, should it? "Also, the water never completely drains after running. There's always a small pool in the dishwasher and a small collection in the sink that does not recede. Is there anything I can do to fix this problem?"

This is definitely one that you can fix. The reason the

sink is flooding is because the disposal and its drain are clogged.

Water leaves the dishwasher through a rubber hose that travels up under the sink to a device called an "air gap." The air gap is a vent that equalizes air pressure so that the water can easily drain out of the dishwasher without air pressure resistance.

From the air gap, a second

hose travels into the disposal. Once in the disposal, the water from the dishwasher is then drained into the sewer system (the same place that the other side of the sink drains into).

If the water has made it into your sink, it means that the lines to the disposal are working fine and that the drain from the disposal is clogged.

Remove the disposal and the associated drain. Clear the

drain, install a new disposal and you can start using that cup for drinking instead of bailing. By the way, you can eliminate the disposal, but it will probably cost less to replace it. There is a ring under the sink right at the drain that can be gripped with a small Phillips screwdriver. A quick tug and the disposal will fall out.

And that's all there is to it!

Shrubs provide lasting color

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Shrubs are the backbone of any good garden, enclosing garden "rooms" and framing views year-round.

Flowers are mere frills, fleeting spots and masses of color. Plant flowering shrubs, and you get both the backbone and the frills in one plant.

Look around now. Many summer flowering shrubs are merrily in bloom.

With all the competition from herbaceous flowers, the display isn't nearly as dramatic as that from spring flowering shrubs.

Still, summer flowering shrubs are welcome for their sheer abundance of blossoms.

And what diversity of blossoms!

In white flowers alone, forms range from the slender panicles of summersweet clethra, Virginia sweetspire and false spirea to the fat mopheads of Snowhill hydrangeas.

The hydrangea blossoms go through a range of colors, starting out apple green, then going on to white, and ending up tawny brown.

And the flowers of Virginia sweetspire and summersweet clethra offer delightful aromas — as welcome in summer as in any season.

Other summer flowering shrubs have flowers in more striking colors.

We can move around the color spectrum from the yellow flowers of potentilla and shrubby St. Johnswort, to the red ones of Rose of Sharon and Five-stamen tamarix, and on to the blues of butterfly bush.

The real beauty of these plants, though, comes from the combined effect of the forms and colors of the flowers and the bushes themselves.

Potentilla, for example, is a cheerful mound of dainty, lime-green leaves and sunny, yellow flowers, each shaped like that of a wild rose.

The tiny flowers of tamarix dab a rose-pink color on the ends of the lanky, green shoots.

Rose of Sharon has large blossoms, each looking like a hibiscus, studding its coarse stems.

Bottlebrush buckeye holds its spires of white blossoms up and away from the bush like candles on a candelabra.

All of these summer flowering shrubs are easy enough to grow as long as you provide sun and soil to each of their liking.

Butterfly bush, tamarix and false spirea demand full sun. Rose of Sharon, the hydrangeas, and the bottlebrush buckeye tolerate partial shade.

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Win a food shopping spree!

Welcome to Fabulous Food & Drink!

You could win a shopping spree at some of the area's best markets and specialty food shops just by reading Taste and visiting area merchants.

For the next three weeks, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* along with Busch's, Holiday Market, Joe's Produce and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe are offering a \$1,000 shopping spree.

You could be among four lucky winners to win a \$250 gift certificate.

Entering is easy. Each participating merchant has official Fabulous Food & Drink entry forms available in their store through 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6. You can enter at each store so be sure to visit all locations.

Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

You must be at least 18 to enter. All entries have an equal chance of being drawn.

To be eligible to win, visit any or all of these sponsors and fill out an entry blank at the Fabulous Food & Drink location.

■ Busch's, 37083 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh), in Livonia.

■ Busch's, 15185 Sheldon (at Five Mile), in Plymouth Township.

■ Busch's, 24445 Drake (at 10 Mile), in Farmington Hills.

■ Joe's Produce, 33152 Seven Mile (just east of Farmington Road), in Livonia.

■ Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road (between Warren and Joy roads), in Westland.

■ Holiday Market, 1203 S. Main St. (three blocks north of 10 Mile), Royal Oak.

Be sure to read Taste, which offers a perfect menu of stories for end of summer food, drinks and desserts.

Still to come in Fabulous Food & Drink is:

■ Aug. 26 — "Drinks and Desserts." Tempting desserts share the spotlight with information about beverages including wine, beer, coffee and even water.

■ Sept. 2 — "Good Food to Go." It's back to school and back to busy families. Check out Taste for tips on quick meals for parties and potlucks.

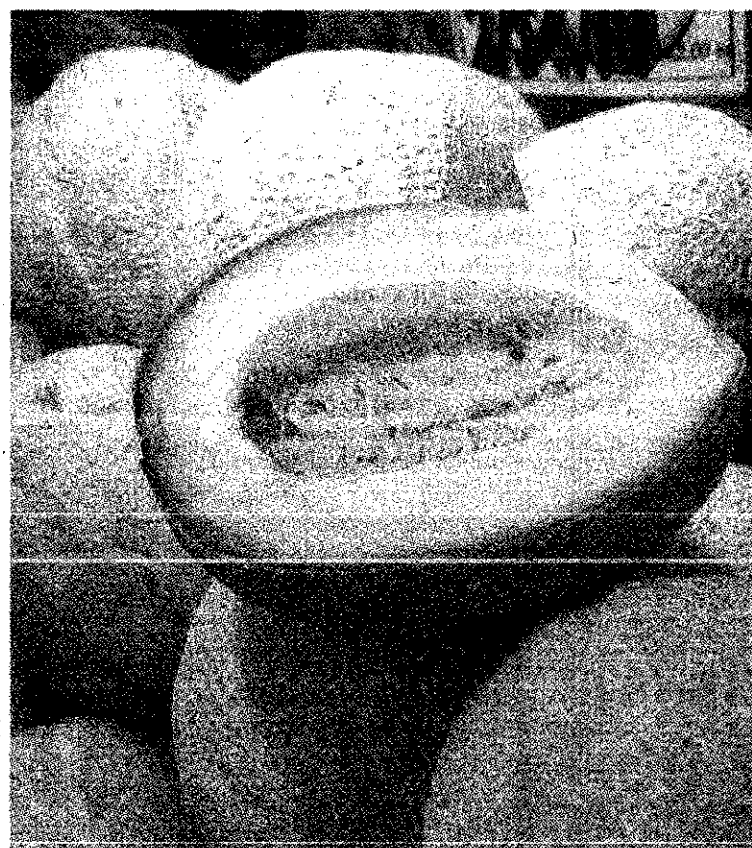
Where to buy good, healthy prepared meals to go and how to pack a healthy school lunch.

In addition, look for a special story each week on "Made in Michigan," food, wine and other culinary products that are grown or made in Michigan.



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A variety of hot peppers grown in Michigan create a colorful display at Joe's Produce in Livonia.



Michigan's Honey Rock melons are in season.

Fruits and veggies

Michigan raises big bounty of produce

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Markets and shoppers give a big "thumb's up" to Michigan's great bounty of fruits and vegetables.

"We support the local farmer (by selling Michigan produce) and it's fresher," said Joe Maiorana, owner of Joe's Produce in Livonia. "We get the produce every day."

Michigan is among the leading producers of certain fruits and

vegetables in the nation. According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Great Lakes State is:

- the top producer of summer or "new" potatoes and potatoes for chip processing;
- second in celery production;
- the fourth largest producer of plums;
- fourth in peach production;
- ninth in onion production;
- 11th in corn production.

PLEASE SEE **PRODUCE, D3**

Keep healthy attitude with Michigan produce

Michigan produce is good for you. According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture:

■ The bean is the highest source of protein available, except for meat products.

Beans have more fiber than any other

MADE IN MICHIGAN

ease.

unprocessed food, are low in sodium and fat and are high in calcium, phosphorus, potassium, thiamin and niacin.

Beans help reduce blood cholesterol levels and protect against heart dis-

■ One 3-ounce carrot provides seven to eight times the recommended daily allowances of vitamin C for a healthy adult.

Carrots are high in fiber, potassium and vitamin A, and break down into calcium and are easily absorbed by the body when eaten.

The vitamin A content in carrots will increase if they are protected from heat and light for up to five months in storage.

■ Sweet corn is a good source of vitamin C, iron, thiamin and riboflavin.

Food scientists say that boiling corn in water can destroy half of the vitamin C content. Microwaving two ears of corn at 600 to 700 watts for a few minutes preserves most of the nutrient.

■ Leeks, scallions and chives have the same good nutritional profiles as onions. Onions are rich in vitamin C, vitamin B6

and potassium.

Cooked onions change in taste because heat transforms sulfuric compounds into sugars.

Green onions are low in calories, and green onions with developed, small bulbs have up to 5,000 times as much vitamin A as white onions.

■ Plums are high in carbohydrates and a good source of potassium, minerals, vitamin A and vitamin C.

■ Potatoes are fat-free, rich

in potassium and a good source of fiber.

A potato contains one-half the daily requirement of vitamin C, 15 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin B6, and 10 percent of the niacin requirement.

A medium potato (between 5 and 10 ounces in weight) has no more calories than an apple.

From www.michigan.gov/mda

Create crisp, cool salad

(NAPS)-On a warm day, nothing beats the heat better than a cool, crisp salad. From colorful garden salads, to those with more of an exotic flair, nature's bounty of seasonal produce offers nearly endless possibilities. Precut produce and salad greens are great timesavers, making it easy to whip up a light, healthy meal anytime.

Here are a few tips to add a little zip to your salad routine:

■ Add a wide variety of toppings to your traditional salad greens. Use vibrant Mandarin oranges, sweet and tangy dried cranberries and pecans to create an exotic Mandarin cranberry salad.

■ Make your salad pleasing to both the eye and the palate.

There's a huge assortment of colorful fruits and vegetables available. Choose from pastel melons, red and blue berries, green grapes, yellow peppers, orange carrots and rich, red tomatoes.

■ Spice up a traditional chicken salad by adding curry powder and dried cranberries.

The wonderful color and sweet, tangy taste of the dried cranberries add an unexpected sweetness to this favorite.

Whip up this salad the night before to allow the sweet and savory flavors to blend.

Serve on a bed of lettuce or as a sandwich spread.

■ Shelve the iceberg lettuce!
Experiment with and enjoy a variety

of salad greens.

Try a savory cranberry spinach salad with warm honey Dijon bacon dressing.

This salad combines tender baby spinach and sweetened dried cranberries with a warm bacon, honey and Dijon mustard dressing.

For more salad recipes, visit www.oceanspray.com.

CRANBERRY SPINACH SALAD WITH WARM HONEY DIJON BACON DRESSING

1 6-ounce package salad spinach
½ cup dried cranberries
Red onion slices
4 slices bacon or turkey bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
½ cup plain or orange-flavored honey
½ cup lime juice
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Wash and clean spinach. Divide evenly among 4 salad plates.

Top each with 2 tablespoons sweetened dried cranberries and onion slices.

Combine remaining dressing ingredients in a small glass, mixing bowl using a wire whisk.

Heat in the microwave on high for 1 minute or until warm.

Makes about 1 cup.

Mangos, colorful and sweet

BY ELIZABETH PIVONKA

(NAPSI)-When strolling through the produce department, be sure to pick up some colorful mangos.

Tree-ripened mangos from Mexico are available late February to late September. The rich orange flesh and vibrant skin give you a good idea that these popular fruits are packed with flavor and health-promoting phytochemicals.

Eating 5 to 9 servings of fruits and vegetables every day is tasty and fun when sweet, juicy mangos are on your menu. Mangos are an excellent source of vitamin A and a good source of vitamin C, two important antioxidants. It's important to eat a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables, and using our five color groups (blue/purple, green, white, yellow/orange and red) makes it easy. Variety means choosing fruits and vegetables within each color group as well as between color groups.

Mangos are the world's most popular fruit. The mango tree is sacred in India, and many

people believe that, in addition to being a symbol of love, it can grant wishes. Scientists have proven that mangos, not apples, are native to the region where Eve tempted Adam. (Perhaps she tempted him with a mango.)

Always select mangos that have a nice aroma and give a little to gentle pressure. Keep firmer mangos on the counter to ripen. Mangos are popular in smoothies, great in salads and ideal for snacks.

Dreamy Mango Ice is an ultra-simple recipe with just two ingredients. The mango ice can be enjoyed as a snack or dressed up and served as a grand finish for a dinner party by freezing the mixture in small ramekins and garnishing with a sprig of mint and a wedge of lime.

Mangos have a long, narrow seed. To cut, slice lengthwise about ½-inch on each side of the stem. Peel the skin off or score the flesh of each half in squares, cutting to the skin, but not through. Turn the mango "inside out" and cut the squares from the skin. Do not eat the skin.

For more information on mangos visit the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas at www.fpa.ota.org. For information about 5 A Day, visit www.5aday.org and www.aboutproduce.com.

DREAMY MANGO ICE

4 medium to large mangos
1 can (14 oz.) low fat sweetened condensed milk

Cube mangos (about 4 cups), discarding pit and skin. Puree cubed mango in a food processor or blender.

Add sweetened condensed milk. Place mango-milk mixture in a large bowl; freeze. For a fun variation, freeze mango-milk mixture in popsicle molds. Makes approximately 8 one-half cup servings.

Nutritional information per serving: calories: 258, total fat: 3.0g, saturated fat: 1.7g, % calories from fat: 10%, % protein: 6g, carbohydrates: 54g, cholesterol: 11mg, dietary fiber: 2g, sodium: 70mg

Elizabeth Pivonka is a registered dietitian.

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Atkins approach

Jonny Bowden, an author of four cookbooks, will present The Atkins Approach: Fact vs. Myth: Have Your Pizza, Ice Cream and Brownies 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Novi Sheraton (the former Novi Hilton), 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi. The event is sponsored by The Better Health Store which has locations in Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, Livonia, Plymouth and Southfield. Reserve a seat by calling (877) 876-8247.

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Fall Mushroom Mania

As the fall colors burst, so does the forest floor with mushrooms. A Fall Mushroom Mania at Springbrook Hills in northern Michigan brings guides to identify safe edibles and teach handling and preparation of delicious fall mushrooms. Outings are scheduled Sept. 10-12, Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3. Cost is \$179 per person, including two nights lodging in vacation homes, guided mushroom hunting and identification, and all meals featuring

mushroom dishes and Leelanau Peninsula wine sampling at the Saturday evening dinner. Groups of six or more are \$169 per person; if no lodging is required, cost is \$124. Call (231) 535-2227 for information.

Cooking for your senses

Kim Banda, a local cook on Southfield City Cable 15, will demonstrate a how to prepare healthy meals 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Southfield Public Library in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Road. Learn how to cook quick and simple but beautifully presented meals. Get tips on nutritious home cooked meals you can fit into your tight schedule. This is a good opportunity to point you to a new way of cooking, by simplifying daily meal preparation. This event is funded by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library and is free to the public, no registration required. Visit the Library's Home Page at www.sfidlib.org. For further information, please call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796-4224 during regular library hours.

Soup can be cool answer to summer heat

BY JOANNA PRUESS
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

(AP) - In the sweltering heat of summer, my interest in preparing slowly simmered foods melts as quickly as ice cubes on hot pavement.

But although all I crave are basically simple dishes, I want them to taste good and have texture and eye appeal, as well.

Many soups meet these demands. My favorites rely on the finest seasonal produce and are often served chilled or at room temperature. They can be an elegant start to a summer meal, a soothing lunch or a refreshing dessert.

Tomatoes are the perfect example of why I wait for in-season crops - and gazpacho has long been one of my summertime staples. When I found some heirloom varieties at a local farm stand recently I was enticed to experiment further.

For this new effort, I blend ripe, juicy tomatoes with aromatic vegetables, a pinch of saffron, and a splash of pastis. Finely diced cucumber, avocado and red onion add a satisfying texture, and a dollop of lightly salted basil-lemon scented cream is a tasty topping.

The combination makes me think of Provence with a touch of America's Southwest.

Like many hot-weather soups, it's best served cool, not cold, so you can appreciate nuances of flavor.

Many vegetables and fruits can be whizzed almost instantly into chilly soups with a blender or food processor. Add a little stock, juice or even buttermilk (or a combination) and some herbs and you have a quick meal.

Because purees seem to absorb a lot of liquid, have extra on hand to add if needed - otherwise you may feel as if

you are eating a vegetable side dish or compote.

Unfortunately, like a bare summer dress, pared-down, minimalist soups expose our excesses and faults. So, if a soup uses stock, it should be either made in your kitchen or a high-quality prepared product without additives and excess salt.

Yogurt is another a terrific base, especially for fruits soups. Here again, choose the best quality you can find. I especially like Greek yogurt. Either full-fat or low-fat varieties are preferable because nonfat yogurt usually produces thin, watery results.

In one hot-weather dessert, vanilla yogurt, pureed peaches and apple cider are blended. Whole fresh blueberries lend visual appeal, as do a tiny scoop of peach sorbet and a small mint leaf added before serving. The work is minimal and you can even use frozen peaches.

Usually, less is more when deciding what to add or serve with these seasonal offerings.

(All recipes are from *Soup for Every Body* by Joanna Pruess, Lyons Press, scheduled for publication in October.)

CHILLED SUMMER TOMATO SOUP WITH DICED VEGETABLES AND BASIL CREAM

2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 small rib celery, trimmed and sliced
1 small onion, peeled and sliced
1 small leek, white part only, rinsed to remove grit, sliced
1 medium red bell pepper, seeds and membranes removed, sliced
½ small fennel bulb, trimmed and sliced
8 large cloves garlic, split
4 pounds large, ripe heirloom or beefsteak tomatoes, cored and coarsely chopped
1 bouquet garnish of 4 sprigs

flat-leaf parsley, 2 sprigs
thyme, 2 large sprigs basil, tied with string

1 cup water
¼ teaspoon saffron threads
¼ cup pastis or other anise-flavored liqueur (optional)
Salt and freshly ground white pepper
¼ cup red onion cut into ¼-inch dice
¼ cup English cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into ¼-inch dice
¼ cup ripe avocado, cut into ¼-inch dice
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
½ cup sour cream
2 tablespoons heavy or light cream
Grated zest of ½ lemon
10 large fresh basil leaves

Heat oil in large, heavy, non-reactive casserole over medium-low heat. Stir in celery, onion, leek, bell pepper, fennel and garlic. Cover and sweat until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes.

Add tomatoes, bouquet garnish, water and saffron, and bring to a boil. Partially cover and cook until tomatoes are completely tender, about 15 minutes. Remove and discard the herbs. Stir in pastis and season to taste with salt and pepper. Let soup cool over a bowl of ice. (If you are in a hurry, omit this step. However, cooling helps to retain the tomatoes' bright red color.)

Transfer soup to blender and puree until smooth, then pass through a fine strainer, pressing to extract as much liquid as possible.

Combine red onion, cucumber and avocado in a small bowl. Add lemon juice and pinch of salt. Blend sour cream and light cream in a small bowl. Chop basil and stir into the cream along with the lemon zest and a pinch of salt. Stir diced vegetables into the soup. Ladle into bowls, add a dollop of cream, and serve at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings.

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And Michigan beans are eaten all over the world. Michigan Bean Soup is on the daily menu at the restaurant of the U.S. Senate. More beans are grown in Michigan's Thumb than anywhere else in the country.

In stores, rows of the state's produce are arranged in a savory spectrum that appeals to the eye as well as to the palate.

AVAILABLE

Many different kinds of farm fresh produce from Michigan are now in season and available.

The colossal cornucopia includes sweet corn, tomatoes (beefsteak, grape and Roma), cauliflower, squash (zucchini, yellow and Cusa), peppers, radishes, apples, blueberries, cantaloupe, peaches, plums, beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, celery, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, onions, potatoes, spinach and all herbs.

"Right now is the best time to get herbs from Michigan," said Fraz Zaiat, produce manager at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham.

"Peaches right from Romeo are a big, big seller," said Paul Forte, owner of Harvest Time Farm Market in Oxford.

Fresh peaches are available in Michigan from July to late September. The state's Red Haven variety is famous nationally and has become the most widely planted peach in the world, the MDA says.

When buying peaches, look for fruit that doesn't have bruises, has a "peach" smell, and isn't too soft or overripe.

GREENS, PLEASE

Among the wide variety of salads offered at Joe's Produce are cranberry and walnut, and Mesclun spinach salad with pecans, said Carol Harter, salad department manager.

"Spinach is very vitamin rich," Maiorana said.

Head lettuce is available from June to September; leafy lettuce from July to September. Romaine is the most popular type of lettuce at Joe's Produce,



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Joe Maiorana, owner of Joe's Produce, holds up Michigan grown sweet corn, which is in season. Behind him are varieties of squash and zucchini.

Maiorana said.

"It's great for salads," he said.

The greener the leaf, the more nutrients, Maiorana said. If a lettuce is without burns on the tips of the leaves, and has a white butt, it means it has just been picked, he said.

"Hot house Michigan tomatoes have a sweeter taste than tomatoes from California," Zaiat said.

Tomatoes should be kept on the counter — instead of in the refrigerator — out of direct sunlight, Maiorana said.

Honey Rock, a popular Michigan cantaloupe, has a softer flesh and a sweeter flavor than its counterparts.

CORN

Sweet corn is available in August and September. When you buy corn, look for ears with medium-sized kernels (large kernels taste starchy instead of sweet, and very small kernels are immature).

Maiorana demonstrated how a fresh ear of corn emits juice when a kernel is squeezed with a fingernail.

Husks should be moist and green; leaving them on when the corn is stored preserves the flavor.

Plums are harvested from August until early October. The two most popular varieties of plums are Damson — which are small, have a tart taste and are used mainly for processing — and Stanley — larger, round-shaped freestones with blue-black skin.

Plums should be plump, clean, fully colored and soft enough to yield to light pressure without pinching or poking.

Immature, poorly colored plums will be hard and never properly ripen; overly mature plums that are soft and leaky will be subject to decay and have poor taste.

Eggplant should be shiny, and pickles should be dark green without shriveling at the ends, Maiorana said.

When selecting blueberries, look for berries with a powdery

coating. This powder is called the natural bloom and protects the fruit; fresh fruit will have bloom on it and won't be shiny, Maiorana said. He said to keep blueberries in the refrigerator.

ONIONS

Most of the onions grown in Michigan are yellow globes. Green onions are onions that were picked before they matured, while their tops are

green and bulbs small.

Good green onions have bright white bulbs and dark green ends, and are straight and crisp.

A cooking tip from the MDA says that when grilling food to accompany a salad, use the stem end of a green onion as a "brush" to apply marinade to the food on the grill. It will give the food a hint of extra flavor.

To prevent watery eyes when

working with an onion, hold the onion under running water, or refrigerate it before peeling or cutting it. Remove the onion smell from your hands by rubbing them with a sliced lemon.

Store onions where air can circulate around them, such as hanging them in a string bag.

Look for firm, orange-yellow carrots with crisp, green tops.

Trim the tops when storing the carrots in a cool, dark, ventilated area; this will prevent chemicals from forming that produce a bitter taste.

Potatoes are harvested from July to October.

The round white is the most popular type, table varieties of which are enjoyed for their moistness and soft texture, the MDA says.

Russets are liked for their baking quality.

Yellow or golden potatoes can be prepared in many ways.

Potatoes should be stored in a cool, dry, dark place, between 35 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and warmed to room temperature before being cooked.

Information from the Michigan Department of Agriculture Web site was used in this article.

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Carol Harter, manager at Joe's Produce in Livonia, displays a sweet and sassy spinach salad.

SALAD RECIPE

SWEET & SASSY SPINACH SALAD

1 package baby spinach
1/2 package, 8 ounces sliced, fresh mushrooms
3/4 cup shredded carrots
1/4 cup shredded cabbage
1/2 cup red onion, sliced
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/2 cup bacon pieces

1/2 cup flavored almonds
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Combine salad ingredients in large serving bowl. Toss with dressing just before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

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Cook up a great meal in a bowl

It's August. If it happens to be hot outside, you don't want to be standing over a blazing stove.

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In response to studies on the connection between diet and cancer, the American Institute of Cancer Research introduced an approach to eating called the New American Plate. Under this plan, it's easy to create meals that lower the risk for cancer and other chronic diseases while helping with weight management.

The link has been established between diets high in vegetables, whole grains and beans and the reduced incidence of health problems. Summer's fresh vegetables make it easy to put all these ingredients into one bowl.

The New American Plate suggests meals composed of 1/2 (or more) plant-based foods such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans and 1/2 (or less) animal protein.

Protein-rich beans are a good replacement for meat in

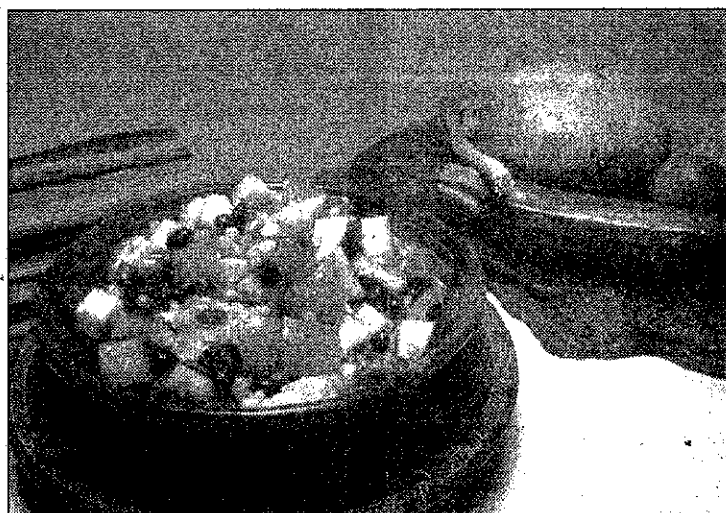
many recipes. Beans are high in fiber, calcium, phosphorus and iron. And because they are easy to grow and store, beans are a staple in parts of the world where animal protein is expensive or limited. As an added bonus, they have no saturated fat.

Beans and other legumes also contain phytochemicals, natural compounds that can prevent the cancer process from beginning or stop cancerous cells from becoming tumors. So they are an important part of the New American Plate.

Combine some of the summer's bumper crop of peppers, tomatoes and zucchini with a can of black beans and you have an easy summer meal. The only cooking required is for the barley. When it's done, toss all the ingredients together for a colorful, nutritious summer meal.

SOUTHWESTERN BLACK BEAN SALAD

1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup pearl barley
Salt to taste



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Combine some of the summer's bumper crop of peppers, tomatoes and zucchini with a can of black beans and you have an easy summer meal. The only cooking required is for the barley.

1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 small yellow or orange bell pepper, seeded and chopped
1 small tomato, seeded and chopped
1 small zucchini, chopped
1 cup diced jicama (optional)
3 oz. pepper or plain Monterey Jack cheese, cut in small cubes
1 medium scallion (green and white part), chopped
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
Juice of 1/2 lime
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add barley and 1/2 teaspoon salt, if desired. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until

barley is tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well and allow to cool to room temperature.

In a large bowl, combine barley, beans, bell pepper, tomato, zucchini, jicama (if desired), cheese, scallion, oregano and lime juice.

Toss with a fork. Sprinkle lime juice over top of salad, tossing at the same time to evenly distribute juice. Season with salt and pepper, according to taste. Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 197 calories, 6 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 11 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 359 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Jams, jellies need boiling water bath

Michigan's bountiful fresh fruits and vegetables are arriving at local markets.

The food and nutrition hotline at the Michigan State University Extension is busy answering lots of canning questions these days.

A common question is how to safely keep homemade jam or jelly on the shelf for an extended period of time.

"All jams and jellies need to be processed in a boiling water bath," says Sylvia Treitman, food and nutrition educator for the MSU Extension office of Oakland County. "This process destroys the bacteria that causes molds to grow and spoilage to occur."

"The old time methods of using paraffin wax and the inversion method are no longer recommended. The problem with using paraffin is that mold can easily grow and the inversion method does nothing to destroy bacteria."

The jars may seal – but the jam may still become moldy, Treitman said.

"If jams are processed in a boiling water bath then molds are destroyed," Treitman said. "Jams and jellies then can be made ahead for Christmas gifts. They can remain safe on the shelf for about one-two years with relatively good quality."

Here are some tips for making jam and jelly safe and mold free:

- Sterilize all jam and jelly jars 10 minutes in boiling water after washing well.
- Process all jams and jellies in boiling water bath 1/2 pints are processed five minutes and pints are 10 minutes. Wash outside of jars after processing.
- Start timing processing once water returns to a boil.
- Store jars with bands removed in a cool area. Wipe jars clean before storing.

Call the Food and Nutrition Hotline at (248) 858-0904 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (summer hours) Monday through Friday for all your canning questions, food and nutrition and food safety concerns.

Creative pickling – one jar at a time

(NAPSI)-Pickle lovers can enjoy fresh-prep pickles in minutes – anytime they want.

Begin with sun-ripened carrots, refreshing cucumbers, brilliant white cauliflower and tender green beans. Add a splash of flavor with vinegar and robust spices.

For the crunch, add Ball 100 percent Natural Pickle Crisp. A combination like this is not only flavorful but nutritious, too. Fill a quart-sized home canning jar and let stand for

30 minutes. Serve right away and store what's left in the refrigerator.

CRUNCHY REFRIGERATOR MIXED PICKLES

1 cup (1-inch thick) sliced cucumbers
1 cup cauliflower flowerets
1/2 cup (1 1/2-inch thick) sliced carrots
1/2 cup (1 1/2-inch long) cut green beans
1/2 cup pearl onions, peeled

1/2 sweet red pepper, seeded and cut into wide strips
1/2 sweet green pepper, seeded and cut into wide strips
1 hot red pepper, cut in half lengthwise
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon mustard seed
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1/2 teaspoon Ball 100 percent Natural Pickle Crisp
2 cups vinegar, 5 percent acidity
1 quart wide-mouth home canning jar and two-piece cap

Combine prepared vegetables in a large bowl; set aside. Stir together sugar, spices and Pickle Crisp in a large saucepot. Boil mixture 3 minutes. Pour pickling liquid over vegetables. Let mixture cool about 30 minutes. Pack vegetables and pickling liquid into a Ball quart wide-mouth home canning jar, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Wipe the rim and threads of the jar with a damp cloth. Adjust cap onto jar. Mixed pickles can be refrigerated up to 4 weeks. Makes about 1 quart.

Tip: Crunchy Refrigerator Mixed Pickles will become more flavorful the longer they marinate in the pickling liquid.

Suggestion: When cutting or seeding hot peppers, wear rubber gloves to prevent hands from being burned.

It may be "fun" to mix up your own special salsa recipe or barbecue sauce, but you may be looking for "a bad food poisoning situation."

That's according to Sylvia Treitman, extension educator for the Michigan State University Extension of Oakland County.

An up-to-date U.S. Department of Agriculture safe canning recipe is a "must."

Also, it is essential to follow these tips for safely canned produce.

Safe canning tips:

- Use only USDA approved recipes (Grandma's old recipes are no-no's!)
- Do not make-up or alter canning recipes.
- Do not add extra

ingredients to recipes such as more onions and peppers to salsa, etc.

This changes acidity and can result in food poisoning.

■ Process all high acid foods in boiling water bath, jam and jellies.

■ Process all low food acids in a pressure canner.

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Too much produce?

Mix those green beans and tomatoes

It's the end of the summer and you have more tomatoes and green beans than you know what to do with. One solution is to put them together in a colorful, nutritious vegetable dish.

According to the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), five daily servings of fruits and vegetables can help ensure short-term nutritional needs but may not be enough to guard against health problems that develop over time. Because these foods are rich in the substances that help reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease and other chronic diseases like diabetes, AICR recommends more than five a day - ideally, nine a day.

An added benefit is that vegetables and fruits are nutrient-dense, meaning they have a high concentration of health benefits compared to a low calorie content. They also have the fiber that creates a "full" feeling with a minimum of calories, often far more effectively than starchy, higher calorie foods like potatoes and pasta.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans eat a limited amount and a small variety of vegetables. The potato, which is more of a starchy staple, is

America's number one vegetable choice, particularly fried. Next is iceberg lettuce, which is low in nutrients, then tomatoes, carrots and onions. At the low end of the scale, two major categories - the deeply colored green and yellow vegetables rich in substances believed to combat many diseases - represent only 0.4 of Americans' daily servings.

Health experts say eating more vegetables is second only to quitting smoking as a protective measure against cancer.

It's easy to boost vegetable consumption. Slightly increase the amount of cooked vegetables at lunch and dinner, from one-half cup to three-quarter cup portions, and you'll have the equivalent of three servings. One cup of salad greens at either meal raises the total to four servings. Eating vegetables instead of high-calorie or processed snacks means more nutrition and fewer calories.

This is easy to do in summer when fresh vegetables and fruits are abundant. Instead of despairing about the overabundance, combine some ripe tomatoes, sautéed garlic, fresh green beans and basil for a colorful vegetable dish. A little crumbled feta cheese adds rich flavor, and is a nice complement to the beans and tomatoes.

GREEN BEANS WITH TOMATOES

1 large tomato, peeled, seeded and cut into small dice
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
1 cup fresh basil leaves, minced
2-4 ounces reduced-fat feta cheese, crumbled

In large sauté pan with a lid, heat olive oil over medium heat until hot.

Add garlic and sauté until golden. Add green beans, reduce heat to medium, sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste and cover with lid.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until green beans are almost tender but firm. Remove lid, add tomatoes and basil, turn up heat and cook for 5 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently.

Transfer bean mixture to a serving bowl. Sprinkle with feta cheese and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 89 calories, 6 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 8 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 130 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Warming up to cold soups

Cold soups have a long history. Many, like gazpacho, originated in Mediterranean countries with long, hot summers. But cold soups have been part of northern diets as well. Eastern Europe has given us deeply flavored beet borscht and sorrel-rich schav. Cold berry soups are common in Scandinavia, and vichyssoise was created by the French.

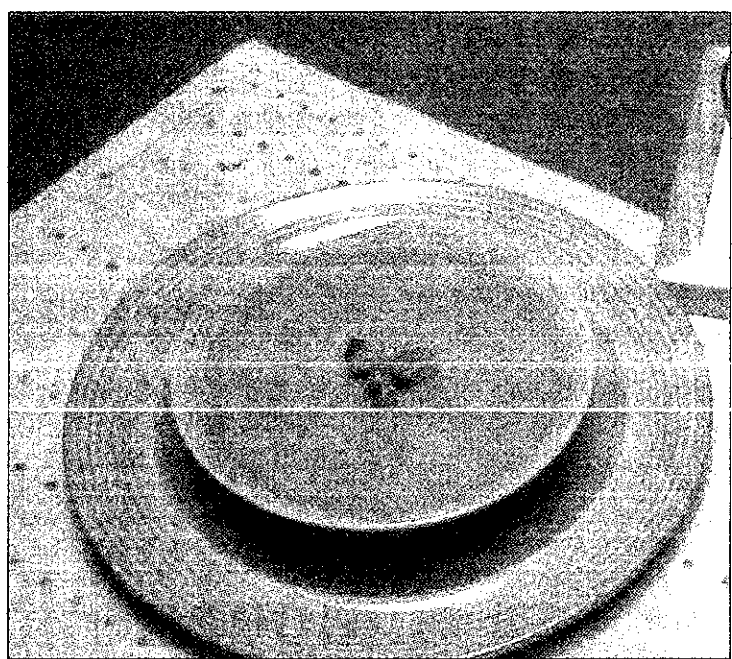
Chilled soups have become increasingly popular in America. They are a refreshing way to start a meal or take the edge off hunger as a snack.

Chilled soups are a convenient way to help reach the number of daily servings of vegetables recommended for optimum health. Some vegetables need to be briefly cooked before puréeing, but others require no cooking at all before tossing them into the blender with seasonings and a liquid base like broth, juice, or milk - and even buttermilk.

Despite its name, buttermilk is not a buttery, high-fat dairy product. To begin with, unlike the original version, there is no butter in buttermilk today, and it is lower in fat than regular milk. Buttermilk it is now produced by adding special bacteria to non-fat or low-fat milk. Buttermilk tastes a little like yogurt and is an excellent base for chilled soups. It is slightly thicker than regular milk but not as heavy as cream.

Mint is often used in cold summer soups. Choose mint with evenly colored leaves and no sign of wilting or brown spots. You can keep mint fresh for up to a week if you place it in a glass of water, cover with a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator.

Changing the water every



Mint is often used in cold summer soups, such as this minted pea with buttermilk soup.

two days will further extend the mint's freshness.

Chilling reduces a soup's flavor. Check the taste of a cold soup before serving and add additional seasoning if the soup seems bland.

MINTED PEA WITH BUTTERMILK SOUP

1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas, defrosted
¾ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
¼ teaspoon dried chervil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves, or to taste
1 cup fat-free or low-fat buttermilk
Salt and white pepper to taste, if desired

In small saucepan, simmer peas in broth, along with chervil,

covered, for 10 minutes or until peas are very tender.

Transfer to blender. Add mint and buttermilk, and purée until very smooth. Strain soup through fine-mesh sieve into bowl or pitcher.

Chill soup in refrigerator or freezer until cold. (To hasten chilling, place bowl in larger bowl of ice and cold water, and stir until soup is cold.)

Taste and adjust seasonings if necessary, adding more chervil, mint, salt and pepper, as desired. (Cold soups usually need more seasonings than hot ones.)

Serve in bowl or in tall glass, over ice cubes if desired.

Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 160 calories, 2 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 12 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 468 mg. sodium.

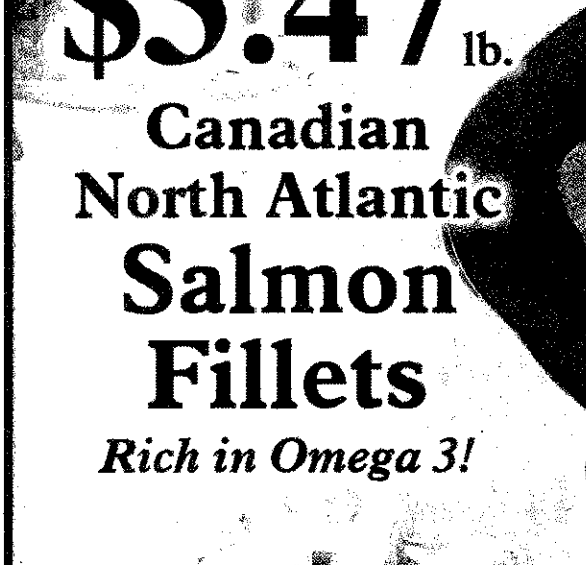
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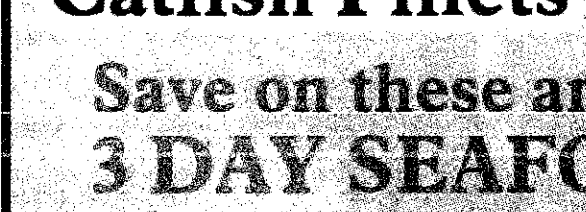
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Robert M. Meisner

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Riparian owners, that is, people who live on the water, have the exclusive right to the use and enjoyment of the land, which, once submerged, has now become exposed by receding waters. Those who are not riparian owners have neither a statutory nor common law right to interfere with that use. However, as a member of the public, one is entitled to utilize the lake bottom until it first reaches dry land for purposes of navigating the shoreline. Simply stated, riparian owners have the right to use the beach and others have no right to traverse on that property.

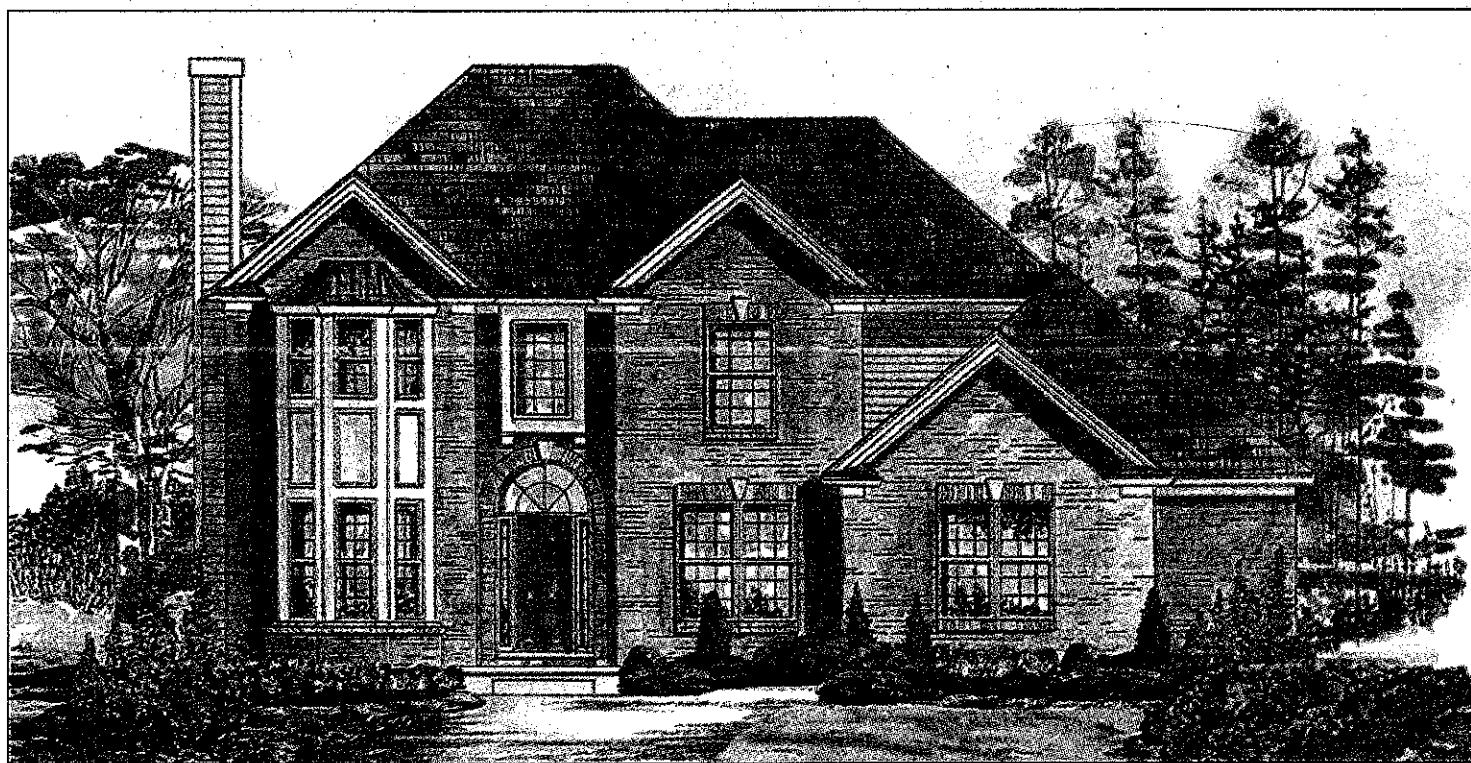
We are thinking about installing an electronic security gate and one of the members has asked us whether or not they can receive a fail safe system in case of a power outage. They indicate that they are disabled. Do we an obligation to provide them with such modification?

I am aware of one case where a disabled person from out of state received a \$60,000 settlement from a homeowners association and its board when the board failed to grant the homeowner a reasonable accommodation to include a fail safe system in case of a power outage. In this particular case, HUD issued a charge of discrimination and the plaintiff elected to have his complaint heard in Federal District Court and case was ultimately settled. You are best advised to deal with this situation with advice of your counsel.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Beachwood, a model home presented by Wineman & Komer Building Co. in Oxford Lake Estates, won the Architectural Award in the Fall Parade of Homes.

Developers parade new homes in show

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

It's time to go shopping for your dream house. The Fall Parade of Homes opens Friday and continues to Sunday, Sept. 19. More than 88 new model homes and condominiums scattered throughout southeastern Michigan will be open for touring. Prices range from \$113,000 to \$3.5 million.

"You can determine by area and price range what finished models you want to visit, it saves a lot of time," said Stuart Michaelson, a partner at Windmill Homes in Farmington Hills and president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan which is sponsoring the event with Standard Federal Bank. "This year's Parade of Homes offers homes with numerous features and amenities to accommodate today's discerning homebuyers and their busy lifestyles. But people just want decorating ideas and are thinking about remodeling. It's not just for people thinking about buying a new home."

PLENTY TO SEE

Building industry experts judged homes in several categories including innovative design, use of space, aesthetic appeal and value for the price.

Beachwood, a model in Oxford Lakes Estates, won the Architectural Award.

"It's brick on four sides, has nine foot ceilings, and a large kitchen that opens to the family

room," said Richard Komer, president of Wineman & Komer Building Company in Southfield, secretary and former BIA vice president. Oxford Lake Estates is on a spring-fed lake and has a park with basketball and tennis courts, a beach, and boat launch. "You can walk to the elementary and middle school," said Komer. "It's really great for young families."

Wineman & Komer Building Company has two other homes in the show - Bridgeport in Northville Hills Golf Club East, and Bayshore in Mystic Cove at Stonewater. Both developments are in Northville Township.

The Bridgeport model just opened. It has a first floor master bedroom suite, a living room, great room and family room. On the lower level is a fitness room. "There are a lot of heavily wooded walkout sites," said Komer.

Mystic Cove is an upscale community on two lakes with lots of elevated views. Bayshore is a two-story colonial with a finished lower level.

Darshan Grewal, president of Singh Homes, LLC in West Bloomfield, has five homes on display in Canton. Four of them are in Westchester Village, one is in Charing Cross.

Westchester Village was designed to look like a new traditional village. Garages are in back of the houses instead of the front to encourage a sense of community. There's a central park area where kids can play.

The Bradford model, a four-bedroom colonial, won an

award for homes in the \$500,000 to \$875,000 price category. It was designed with growing families in mind. The kitchen comes with a huge island and eight burner stove. There's a walk-in pantry, four car garage, and home theater in the finished basement.

Also in Westchester is the Westminster model with a first floor master suite option, circular staircase and side entrance from the driveway. Preston, the third model, has a first-floor master suite with optional fireplace, and an open floor plan. Davenport has a double story porch, a step-up master suite on the second floor with two walk-in closets, a nook area in the kitchen and walk-in pantry.

The Brookside model at Charing Cross has been open less than two weeks. It's a four bedroom colonial with 2½ baths and comes with a loft option. The loft could be converted into a family room or library.

The Birchwood model in the Forest at Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills is a detached condo offered by Windmill Homes.

"It's a two bedroom ranch with a walkout on a heavily treed site," said Michaelson. "The model is beautifully decorated. There's a 12-foot ceiling in the great room, a beautiful kitchen and nook, whirlpool tub and shower with a separate dressing area and two closets in the master bath. It's prewired for high speed Internet and has a home security system."



Brookside, a model home by Singh Homes, LLC in Charing Cross, a new development in Canton, is featured in the Fall Parade of Homes.

PARADE OF HOMES

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PARK SPACE

Walden Woods in Van Buren Township is a planned urban development that has 21 acres of nature preserve and park land.

"It has 300 single family homes, 200 attached condos and a neighborhood shopping center," said Michaelson. Featured in the show is the Walden, a four bedroom home with a sunroom off the gourmet kitchen. There's a soaking tub in the master suite with a separate shower stall, double vanity, and large walk-in closet.

Grewal said the Parade of Homes is a great opportunity for builders to show their models to the public. The information is put together in an organized fashion that makes it easier for people to look at what's available in their price range.

What are people looking for? "Quality is a very hot topic," said Grewal. Often-requested items include hardwood floors, especially in the kitchen and foyer, granite countertops, whirlpool tubs and huge showers, lots of closet space, high speed Internet wiring, and home theater options.

"People are looking for a complete house," he said. "They want to move right in and live in a community with open spaces and parks."

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Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



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Many think of home-equity lines of credit, HELOCs, as "add-ons" to existing mortgages. Traditionally, borrowers use HELOCs to make home improvements, to consolidate credit card debts, and as a means to avoid paying private mortgage insurance.

How's this for a twist? Get rid of your higher-rate first mortgage (and perhaps the accompanying HELOC) and replace it with a single, new first lien HELOC. Such loans are commonly written at prime rate which, on any given day, is about 1½ percent cheaper than the market rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.

In spite of their new reduced interest-only monthly payments, borrowers converting to first lien HELOCs often opt to keep their actual monthly payments at the existing levels to accelerate their equity buildup. In some cases, borrowers will cut up to 11 years of payments off their previous 30-year term.

Lee Moraitis, president of Atlas Mortgage Co., says, "My ultra-savvy borrowers are using first lien HELOCs as their actual checking accounts and having their entire paychecks directly deposited against this home loan. This measure results in a higher level of awareness regarding their overall debt, it reduces that month's interest due, and helps them build up equity faster."

First lien HELOCs are commonly approved at prime rate to 90 percent of the subject home's value, and at prime rate plus 1½ percent for loans up to 100 percent. They can be used both for purchases and refinances, they are an excellent choice for self-employed borrowers or those not capable of documenting their income, and their total closing costs are normally a fraction of those typical of traditional mortgages.

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Rates on 30-year mortgages fall

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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Rates on 30-year mortgages dipped to the lowest level in nearly four months, providing more support for the booming housing market.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly nationwide survey, said Thursday, Aug. 12, that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell to 5.85 percent. That's down from the average rate of 5.99 percent the previous week and is the lowest level for 30-year mortgages since early April.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. Since then, they have slowly drifted downward, reflecting in part what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has called a "soft patch" in economic activity in June.

Analysts attributed lower rates

to the Friday, Aug. 6, government report which showed the country created only 32,000 jobs in July, far below the 200,000-plus jobs analysts had been expecting.

The "unexpectedly weak employment report caused interest rates on long-term Treasury bonds and, by extension, mortgage rates, to fall as investors worried about the health of the U.S. economy," said Freddie Mac economist Amy Crews Cutts.

She noted that the decline in mortgage rates occurred even though the Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term rate by a quarter-point on Tuesday while at the same time providing an assessment that the current slowdown should be temporary.

"The Fed's cautiously optimistic outlook calmed the market," Cutts said. "As a result, 30-year fixed mortgage rates should stay steady near or just below 6 percent for a

while, giving prospective homebuyers another chance to get in with a low rate."

Sales of both existing and new homes are expected to set new records this year as homebuyers continue to respond enthusiastically to low mortgage rates.

The new Freddie Mac survey showed that rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, also declined this week to 5.24 percent, down from 5.40 percent. For one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, rates stayed steady at 4.08 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. All three classes of mortgages carried an average 0.6 point fee this week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.31 percent, with 15-year mortgages at 5.46 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.80 percent.

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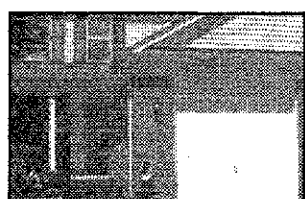
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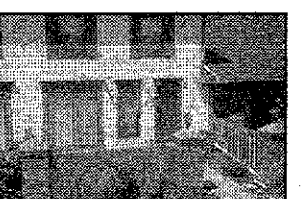
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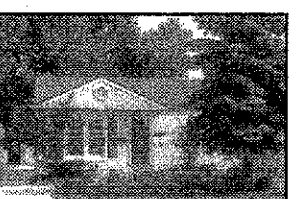
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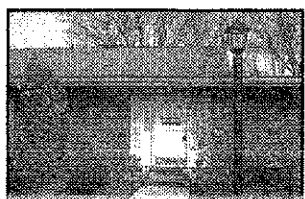
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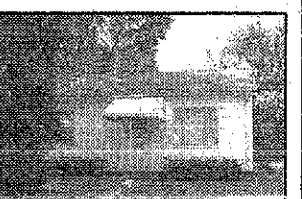
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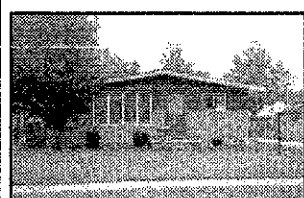
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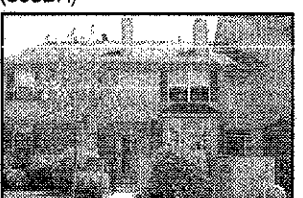
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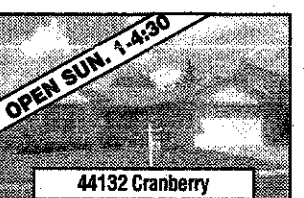
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MOVE IN CONDITION Maintenance free ranch with 3 bedrooms offers recessed lighting throughout. Living room plus a family room with fireplace and wet bar. Large doorwall overlooking the inground pool for summer enjoyment. \$199,500 (645RO)



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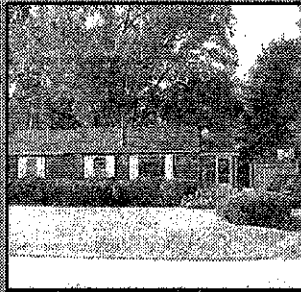
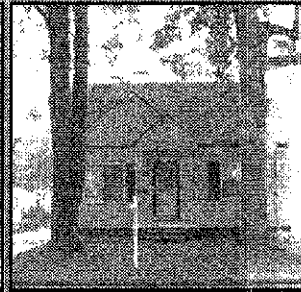
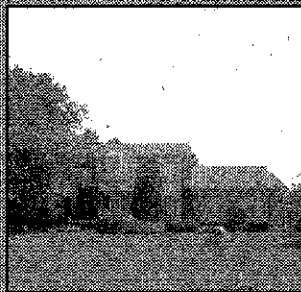
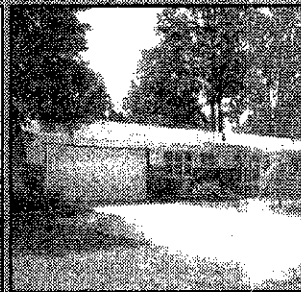
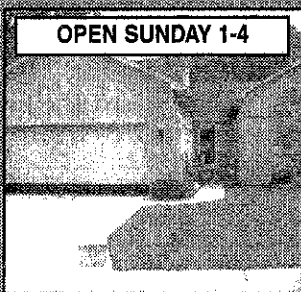
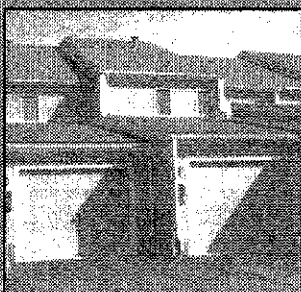
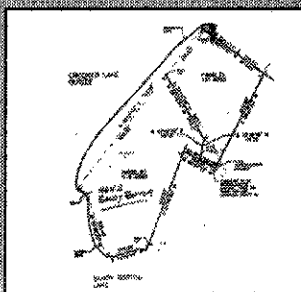
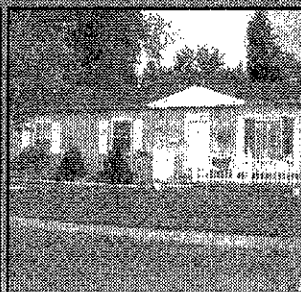
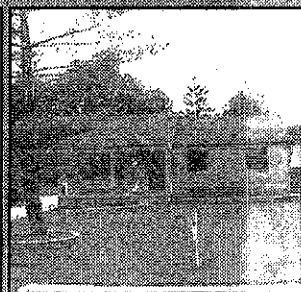
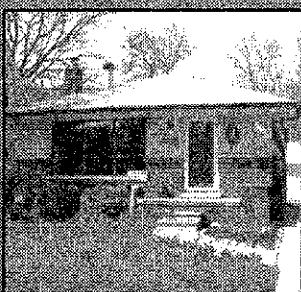
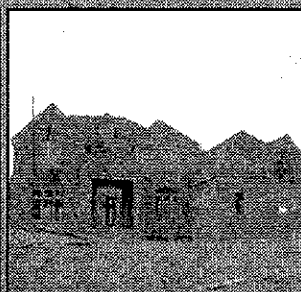
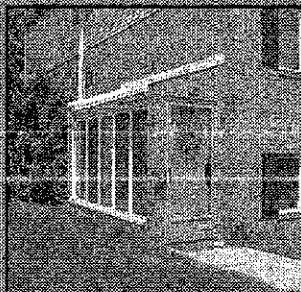
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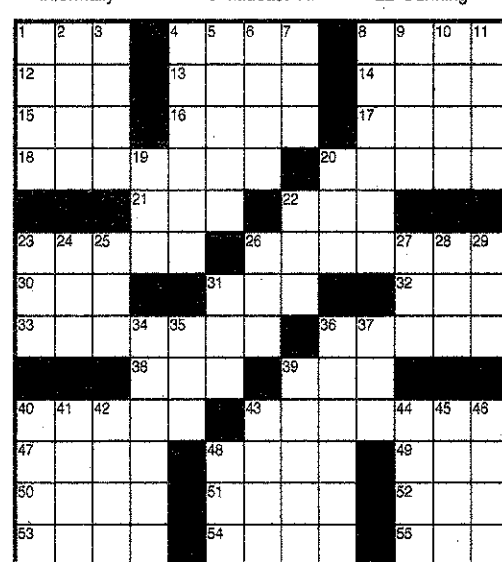
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Direct the activities of warehouse associates. Oversee the daily operation of assigned area, train and monitor the performance of associates, and insure the cleanliness and safe conditions of the warehouse and equipment. Job specifications: Minimum of 3 years experience in warehouse food distribution as a front line supervisor. Experience working with bargaining unit associates and team building. Proven leadership skills, sanitation, safety, and basic PC knowledge are needed. Must be able to work a flexible schedule, as we are a 24/7 operation. College degree desired.

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Detroit, MI 48234
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(734) 421-5700

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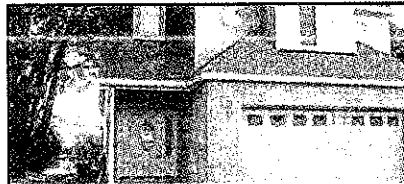
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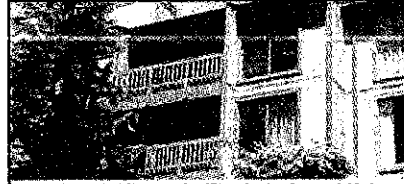

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2 lots gives you almost 1 acre of gorgeous landscaping & your own wooded park. 1st floor master bedroom w/adj. den or 3rd bedroom, newer roof, windows & siding. Large full clean basement. Spotless home.
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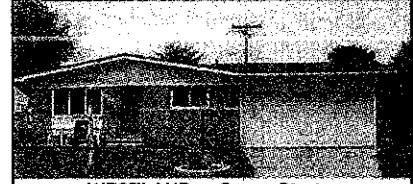
HOWELL New Construction On Lake
Magnificent colonial on Thompson Lake! Oak kitchen, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master w/WIC & Jacuzzi, 1st floor laundry, oak staircase, tiled foyer & 2 car attached garage.
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REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/2 car attached by breezeway, finished basement w/2nd kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, kitchen & carpet.
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WESTLAND Super Starter
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch is priced right - needs some updating. Full finished basement. Oversized garage w/attached workshop. Quick occupancy & kitchen appliances are included. Hurry!
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INKSTER Wonderful Find
Brick home in peaceful location, updates include: roof, furnace, HW/H, vinyl windows, C/A, plumbing, driveway & porch. All updates are energy efficient. Nice fenced yard w/great landscaping.
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CANTON You Gotta See This One
Move in condition 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Enjoy your fenced yard w/2 tiered deck, hardwood floors in living room & dining room. Newer furnace, C/A, carpet & updated kit & bath. Frplc in FR, bsmt & 2 car att gar.
(E81MOR) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



LYONS Just Like New
Bright open fir plan w/3 bdrms, 2 baths, light oak kit w/island. Hdwd flrs, secluded mstr ste w/Jacuzzi tub & doorwall to deck, track lights in GR w/double doorwall to wrap around deck. + 2 car att gar, bsmt w/marble flr.
(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$314,920



NOVI Pretty Colonial
With many updates including: newer laminate floor, carpet, built-in oven, insulated garage door, roof, A/C, windows, skylights in family room. Doorwall to deck w/gazebo. Beautifully landscaped. Great schools.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Pottery Barn Cute!
Looking for an adorable place with great living space? This 2 bedroom ranch features remodeled kitchen w/ceramic tile, updated bath, hardwood floor, 2 car garage, on large, fenced lot. A must see.
(E16WAL) 248-349-5600 \$149,000



GARDEN CITY Immaculate Brick Ranch
Updated brick ranch w/Better Homes & Garden landscaping & fountain. Also updated floors, bath, kitchen, roof, windows, vinyl & a great 2+ oversized garage. Rec room in basement.
(E17RUS) 734-455-5600 \$137,500



FARMINGTON HILLS Sprawling Ranch
Huge lot w/finished lower level w/walk-out to beautifully landscaped yard. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2.5 car attached garage w/heat, electric & phone. Family room w/fireplace, large kit w/built-in & appliances.
(E32FAR) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



PLYMOUTH Entertaining Home At It's Finest!
Major price reduction! Marble tiling in 3 story foyer. GR w/frplc opens to sunroom, kit w/granite countertops & newer S/S appls, brkfst rm overlooking 40x22 pool & tiered deck. Fin w/o & 3.5 car att gar.
(E77WES) 734-455-5600 \$649,000



REDFORD Well Maintained
Great starter home w/3 bedrooms & master bedroom w/WIC. Eat-in kitchen. Garage w/wipener. Newer roof, HW/H, windows & more. Hardwood under carpet. C/A. Close to elem sch & shopping. Great curb appeal.
(E83DAL) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



YPSILANTI Historic District
Character abounds in this 5 BR, 1.5 BA colonial w/hardwood floors & coed ceilings. Updates include: newer roof and furnace. Enjoy cool evenings on the huge L shape porch. Great investment opportunity.
(E12WAS) 248-349-5600 \$160,000



DETROIT Don't Miss This
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick colonial w/2 car garage, full basement, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast nook overlooking the family room + C/A, many appliances & newer doors.
(E55BLA) 734-455-5600 \$123,000



PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Kitchen w/newer cabinets, flooring, ceramic backsplash, hdwd in foyer, newer carpet t/o, part fin bsmt w/5 bath, maint bath has access to mstr, newer windows, furn, C/A, priv deck & carport. Pool & clubhouse.
(E55NEW) 734-455-5600 \$127,500



REDFORD Clean & Cozy Ranch
2 bedrooms, spacious living room, freshly painted. Updated kitchen & bath, large dining room, terrific finished basement, newer roof, furnace, electric & H2O. Also 1 car garage.
(E65DAL) 734-455-5600 \$99,800



REDFORD Why Rent, When You Can Own?
This brick beauty has 3 BR, 2 BA and is on deep lot. 2 car garage & partially finished bsmt. All major work has been done: bath & mechanicals. Windows, roof & siding too. Call the mover - you're ready!
(E14DEN) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Contemporary
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on wooded lot w/brick pavers & lush landscaping. Fully fin w/o, island kit, newer neutral carpet, cer flrs & California closets. Master w/huge WIC & bath w/sep tub & shower. 2 furnaces & 2 A/C units.
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VAN BUREN More Than You Could Ask For
3 bedroom, 2 bath cape cod on approximately 2 acre lot offers 2 car garage, large pole barn, newer windows, siding, roof & storm doors, also woodburning fireplace.
(E84BEM) 734-455-5600 \$209,900



PLYMOUTH Lake Pointe Colonial
A classic 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, family room w/fireplace & finished rec room are offered on an extra large lot w/mature trees & seasonal room, neutral decor, kitchen has light oak cabinets. How & short occupancy.
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SALEM TWP. Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom, 2 full & 2.5 bath 19th century colonial on approx. 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room. Large pole barn, deck & gazebo. A must see!
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SOUTH LYON Shows Like A Model
Freshly painted. Newer carpet, updated kitchen w/hw appls, crown moldings, large laundry room. Condo fees, courtyards, close to shopping, schools & churches. A must see. All the work's done. Enjoy!
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SOUTHFIELD Ranch Plus Bonus Building
Outstanding 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on large private yard. Family room w/side window. Newer roof, wood deck and pool. Two car att garage has pull down storage plus huge bonus building that has numerous possibilities.
(E21WES) 248-349-5600 \$144,500



MILFORD Better Quality Home
Updated brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/brick fireplace, newer glass block windows, siding, gutters & much more.
(E83MIL) 734-455-5600 \$247,000



CANTON Expectations And Beyond
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2.5 car attached garage, full basement, great room w/luxurious master suite, hardwood floors & professional landscaping, kitchen appliances & so much more.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Charming
Updated 2/3 BR home, 1 car garage. Large fenced lot w/nice deck. Newer siding, C/A, roof, deck, kitchen & appliances, upstairs carpet, refinished hardwood floors. Fireplace in living room. Enclosed porch too.
(E22ALB) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



INKSTER Perfect Starter Home
Great brick ranch. Nice backyard w/fence. Close to golf course. Newer kitchen w/updated floor. Ceiling fans t/o. Central air, first floor laundry. Clean, open floor plan. Updated windows. Nice neighborhood.
(E43ROS) 248-349-5600 \$79,900



NORTHVILLE Lovely Traditional Colonial
Awesome! Remodeled spring '04. Freshly painted, newer carpet, restored oak floors t/o. 6-panel doors, brushed Nickel hardware, newer kit countertops. Shows like a model. Deep private tree lot. Quiet street.
(E31WHI) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Very Clean Brick Ranch
Very well cared for w/new windows & remodeled bath '03, updated kitchen w/Pergo floor, painted throughout, glass block windows, refinished hardwood floors, large lot w/newer landscaping & more.
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LODI TWP. Country Club Living
Spacious 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath cape cod sitting on the 5th green, offers full basement, 3 car attached garage, large suite w/cathedral ceiling & elegant bath + 1st floor master suite w/Jacuzzi & double shower.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Chestnut Ridge's Finest!
For those seeking luxury, you must see this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo w/library, FR, basement & 2 car attached garage. Features include: vaulted ceilings, huge GR w/frplc, newer crpt & neutral t/o.
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SOUTH LYON Rare Historic Farmhouse
Built in 1837 & restored to museum quality. Authentic doors, hardware & wide plank floors. Situated on approximately 2 wooded acres. Close to I-96 and US-23. Pre-approved buyers only.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Exceptional Colonial
4 BR, 3 BA. Large kit w/island, step down FR, MBR w/frplc, WIC, formal dining & LR. Leaded glass entry doors. Doorwall to brick paver patio. Carpeting t/o, 1st floor laundry, partially finished basement.
(E57WIN) 248-349-5600 \$429,900



GARDEN CITY Cape Cod On Large Lot
Mature trees surrounding this updated home. Ceramic kitchen & bath. Fireplace in living room, hardwood floors, 3 car dream garage.
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RIVER ROUGE Move Right In!
Possible 4th bedroom in the brick bungalow w/2 car garage, basement, full basement, great room w/luxurious master suite, hardwood floors & professional landscaping, kitchen appliances & so much more.
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REDFORD Beautiful Brick Ranch
Price of ownership, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch garage, basement, full basement, great room w/luxurious master suite, hardwood floors & professional landscaping, kitchen appliances & so much more.
(E66BEE) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



CLAWSON Beautifully Updated
This is a showplace! Updated baths & kitchen. Awesome open floor plan w/spacious bedrooms. Vaulted ceilings, custom moldings & lighting. Newer appls included. If you like pottery barn, you'll love this.
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WALLED LAKE Hot Buy, Seller Says Sell
2-story duplex w/wooded view, 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Attached gar, full bsmt & lots of storage. Well maintained & many updates. Refrigerator, stove, washer & dryer all stay. Spacious MBR w/3 closets. Close to x-ways & shops.
(E63WOO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



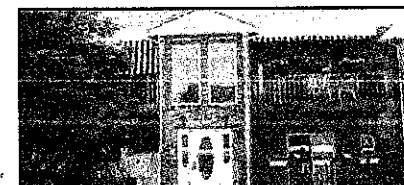
HURON TWP. Country Colonial
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on approx. 1 acre w/1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage + extra 1.5 car garage, family room w/fireplace, dining room, living room & C/A.
(E08VER) 734-455-5600 \$287,900



CANTON Beautiful 2 Story Condo
Lovely formal dining room w/bay window opening to deck. 2 bedrooms open to huge bath w/extra deep garden tub & walk-in shower, finished lower level + loads of storage.
(E65HUN) 734-455-5600 \$161,000



REDFORD Pleasant Surprise!
Spacious bungalow. The size of most rooms wow you! BR's w/WIC. Large kitchen & brkfst rm. Beautifully remodeled bath. 2nd floor MBR is perfection. Covered front porch as well as patio. Fenced yard & 2 car garage.
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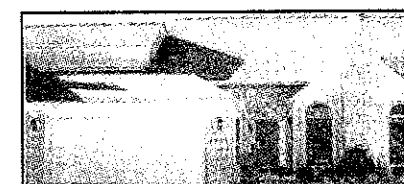
WESTLAND Condo Living At Its Best
2 BR, 2 BA upper unit w/skylights! Ceramic baths, master w/walk-in closet. Open floor plan. Utility room. All appliances included. Home protection plan. Beautiful view of pond, convenient carport. Quick occupancy.
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REDFORD Great Opportunity
3 BR ranch on a large lot in a neat & clean tree filled neighborhood. Move-in condition w/updated kit, light bright cabs, newer flooring & newer appls. All vinyl clad windows, newer doors too. Great investment or starter.
(E40WOR) 248-349-5600 \$85,000



TAYLOR Park Like Setting
Lovely 2 bedroom, end unit condo w/updated roof, vinyl windows, furnace, C/A & plumbing all within 5 years. All appliances stay. Full basement, doorwall to private patio. Many more lovely updates.
(E19KIN) 734-455-5600 \$129,708



NORTHVILLE Golf Community Condo!
Favorite 1st flr mstr, open fir plan, 2 story foyer, curved staircase, ceramic tile in foyer & kitchen + granite tops. 42" cream cabs & stainless steel appls, call call in FR w/gas frplc + deck, full bsmt & 2 car att gar.
(E73LYO) 734-455-5600 \$379,900



PLYMOUTH Easy Living
Grass & snow done for you! Wonderful small community, 4 BR, 2-2 baths, master suite, LR, DR, FR w/frplc, hdwd flooring, super kitchen. Mud room or 1st floor laundry. Finished basement w/wet bar. Won't last.
(E60BRE) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



NORTHVILLE In Town Northville
One of Northville's finest neighborhoods. Charming brick bungalow w/3 BR, 2 BA, hdwd floors & cove ceilings. Ceramic tile in updated kit. FR in nicely fin bsmt w/frplc. Newer roof, furn, A/C, wooded yard.
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NORTHVILLE Established Colony Estates
Terrific residence situated under towering trees, features charm & comfort from the roomy BR's through fireside FR to the custom bonus area in LL and all in between. This is truly a must see.
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NORTHVILLE \$578,000
3900 SF RANCH ON 1.3 ACRES Extensive remodeling in 2000-01. Gorgeous kit w/bay wndw. A 2.5 car heated gar & a 1.5 car detached gar. New cement brk pavers, indoor pool & jacuzzi, game rm and more! (24047569)

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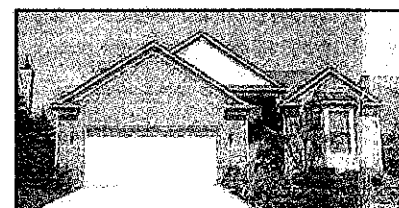
PLYMOUTH \$574,900
CUSTOM 4 BR, 3.5 BA EXECUTIVE RETREAT Nestled on a 1/2 acre lot surrounded by mature pines and hardwoods, you will find this french tudor is built with a flair for perfection! (24057121)

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COMMERCE \$418,900
ELEGANT LIVING WITH COMMERCE LK PRIVILEGES Beautiful kit & brkfst area, GR highlighted by Fieldstone FP, formal DR, peaceful library, 3lg BRs, perfect mstr, prvt deck & wooded yard. Outstanding home! 349-6200 (24055608)

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PLYMOUTH \$369,000
LUXURY WALKOUT RANCH CONDO Super walkout & deck to private woody yard & fresh pond. 2000 square feet. (23N51013)

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HARTLAND \$339,900
NATURE LOVERS TAKE NOTE! Nestled in the pines yet close to x-ways! Spacious 3 BR, 2.5 bath cape cod w/1st flr mstr, fin w/o bsmt & add'l 2 car garage. All this on approx 1 wooded acre! 349-6200 (24044350)

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LIVONIA \$336,900
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL! This mint condition colonial has everything! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, first flr Indry/mud rm. Prvt yard w/lg cedar deck w/ built-in swing, sprinklers. Great floor plan! Walk to Livonia Elementary School. 348-6430 (24096365)

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LIVONIA \$324,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION BROOKSHIRE Premium elevation, now being constructed. 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, oak hwdw frs thru-out, ceramic in BAs & laundry, mstr w/jacuzzi & sep shower, oak kit, 2144 SF & more. (24004538)

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LIVONIA \$314,000
WELCOME HOME! 4 BR, 2.5 BA COLONIAL. Large mstr bedroom w/huge WIC, private bath, open floor plan, sparkling low maintenance pool, 2400 SF, 2.5 car garage, WOW! 349-6200 (24098327)

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LIVONIA \$299,900
3 BR, 3.5 BATUDOR Bay wndw in dining area, corian cntrs w/moulded sinks, FR w/nat FR, fin bsmt w/mini wet bar, 3/4 BAs, exercise rm. Extra deep gar. Backs to wooded belt way. (24095469)

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PLYMOUTH \$299,000
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH RANCH CONDO. 1st floor "Cream Puff". 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, laundry, storage & garage. (23R1415)

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CANTON \$289,900
BEAUTIFUL SUNFLOWER SUBDIVISION Charming 4 BR colonial. 2 1/2 baths, refinished hardwood floors in entry hall & kit. Finished bsmt, 2 level deck, newer furnace & C/A. Reshingled in (01). (B457)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$284,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO! Enjoy links of Pheasant Run! Lovely 1st floor master suite w/California closets & garden tub, two-way FP between great room & hearth room, hwdw floors. 349-6200 (24055738)

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LIVONIA \$274,900
1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA! Updates include new furnace, roof, and windows. Pride of ownership shows. Hardwood floors, kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk-in pantry. 349-6200 (01PIC2)

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LIVONIA \$259,000
ORIGINALLY 4 BRS, CAN CONVERT BACK 2.5 BAs, big mstr with his/her closets. Tons of updates include new kit, bath, flrs, wndws, paint, gar door, HWH, FR w/drwl to patio, FP. Beautiful garden. (24074451)

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DEARBORN \$249,900
CAPTURING ALL WANTS! Originally built in 1900, redone less than 10 yrs ago, giving this home old world charm w/modern day conveniences. Lg front & back porch, mstr suite w/private bath. (24041319)

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CANTON \$239,900
WHY BUY NEW? Check out 3 yr old unit w/many expensive extras. Premium lot, professionally finished walk-out lower level, 1st flr master, 2 add'l BR's & den upper, 2 FPs. (24094337)

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CANTON \$239,900
OUTSTANDING SPACIOUS COLONIAL! 3 BR, 1.5 bath colonial w/numerous updates. Basement 90% finished w/new ceramic shower. Beautiful exterior & interior. One show will sell! (23W1463)

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YPSILANTI \$236,000
SPACIOUS CAPE COD 3 BR, 2.5 bath, 2248 SF cape cod. Master ste & indry on 1st floor. Cathedral ceilings in great room. Family room w/ gas FR. Lincoln Consolidated schools. (23T7896)

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NORTHVILLE \$219,900
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Updated in 1994 FR addition, kit w/white cabs, all appliances, hardwood floors, roof in '94, plus furnace/ca, sliding, and 2 sheds. A great buy! 349-6200 (24064653)

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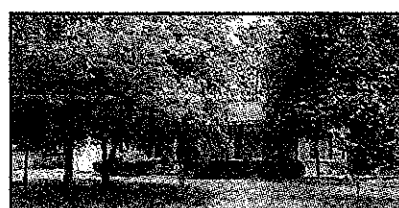
WIXOM \$224,900
ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! Detached ranch condo. Neutral decor, freshly painted, 3 BRs, 3 full baths, hwdw in foyer, nook & kitchen. Open floor plan, GR w/FP. Small complex. 349-6200 (24085317)

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CANTON \$219,900
EVERYTHING UPDATED! 4 BRs, 2 BAs, over 1700 SF, hwdw flrs in some rms, great kit, lots of curb appeal & backs to park! Great location w/Plymouth-Canton schools & more! (24068695)

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GARDEN CITY \$189,900
CONTEMPORARY SPRAWLING RANCH Totally updated ranch w/great open floor plan. Updates include: baths, kitchen, new carpet, attached side entry garage. Fireplace, doorwall, roof in (04). (C319)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$184,900
KING SIZE COMFORT Is yours in this 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath colonial in Millpointe. FR w/FP, 2 car att garage. Many new features throughout. C/A. Immediate occupancy. 1476 SF. (B212)

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LIVONIA \$174,900
CHARMING 3 BR, 2 BA BRICK RANCH This home offers an open floor plan w/spacious rooms including lg eat-in kit, 2 full BAs, nicely fin bsmt, classic colors & styling. (24080906)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
GREAT WESTLAND LOCATION! Lovely updated 4 bedroom colonial. Attractive kitchen with new appliances. Windows & roof updated. Nicely landscaped, backyard with garden area. 2.5 car garage. (23B440)

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NORTHVILLE \$159,900
CLASSIC COUNTRY PLACE CONDO, GREAT AREA. 2 BRs, 2.5 baths, neutral decor, freshly painted. Nice enclosed patio w/perennials. 1 car detached garage. Formal DR & nook. Newer windows & water heater. 349-6200 (24068314)

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NOVI \$159,500
COUNTRY PLACE CONDO. Prime location. 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1250 SF. New Pergo floors, updated kitchen, dining room, fireplace in living room. A must see home! 349-6200 (24075578)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$159,000
INCREDIBLE HOME & AMAZING VALUE Built in 1990 & almost 1500 SF, huge GR w/cathedral ceiling, hwdw in kit & dining room, stylish ceramic tile, huge BRs, mstr w/full bath & lg closet, wooded lot. (24085709)

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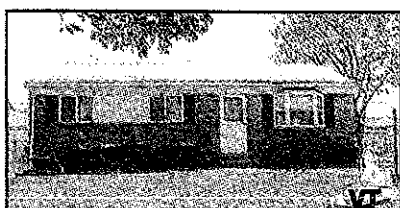
SOUTHFIELD \$145,000
COMFORTABLE & COZY 3 BR ranch on double lot w/fenced yard. New windows. Refrigerator, washer & dryer are in excellent working condition. Detached garage & much more. (23H18275)

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GARDEN CITY \$142,900
ORIGINAL OWNER OFFERS This 3 bedroom aluminum ranch with full finished basement, 2 full baths, 2 car garage and C/A, newer vinyl thermo windows, brand new roof and more. (F313)

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ROMULUS \$139,900
SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM RANCH WITH 2.5 GARAGE Hardwood floors, family room off the kitchen adds to the charm of this home. Recent updates, front sidewalks & basement. 349-6200 (24048353)

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REDFORD \$135,900
3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW In a nice neighborhood. Great starter home! Large fenced yard, 1.5 car garage. Many updates! (24095159)

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GARDEN CITY \$131,900
HUGE BRICK RANCH Come home to a sprawling 1500 SF, 4 BR, 2 bath home w/attached garage. Enjoy summer on your new deck w/a beautifully landscaped yard. Home warranty included. (C319)

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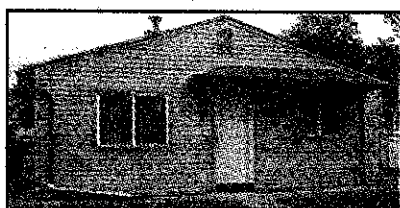
LIVONIA \$128,500
NEAT & CLEAN! Fresh paint & new carpet. This charming condo has some out of the ordinary features. Great location close to the pool & walking distance to Laurel Park & the bank. (24088098)

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WAYNE \$126,900
FOUR BEDROOMS, LARGE LOT Full brick bungalow w/basement, 2 car garage, and many updates. Formal dining room, corner lot. Hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Must see to appreciate. (A324)

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WESTLAND \$119,900
TOTALLY UPDATED 3 BR w/new vinyl siding & Livonia schools. Updates include carpet, electrical closet & BR doors, bathroom, new floor in kitchen & new roof. Great buy. (C760)

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WESTLAND \$108,500
GREAT PRICE/LIVONIA SCHOOLS Neat and clean is this 3 bedroom ranch. Features: Wallside windows, new entry doors, and fenced yard. Very well maintained starter home. Bring your check book. (D737)

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REDFORD \$95,000
COZY STARTER HOME Well cared for 2 bedroom features updated kitchen and bath, furnace less than 1 year old, new shingles on roof. Nice fenced yard. (D186)

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DETROIT \$75,000
CLEAN! CLEAN! CLEAN! 3 BR brick home. Charming and bright. Updates galore. Newer driveway, roof & block wndws. Frnt porch, fenced, updated electrical, newer furnace, alarm & tons of storage. (23P15716)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS
NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS CONDO w/2 lg BRs plus a 13x10 loft, 2.5 BAs, vaulted ceiling in GR, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, and very low association fee. Very striking decor. 24056714 \$214,900 734-591-9200

CANTON
MOVE-IN PERFECT Great features with updates too numerous to list. Open thru-out, french doors, 3 BRs/2 BAs, fin bsmt w/den & hwdw flrs. All this & only 5 min to downtown Plymouth. 349-6200 24097409 \$199,500 248-348-6430

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
SHARP 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs. Nice Landscaping, covered patio, finished family room in basement, 2 car garage. A/C. Fenced yard. 24082278 \$155,900 734-591-9200

LINCOLN PARK
UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/Berber carpet. Nice size lot, most appls stay, near schools. A must see! 349-6200 24086942 \$120,900 248-348-6430

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Help Wanted-Domestic 5240

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Job Opportunities 5310

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7100 Estate Sales 7100

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2005 Dodge Grand Caravan

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

It's one thing for Chrysler to make a big splash with a vehicle that is new from the ground up, like the 300C sedan. But perhaps an even bigger testament to the sense of renewal at America's No. 3 auto maker is that they've managed to make a major new winner out of a vehicle that's been around for awhile: the Dodge Grand Caravan. With a passel of nice extra features and improvements including "Stow-'n Go" second-row seats, the enhanced-for-2005 Dodge Caravan should add to the lead it retains as the nation's best-selling minivan. It drives even better, looks better and is better appointed than the 2004 model even though the Caravan has remained the same basic vehicle platform and design for now. A completely new lineup of Chrysler's minivan models will be out within a few years.

For the meantime, 2005 Grand Caravan Grand should help Chrysler continue to beat the lackluster domestic competition from GM and Ford and cope with a recent wave of redesigned Japanese models including Honda Odyssey, Nissan Quest and Toyota Sienna.

The most interesting and most highly touted feature of the Grand Caravan stretch version, the standard-sized Dodge Caravan and Chrysler's stretch Town & Country model is that the company, and consumers, almost had to wait until the debut of the completely redesigned vehicles before getting to experience the benefits of second-row Stow 'n Go. Originally, Chrysler's design team was going to introduce the second-row feature later on, but Dieter Zetsche, Chrysler's increasingly savvy-looking CEO, decided instead to accelerate the introduction of the feature.

"Most of the people on the platform team at the time said it couldn't be done," Trevor Creed, Chrysler's senior vice president of design, told me. "And it was an investment. But the payoff is that now we're the only minivans out there with this fea-



The 2005 Dodge Caravans "Stow-N-Go" is a remarkable feature.

ture."

Stow 'n Go really is a remarkable feature now that it applies to both second- and third-row seats in the Grand Caravan. First of all, in concept, the idea of being able to clear out everything in the big cargo box in the back of a minivan without having to go through the hassle of tugging out heavy rows of seats is very attractive, encouraging owners to think of using their Grand Caravans in ways that they might have considered too much of a hassle before.

And second, and just as important, Chrysler's execution of the feature is first-rate. To stow away the second-row captain's chairs, you simply need to use the power-seat button to move the front seat forward all the way, then lift up a compartment cover immediately behind it, easily pull the headrest out of the second-row chair, then with the flick of a lever collapse the seat and slide it into the compartment, then put the lid back over it. With just a little practice, an owner could render this chore easily in less than 30 seconds.

Still nifty, of course, are the third-row Stow 'n Go seats, which are even easier to hide away – a process that doesn't necessitate taking off headrests. So within less than a minute, it's possible for a half-way-coordinated owner to transform the back of a

Grand Caravan from a comfortable cabin for five people to a nice-sized box perfect for hauling cargo.

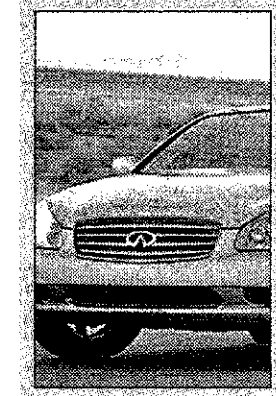
Another benefit of Chrysler's finding room in the vehicle floor to stow away the seats is that, when the seats are out and being used, the compartments for them make very nifty cargo holds. The well behind the rear third seat is a much better design than Chrysler's previous one for a load of groceries, for example, ensuring the the bags don't slide around. And the ample compartments right in front of the second-row seats are great for stashing valuable items, for example, or for putting a kid's games, books and other diversions for a long trip without having them scattered all over the vehicle. There are other upgrades in the vehicle's interior as well. And the Grand Caravan SXT version that I drove was equipped with a 3.8-liter V6 engine that ensured sure and steady performance in every situation.

And besides all the other notable advantages of Chrysler's minivans over SUVs and sedans, its outstanding fuel efficiency – for a vehicle of its size and carrying capacity – is an increasingly big plus in this summer of rising gasoline prices. Grand Caravan posts a very respectable 18 mpg in city driving and a smooth 25 mpg on the highway.

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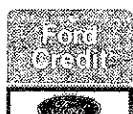
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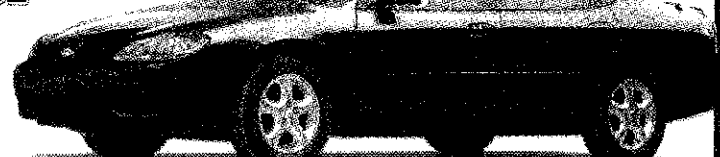


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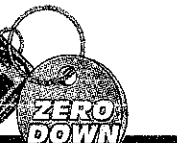
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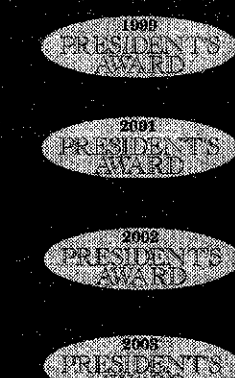
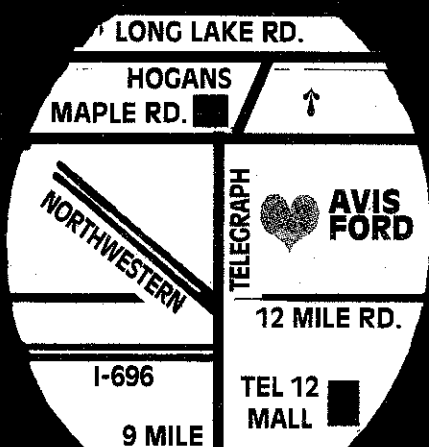
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