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Memo

Ticket office open
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which opens Sept. 11, has new ticket office hours. The ticket office at the Summit on the Park front desk, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are on sale now for those who would like to buy tickets for a particular series. Single tickets will go on sale Sept. 3. To view a complete schedule, visit www.canton-mi.org/CPAEC/about.asp.

Raise the curtain
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is set to raise its curtain next month. The Gala Grand Opening will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. Guests will be treated to a performance, a tour, hors d'oeuvres and several food stations. Tickets are \$100 per person and are now on sale at the Summit on the Park. Black tie optional. Community grand openings will be 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sept. 12. Participants will be treated to a show and light refreshments. Tickets are \$10 and are also currently on sale at the Summit. Free tours will take place Sept. 18-19 at the Cherry Hill Arts and Antique Show. Tours will be offered every hour on the hour, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tours are free, but tickets are required and can be picked up at the Summit front desk.

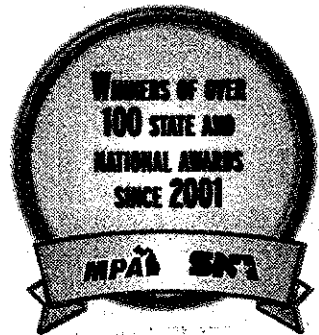
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Napier to stay rural north of Ford

BY JACK GLADDEN
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The last in a series of public hearings on changes to Canton's future land use map wasn't as acrimonious as an earlier hearing in June, but several residents showed up to express their concerns.

Monday night's proposal focused on changing the area north of Ford Road, south of Hanford and west of Ridge from rural residential (up to one dwelling unit per two acres) to very low density (up to one dwelling unit per acre).

Also proposed was changing the remaining area south of Ford and west of Ridge from agricultural (one unit per 40 acres) and very low density to low density residential (up to two units per acre).

"This is the last grouping of the future land use amend-

ments," Community Planner Jeff Goulet told the audience and members of the planning commission. "We've approved all others. These are the last two."

But, in apparent anticipation of audience reaction, he added: "This is a guide for future development. It doesn't have anything to do with zoning."

And commission chairman Vic Gustafson added another disclaimer.

"Your taxes won't change as a result of this," he said.

But resident Dennis Czeryba, who lives on Hanford, was still concerned.

"If you change the plan then if someone wants to rezone it you pretty much have to approve it," he said.

Goulet responded.

"You'd have to look at it in the context of what's around it," he said. "In most cases if someone

makes a request it would be approved."

Mary Huitula, who lives on Napier, said she didn't like the plan.

"I'm against changing Napier North," she said. "Why do it now? Why not wait another 10 years or so? I was told I could have a horse because I've got four acres and a half."

Again Goulet responded. "If you don't want your property rezoned, it won't be rezoned," he said.

And Commissioner Ron Lieberman echoed that.

"Whoever buys your property," he said, "if he doesn't apply for rezoning, it won't be rezoned."

Gustafson added:

"There's some bogus concepts floating around here that's contradictory to what we're doing," he said. "This safeguards against patchwork rezoning."

And Commissioner Cathy Johnson said:

"The master plan is a way for the community to take control rather than the developers."

Don Sharrard, who lives on Napier and spoke out at the June meeting when the plans under discussion were tabled, was concerned about the length the process was taking.

"We didn't feel we'd have to come to all these meetings," he said. "Are we going to have to show up every two weeks to keep track of what's going on?"

Dick Dionne, president of Northwest Canton Homeowners Association and a Warren Road resident, urged just taking some action.

"So far we've had a repetition of what we heard in June," he said. "I would urge you to get on with it and do something."

And Czeryba had another comment.

"People seem to think it's a foregone conclusion you have to change the zoning," he said. "The residents don't want it. Why do you have to do it? I don't see who gains by this except the developers."

After about an hour of discussion, Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin offered a compromise.

She suggested retaining the current rural residential status of the area north of Ford Road except for those lots that front along Ford.

For the area to the south, she suggested approving the proposed changes except for the seven frontage lots along Napier.

The commission approved the compromise unanimously, with Commissioner Greg Demopoulos absent.

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Old-fashioned fun

Morgan Valdahl, 5, of Canton, is shown how rope was made in the old days by Daniel Wolfenbarger at the Canton Village Faire on Sunday. Please turn to page A3 for the story and more photos.

Arts groups hold breath over fate of state financing

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Canton arts people are keeping a close watch on Lansing as the state

budget talks begin again this week.

ArtServe, a Michigan arts advocacy group, has issued "alerts" this

PLEASE SEE ARTS, A6



Local arts officials are worried further cuts in funding could endanger programs like this one at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, where Drinnan Sante (left) played Huck Finn and Tyler Dean played the title role in the Plymouth Uptown Players presentation of Mark Twain's 'Tom Sawyer.'

Exploding enrollment swells count

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school buildings are bulging at the seams, and early enrollment projections indicate the state's seventh-largest public school district is still growing.

The initial numbers presented to the Board of Education Tuesday night show the district could enroll 517 more students in the 2004-05 school year than the official enrollment figure given to the State of Michigan last September.

"We're over capacity at every building in the district except Hulsing Elementary," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "That means we're using music and art rooms to teach in, and large staff rooms approved by the state for special education."

The early numbers show Plymouth-Canton Schools with 17,802 students, its highest ever. That's a 252-student increase at the high school level, a jump of 225 students in the elementary grades and 40 more in the middle schools.

While the administration expects the numbers to decrease by as many as 150 students by the time the official enrollment count is due to the state next month, school officials believe the final numbers will still show a hefty increase.

"There's a 1,200-student increase projected in the district over the next five years," said Ryan. "If we could land 400 or more this year, we think we'll get to that in three years."

Each student enrolled in the district at the time of the official count translates into \$7,025 in state foundation grant money to the district.

Dodson Elementary, which has only been open three years, is projected to have the highest elementary population with 687 students, an increase of 26 from last year.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Greg Bores is the new golf pro at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. For a related story, please see page A2.

Township hits a hole in one with new golf pro

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When Greg Bores was 5 years old, his father stuck a golf club in his hand.

He's been golfing (and loving it) for the past 21 years. Now Bores, 26, is the new golf pro at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course.

With a degree in marketing and

advertising from Wayne State University, it's a natural fit for Bores, who tried out for the PGA tour but didn't quite make the cut.

"I love working here," he said. "I like the game. I like the people I work with and work for. I like this community."

He likes the community enough

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Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer



Beware the "freshman 15," those extra pounds that new college students put on when away from home for the first time. See the complete story in Sunday's Health section.

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PRO

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that the Dearborn native, who's single, bought a condo in Canton in July not far from the Pheasant Run Club House.

A graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn, he was named to All-State honors twice as a high school golfer.

He played for Wayne State for three years and won three PGA section events. He turned pro three years ago and is currently going through the PGA program. And he's shooting toward becoming a Class A PGA member.

But right now he's got a job to do – overseeing the operations at Pheasant Run – and he loves what he's doing.

"I was pretty much set to work for an advertising company," he said.

After all, he had the degree. But then Dave Horstman, who had been director of golf at Pheasant Run from 1995 to 2004, left to go to another course.

And Bores, who'd been at the course for five years – it started as a summer job while he was still in school – was a natural candidate.

And he says running the golf course is not that far afield from his college major.

"The first duty is promoting the game," he said. "Then there's the routine day to day operations, staff scheduling, coordinating different programs. Basically, it's like you'd run any other business."

The fact that the course is owned and operated by the township is a plus in Bores' eyes.

"We have a new marketing department to help promote this course," he said. "We've got people in a pool so you've got five minds working on something instead of one."

Seniors and women welcomed at course

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

New Pheasant Run golf pro Greg Bores and Canton marketing staff are targeting segments of the community and get them playing plenty of golf.

"With the addition of nine holes, we can have more leagues now," said Susan Doughty, marketing specialist with Canton Leisure Services, who is completing a marketing analysis for the course. "That leaves 18 holes free."

Efforts are afoot to target senior adults and women players and to get them to Pheasant Run, especially with the additional nine holes that opened in 2002, west of the existing golf course.

"We are offering a competitive rate to play at a premier golf course," said Bores.

Women are encouraged to play and there is a promise that the environment at Pheasant Run is "welcoming and friendly," Doughty said.

Discounts are now offered. Senior adults may play before

2:30 p.m. for only \$29. Women who play before 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday will have a two-for-one greens fee.

"We are also offering women's clinics to promote the game," Bores said.

Pheasant Run also offers annual passes. A resident will pay \$2,150, a family pays \$3,250, while a senior (older than 55) will pay \$1,850. The pass allows holders to first access for tees time – a month in advance.

Annual passes are available for the practice facility at \$425 per single, \$650 for a family and \$250 for a junior, age 18 and younger.

"For our passholders, we are giving the same services they would get at a (private) country club," Bores said.

To further encourage use, Bores said tee times for all are guaranteed every 10 minutes. "We are allowing a little more time." Being able to crossover between the 18-hole course and the new nine-hole course allows for more players.

Fees are tiered to prime and

non-prime times. For example, if you play 18 holes 7-10:50 a.m. Monday or Tuesday, the fee is \$39. If you play 2:30-4:30 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, you will pay \$45. Canton residents get even more of a discount.

Pheasant Run also offers four sets of tees. "You're supposed to play the tee box according to your ability," Bores said.

Efforts are afoot to encourage employees at Canton businesses to use the driving range and restaurant during their lunch hours. "We are working on a package for them. We are targeting companies and local businesses," Doughty said.

With the popular Ryder Cup next month, Bores is planning to see an increase in play at Pheasant Run. "It's a time when people get excited about golf and come out and play."

To contact the Pheasant Run Golf Course, call (734) 397-6460.

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working for Dave. He turned me on to the business side of the game."

It is, after all, a business and one that, according to Bores, has been down for the past few years.

He's not sure why that is so.

"When the business is down the traditional reasons are weather, economy and competition," he said. "If people have money they're going to play golf. And we've got this 'iffy' weather in Michigan. But we're starting to see a rebound in rounds played."

So what is it about golf that people – and Bores himself – love?

"I think it's because of the series of emotions it can take you through in a four-hour period," he said. "You can go from the highest highs to the lowest lows. But you'll always remember that one good shot."

Somewhat ironically, now that he's the man in charge, Bores doesn't have time to play as much as he'd like.

"I probably hit the balls once a week on the range," he said. "And I play maybe two times a month."

What does he see for his future?

"I want to stay here as long as they want me," he said.

Canton girl models at Arts du Jour to help transplant organization

Eight-year-old Carmen Muglia of Canton, who is a transplant recipient and ambassador for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, will participate as a model in the Arts du Jour, the kick off to the Arts, Beats & Eats Festival.

Carmen, who received a cornea transplant, will be joined by her dad, Cesar, as both model in the event's fashion show.

Donate Life Coalition is one of the 18 charities selling tickets for Arts du Jour. The organization promotes organ donation.

Arts du Jour will be 6:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Somerset Collection North

in Troy. It will offer a night of fun, food and music.

Highlights include celebrity chefs at select restaurant stations, strolling buffet selection of fine cuisine from 60 area restaurants, strolling selection of spectacular wine, as well as a fall fashion show by Marshall Field's.

The evening also features musical entertainment from Alexander Zonjic and friends, The Ed Wells Trio, and Impact 7.

Tickets are \$100, with \$65 of it going to the charity of your choice.

Tickets can be purchased at www.artsdujour.org <http://www.artsdujour.org.

HEAD COUNT

Here's a quick look at how enrollment in Plymouth-Canton schools shakes out, compared to the Sept. 24, 2003, student count:

SCHOOL	2003 COUNT	2004 COUNT	DIFF
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			
Allen	514	529	-15
Bentley	633	602	+31
Bird	648	616	+32
Dodson	687	661	+26
Eriksson	582	572	+10
Farrand	448	439	+9
Flegel	487	452	+35
Field	644	632	+12
Gallimore	556	525	+31
Hoben	480	501	-21
Hulsing	376	356	+20
Isbister	586	572	+14
Miller	588	575	+13
Smith	490	455	+35
Tonda	608	635	-27
Totals	8,327	8,102	+225
MIDDLE SCHOOLS			
Central	784	722	+62
Discovery	912	933	-21
East	772	838	-66
Pioneer	739	716	+23
West	850	808	+42
Total	4,057	4,017	+40
HIGH SCHOOLS			
Canton	2,023	2,114	-91
Plymouth	1,348	867	+481
Salem	2,047	2,185	-138
Total	5,418	5,166	+252
GRAND TOTAL	17,802	17,285	+517

ENROLLMENT

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At least five of the 15 elementary schools will have a population over 600 students, with all but one located in Canton.

Bentley is projected to have 648 students; Field, 644; and Tonda, 608. Bird Elementary in Plymouth Township is projected at 648 students.

Tonda joins Allen and Hoben schools as the only three elementary schools expected to show a decrease in student count.

The district has thus far hired 20 new teachers, nearly half for the elementary grades, to keep student counts at the board-mandated 26 students for kindergarten through second grade; 27 in the third grade, 28 in fourth and 29 in fifth. The number of split classes at the elementary level has been decreased from 19 last year to only two this year.

"Bird has a split because there's absolutely no classrooms left," said Ryan. "They're using every conceivable space. We're adding a second portable there."

For Isbister first-grade teacher Joann Kokoszka, who has taught split classes during her 25 years as an educator, the news of fewer splits is good news.

"It is so incredibly difficult to manage the curriculum demands we have now in math and language arts in one grade level, and then when you throw

in a second grade level there's just not enough of you as a teacher to do your best," Kokoszka said.

While the enrollment numbers are getting higher, board members continue to concentrate on class size.

"I'm very proud we're able to stay at 26 students in K-2," said trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski. "In other districts we've seen reports of K-2 going up to 28, 29 and even 30."

Board President Mark Slavens said, "Unless the state gives us more money, I don't think it will be so rosy next year."

The district is hopeful the Sept. 28 bond issue, which includes \$15 million to construct a new elementary school in southwest Canton, will help alleviate some of the need for more classroom space.

Among the middle schools, Discovery in Canton is the largest with an expected enrollment of 912, followed by West at 850. East is expected to show a decline of nearly 70 students.

The high school park is expected to be the largest it's ever been, with more than 5,400 students.

"We're getting more students from OLGC (Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth) and the (Canton) charter school, which has eighth-graders graduating into high school for the first time," said Ray Bihun, executive director of human resources for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

LEISURELY HAPPENINGS

The following are events offered by Canton Leisure Services in August. All events are at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise listed. For more information, contact Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.canton-mi.org

■ Aug. 26: Summer Movies - Calendar Girls Summit, ages 55 and older, PDC room.

■ Aug. 27: Kids Night Out, 6-10 p.m. Ages 6-13. Summit Aquatic Center. Pre-register. Fee.

■ Aug. 28-29: USSSA Mixed State Tournament, all ages. Canton Softball Center. Free.

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Village Faire revives Canton's rural and agrarian heritage

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Two oxen paired up in an old-fashioned wooden yoke were led around the grass by a costumed drover at Bartlett-Travis House near Cherry Hill and Ridge roads Sunday.

A throwback to Canton's agrarian days, the oxen were part of an ever more incongruous scene – all the brand-new buildings – apartments, condos and the Cherry Hill Village Theater – now surrounding the Bartlett-Travis farm property.

The Canton Lions Club and Canton Leisure Services teamed up last Sunday for the second annual Village Faire, reliving the days when Canton was "The Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan." Canton held that distinction from 1925 through the 1970s, according to the Canton Historical Society.

"We were jam-packed here from noon until 3 p.m.," said Leisure Services' Bob Dates. "It is certainly bigger than last year."

Dates guessed that between 1,600 and 2,000 cars came and went Sunday afternoon. The Lions had sold about 875 wrist bands for the food, featuring corn roasted in its husk.

"It was a great event for us," Lions Club president Charles Mott said. "We are thankful to all our donors who gave us food."

Among the donors were Dwayne Bordine and Phil West, who provided all the corn – about 2,500 ears of the picnic favorite.

The Lions meal also included hot dogs, ice cream and watermelon.

"Next year we expect things will be better because the roads won't be torn up," Mott said, referring to the turmoil around the paving of Cherry Hill and a short section of Ridge.

Other things at the "faire" included tours of the home which has been restored to its turn-of-the-century appearance; the home was added to



Cody Trotter 7, of Redford, (from left) Jenny Padill, 8, of Brownstown and Jessica Trotter 9, of Redford look at a one-year old cow at the Village Faire in Canton Sunday.



Madison Proben, 6, of Canton thrashes wheat as her friends and family watch.



Kazy Putnam, 2, with the help of his father Bill Putnam, uses a shaving horse to do historic woodworking.

the National Register of Historic Places in 2000.

The Canton Historical Society barn full of farm artifacts was open for tours as well.

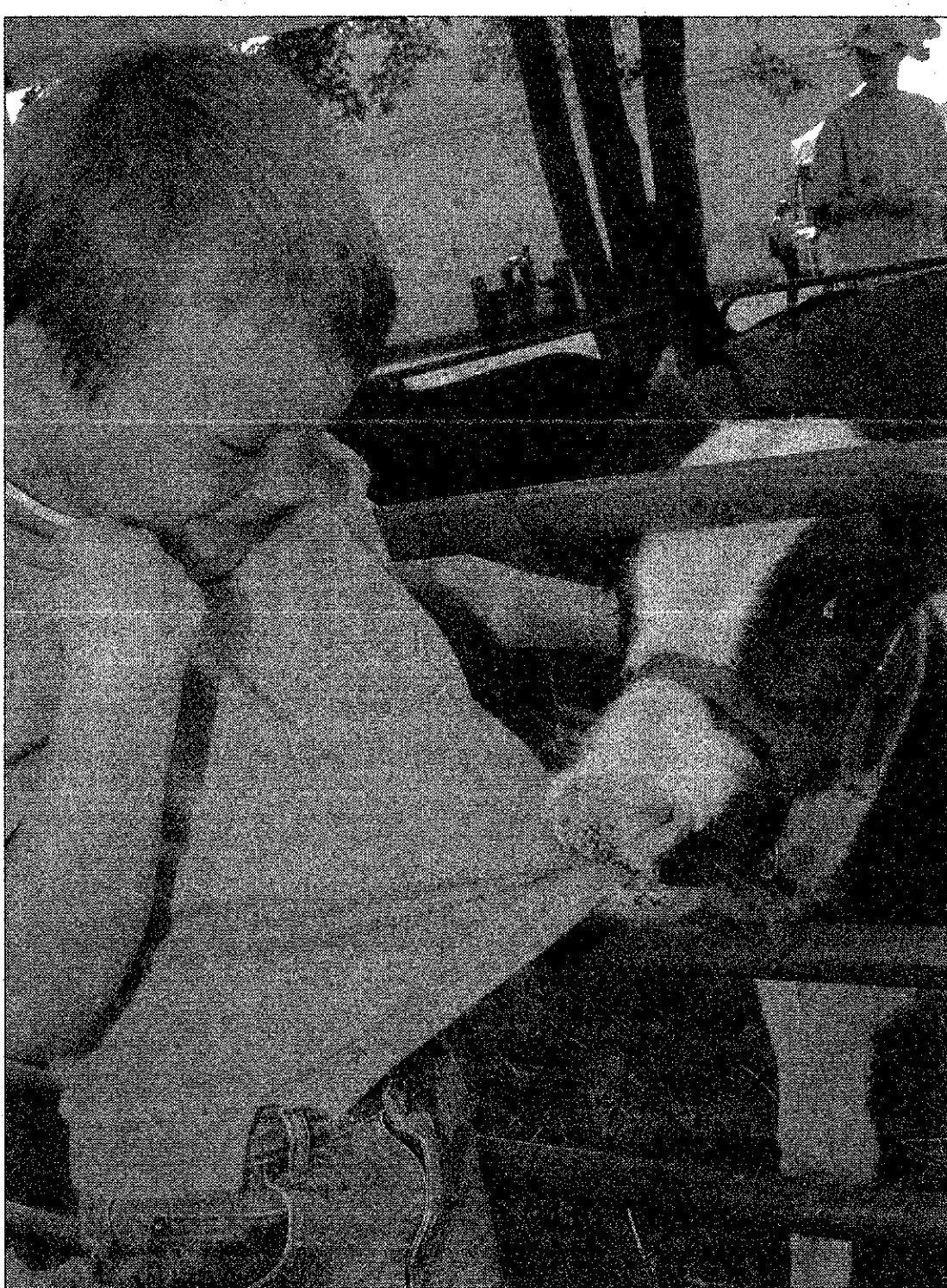
There were "blasts from the past" for the youngsters with demonstrations by Tillers International, the Michigan-based organization that celebrates America's rural heritage by offering classes in low-tech farming.

Kids could make ropes or

fashion wooden pegs for a rake or help thresh grain. A petting farm with a small collection of animals was on hand for the kids as well as a wood carver, antique bikes and free entertainment for everyone.

The Village Faire was one in a series of late summer events at Cherry Hill Village that includes a juried art show and two weekends of events marking the opening of the Cherry Hill Village Theater.

The first Cherry Hill



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Jared Klann, 6, is greeted by a calf at the petting zoo during the Canton Village Faire.

Invitational Art and Antique Fair, in cooperation with Canton Township Leisure Services, is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. The fair will be held at the old Cherry Hill school, northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Admission and parking are free. Details on the juried art fair can be had by calling Kris Darby, (734) 398-6598.

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"We found that many of our customers have migrated to the South Lyon, Novi, Milford, Brighton and Howell area. This is a new up and coming area, and I wanted to be a part of it," said Thomas. Hines Park was the perfect location at the intersection of I-96 and Milford Road.

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Gaylord's wife, Linda, is quite simply the icing on the cake. Not formally an employee of Hines Park, she works under Gaylord's direction. She's his partner in business as well as life, an invaluable key in making sure things run smoothly. She'll remain at his side at Hines Park, where this Milford High School graduate feels right at home.

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Wayne County Health Authority begins work

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has nominated UAW President Ron Gettelfinger of Canton and Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli as his appointees to the new Detroit Wayne County Health Authority.

He has also nominated Charles Gayney, a UAW from Detroit as an alternate for Gettelfinger.

The Wayne County Commission is scheduled to vote on the appointments today.

The new Health Authority will provide and arrange for health care services and programs for the uninsured and underinsured in Detroit and Wayne County.

The health authority will:

- manage and improve the viability and effectiveness of health care for the residents it serves;

- ensure improved access to health care services through an integrated, coordinated and seamless health care system that includes a full range of providers and services;

- aggressively seek and distribute additional government and private funds for health care services; and,

- enhance efficiencies at entry level of the health care delivery process.

In April 2003, Gov. Jennifer Granholm convened a work group to study formation of health care authority through an intergovernmental agreement by the City of Detroit, Wayne County and the State of Michigan.

"The Detroit Wayne County Health Authority will help find ways to provide efficient and quality health care for thousands of residents in southeast Michigan who are underinsured or have no insurance," Granholm said. "The authority will ensure that vulnerable citizens will have a home in the health care network where they can be treated. This will

benefit not only the patients but the healthcare systems that are responsible for care.

Ficano said the authority will help 280,000 uninsured in Wayne County receive medical care.

"It's the key to leveraging millions in health care funds and ensuring the safety net that protects the uninsured

and the tens of thousands of underinsured people as well," Ficano said.

Others serving on the authority are:

- Cynthia Taueg, vice president for urban and community health of St. John's Health System, appointed by Granholm.

- Sister Mary Giovanni,

founder and president/CEO of Angela Hospice Home Care Inc., appointed by Granholm on the recommendation of legislative leadership.

- Dr. Noble A.W. Maseru, director and health officer for the City of Detroit's Department of Health and Wellness Promotion,

appointed by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

- Dr. John B. Waller Jr., senior vice president for urban and community health at the Detroit Medical Center, appointed by Kilpatrick.

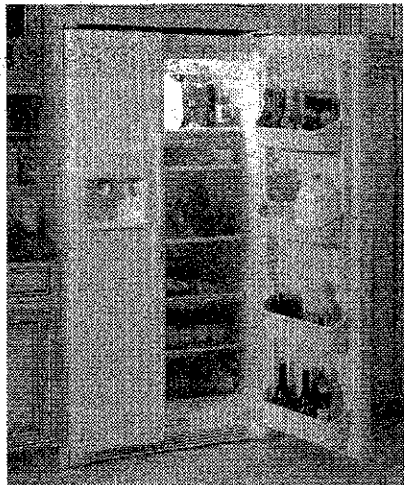
- Maryann Mahaffey, president of the Detroit City Council, representing the Detroit City Council.

- Jewel Ware, chair of the Wayne County Commission, representing the Wayne County Commission.

- Gail Warden, former president and chief operating officer of the Henry Ford Health System, appointed by Michigan Department of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski.

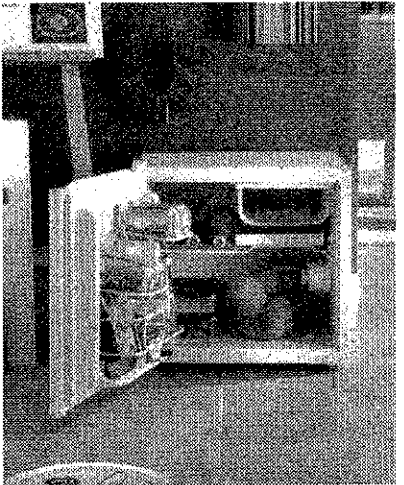


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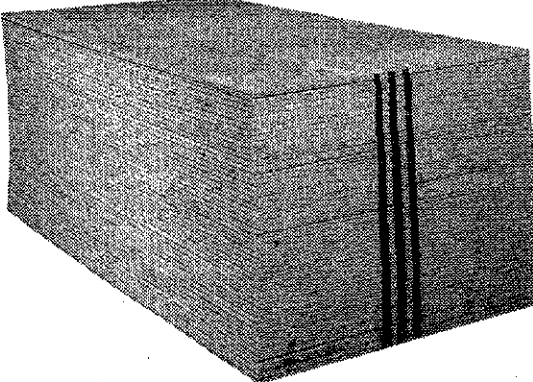


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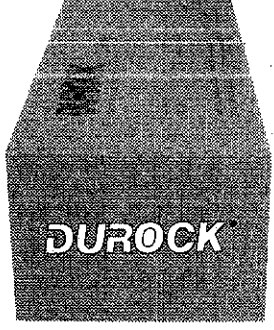
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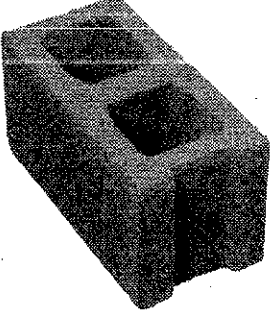
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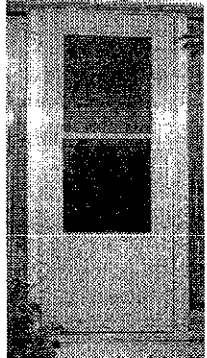
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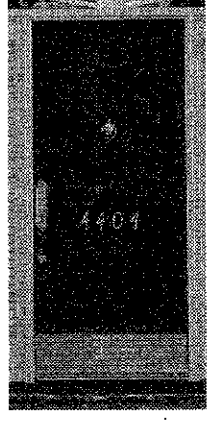


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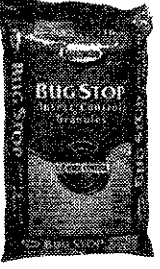
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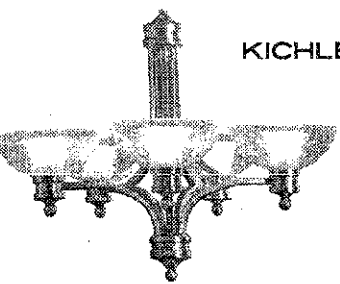
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Restaurants such as Milford's Five Lakes Grill, Royal Oak's Boocoo Restaurant and Detroit's Opus One are among the approximately 60 eateries and beverage houses that will have samples of their most exciting offerings ready to taste. Others include Loving Spoonful, The Farm, The Gravity Bar and Grill and Schoolcraft's own American Harvest Restaurant. L. Mawby Vineyards, Black Star Farms and the Michigan Wine Council will bring abundant samples of their products.

The dishes will span the entire range from appetizers to dessert. A sampling includes lobster bisque, chicken marsala, jumbo crab and shrimp cakes, wedding cakes, bumpy cake, dessert wines and gourmet coffees.

Patrons can stop in at free wine-tasting seminar 2:30-3:15 p.m. or take part in a live auction featuring a five-course meal for eight prepared in your home, a series of cooking classes taught by Certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, and overnight stays at Frankenmuth, Pelee Island and the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Tickets to a raffle drawing could leave the lucky winner with a ruby and diamond ring, an LCD television or dinner at the American Harvest Restaurant for four.

Culinary Extravaganza 2004 tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at 734-462-4400, extension 5008. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

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Battle over marriage amendment far from over

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

Although a ballot proposal to the state Constitution banning same-sex marriage was not certified by the Board of State Canvassers, opponents plan to continue their campaign while proponents head to court.

"It's a promising step," said Sean Kosofsky, director of poli-

cy at the Triangle Foundation in Detroit, an organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied communities. "But we are still going to run our campaign like it's going to be on the ballot."

Composed of two Democrats and two Republicans, the board was split along party lines at a meeting Monday in approving the petition submit-

ted by Citizens for the Protection of Marriage, which gathered 482,590 signatures to get the amendment on the ballot. The group needed only 318,000.

Siding with opponents, who assert the amendment will eliminate domestic partnership benefits for same-sex and heterosexual couples that are offered at state universities and

by some government and private employers, Democratic canvassers Doyle O'Connor and Dorothy Jones voted against the language.

Kosofsky said they voted no because they think the amendment is poorly written and is about more than marriage.

"We're glad that the Board of Canvassers sees the initiative for what it is," Kosofsky said. "A

gross reversal of civil rights that goes way beyond marriage."

Proponents beg to differ.

"We'll win because we have the signatures," said Marlene Elwell, chairwoman for the Citizens for the Protection of Marriage.

Outraged over the whole situation, Elwell said Republican canvassers Eric Pelton and Katherine DeGrow voted yes

because that's their job and the Democratic canvassers clearly overstepped their role. The Democratic canvassers made a raw, political decision that disenfranchises Michigan voters, she added.

"Their role is to merely say yes or no to the signatures," she said.

Bob Igison, Oakland County coordinator for the group, said the decision by the two dissenting voters was a political decision, not one following the law.

"We believe that the Michigan Court of Appeals when they view this issue will overturn the partisan politics of the two dissenting voters as there was no statutory reason for them to not vote in favor of the amendment being on the ballot," he said.

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Pickup time dangerous for children

Between 3 and 6 p.m. - pickup time at most schools and day-care centers - is the most dangerous time of the day for children under 13 years of age, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. That's when the most children are killed by motor vehicles.

Drop-off time - between 6 and 9 a.m. - accounts for 11 percent of child motor vehicle deaths.

Taken together, the time periods when children are either coming from or going to school or daycare account for more than one-third of all child vehicle deaths. As the school year begins, AAA's annual "School's Open" campaign reminds motorists to use caution in school zones and residential areas, where pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles, including school buses, operate during drop-off and pick-up times.

"Motor vehicles remain the number one cause of death for children ages 2-14," says Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Loading and unloading children from school buses and passenger cars requires careful attention and deliberate action."

During 2002, the last year for which data is available, 88 children under age 16 lost their lives in traffic crashes in Michigan, and 9,269 were injured. Restraint use in Michigan is lowest for children ages 11-15 (74.3 percent).

In its "School's Open" campaign, AAA emphasizes that driving carefully begins with focusing in basic traffic safety practices, such as the proper use of seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats.

"It's vitally important that all children age 12 and under be properly restrained in the back seat," said Miller. "Caregivers often don't realize they need to alter the type of safety seats as children grow, which means that booster seats are underutilized or used incorrectly. Typically, children between the ages of four and eight are candidates for booster seats."

Miller urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

■ Slow down in or near school and residential areas.

■ Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and others can see you.

■ Look for clues such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds, that indicate children may be in the area.

■ Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.

■ Practice extra caution in bad weather.

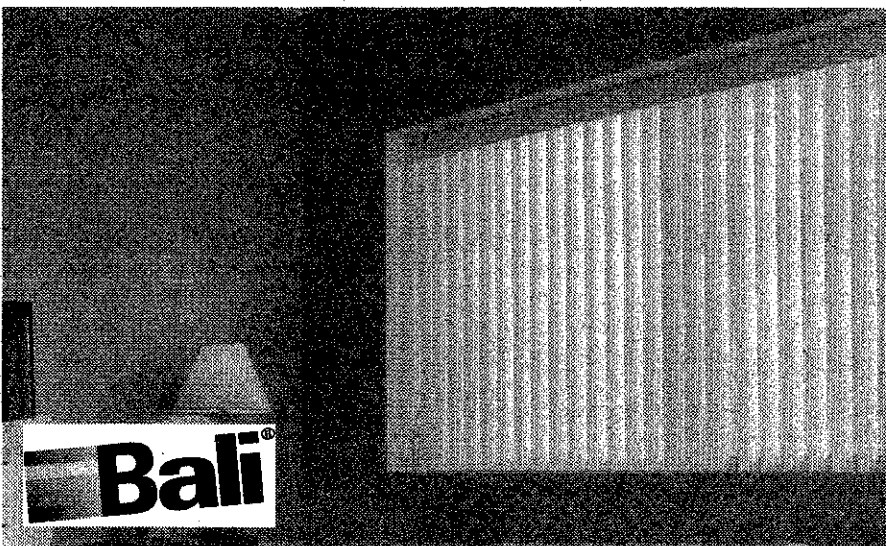
■ Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students when red lights are flashing (unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway).

■ When using a booster seat, always use the shoulder harness. Don't tuck it behind the child's back. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.

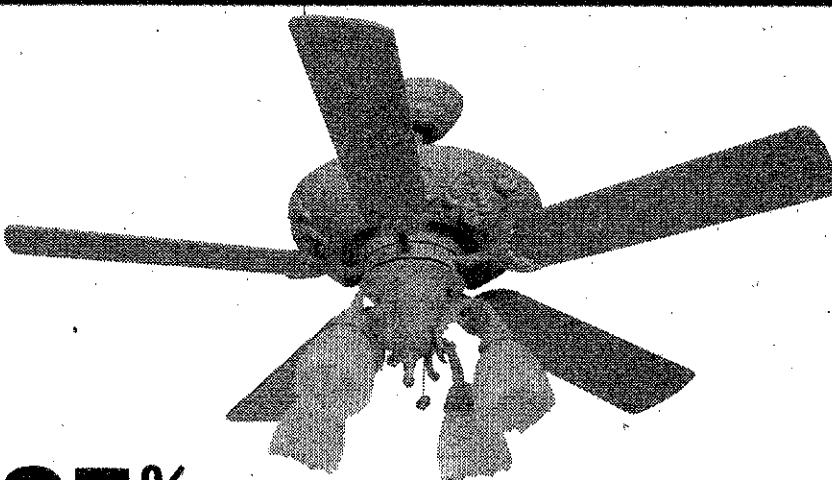
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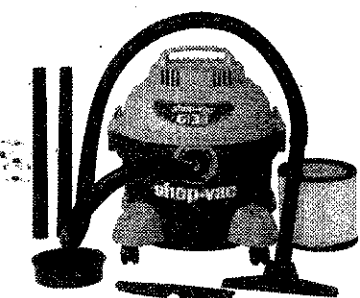
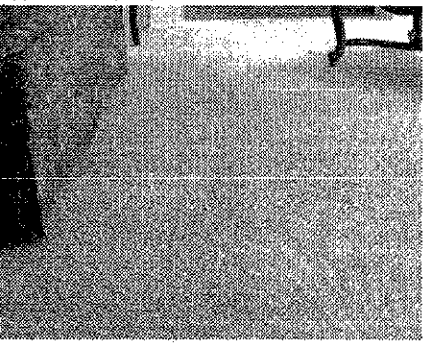
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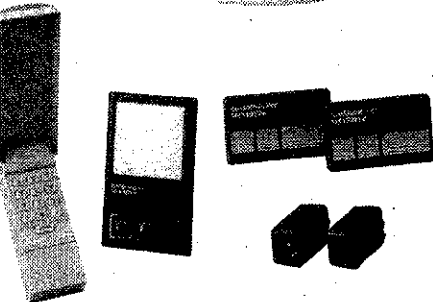
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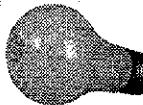
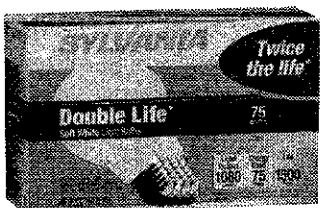
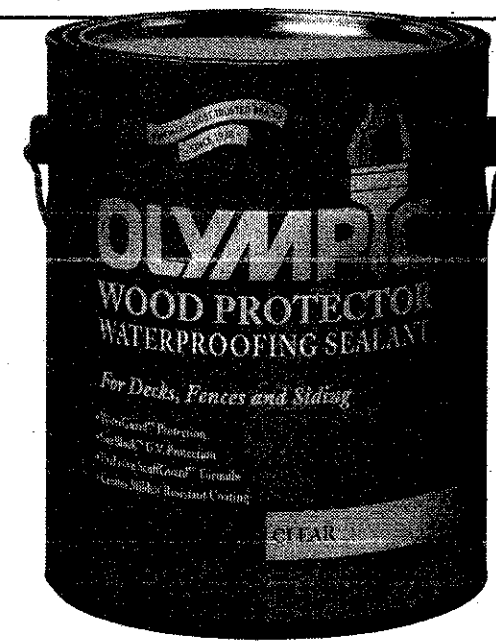
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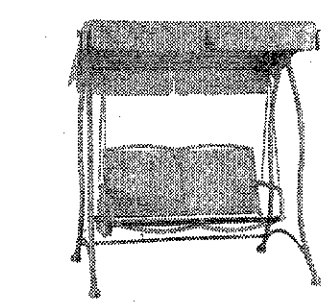


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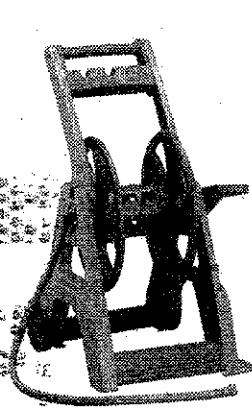


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DEATHS

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Michael J. Doolan, 53, died Aug. 18.

E
Ileen Engman, 76, formerly of Birmingham, died June 30.

H
Herman Landon Harrison, 67, of Plymouth, died Aug. 20.

L
Ken E. Hoeppner, 65, died Aug. 20.

L
John (Gino) Lambertini, 57, died Aug. 16.

R
Rebecca (Becky) Lundy, 78, of Orchard Lake, died Aug. 24.

M
Mildred (Dolly) Maruszewski, 86, of Hale, died Aug. 20.

R
Rosalie H. Moles, 85, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 16.

S
Carol Lee Ann Santoro, 57, of Oak Park, died Aug. 19.

POLICE

Theft from car
A resident of the 46000 block of Hanford told police he went to his car about 5:30 a.m. Aug. 21, turned the key and heard no music coming

Aug. 21. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Sign stolen
The coach for the Salem Girls Cross Country team told Canton Police that while the team was having a fund-raiser at the Outback Steakhouse on Ford Road, someone stole their sign.
The 4-foot-by-6-foot sign promoting event was outside the restaurant. While the coach was inside the restaurant, it was stolen. The sign was valued at \$650.

CDs taken
A resident of the 1200 block of Dundee said someone broke out the driver's side window of his car and stole 60 CDs. Some cash in the center console was not taken.
The incident occurred between 6 p.m. Aug. 16 and 7:25 a.m. Aug. 17.

Cigarettes stolen
A delivery man call Canton police about 4:30 a.m. Aug. 23 to report the front door of the Sunoco station on Joy Road had been smashed out. About \$1,700 worth of cigarettes were missing.

Window smashed
The owner of The Children's Hour Day Care Center on North Canton Center Road reported to police that someone threw a rock through a window on the north side of the building.
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TAKE A BREAK

Lemonade with BJ on WSDP radio- 88.1 which features host Beti Smith of Canton, will have the following guests and/or highlight particular music in September: Sept. 8, the music of pianist Cyrus Chestnut; Sept. 15, Emil J. Coolidge, senior advisor; Sept. 22, announcements by Annette; Sept. 29, Ahmed Jamal, pianist.
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ARTS

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summer warning that the proposed \$11.8 million in state grants for arts and culture may be eliminated or cut drastically.
Lawmakers were to begin meeting Aug. 25 after a short August break to finalize a \$39 billion budget for fiscal year 2004-05, which begins Oct. 1.
The signing of the increase in casino taxes a few days ago by Gov. Jennifer Granholm may still not be enough, and an excise or entertainment tax on event ticket sales has even been discussed.
Plymouth Community Arts Council Executive Director Stella Greene said groups like hers have to "send a message to Lansing almost daily."
"Hopefully they bear in mind that the cultural health of our local community is important. It helps the economy because it is a business impetus, too. If someone sees a show here or goes to the symphony then they go to dinner. It's putting money into the local economy," Greene said.
"We have diversified our funding sources because we don't want to be at the mercy of ... the whim of ... state legislators. Having said that, it is really difficult to go to companies, businesses and foundations and not be able to show them some level of support. They look to the state for validation of our legitimacy."
She said any cut would be tough to handle but "we can absorb small cuts like 5 percent."

Jennifer Tobin, performing arts coordinator with Canton Leisure Services, said that while almost everywhere "it is a sad time for the arts," Canton has been fortunate in finding millions in private funding for its Cherry Hill Village Theater, set for a grand opening Sept. 11.
"The (budget cuts) are so devastating to those organizations that count on the money. The have to cut staff, and that means cutting programming. So many organizations need some help from the state just to keep their doors open," Tobin said. The theater has no grant applications pending to Lansing but "we expect to apply in the future."
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, which begins its 59th season in October, is also afraid of the budget woes. Two years ago, the PSO got \$24,000 from the state, last year it was cut to \$16,000.
"These cuts hurt us," Angela Han, PSO's executive director, said.
"We apply for funding every year and they are our largest, most consistent supporter. To lose the grant would be very hard for us."
Han said she has been urging symphony board members and the four dozen or so Symphony League members to e-mail their legislators using the ArtServe Web site.
"We don't have a lobbyists. Another reason the arts and culture grants are important is they help us raise money from other sources. The state arts council respects what we do and that let's us tell others we

are supported by the state. That (state status) is very important to us."
Symphony League members come from both Plymouth and Canton. The PSO organization is starting Orchestra Canton this fall with different musicians but the same conductor (Nan Washburn). The series of shows will be held at the CHV Theater and is aimed at families, Han said.
Michigan ArtServe's newsletter editor George Orban's latest alert said there has been no clear signal on the HAL (History, Arts and Libraries) budget for next year.
"This is the opportune time to remind your legislators of the importance of the arts and culture to your life, family, community and schools. If we wait until budget agreements have been reached, it's too late to influence the process," he wrote.
According to the Michigan Humanities Council Web site, elimination of state funding for arts and culture could also jeopardize hundreds of thousands of dollars of funding to the state from the National Endowment for the Arts, which requires minimum state matching funding and a viable state arts agency.
Granholm this spring proposed about \$48 million for HAL in monies from the state's general fund; arts and cultural affairs account for the \$11.8 million of that amount.
Lawmakers talk of \$1 billion shortfall for fiscal year 2004-05; the casino tax increase should bring in about \$50 million.

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OUR VIEWS

Ford Road begs public attention

Not all change comes with the force of a whirling tornado. Ford Road is an example where a little change here and there can make a world of difference.

Canton officials, including Downtown Development Authority members and coordinator Kathleen Salla, have wished, hoped, worried and taken action to ensure redevelopment of the congested retail corridor, which is also a state highway.

While Ford Road and its traffic, access and congestion woes is a critic's pot of gold, residents and motorists should be assured that attention has certainly turned to improvements.

An access management study that is reviewing problems with traffic and access to the shopping areas has been a bright light for Canton, especially with the Michigan Department of Transportation's involvement.

With any luck, recommendations for improvements will soon arrive, followed by some fixes that can be done promptly, and others that undoubtedly will take time.

Ford Road will never be a lazy, rural road. Those days are gone. Ford Road's commerce is a center of focus for Canton. The issue that remains is how to manage the corridor, how to improve traffic and how to attract the best the retail world has to offer.

It is unfortunate that more residents and business owners did not attend the public meetings, hosted by MDOT and the consultants hired to conduct the access management study. Who doesn't complain about Ford Road?

But it is essential that business owners and residents get involved and stay involved. Ford Road is about as close to a downtown shopping area as Canton has or will ever have.

Even while waiting for the study results, good news is on the way with a decision to build access drives in the new Willow Creek development — the site of the old HQ building — just west of Lilley Road. The new drives will allow shoppers to drive from Haggerty to Lilley without having to hit Ford.

A similar interior access drive allows drivers to enter the Kohl's site off Sheldon and exit onto Canton Center. Another access drive will be at the new Lowe's site, allowing drivers to enter the site from Morton Taylor and exit onto Sheldon Road.

And yet another step toward improvement is the search for a design consultant to work on a new sign program to direct shoppers to where they want to go, without traveling on Ford.

Things are looking up for Ford Road. Residents and business owners must stay abreast of the changes and be committed to working with township officials on improving the township's major shopping corridor.

School start means new challenges for parents

Don't fret, moms and dads, your children know you love them, really they do. Don't let their complaints about the start up of school this week throw you.

You aren't being mean to send them. How could they even think it, what with \$80 gym shoes, a closet full of new clothes and those backpacks.

It's been a rough summer, admit it. It's been too cool most days to send them off to the pool. Thank goodness for municipal recreation and library programs. Without those, the kids would have been around all the time.

As it was, their friends were off vacationing, leaving your offspring without inspiration, and instigators. Parents, you deserve credit for surviving your own vacation with the kids.

So now it's the fourth week of August. Phew. You all made it and school is back in session. You can take a break.

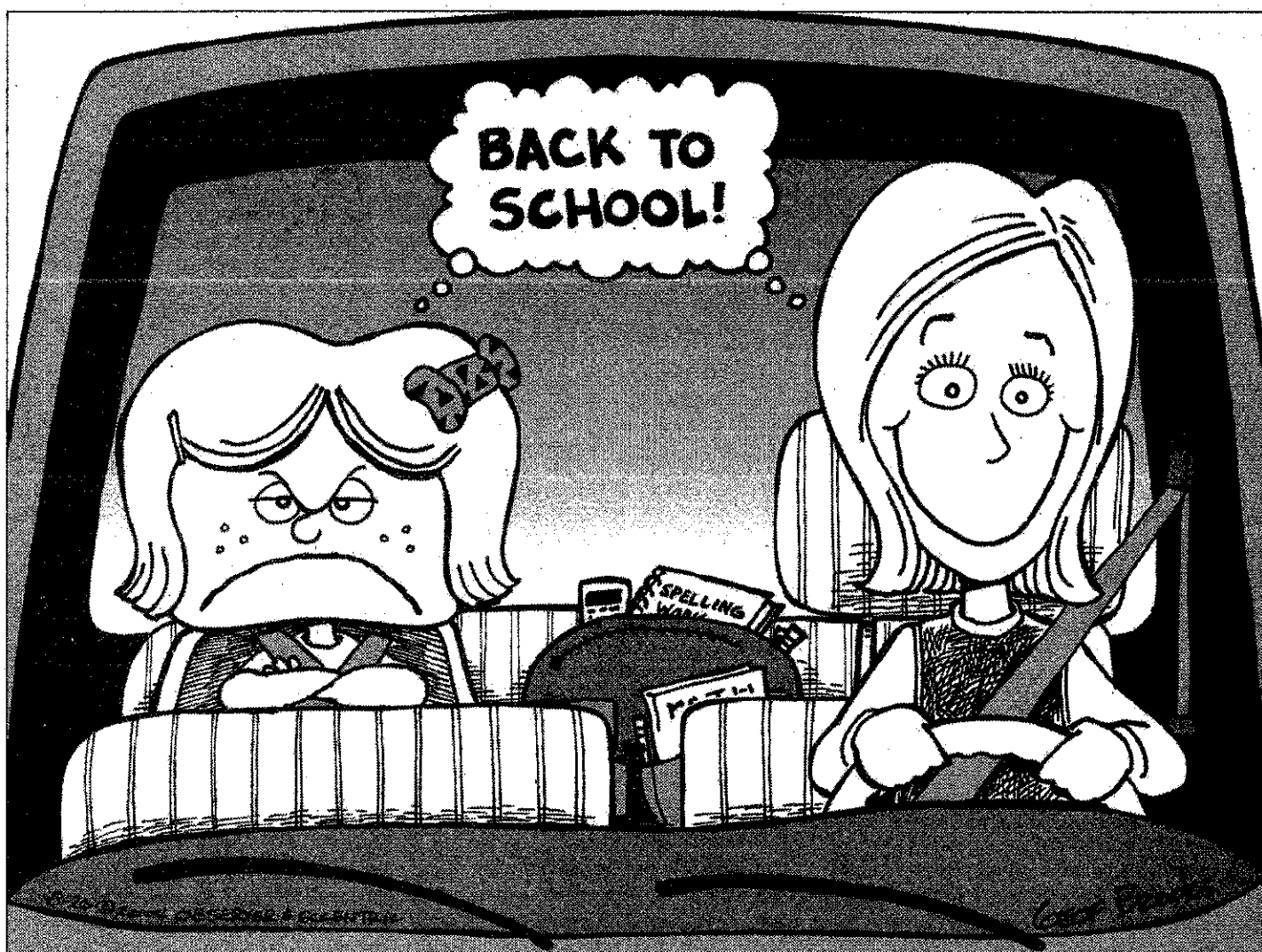
But wait, did you check the size of that insurance bill for your high schooler who's driving to school for the first time? Better do some comparison shopping.

Uh, oh, the kindergartner is clinging to your legs, unsure about a big kids' school experience. And the middle schooler is hoping you'll drive the team for ice cream after soccer practice, which is the same night as the PTO meeting.

But, if you live in our hometowns, at least you'll know that where your kids are going, they're bound to get a good education. The recent state school report cards are evidence of that.

At the end of the day, there may be a kiss, there may be a hug. Settling in for the night, you'll be thinking over the day's events when you hear it loud and clear.

The sound of silence.



LETTERS

No to Van Buren

Van Buren Public Schools has an upcoming bond issuance election on Sept. 28, 2004. The district is seeking a tax increase of 4.54 mills to cover the \$150 million they are trying to raise for the building of a new high school.

Several subdivisions in southwest Canton are in the Van Buren school district and have strong interest in this election, however, the district has not mailed out any notification to those residents about this election.

The homes in Canton have some of the highest assessed values in the Van Buren school district, and in many cases will be facing a tax increase of \$700-800 per year.

Currently, Van Buren has no elementary schools in Canton Township and they have no stated plans to build one. Many of the children in Canton who attend Van Buren Schools have to go to Rawsonville elementary school. This school is on the other side of Willow Run Airport and across I-94 in Ypsilanti Township. This school is not even remotely connected to our community.

At least in my subdivision, when children reach elementary school age, their parents move or send them to private schools. Van Buren is asking Canton residents to foot a very steep bill for a high school when they do not adequately serve the younger kids in our community.

I have a very difficult time supporting this bond when most of the children in my subdivision will move before they ever reach high school. I would have a much easier time supporting it if Van Buren had a plan to build an elementary school to serve the residents of Canton who reside in its district boundaries.

I urge all Canton residents to vote NO on this bond issuance and all future bonds of the district until such time as the district decides to build an elementary school to adequately serve the residents of Canton.

Robert Cahalan
Canton

Middle ground

OK. We need to revisit the sign ordinance in Canton. The Big Boy issue notwithstanding, we need to reach some middle ground with regard to the temporary signs in the township.

Garage sale signs are being removed shortly after being placed on street corners even on the weekends and something strange is happening to the political candidate signs.

Earlier in the spring, I posted garage sale signs on the main corners near my house only to notice later that they had been removed. I found out later they were removed by the sign ordinance officer.

On my way home through Canton on the day before the primary I counted eight signs for one of the candidates and only one for three of the others. For the last several weeks, the signs of one candidate have been in many locations, some of them seemingly not in compliance with the ordinance, while other candidates' signs were placed and disappeared almost as quickly, including from my front lawn, twice!

I am proposing that garage sale signs be permitted on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from April through October with an inexpensive permit and that political signs only be permitted on the right of way for the two-week period prior to an election.

There has to be a way to meet the needs of the citizens and the candidates without causing the messy sign clutter the township is concerned about.

Vivien Pierson
Canton

Fair accounting

I would like to thank Scott Redding for his letter that brought to light the fact that Godfrey Aguwa and I advanced from the primary with the result that I was the third highest vote-getter overall of the 10 candidates running for Canton trustee. The editorial that Mr. Redding referred to also spoke about how much candidates spent per vote. I did not file a waiver since I do not have a problem with people knowing how much I am spending.

Until the primary on Aug. 3, I had spent \$106, which translates to 60 cents per vote. This is far less than the Republican candidates spent.

You did not report the total number of votes for all candidates who were moving on to the November election. It would be nice if in the future you included information on all candidates so that voters have a fair accounting of elections.

Bill Rice
Canton

Revising Prop A

I agree that it's time to re-examine Prop A because of the unforeseen problems which have been showing up in the last few years. The 10-year mark is a good time to do so.

You mentioned people who've lived in their homes for many years being afraid (or unwilling) to move because they expect to be hit with higher property taxes for their new homes. This reluctance to move has another negative effect — more and more houses are being occupied by homeowners who don't have children in the public school system any longer.

In communities where there is no land for new home development to attract families with young children, this causes the school systems to have less students and, therefore, less state funding to maintain the schools. On top of that, there are more residents who don't have a direct connection to the schools so they aren't as likely to vote for millages to help the schools meet their financial needs. The pressure will keep building. It's amazing so many communities were able to pass tax increases this year. I wonder when this avenue will begin to close.

The challenge lies in finding legislators who are willing to review this proposal in a nonpartisan manner, as you suggested. I'm feeling pretty negative right now about this happening. There are so many different socioeconomic aspects to this problem that it's very tempting for politicians to pit one group or community against another.

It will take seasoned, creative people to make this work. Do we have any in Lansing any longer since term limits were established?

Winnie Rockentine
Bloomfield Township

Improve security

When he was asked what was his worst nightmare, what was the No. 1 issue that he felt the government needed to address, Lee Hamilton, the vice chairman of the 9/11 Commission, responded that it was the threat of nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists. Unfortunately, the Bush administration does not seem to be on the same page. Once more, the people who claim to be making us safer are not. This time, the Bush administration is undermining the authority of an important new agreement, the Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty, which would for the first time, ban all countries from producing highly enriched uranium or plutonium. (These are the materials that terrorists need to make the bombs.) By insisting that no provisions for inspection or verification be included in the agreement, they are in effect, gutting it.

Overall, the administration has not been successful in reining in the nuclear threat. While they have been distracted by the war in Iraq, North Korea has gone ahead and produced two nuclear weapons. And in the past two years, Iran has been completing infrastructure for its nuclear weapons program. In Russia, unacceptable levels of security leave 10,000 weapons vulnerable to terrorists who are trying to get hold of them.

The Bush administration would be well-advised to focus its attention on trying to find ways to improve our security, rather than wasting energy undermining agreements, like the Fissile Material Cutoff treaty, that will. If they do not, the American public should focus its attention on electing a new president in November.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

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"I thought I was going to be rich."

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A checklist for adapting to state's new economy

People look at the world in fundamentally different ways. The British philosopher Isaiah Berlin once famously wrote, "The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing."

I couldn't get that line out of my head as I looked at last week's economic news. Michigan's unemployment rate for July went up three-tenths of a percent, which means another 15,000 people are out of work, cut mostly from manufacturing jobs. Our jobless rate, 6.8 percent, is well above the national rate of 5.5. This is another slice of bad news in a dismal long-term trend: We have lost 21 percent of our economic backbone — manufacturing jobs — since 2000.



Phil Power

These losses are the result of many things, as the fox knows full well. They include enormously increased productivity in manufacturing, which means that lots of companies can make lots more things using lots less labor, and "offshoring," which means shifting work to places like China where labor is much cheaper. Significant overcapacity in the U.S. automobile industry is another factor; so are rigid labor contracts that make assembly labor a fixed cost and result in terrible cost pressure on the supply chain.

The one big thing that the hedgehog knows is simply this: Those manufacturing jobs are never coming back. They're over, done with.

Sure, we'll retain some auto assembly plants, if only because their labor contracts prevent the auto companies from shutting them down.

And there will be a substantial residue of auto-related high-tech jobs in flexible manufacturing, engineering, research and development. But the mass production of motor vehicles that placed Michigan at the head of the industrial revolution nearly a century ago is a phenomenon that has been tailing off for decades.

"So," says the hedgehog, "what are we going to do about that?"

I'm afraid most of the foxes in Lansing are still running around, chasing their tails, spinning economic data, proposing short-term fixes and generally misunderstanding the radical changes that are now sweeping through the Michigan economy. As a result, they are proposing remedies that are wholly inadequate to the scope of the problem. (Better buggy whips wouldn't have saved the horsecar industry in 1915, either.)

Here's a hedgehog's checkoff list of the big things that must be addressed if Michigan is to adapt and take advantage of the economic changes now under way:

- Fix the budget. Michigan has for years faced

a built-in structural budget deficit of more than \$1 billion each year. Legislative yapping about cutting spending here and there is nothing more than nibbling at the margins. We must either radically downsize state spending or find ways to get enough revenue to sustain state services.

- Fix the tax system. The Single Business Tax is complicated, out-of-date and hurts our ability to compete when national companies consider locations in Michigan. The state sales tax is levied on goods, not services, although the service sector of the economy is the one that's going to grow in the future.

- Fix the demography. The experts are right. Demography is history. Too many highly educated young people are leaving Michigan for other places like Chicago and San Francisco. We need to find better ways to recruit members of the "creative class," the folks who will invent new products and manage new businesses.

- Fix the universities. State appropriations for the 15 public universities have fallen nearly by a quarter in the past three years. But everybody knows that our universities are our greatest source of brainpower, research inventions and business leaders. Moreover, graduates of our universities — whether from instate or out-of-state — disproportionately stay in Michigan. Tolerating a slow demise of our best universities is outrageous, and will cost us mightily in the long run.

- Fix the schools. Most schools are improving, but too many inner-city kids who don't drop out still get a terrible education. We can't develop a highly skilled labor force when 20 percent of school-leavers are illiterate and lack simple math skills.

- Fix health care. Health care costs add up to \$12,000 per car manufactured in Michigan. They bulk up the cost of hiring a worker by as much as \$7,000 per year. A national solution is years away, but surely we can take small steps in Michigan.

- Fix the culture. In some places, the community culture still holds that a high school diploma is all that you need to get a good-paying job. Elsewhere, too many folks are addicted to the idea that working for some large company is the route to security.

Compare this to the mentality in Silicon Valley, and you'll see how far we have to go.

If we're going to address the hedgehog's one big thing, we need to focus our attention on a few basics. Let the foxes fiddle around with the little stuff. Listening, Gov. Jennifer Granholm? Listening, members of the Legislature? Listening, Michigan citizens?

We all better be.

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.

Special election will be a challenge in school district that's on the grow

Although school doesn't begin until Monday, much work has been done over the summer to prepare for the return of our students, and we're ready to start another successful school year.

This new school year holds much promise and many challenges. As you saw in our most recent *Celebrating Success* publication, our students and staff members have had great success on the local, state and national level. This is due to the great partnership that exists between our students, parents and teachers.

I have said since I arrived, the communities that comprise the Plymouth-Canton Community District offer a great quality of life and we work hard to be an important part of that success.



Dr. James Ryan

The biggest challenge we face this year is our special election scheduled for Sept. 28. On this ballot we have two proposals. The first proposal is a request to renew the 18-mill non-homestead millage. This is a tax on business and it was last renewed in 1995. Those 18 mills provide \$29 million in revenue, or 22 percent of our operating budget. It is easy to see the importance of these funds to our operations.

The second proposal is a bond issue of \$109 million. Last November, members of our Bond Steering Committee (made up of community members, parents, staff and administrators) presented their report to the Board of Education.

It was from this report the board unanimously agreed to place an issue with \$94 million in identified needs and \$15 million for the construction of a new elementary school in southwest Canton on the ballot.

The approval of this bond issue proposal will upgrade every building built before 2000 and protect these investments for the next five to 10 years. A new elementary school will help address our present overcrowding situation and future growth.

What will it cost? The renewal of the 18-mill non-homestead millage will cost our homeowners nothing. The \$109 million bond issue will cost a homeowner with a house valued at \$234,000 approximately \$47 per year.

Asking our taxpayers to raise their taxes is not an easy thing to do. That is why the Bond Steering Committee worked so hard on its recommendations, and why the board took such a thoughtful approach in making its decision on what would be on the ballot.

We want every move we make as a school district to positively affect our students, be a good investment for the communities that comprise the district and protect, if not raise, the values of the homes in the school district.

Our track record is very good to date, as we opened the last three schools built (Discovery Middle School, Dodson Elementary School and Plymouth High School) on time and under budget. You can expect the same performance from us if this bond issue passes.

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District is highly regarded in our region and across the state. We have our own set of high expectations that we want to meet to provide a great education for our students at the best value to the taxpayers. We are aware of your high expectations for us. It all comes together to provide a great quality of life.

I am lucky to be a part of it and proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Welcome back to the 2004-05 school year.

Dr. James Ryan is superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He can be reached at (734) 416-3048.

LETTERS

Effects of Proposal A

I found Mr. Power's editorial, "Flaws in Proposal A" (Aug. 12), to be quite interesting. It's a shame that real estate agents have fewer houses to sell because most of us are remodeling our homes rather than moving.

However, let's take a closer look at the results of our actions.

In my neighborhood I think there has been a lower turnover in home sales since Proposal A. When we moved in 18 years ago there were mostly three-bedroom, 1½-bath houses. Now almost every house has been expanded

and families stay longer in their homes. Along with that, the property values in our neighborhood have gone way up. ... It seems to me that the taxes collected in our upgraded neighborhood today are at least equal to, if not greater, than the taxes would be in an unimproved more transient setting.

Higher property values mean higher school taxes, larger real estate commissions and more stable neighborhoods. I wonder what Detroit would look like today, if Proposal A was 50 years old.

Peter H. Kreher

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Passing the crown

Miss Redford stays true to mission boosting literacy

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Brooke Brennan will relinquish her crown as Miss Redford Township/Wayne County this weekend with her attention focused on others instead of herself.

As Miss Redford Township/Wayne County Brennan championed causes that promote the importance of reading. In fact, she's asking people who attend this year's pageant to bring books, new or used, at any reading level to be distributed free of charge in low-income areas.

The pageant is from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Churchill High School in Livonia. This year, the event has changed names and for the first time in 13 years will be called, Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant.

Brennan, a Brooklyn, Mich. resident, plans to donate the books she collects to the Red Wagon Literacy Project, which is sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Community School District. The books are distributed in the Norwayne neighborhood in Westland.

"I wanted to get the community and my friends and family involved to show them what I've been doing," Brennan said. "I thought the book drive would be a good thing to do, especially as I was giving up my title during the pageant."

Make-a-Wish Foundation in Livonia has donated a red wagon for Brennan to collect the books during the pageant. Every summer, Red Wagon volunteers ring a cow bell and push a wagon filled with books and magazines for people of all ages to take.

"I hope this takes-off and I can help them out with what they're doing," Brennan said.

"Seeing the little kids' faces when they get the books — they're so excited to see us.

Fifty percent of children who have illiterate parents will also be illiterate, she said adding that the cycle needs to be broken.

"It's important to attack it at both ends — the adults and children," Brennan said.

Last summer, while Brennan was swinging the bell and passing out books she became hooked-on the program. She

also volunteered to read at various elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland School District. In fact, every Friday during March, which is National Reading Month, she read to students at Jefferson-Barns Elementary in Westland.

As Miss Redford Township/Wayne County, Brennan also was invited to community events, like the Redford Township firefighters' open house, modeling in the Redford Suburban League fashion festival and programs at Our Lady of Loretto in Redford.

Once Brennan won the local pageant she became eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan Scholarship pageant, which was held in June. She finished in the top 10 among 30 contestants and won a talent award.

STILL COMPETING

The winner of the Miss Michigan annually goes on to the Miss America pageant. Brennan, 23, still has her eye on that goal even though the age limit is 24.

"I was very pleased with my first trip to Miss Michigan," Brennan adds. "Looking back I've seen how much I've grown and how much I've changed. I'm thrilled with how I did

with Miss Michigan and I'm excited about going back."

Brennan said the pageants have given her confidence and interview skills that she can use for future jobs.

This year she plans to compete in the Miss Spirit of the State in Mio and the Miss Washtenaw County.

If she wins the local pageant she can go on again to the Miss Michigan.

"She's been a wonder to work with for the past year," explains Sheila Sigro, Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant executive director.

"She's very sweet and is every director's dream," Sigro said.

"If you ask her to do something you know it will be done ...

She's very open minded and she's very mature. If you send her to an appearance you won't have a thing to worry about. I'd love to keep Brooke, but I know whoever wins will fill her shoes very nicely."

Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant is also holding a fund-raiser for the dance group in Churchill's CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) program.

Half the money collected from ticket sales will go to the dance program.

Tickets are \$15 and the public is invited to attend.



Former Canton resident Brooke Brennan will relinquish her crown as Miss Redford Township/Wayne County at Saturday's pageant at Churchill High School in Livonia.

END OF SUMMER

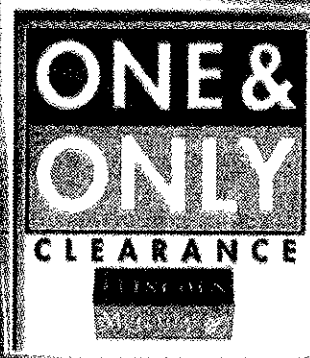
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History in the making

Friday will be a night of firsts for Wildcat gridders

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like a racehorse that has been locked in the starting gate for more than two years, the Plymouth football team is chomping at the bit to run.

Head coach Jay Blaylock is confident his team will eventually be a thoroughbred, he's just not sure how long it's going to take for the young and inexperienced Wildcats to hit their stride.

The gate will open on Plymouth's inaugural varsity football season at 7 p.m. Friday when it travels to Livonia Churchill to battle the Chargers.

"I stressed to the kids that because of our lack of varsity experience, we aren't going to have the luxury to be able to make a lot of mistakes and still be successful," Blaylock said.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

"There's no doubt that one of this team's strengths is its work ethic. The kids work

hard year-round in the weight room, and it shows. Our biggest weakness, though, is going to be our inexperience. Not having any seniors this year is going to make it tough.

"I haven't set any goals as far as saying I want to win 'x' number of games," Blaylock added. "Our JV team was undefeated last year, so we have a good group of players coming up."

The Wildcats will run a veer offense out of multiple formations. Directing the show will be quarterback Brent Jones, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound junior who can run and throw equally well.

"Brent is a great athlete who has the ability to make key decisions at full speed," Blaylock said. "He worked tremendously hard during the off-season and he has a lot of skills."

Running backs Anthony Green (5-9, 180) and Jeff Harrison (5-8, 163) will line up behind Jones. Combined, the two possess an electric mix of power and speed, according to their coach.

"Anthony is the strongest kid on our team thanks to all the time he has spent in our weight room," Blaylock said. "And Jeff isn't real big, but he's slippery and he'll run people over when he has to."

Backing up Green and Harrison will be Nathan Gholston (5-8, 163), one of just three sophomores on the varsity.

The targets of Jones' aerials will be tight ends Josh



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2 Plymouth quarterback Brent Jones (with ball) hands off to running back Jeff Harrison in a recent practice.

CC goes unbeaten at Balconi

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's ninth annual Balconi Soccer Invitational was unlike the previous eight, but for all the wrong reasons.

The tournament's format had to be altered early last week after Troy Athens and Rochester dropped out due to unspecified reasons. Because of the last-minute changes, the tournament was changed to a round-robin event instead of the bracketed format that is usually used.

Redford Catholic Central earned the best record at 2-0-1. Salem and Canton battled to a 1-1 tie Saturday afternoon, leaving both teams' record at 0-1-2.

"Everything worked out OK considering the main thing all the teams wanted out of this was to get three good games in," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said. "There were a lot of close games, which was good to see."

McCarthy said his team's performance gave him plenty of things to try to fix in practice this week.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said. "We saved our best performance for Canton. They usually bring out the best in us."

The Rocks dropped their opener to CC, 2-1. Senior forward Dave Hall put Salem up 1-0 in the game's first minute, but the home team couldn't find the net the rest of the game.

Salem tied Ann Arbor Pioneer,

PLEASE SEE BALCONI, B5

Rocks open season with OT road win

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't exactly a stellar opening night for the offenses of both host West Bloomfield and Plymouth Salem Tuesday night.

But the visiting Rocks showed plenty of defensive tenacity and overall resiliency in earning a 33-30 overtime victory in the non-league girls basketball contest.

West Bloomfield also played hard, but coach Larry Moore lamented rushed and errant shots, both from around the perimeter and inside the paint. The Lakers rolled out to a 23-13 halftime lead, but managed just seven points the rest of the night — including a four-minute overtime session.

"We had 23 at halftime and ended up with 30 for the game, with overtime," Moore said. "So that tells you what kind of shooting we had."

"And it wasn't like we weren't getting any shots. In the meantime, Salem discovered enough of an offense to chip away the deficit."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

For coach Fred Thomann's team, Alyssa Guerin led with 15 points while Kathryn Wheatley connected on some key buckets en route to a nine-point outing.

"It was outstanding to come into their gym and open up the season with a victory, because they're a really good team," Thomann said. "And to come from 10 down, that says it all for these guys. They really dug in."

In the fourth, the Rocks took a 27-26 lead with 3:35 left on a right-corner basket by Wheatley. But after a late free throw by Guerin upped Salem's lead to two, the Lakers tied the game at 28-28 with 27 seconds left on two free throws by junior forward Randall Hurst (14 points).

West Bloomfield missed a shot at the buzzer that would have won the game.

Wheatley made an important play to get the OT stanza off on the right foot for the Rocks. She stole the ball, drove the length of the court and was fouled trying

to convert. She made two subsequent free throws to give Salem a lead it would not relinquish.

It turned out to be the winning shot as the Lakers continually couldn't find the bottom of the bucket.

"We had the shots and we beat ourselves," Moore said. "We just couldn't convert." He did give Salem credit, however. "They came out after we had them down 10 at the half and they fought back."

According to Thomann, team defense and rebounding were essential ingredients to the victory. He singled out front-court player Teresa Coppellie (three points) for getting some timely rebounds.

But he noted that Guerin "really stepped up, Wheatley played a superb game and Ellen Canale's leadership out there was outstanding."

West Bloomfield will host Detroit Cody at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The next game for Salem is 5 p.m. Thursday against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, at Ann Arbor Huron.

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Plymouth Christian's Joi Jennings eyes the basket during layup drills at Tuesday's practice.

Memory of late brother inspires PCA hoop star

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Joi Jennings never saw anyone handle a basketball quite like her older brother Michael.

"Michael used to make moves like the And-1 Streetball players even before And-1 was on television," remembered Jennings, a sophomore point guard at Plymouth Christian Academy. "I used to tell him, 'Michael, you're going to play in the NBA some day.' He'd say, 'No, that's

not my dream, but you're going to play in the WNBA."

Tragically, Michael Jennings passed away two years ago after suffering a grand mal seizure in his sleep. The basketball prodigy and all-around great kid was just 13 years old.

Joi Jennings, who was 11 at the time of Michael's death, not only lost a brother and mentor, she lost one of her biggest fans.

PLEASE SEE JENNINGS, B6

Sidelines

Baseball tryouts

■ Tryouts for the Canton Cobras 14U travel baseball team will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Jim at (734) 207-7793 to reserve a tryout spot.

■ Tryouts for the Canton Cardinals 14U travel baseball team will be held Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Heritage Park field #2 and on Wednesday, and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 8, at Heritage Park #2. For more information, contact head coach Chris Merandi at (734) 729-0489.

■ Tryouts for the Michigan Rattlers 12U travel baseball team will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on field #5 of the Canton Softball Center.

Interested players must be born on or after Aug. 1, 1992, and have previous baseball experience.

The Rattlers will play approximately 50 games beginning in mid-April of 2005.

For more information, contact Dave Fritz at (734) 394-2657 (home) or (734) 634-6271 (cell).

Swim fund-raiser

The Canton girls swim team will hold a multi-family garage sale Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 585 McKinley in Plymouth. The site of the garage sale is located south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of Sheldon. Proceeds from the sale will go to the team's booster club.

Footfairies rule

The Footfairies, a local U13 girls soccer team, placed fourth recently in the regional finals of the 3-on-3 Got Milk Soccer Shootout held in Dayton, Ohio. The fourth-place showing qualified the team for the national portion of the Got Milk tournament, which is scheduled for January in Orlando, Fla.

The Footfairies' roster includes Lindsey Newton (Canton), Sara O'Leary (Canton), Brittany Ripple (Belleville), Megan Staub (Canton) and Leslie Weisz (Plymouth). They were coached by Rob Newton and Scott Weisz.

Woodworth named

Former Madonna University men's basketball captain Jimmy Woodworth has joined the Hamilton College (N.Y.) men's basketball coaching staff as an assistant under Tobin Anderson.

Woodworth, who completed his degree work in May, will also be responsible for recruiting, weightlifting and summer camps.

Hamilton, which has recorded 30 straight winning seasons, is a member of NCAA Division III and the Liberty League.

Woodworth began talking to Anderson about a possible position with Hamilton in May, but could not commit until he was told he would not be deployed to Iraq as part of his National Guard duties.

WILDCATS

FROM PAGE B1

Leduc (6-4, 207) and Mike Raden (5-9, 152), and wide receivers Pat Goulet (6-0, 162), Matt Carl (5-9, 158), Andrew Knisely (5-8, 151) and Corey VanSpronsen. Sophomore Kulraj Sahndu (6-3, 181) will also see plenty of action at offensive end.

As of last week, eight players were still battling for the five starting offensive interior-line positions. The front-runners are center Matt Shultz (5-9, 190), guards Shawn Bailey (6-4, 260) and James Pomerson (6-2, 264), and tackles Taylor Fox (6-1, 200) and Jared Panyan (6-1, 195). Brad Kraft (5-9, 192), who is one of the strongest players on the roster, Ali Saleem (6-1, 183) and Bobby Miller (6-2, 242) are also fighting for starting spots on the offensive line.

The Wildcats' defense should be fast in the secondary and large up front. Leduc will serve as the backbone of the defensive backfield from his safety position. He'll be flanked by cornerbacks Vernon Stewart (5-6, 153) and Kevin Minor (5-9, 167).

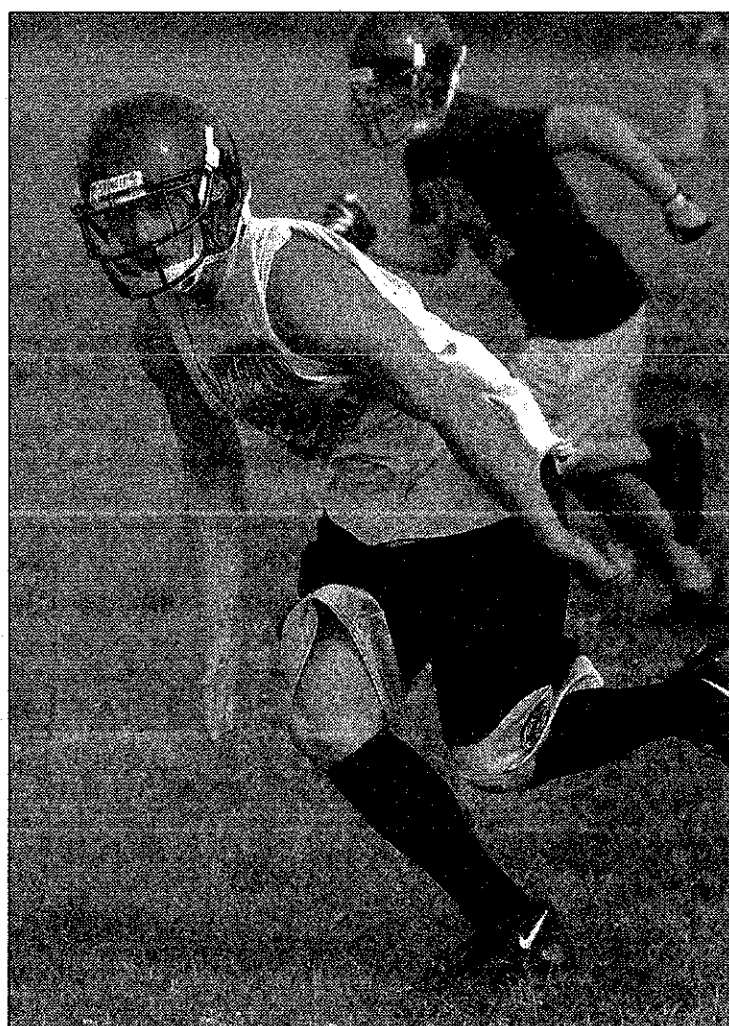
"Vernon and Kevin are great tacklers and they can cover, too," Blaylock said.

Austin McKinney (5-11, 160) and Sahndu will also see time in the secondary.

Blaylock is especially impressed by his group of linebackers, which includes Green, Nate McManus (5-10, 184), Justin Brodehl (6-1, 177), Fox and Panyan.

The defensive line will be anchored by Mike McIntosh (5-11, 195), Miller, Theo Braboy (6-1, 205) and Alec Williams (5-9, 234).

Minor will handle the place-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth linebacker/running back Anthony Green is expected to be a key contributor on both sides of the ball for the Wildcats.

kicking duties and Leduc will punt.

"The nice thing about this team is that we have a lot of versatile kids who can play multiple positions," Blaylock said. "That's especially important since we don't have any seniors, which means our depth isn't great."

"We had our intra-squad scrimmage (Aug. 14) and we made a lot of mistakes, which made the coaches unhappy. But on the other side, after we watched films of the scrim-

mage, the kids went out and had their best practice ever the next day."

Blaylock said a special bond has developed amongst everyone associated with the team since that first freshman practice in August of 2002.

"This has been a unique situation since day one with the new school and all," Blaylock said. "The past two years have really flown by, now it's time to get it going."

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Emons' grid picks scare away the competition

Where's my new competition?

The perennial champion prep football prognosticator apparently got bored whipping up on his two challengers.

First, Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor C.J. Risak high-tailed it to St. Pete, Fla. and last reported was sleeping through Hurricane Charley.

Then, another bombshell last week.

Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Paul Beaudry plans a move to "Sweet Alabama," Birmingham to be exact. He gave his two-week notice, but he can't even answer the bell. He's been KO'd for this week-end's openers after going in for emergency appendectomy surgery Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Paul is fine, but he's out for at least a week, so hopefully he can e-mail or call in his picks.

Ed Wright, C.J.'s current fill-in, is a concern, but only for a week because Tim Smith, formerly the Southfield-West Bloomfield Sports Editor, takes over this Monday in Plymouth-Canton. (Word from Oakland County is that Smith is a lousy prognosticator.)

But obviously a guy named Wright is never Wrong, so I may be catching a break for the 2004 season when it comes to better competition.

So what happens now? It's like being at the Athens Olympics. Time to pick against a pair of empty seats.

THURSDAY'S GAME

Det. Chadsey (3-6) at Westland Glenn (9-2), 7 p.m.: Contrary to popular opinion, this game is not on ESPN, or is next Thursday's Glenn game is on the tube for that matter. Let the footballs fly under the Todd Deluca era. Last report is that retired Glenn coach Chuck Gordon can only receive two channels on his TV in Central Lake. "The picture is kind of snowy," he said. "Somebody bring me a satellite dish." Just getting ready for winter, Chuck. PICKS: Glenn - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

FRIDAY'S GAME

(Game times 7 p.m. unless noted)
Redford Union (5-4) at Dearborn Hts. Robichaud (4-5): Tyrone Wheatley is long gone, but son of Bob Yauck returns as coach. RU just missed the playoffs last year and beat Robichaud in last year's opener, 25-18. PICKS: RU - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

Plymouth at Liv. Churchill (3-6): This is the first varsity game ever for the Wildcats and coach Jay Blaylock, who guided the Plymouth JV team last year to an impressive 8-0-1 record. Churchill can't take this game lightly even though Plymouth has no seniors in its lineup. PICKS: Churchill - Emons, Beaudry, Plymouth - Wright.

Liv. Stevenson (3-6) at Wayne (6-4): A year ago, Wayne opened the Craig Hnatuk era by stunning the Spartans, 20-14. The Zebras then went on to earn a playoff berth. The word is that Wayne more than held its own in a four-way scrimmage with defending Division I champion Redford Catholic Central, host Monroe and Detroit Pershing. Stevenson has a veteran backfield and junior Chad Casey can throw the football when needed. PICKS: Wayne - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

Pinckney (0-9) at Salem (1-8): The Rocks' lone victory last year came in the season opener at the expense of the Pirates, a member of the Kensington Valley Conference, 41-0. Pinckney reportedly will run the Wing-T attack. PICKS: Salem - Emons, Wright, Pinckney - Beaudry.

Canton (11-1) at A.A. Pioneer (5-4): The Pioneers have a speedy veteran defense with eight returning starters. Quarterback Mike McCoy can throw the ball. Canton, with its deceptive Wing-T, just reloads under coach Tim Baechler. The Chiefs return 1,000-yard gainer Chuck Schumacher. PICKS: Canton - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

W.L. Western (6-4) at Belleville (5-4): Western, a playoff team a year ago, has only three starters back on offense and none on defense. Belleville, a member of the Mega Conference's Red Division, missed the post-season last year and one of its losses was to the Warriors, 21-7. PICKS: Belleville - Emons, Beaudry, W.L. Western - Wright.

Oxford (5-4) at Liv. Franklin (2-7): The Patriots, expected to be much-improved, haven't been to the playoffs since they won the state Class A title in 1975. Oxford, a perennial power in the Flint Metro League, returns five starters on offense and eight on defense.

Grid Picks



Brad Emons

with a senior-laden squad after missing the post-season in 2003. PICKS: Franklin - Emons, Oxford - Wright, Beaudry.

Allen Park (13-1) at Garden City (5-4): The Jaguars, Division III state finalists a year ago, lost All-State back Bryan Brighton, but return speedy replacement Derek Brighton. The Cougars, who took a 48-0 beating from Allen Park last year, look to contend in the Mega Conference's White Division. PICKS: Allen Park - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

Southgate (7-3) at Red. Thurston (8-2): Both teams made the playoffs last year and were ousted in the first round. Both teams were also hard hit by graduation. Southgate is expected to repeat as White Division champion in the Mega, while Thurston should contend again in the Blue Division of the Mega. Thurston won last year's meeting, 21-14. PICKS: Southgate - Emons, Beaudry, Thurston - Wright.

SATURDAY GAMES

(all games at 1 p.m.)
Liv. Clarenceville (9-2) at Luth. Westland (3-6): The Trojans will unveil the West Coast offense under new coach Ryan Hockman, who takes over for Greg Hudkins while trying to protect a 44-game unbeaten streak in the Metro Conference. Lutheran Westland, banged up already in the preseason, will have to find a way to stop returning 1,000-yard plus rusher Bruno Shkreli. PICKS: Clarenceville - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

Red. Bishop Borgess (6-4) vs. Old Redford Academy (3-5) at Det. Benedictine (Raven Field): With St. Katharine Drexel and Benedictine closing, it's back to square one for these two schools. Borgess relies on the backfield of quarterback Rashad Campbell and Rashawn Riggs. Coach Werner Blakely always seems to come up with a team despite the low numbers. PICKS: Borgess - Emons, Wright, Beaudry.

Redford CC (13-1) vs. Downers Grove (11-1) South (8-3) at the Pontiac Silverdome: One thing we always know about Redford Catholic Central, which is coming off its third straight Division I state championship - the Shamrocks will run the ball until you stop them, then float a pass or two in there for good measure. Bulldozer senior fullback Eric Vojtkovsky returns to lead the CC backfield. What do we know about Downers Grove? It's a Class 8A school with 3,237 students; finished 8-3 in 2003 and captured the West Suburban Gold Division title; return two top-notch players in 6-foot-4, 225-pound defensive tackle Chris Caldwell and 5-9, 190-pound fullback Adam Bloom. Downers Grove lost three games last year - 17-0 to 11-2 Chicago Brother Rice; 35-0 to 12-1 and rival Downers Grove North; and 21-14 to 10-2 Hinsdale Central. Downers Grove was the 2001 state Class 8A champ and went 11-1 in 2002. This should be a dandy. PICKS: Downers Grove - Emons, Beaudry, CC - Wright.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Aug. 27
Pinckney at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Western at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Redford CC vs. Downers Grove (III.) at Pontiac Silverdome, 1 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Aug. 26
Trenton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem vs. A.A. Gabriel Richard at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Agape Christian at Britton Macon, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Taylor B.P. at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 26
Agape Christian at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
R.O. Shrine at Plymouth Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 12:30 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 26
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28
Salem at Temperance Bedford Invite, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, Aug. 27
Pinckney Invitational at Rush Lake, 8 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Aug. 26
A.A. Pioneer at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Ladywood at E. Grand Rapids, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28
Madonna at UM-Dearborn Tournament, TBA.
TBA - times to be announced.

Liggett golfers keep Eagles winless, 180-187

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys golf team dropped to 0-2 Tuesday when it fell to Grosse Pointe Woods University of Liggett, 180-187, at Canton's Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The Eagles lost their season-opener to Oakland Christian on Aug. 10, 172-178.

Ross Gerulis was low scorer for PCA on Tuesday, firing a 43 on the par-36 layout. Jesse Predhomme shot a 47, Nathan Bixler had a 48 and Jordan Brown carded a 49.

Non-scorers for PCA were Kyle Gross (51) and Keith Boruta (54). Yates Campbell was the Knights' medalist, carding a 40.

Brighton Invitational: Both Canton and Plymouth finished in the lower tier of the 27-team Brighton Invitational Tuesday at the par 71 Oak Pointe Golf Course.

Canton finished 20th with a four-player total of 329 while Plymouth notched 24th place with its 349 total.

"Our goal going in was to shoot a 320," said Canton

coach Tom Alles. "We were hoping to get four guys around 80, but it didn't happen."

The Chiefs played without juniors, who had to sign up for classes Tuesday at the high school.

Dominic Gallo paced Canton with a 79. Also scoring for the Chiefs were Dustin Trosper (82), Cameron Strabbing (83) and Matthew Haar (85).

Jeff Selasky led Plymouth with an 81. He was followed by teammates Matt Talbot (83), Nick Taggie (92) and Jimmie Vleck (93).



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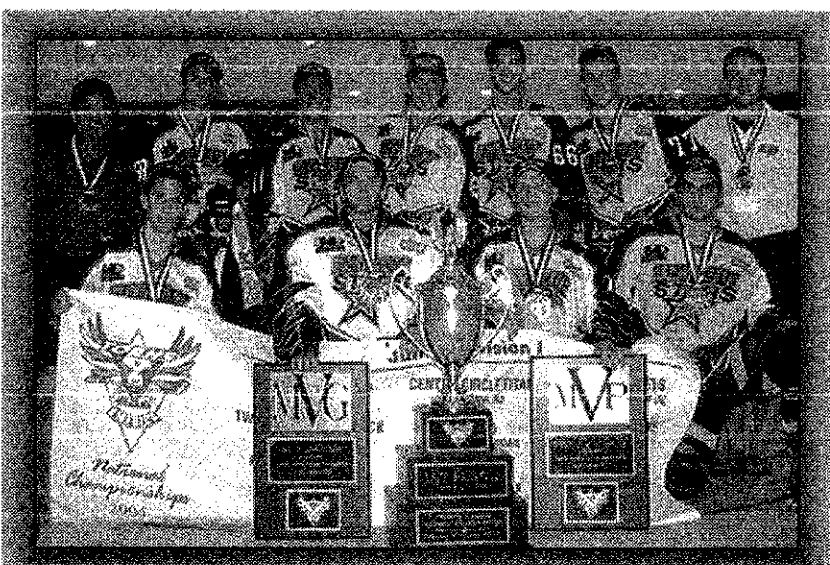
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Defending, not scoring, will be biggest test for Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Depositing the ball into the opponents' net should not be an issue this season for the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion Salem boys soccer team.

Preventing their opponents from scoring could be a problem though for the Rocks, whose starting line-up was depleted by the graduation of All-State goal-keeper Tom Huls and five key defenders.

"Our attack should be as good as last year," said coach Ed McCarthy. "My biggest concern is defending."

Along with Huls, the Rocks, who finished 12-4-6 in 2003, lost key defensive standouts Chris Conlisk (third-team All-State), Matt Adsit, Steve Cox, Eric Vanston and Mike Newton to graduation.

Sophomore Brian Field will be counted on to fill the large shoes of the departed Huls.

"Brian was the goalie for our junior-varsity team, which had a good season last year," McCarthy said. "He'll see the majority of the time in net for us. So far, he's done a nice job."

Senior Andy Psilis will back-up Field, McCarthy said.

The Rocks' top offensive returner will be senior forward Thiago Harris. A tri-captain, Harris tallied nine goals and five assists during his junior season.

Salem forward David Hall, also a captain, brings impressive credentials into his senior campaign. Hall scored eight goals and dished out four assists last season.

"I expect David to be a leader on and off the field for us this year," McCarthy said.

The third tri-captain will be senior mid-fielder Sean Williams, who booted in three goals in 2003.

Two juniors - Joe Halewicz and Jake Bennett - return as starters for the Rocks.

Other key returners include senior mid-fielders Brad Zonca, Ross Heidenreich and Manny Palazzolo, and senior defender Steve Zelmanski.

Junior first-year players Alex Lumley, Brett Windecker and Steve Gallagher are expected to log plenty of minutes as well.

Juniors Ryan Rowe, Mark O'Neill and Josh Hulet, and freshman Brooks Belhart will provide the Rocks with plenty of depth.

Despite his team's defending-champion title, McCarthy said another team should be considered the favorite to win the WLAA this season.

"Northville is going to be the team to beat this year," said McCarthy, without hesitation. "They have a number of high-

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

caliber players coming back. It's going to be difficult to repeat as champions in the league."

The Rocks host Warren DeLaSalle at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. They open their league schedule Tuesday, Aug. 31, at home against Walled Lake Central.

Canton

Usually, it's safe to say a team that finished 12-5-4 the previous year would like to pick up where it left off last year.

That's not necessarily the case for the Canton boys soccer team, which rolled early in 2003 before fading in the final week.

The Chiefs breezed through their Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season schedule, finishing 9-0-1. However, they lost, 2-1, to Salem in the conference finals, and dropped a disappointing decision to Ann Arbor Huron in the Division 1 district opener.

Heading into the district tournament, the Chiefs were ranked fourth in the state in Division 1.

"Ann Arbor Huron is the one team that had our number last year," said second-year Canton coach George Tomasso. "We only lost five times, but Huron beat us twice. When we drew them for the districts, I had a bad feeling."

With 10 players returning from last year's team, Tomasso has a solid nucleus in place to try to wipe out memories of last season's dismal finish.

"I think we're going to have a tough, competitive team this season," said Tomasso, whose team opened its schedule Saturday at the Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament held at the PCEP soccer field. "Like every year, our goal this year is to win the state championship. I like to set our goals high."

The Chiefs will be led this season by senior co-captain Brad Marsh, a mid-fielder who chalked up nine goals and four assists last season.

"Brad is a good all-around player who seems to get better every time he touches the ball," Tomasso said.

Returning in goal is senior Steven Mischung, a second-team All-State selection who had a paltry 0.53 goals-against average in 2003.

"Steven has a tremendous amount of experience playing goal," Tomasso said. "In addition to playing for us, he's played for some of the top club teams in the area."

Sophomore Eric Szydowski, a transfer student who attended Redford Catholic Central

last year, will give Mischung stiff competition for the starting goal-keeper spot.

"I'm very satisfied with our depth at the goal-keeper position," Tomasso said.

Senior co-captain Jason Houdek, a mid-fielder, and senior forward Adam Pitt, should team with Marsh to give Canton an explosive offensive punch.

"Jason started last year and is a great play-maker," Tomasso said.

Defensively, the Chiefs will rely on seniors Curtis Rose, Andy Cortellini, Jeff Morency and Matt Priebe to help its talented goalies keep the ball out of the net.

"My senior defenders excelled as juniors, so I'm expecting the best year yet out of them," Tomasso said.

Tomasso predicted Northville, Livonia Stevenson and Salem will be the teams to beat in the WLAA.

"Plymouth will be tough, too, even though it's their first year at the varsity level," Tomasso said.

Plymouth

Wildcat coach Jeffrey Neschich is cautiously optimistic heading into his team's first full varsity season.

Plymouth finished "around .500" last season, according to Neschich, who was an assistant coach at Canton for 10 years and head coach at Redford Thurston for five years before coming to Plymouth in 2002.

"With no seniors, we have a tough road ahead of us, but the kids have been working extremely hard and they are driven to have a successful season," Neschich said.

The Wildcats' offensive surge will be led by juniors Sean Dillon and Jim Wilbur.

"Sean is a great kid who puts out 110 percent effort every time he plays," Neschich said. "Jim is steady and a hard worker, too. He's great at winning 50-50 balls."

Sophomore Andrew Coet will also play a major role in the Wildcats' attack this year, according to Neschich.

Plymouth's corps of defenders will be paced by juniors David Lewandowski and Jordan Payne, and sophomore Steven Shaeffer.

Robert Lovelace and Nick Siekirk will serve as the Wildcats' goalies this season.

"They're both good goalies, so we have a lot of depth at that position," Neschich noted.

Neschich hasn't set any pre-season goals for his troops.

"We're going to take it one game at a time," he said. "I'm happy with where we're at right now, but we still have a lot of work to do."

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Blazing hoopers

The Motor City Blazers, a girls travel basketball team made up of several area players, competed in the 2004 National AAU Basketball Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., in July. The Blazers, who were coached by Romulus High coach Rhonda McAllister-Henry and Dave Yost, finished 2-4 against many of the most talented teams in the country. Pictured (l-r back row) are McAllister-Henry, Janiece Armstrong, Jasmine Sped, Jessica Knurick, Ashley Sibby, Katie Cezat (Canton), Shavellie Little, Jamie Rhodes (Livonia Ladywood) and Amanda Griffin. Pictured in front is Erica Yost (Livonia Ladywood).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FALL SOFTBALL

Rosco Sports will be hosting several fall softball tournament in the upcoming weeks, beginning with a men's, women's and co-ed event set for Saturday and Sunday at the Tags Sports Complex, located at M-59 and U.S. 23 in Hartland. The entry fee is \$195 per team and there will be a three-game minimum.

On the weekend of Sept. 18-19, separate men's, women's and co-ed tournaments will be held at Tags and the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan Ave. in Canton.

There will be a third tournament Oct. 2-3 at the CSC.

For more information or to register, contact Bob Hope at (734) 667-2347.

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 Tuesday.

For more information and registration forms, visit www.rspi.net; call John Wilson at (734) 927-1267; e-mail john@rspi.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. Sunday on field #2 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.

HOCKEY FUND-RAISER

The three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing Saturday 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, steak dinner, 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) 981-2802; Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332; or Doug McCabe at (734) 354-0415.

BRAVES TRYOUTS

The Plymouth-Canton Braves will be holding open tryouts for their 2005 12-and-under travel baseball team Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The tryouts will be held at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, between Sheldon and Beck roads.

For more information, call (734) 340-3435 or (734) 416-3317.

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25 minutes into the first half when sophomore Andrew Koet scored on a shot from approximately 20 yards out.

Plymouth goalkeeper Robert Lovelace was brilliant, stop-

ping everything the Red Devils kicked his way.

The Wildcats will open their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule Saturday at Livonia Franklin.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PROPOSED ACTION:

Request Approval of
Zoning Variance Requests
Thursday, September 2, 2004
5:00 p.m.
Plymouth Township Hall,
42350 Ann Arbor Rd.

DATE OF HEARINGS:

TIME OF HEARINGS:

PLACE OF HEARINGS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2004, to consider the following variance requests:

1. Application No. 1376 - William & Patricia Phenix
46240 Quail Ridge Ct.
Plymouth, MI 48170
Tax I.D. #78-053-02-0061-000

The existing residential property has a rear yard setback of fifty-three (53) feet, five (5) inches. With the proposed eleven (11) foot, five (5) inch sunroom addition, the rear yard setback would be forty-two (42) feet. The applicant is requesting a variance for rear yard setback of seven (7) feet, five (5) inches.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed variance requests may be examined at the Plymouth Township Building Department, Plymouth Township Hall, during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to the Plymouth Township Building Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-354-3208. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, which is located in Building One at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

RAYMOND STURDY, Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, with Mr. Munfakh arriving at 7:34 p.m.

Supervisor Mann read a proclamation, proclaiming August 28-29 as MDA Firefighter Fill the Boot Weekend and presented it to Terrence Harned of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the August 17, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to accept the Consent Agenda for the August 17, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular meeting with the exception of the Township bills, per the request of Ms. Arnold and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 13, 2004, per a request from Mr. Curmi. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi requested that the following be inserted after the word "transition" in the first paragraph on Page 3 of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2004:

"The grass on the duplex property, still owned by Mrs. Curmi, was cut the previous day (July 12). The Township Attorney, Mr. Cronin, in a opinion given to Ms. Maga, the Township weed ordinance is not enforceable due to conflict and confusion with state law".

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular meeting as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold asked Assistant Police Chief Smith why three purchase orders were prepared for computers in April instead of one. The combined orders for 15 computers totaled over \$20,000, in which case the purchase should have come before the Board.

Assistant Chief Smith explained that the computer purchase was approved during the 2004 budget approval process. Three of the computers were for Communications, a separate department. The others were for the Police Department and all were purchased under state contract.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the bills included in the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all, with Mr. Mann abstaining.

Bill Huffenbauer, representing Beacon Hollow Condominiums, registered their opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property on the north side of Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beacon Hill Drive and west of the condominiums and Pincrest Court.

Phyllis Nulty thanked Supervisor Mann for his assistance in obtaining transportation to work and medical appointments for her daughter through Huron Valley Ambulance.

Mr. Curmi suggested that some of the block grant money be diverted to transportation for the handicapped.

Dolores Duda and Larry and Corinne Minni questioned why Risen Christ Lutheran Church was not required to pave all their frontage along McClumpha Road in conjunction with their two additions and asked what it would take to complete the paving. Mr. Anulewicz stated that all roads in Plymouth Township belong to Wayne County, then invited them to contact him for names of Wayne County officials they could speak with or they could seek alternatives such as a Special Assessment District (SAD).

Rainell Frasier questioned why surveying was being done on Marlowe Street. Mr. Mann indicated it has to do with the eventual closing of the streets in Green Meadows.

Richard Sharland asked if Item H.2, Article XXVIII, Special Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance related to residential design standards and established single family residential preservation, had now been reviewed by counsel. He was assured it had.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m. regarding the adoption of Plymouth Hills Special Assessment District and Assessment Roll.

Rob Stilson of Amherst Court objected to the assessment being levied on a unit basis rather than per front foot.

Mrs. Massengill noted the letter of objection received from Keith and Janine Cleland.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:27 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04-08-17-32, establishing the Plymouth Hills Paving District No. 17 and confirming the Assessment Roll as presented, subject to providing a thirty (30) day period to permit any person having an interest in the real property to file a written appeal of the Special Assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and that the letter from the Clelands be forwarded to the Township Attorney for review. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to deny the rezoning requested under Application No. 181/0903, as recommended by the Planning Commission for the reasons given by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Herriman. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the amendment of Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by amending Article XXXI, Zoning Board of Appeals, Section 31.8, to be effective one week after publication, and to return to the Planning Commission for further review Article XXVIII, Special Provisions, Sections 28.3 and 28.26. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 04-08-17-33, granting the request from Loc Performance Products, Inc., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new machinery and equipment to be installed in an existing facility located at 13505 Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Curmi moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-08-17-34, authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-41713 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with J-P Property Management, L.L.C., and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Michigan Bell Telephone Company Telecommunications Permit Application. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to award the Golfview Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement to Sunset Excavating in the amount of \$57,324.00 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved that September 14, 2004, be established for public hearing for the purpose of extending Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #98-498 for an additional seven (7) years to the maximum of twelve (12) years, per the request of Ilmor Engineering, Inc., 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Anulewicz updated the Board on the status of the Sheldon Road grade separation and the water tower at Mr. Curmi's request.

Richard Sharland, N. Territorial Road, thought the Board did well on Item H.2, the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and commended Mr. Curmi on his comprehension and math skills.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township
of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township
of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on August 17, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on September 14, 2004.

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Canton looking for another good season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

TENNIS PREVIEW

Since last fall, graduation has tore through the Canton girls tennis team's roster like a 100-mph serve.

But thanks to a dedicated off-season conditioning program, coach Barb Lehman thinks the Chiefs can possibly return to the form that led to an 8-2-1 mark in 2003.

"We lost nine varsity players to graduation, so it's going to be tough to match last season's record," Lehman said. "But the girls have been putting in a 120 percent effort, so the level of play we've been getting has been very good."

Among the senior stars graduated from last year's ultra-successful squad are no. 1 singles player Hitoni Shinoda and four-year varsity player Beth Treadwell.

Stepping in at no. 1 singles for Shinoda will be Chelsea Darouie, a senior co-captain.

"Chelsea was an excellent doubles player last year, but she has worked hard and made a major move into singles," Lehman said. "She has put a lot of effort into improving her game, and it shows."

Starting the year at no. 2 singles is sophomore Emily Hoernschemeyer, who excelled for the Chiefs' junior-varsity unit in 2003.

"Emily has made great strides in her game since last year," Lehman said.

The rest of the line-up is still unsettled, Lehman admitted. Freshman Ashley Madau is tentatively set to start the year at no. 3 singles, while senior co-captain Natalie Slupek, and senior Laura McKendry will battle for the right to play no. 4 singles.

Other candidates for the no. 4 singles spot and the four doubles teams are seniors Jennifer Martin, Sheela Ramesh, Heidi Phillips, Liz Schauert, Lauren Reed and Dani Rinehardt, and junior Katie Bedard.

"We have a lot of depth, so we should be strong in doubles no matter who plays four singles for us."

Lehman predicted Salem and Walled Lake Central will be two of the teams to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season.

The Chiefs open their regular-season schedule Wednesday, Sept. 1, against Walled Lake Western.

Salem

There is strength in numbers, which is one reason why the Salem girls tennis team should be feared this season.

"We had 80 girls sign-up to play originally," said coach Lin Ware. "It's down to 51 now, but that's still a lot. We currently have 16 girls on the varsity squad and 14 of those are returners, so we have plenty of experience."

The Rocks rolled last year, finishing 8-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We had a good season, but we didn't play very well at the conference meet," Ware said. "Our main goal this year is to win the conference, but with Northville and Livonia Stevenson in there, it's going to be difficult."

"If we improve on our overall record from last year and do better at the league meet, I'll consider that a successful season."

Ware knows her top singles player well; it's her daughter, Alex, a sophomore who compiled an impressive 7-4 league record in 2003.

"Alex has been playing since she was very young," Lin Ware said. "She has a good all-around game."

Other potential singles players include senior Maranon Swasey, junior Maureen Bohr, senior Sarah Jose, senior Katie Girsakis and freshman Tracy Lytle. Besides Ware, Swasey is the only other returning singles player. She went 8-3 last season.

"Maureen and Sarah played number-one doubles together for us last year, and they did a nice job," Ware said. "Tracy is only a freshman, but she's a club player so she's played a lot of tennis. If she doesn't play singles, she'll be in the line-up somewhere."

The doubles line-up is still unsettled, but one thing is certain: Seniors Erica Shy and Michelle Cilia will make up one of the duos.

"Erica and Michelle work well together," Ware said. "They had a good year last year and they won the match against Canton for us."

The rest of the varsity roster includes seniors Stacey Ward, Teresa Purugganan and Amy Yu; juniors Shailee Patel and Laura Burton; sophomores Shodha Narasimham and Kate McKinley; and freshman Dana Anderson.

The Rocks open their 2004 schedule Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Temperance-Bedford Invitational.

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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

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ACTIVITIES

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

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

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-

2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

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

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

Youthful Tigers hope to mature quickly

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

One five-letter word continued to resurface Tuesday night as Belleville coach Bob LaPointe described his 2004 football team.

"We're very, very young," LaPointe said. "We're so young, that many of our positions still aren't set. We're going to have a young defense. Several juniors will be starting and possibly three or four sophomores."

The Tigers, who finished 5-4 last season (fourth in the Mega Red Conference) may be young, but they're not void of talent, especially on the offensive and defensive lines.

Senior Alton Woods (6-foot-2, 240 pounds), a three-year starter at offensive guard and defensive end, is the leading returner.

"Alton is a really good player," LaPointe said. "He suffered an injury half-way through last season, but he's healthy now and is emerging as one of our best players."

Woods will be joined on the line by returning starters Alan Butson, a 6-3, 260-pound center, and senior tight end Scott Golden (6-3, 255).

They will be paving the way for a small, but fast, backfield led by senior quarterback Brad Sullens (5-9, 145).

"Brad is smart and he has a good arm," LaPointe said, sizing

up his signal-caller. "We run a Wing-T offense, so you need a good decision-maker in there, and Brad is definitely that."

Sullens served as a back-up in 2003 to graduated quarterback Tyler Jones, who is currently a member of Eastern Michigan University's football team.

Running back Isaac Kindell (5-9, 154) will join Sullens in the backfield.

Other defensive standouts besides Kindell and Woods include Golden, Butson and Greg Rochon (5-5, 160), who will play tackle.

Dearborn and Allen Park are the teams to beat in the Mega Red this season, LaPointe said.

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FROM PAGE B1

O-O, in the second game before tying the Chiefs. Brian Field recorded the shutout against Pioneer. Brooks Belhart scored the goal against Canton.

Canton tied Midland Dow, 1-1, in its opener. Senior Brad Marsh scored the lone goal and Andy Cortellini had an assist.

The Chiefs dropped their

second game, 1-0, to East Lansing before tying Salem. Senior Jason Houdek scored on a penalty kick for Canton.

"Our defense was very strong all day," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "Offensively, we created some opportunities, but we couldn't finish."

The tournament is named in honor of former Salem athletic director and coach Gary Balconi.

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NOTICE

This is to notify you that Fellowship Baptist Church of Southeastern Michigan, a Michigan nonprofit corporation with its registered office and principal business address located at 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth, Michigan and previously at 48910 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan is dissolving and winding up its business. Please send written notification of any existing claim(s) to P.O. Box 87961, Canton, MI 48187. All written claims must include the following information: name of claimant, claimant's principal place of business, amount of claim, supporting documentation, contact person and reply information. All claim notifications must be received within six (6) months after the publication date of this notice. If the claim notification is not received within six (6) months after the first publication date of this notice, the claim(s) will be barred pursuant to Michigan law.

Publish: August 26, September 2 & 9, 2004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words **"Reconstruction of the DPW North & South Drive Entrances and Parking Lot"**, along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2004** at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

The removal of the existing bituminous parking lot and two (2) entrances off Sheldon Road, and replacement with 15,000 square feet of 8-inch concrete pavement, 14 lineal feet of storm sewer, pavement markings, restoration, and related work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at **Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, 2nd Floor - Engineering.** A nonrefundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township Public Works, Construction Association of Michigan, and F. W. Dodge, Daily Construction Reports.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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

TERRY BENNETT
Clerk

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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:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., September 9th, 2004 for the following:

COMPACT EXCAVATOR

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: August 26, 2004

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings
- August 17, 2004

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 17, 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, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Santomauro, April Mack, Captain Wilson, Staci Reynolds, Sargent Hilden. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 1.CLEMIS** A Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System. In the early 1990, a committee was formed to evaluate the Public Safety CAD/Records systems. At that time it was the ITS's department recommendation to purchase a system from S&R Micom. It as thought that this system would meet the public safety needs and be able to grow with the department. Early in implementation of the system, a number of problems were encountered. Future reliability was questioned over the long term. The department began evaluating other CAD service providers. In 1997 S&R systems ceased operation. The department was faced with a dilemma for meeting optional needs with a vendor who no longer was able to provide support of the system. A committee began looking for new CAD software programs. The Fire Service committed to a fire software package designed solely for fire records management. A request for service was prepared and sent to 60 vendors. In the final evaluation by the committee three vendors were considered. HTE was selected as the vendor of choice. In May of 1998, HTE was the vendor of choice. HTE was approved by the Board of Trustees and implemented. **WHAT IS CLEMIS?** CLEMIS is a thirty year old confederation of autonomous Police, Prosecutor Offices, and District Courts. It now has 80 Police agencies, District Courts and 60 Fire Agencies as part of its membership. CLEMIS provides multi-agency, multi-county records management with a CAD interface It includes a multi-jurisdictional case management investigative tracking system. The system automatically loads patrol car information and is compatible with ArcView/ GIS mapping systems. **WHY CHANGE TO CLEMIS?** HTE system deficiencies - Crime analysis module unable to accommodate operational needs - Mapping module unable to operate adequately - Automatic Vehicle Locator failed to operate - Minimal problem solving ability from technical staff - Product development continually lacking - Continued increase in annual maintenance and support costs - Not concentrated in Public Safety applications. It has a Shared database with over 80 police departments and Monetary savings. **CONCLUSION** CLEMIS participation would provide the Department of Public Safety with: - A well demonstrated operational system - The ability to share and have access to a large criminal justice database - The benefit of a large reduction in annual budget costs - Greater access to grant money for future projects **Item 2: Update on Miscellaneous Items** Supervisor Yack updated Board on upcoming study sessions, awards, and staff development days. Motion to adjourn by Bennett, seconded by Burdziak at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried. **Respectfully Submitted Terry G. Bennett Clerk/Supervisor Thomas Yack Copies of the complete text of the Board of Minutes are available at the office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours. Minutes can also be accessed on our website @ www.caton-mi.org following board approval.**

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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 1951, 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 12, 2004
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Summit on the Park Community Center, Banquet Center, 460 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously adopted the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The Fiscal Year 2005 estimated Fire and Protection budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director and the Administration are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries & O/T	\$4,440,825
Fringe Benefits	1,792,717
Capital Outlay	158,600
Operations	1,213,838
Bond Debt Service	212,545
Total	\$7,818,525

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries & O/T	\$6,863,491
Fringe Benefits	2,818,284
Capital Outlay	418,147
Operations	2,701,915
Bond Debt Service	70,872
Total	\$12,872,709

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

	2003	P.A.5 Limit
Fire Millage	2.6000	N/A
Police Millage	4.2500	N/A
Charter Millage	2.0000	1.0790
Total	8.8500	

	2004	Increase (Decrease over 2003)
	2.3580	(0.2420)
	4.1260	(0.1240)
	2.3660	0.3600
	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.**

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Agape starts year with hot shooting

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There was no air conditioning in the Britton-Macon gymnasium Tuesday night for Canton Agape Christian Academy's season-opener against the host Tories.

But the gym's temperature still wasn't as hot as the shooting touch of the Wolverines, who torched the Tories, 53-28.

Improved shot selection was the key component in a 29-1 Agape run that broke open a close game late in the third quarter. The Wolverines outscored B-M 19-1 in the final quarter.

"We settled for better shots during the big run," said Agape assistant coach Dan Watkins. "We were rushing things a little in the first half. Once we set-

tled down, we were fine."

Led by A.J. Kreps' 17 points, four Wolverines finished in double-digit scoring. Lindsay Gant and Brianna Chrenko both chipped in with 12 and Danielle Henry added 10.

Kreps and Chrenko dominated in the rebounding department for the winners, Watkins said.

Earlier this week, Agape announced that former coach Chuck Henry is taking over the reins of the team. Watkins will become the junior-varsity coach.

Henry is also head coach of the Madonna men's basketball team.

Belleville 57, John Glenn 28: Forward Ericka Brewer scored 14 points and guard Taylor Manley added 10 Tuesday as Belleville opened its girls bas-

ketball season with a convincing 57-28 victory over host Westland John Glenn.

The Tigers led 21-11 at half-time and 37-23 after three quarters before making it a rout with a 20-5 fourth-quarter run.

"The fourth quarter they couldn't miss," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said of the Tigers. "The first half both teams were cold, but they were able to score on some fast-break situations."

With returning junior center Jennifer Swartz, the team's top rebounder, sidelined with a broken knuckle, Glenn was less than full strength.

Guard Heather Lindon led the Rockets in scoring with eight points. Diane Hawkins added seven.

Belleville looking to rebound in '04

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With all five starters returning from last season's 6-14 team, Belleville girls basketball coach Kevin Edwards is expecting the Tigers to make a U-turn in the Mega Red standings this year.

"We had four seniors who didn't come back from last year's team, but the girls we do have want to play basketball, and that's what's important," said Edwards. "We don't have a big team, but we do have a lot of quickness and speed, so we should be competitive."

Running the point in Edwards' three-guard set will be senior Tia Lewis. The 5-

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foot-2 point guard averaged 6 points a game in 2003 and was near the top of the team's assists chart.

"She started when she was a freshman, then she hurt her ACL during her sophomore year," Edwards said. "She came back last year strong. Tia sees the court well and is a good outside shooter."

Joining Lewis in the backcourt are sophomore Taylor Manley (5-5) and senior Renee Feng (5-6). Manley started as a freshman last year and responded with an 11-points-per-game scoring average.

Seniors Erica Brewer (5-9) and Cindy McGoldrick (5-11)

will protect the paint for the Tigers. Brewer suffered a serious hand injury with eight games left last year, but managed to average 8 points per contest before get hurt. McGoldrick didn't score much, but pulled down 10 boards per game.

Sophomore Danica Holmes (5-5) should be the first player off the Tigers' bench. A starter last season, she scored an average of 8 points a game in 2003.

Senior Qeytia Martin (5-7), sophomores Hillary Ivan (5-6) and Jasmine Peterson (5-7), along with freshman Courtney Holland (6-0) will provide Edwards with four more options coming off the Belleville bench.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Things are looking up for the Plymouth Christian girls basketball team with the addition of sophomore point guard Joi Jennings and her father, Harvey, the Eagles' new coach.

JENNINGS

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"Right after Michael died, all Joi did was play basketball," said her father, Harvey Jennings, who is also her coach at PCA. "Her mother and I were concerned because it seemed like it was the only thing she wanted to do. When we talked to our family's grief therapist about it, she said playing basketball was the way Joi was dealing with her grief, and that it was actually healthy for her."

Joi's dedication to basketball has paid huge dividends on the court. Two years ago, as a member of the Michigan Monarchs and North Oakland Wolfpack AAU travel basketball teams, the then 13-year-old point guard was one of the state's leaders in scoring, steals and assists in her age group.

Last fall, she was the only freshman to make Flint Powers' varsity girls basketball team.

When Harvey Jennings received a job transfer earlier this year, he enrolled his daughter at PCA. He was hired as the team's head coach in May.

"We're thrilled to have coach Jennings and Joi at Plymouth Christian," PCA athletic director Doug Taylor said. "We strive to be well-balanced here in academics, athletics and with the students' spiritual growth, and that balance was

something that appealed to the Jennings family.

"Joi has a great work ethic. She loves to practice and you can tell she has a passion for the game. And coach Jennings is one of the most energetic and motivated people I've ever met, plus he's a man of integrity. He has a great enthusiasm for the game, and it really shows."

Harvey Jennings said Joi's new teammates had no idea of her abilities prior to the team's first practice Aug. 9. But it didn't take long for the rest of the Eagles to realize they had a talented new point guard.

"It was similar to when a fast swimmer transfers to a new school and no one has any idea how good he is," Harvey Jennings said. "Then when the new kid hits the water and starts swimming, the other kids go, 'Whoa!' After about 15 minutes of practice, they knew Joi was a player."

Michael Jennings won't be sitting in the stands Friday night when PCA opens its season at home against Taylor Baptist Park, but he will have a forceful impact on his sister's game.

"Michael's memory inspires me every time I step onto the basketball court," Joi Jennings said. "He's always in my heart and I know that whenever I play, he's watching me."

Michael Jennings: good dribbler; great brother; and incredible motivator.

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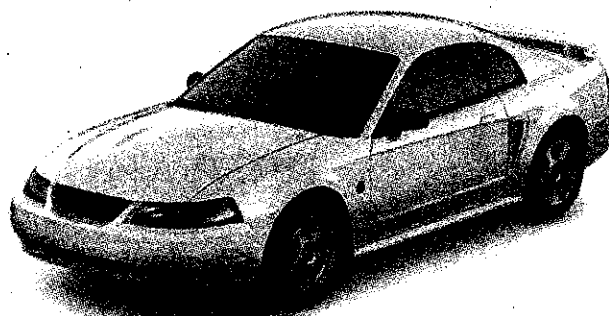
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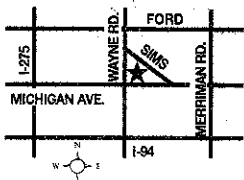
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Marshall, which is in lower central Michigan at the intersection of I-94 and I-69, features the largest National Historic Landmark District in the country. The tour will consist of eight private homes, five historical museums, two downtown businesses and one church.

A Civil War encampment, a juried art show, antique shows and a Civil War period ball will also be featured. Free musical entertainment, parking and bus transportation will be available throughout the tour area.

Tickets are \$15 until Sept. 1, \$18 after that, free for under age 12.

To order advance tickets, call the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 877-5163 or write to the Marshall Historical Society, 107 N.

Kalamazoo Ave., Marshall, MI 49068. Make checks and money orders payable to Marshall Historical Society.

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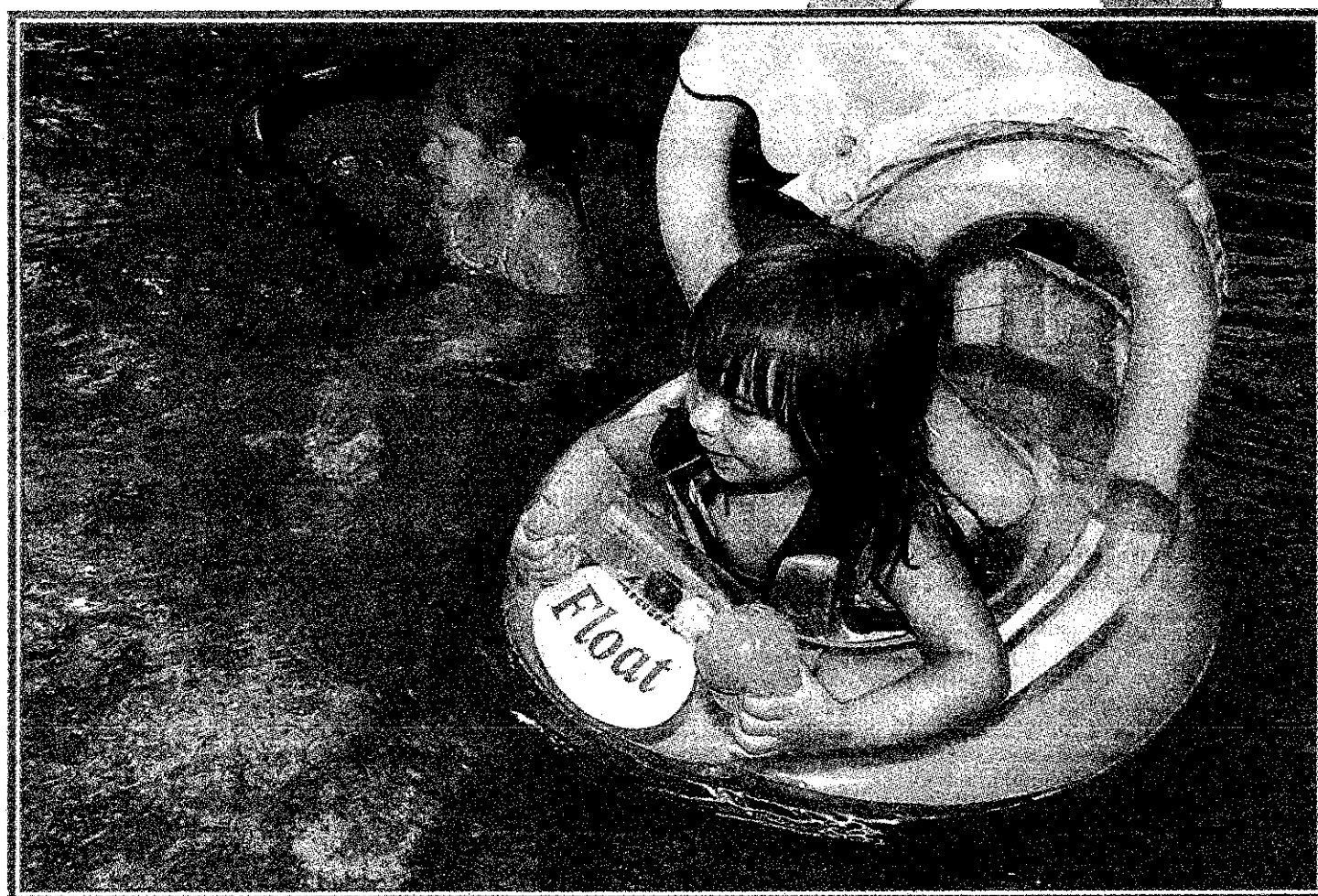


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Savanna Kleinsorge and neighbor Carly Conrad splash around in a pool that's nice and warm, regardless of the recent cooler weather.

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Plunge into renewable resources

Kelly Kleinsorge of Canton went in her swimming pool only once last year.

Since Kelly and her husband Jason's pool was unheated, their swimming season lasted only from June to just before Labor Day. With Michigan's inconsistent weather featuring at times uncharacteristically cool temperatures in the summer, heating pools with natural gas and conventional pool heaters can be expensive.

Kelly and Jason went to the Canton Home Expo and learned about solar heat panels from Joe and Donna Napolitano, owners of Mechanical Energy Systems, as they had an information booth there.

The Kleinsorges' 16- by 24-foot above-ground pool is now heated by six 4- by 4-foot solar panels.

They love the water's new temperature, now 92° F in the summer. After spending about \$2,300 on the system, the only thing that the couple now pays for is the water's filtration.

"We don't get the heating bills," Kelly said. "It's great and it's a great investment. We're hoping it stays sunny out and we can run it until late September or early October. As long as the sun shines on the house, we have warm water in the pool."

HEATED INTEREST

The Kleinsorges spent now so they wouldn't pay as much later. And they aren't alone.

"There's a much increased level of interest," said Debra Rowe, professor of behavioral sciences and environmental systems technology at Oakland Community College

and senior fellow with the Association of University Leaders. "You're finding people from all sectors of education, business and government are all interested in these issues."

"There was an interest with the long gas lines in the 1970s, then people kind of forgot. It's back now. We're seeing a tremendous increase the last two years."

Even large companies are seeing the value of solar — General Electric now has a photovoltaics division, Row said. *Fortune* magazine highlighted how businesses could address energy efficiency in an article. "When *Fortune* says it, it means we're going 'mainstream,'" Rowe said.

Donna and Joe Napolitano help homeowners retrofit homes to use solar energy. Joe

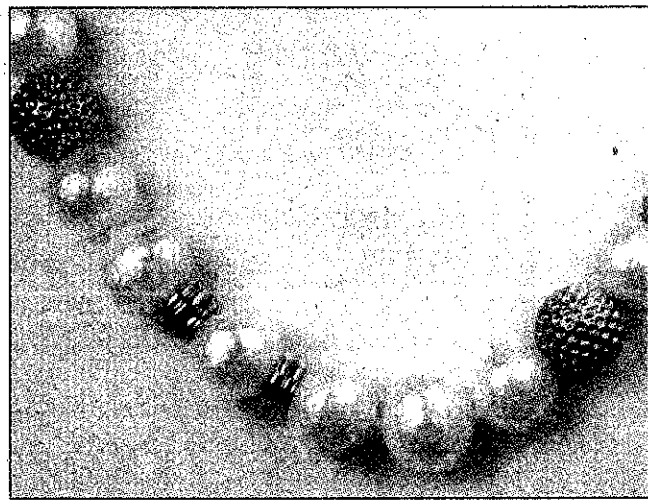
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MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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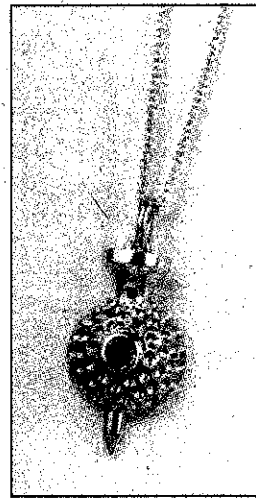


Four!

Award-winning Yanke Designs, 32611 Franklin Road in Franklin, presents four types of limited edition golf jewelry, just in time for the Ryder Cup.

The studio, established in 1981, designs and handcrafts all of its jewelry. Some of the pieces feature faceted, cultured pearls, set in 18-karat yellow and white gold. Three items are shown here: a bracelet, priced at \$1,625; a pendant of a golf ball on a tee, \$285; and a pendant of a tee through a golf ball, \$265.

Also offered is a sterling silver ball marker, \$55. Call (800) 779-7449 or (248) 855-5525, or visit www.yankedesigns.com.



Clean the door seal to prevent leaks Pay attention to your pet's overall health

Bea writes: "I've noticed a black strip sticking out of the bottom of the refrigerator, opened the door and found out it was coming out from inside the seal. I can't



Appliance Doctor

really afford a refrigerator right now, so I hope you can help." The bottom of a refrigerator door seal is the most common part of the seal that is damaged. That's because the drops of sauces, salad dressings or other foods in jars or bottles drip on the door's inner shelves and then flow to the bottom of the refrigerator. Many of these foods and sauces contain an

acid base which affect the rubber material. It is wise to occasionally clean all door seal areas with a mild detergent and warm water, especially the bottom.

The black piece you saw is the magnetic strip. I suggest you just push it back in and seal the tear with some rubber glue. When you find out what the cost is of a new door seal, you may think this is a good idea.

Tim writes: "I talked to you on the air about my refrigerator and you wound up our call saying that I am most likely in 'new refrigerator territory.' The refrigerator is 6 years old, and of course, just out of warranty.

"I had a \$60 service call on Monday, and the service technician indicated the same thing (it's a sealed system problem, so go buy a new

refrigerator.) He said that it would just slowly deteriorate in the next month.

"The sad part is that we spent \$1,200 for this 'Cadillac' of refrigerators! It seems that today's refrigerators are disposable in a way. Why not just buy a cheap one, if they're only going to last 6 to 8 years? Is there a model (freezer on the bottom) that you could recommend and has an old style compressor that will last 20 years?"

Tim, I strongly recommend the bottom mount refrigerator, especially if you have a bad back. There is a lot less bending when you need items from the refrigerator section. No one uses the old style compressors anymore and getting 20 years will be a rarity.

You may know that up until the 1960s the old style round door refrigerator was found in

the American home. The bottom mount refrigerator was just starting to take hold back then and, in the mid '60s, the side-by-side unit was created. There was such a demand for side-by-sides that manufacturers stopped making the bottom mount and it wasn't resurrected again until Amana began making them in the mid-1970s.

With the increased aging of our population I think we will see the bottom mount around for a while.

I just hope that my 1948 Philco round door refrigerator never breaks down. It's the only thing I have that keeps the pop cold at 33° F.

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

Sometimes we get messages and just ignore them.

For instance, if the fat on your back gets stuck in a workout machine, you might need to tweak your exercise regimen.

If the only communication your sweetheart has with you involves a restraining order, the relationship may be in trouble.

If your neighbors pass around a petition that mentions you by name, it might be time to re-evaluate your place in the community.

Medicine has signs as well. Surely if you have chest pains, you would know to call a physician, and get checked out to avoid progression of problems.

In veterinary medicine, we face an extra step. When an animal feels sick, the owner has to notice the problem before reacting.

People often mention negligence when they see a prolonged condition, but that's not always the case. Usually owners miss early signs by simply not knowing what to look for, possibly even thinking the problems simply represent growing old.

Many times I've explained to an owner whose pet looks like a skeleton with skin that the situation isn't normal aging. Problems rarely happen overnight, but creep up on the owner, exposing themselves only just before the visit.

Fire engine medicine can work. This involves treating diseases when they happen, responding to emergencies with a fervor.

Waiting for a problem to happen increases the damage and long term effects. Any fireman will tell you the easiest fire to stop is one that has yet to start.

Routine health checks can help to avoid fire engine medicine. In human medicine, seniors routinely have blood work done to monitor their health, before any sign of trouble.

Most vets also recommend routine blood monitoring, especially for older patients. Finding something early can really make a difference.

For an owner, knowing the early signs that mean trouble can also help to nip problems in the bud. Some signs send up a red flag to medical people, telling them something big could be going on.

The biggest red flag would be PU/PD, or Polyuria/Polydipsia. In English, this means urinating a lot and drinking a lot.

When I mention this problem, people tend to think diabetes. Yes, diabetes could be the culprit, but PU/PD could also mean kidney failure, liver failure, Cushing's disease, thyroid disease, Addison's disease, and many more.

The problem with PU/PD is not that it is a component of a lot of diseases, but the ones it does occur with are some of the worst.

If you notice your critter's



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

nose in the water bowl all the time, and trips to the litter or outside have increased to the point you've noticed, call to get an exam and blood work performed.

Sometimes early diagnosis can change treatment protocols, even making the problem manageable with food rather than medications or fluids. It could help lengthen the animal's life.

Many problems initially show themselves with the animal being depressed. Sometimes this happens because they have been vomiting, or having diarrhea. Call if you see these signs, especially with an older patient.

I have a saying about older patients: If I fell off my porch my neighbors would laugh at me. If my Grandpa fell off his porch his neighbors would help. Age makes the same problem much more of a concern.

An older dog or cat with vomiting or diarrhea should be seen as soon as possible, before they dehydrate. Severe diarrhea in any age should also be seen by a vet.

If your dog has arthritic problems, call the vet. We live in an era with many pain medicines for dogs, led by the old favorite Rimadyl. There's no reason dogs should suffer from arthritis.

If your dog tired quickly during play, obesity could be the problem, but heart disease can't be ruled out. Again, this is especially true in older dogs.

Lumps and bumps can never be 100 percent diagnosed by just looking, but as a rule, the softer the lump is, the more likely it is to be nothing too important.

Your peace of mind is important. If a lump scares you, call to get it checked out. Running routine blood work with the yearly vaccines to check body function makes tremendous sense, as does calling when a condition or behavior change concerns you.

The best rule of thumb...if you don't know whether or not to call, it means you should. It's better to overreact 1,000 times than miss one significant problem. And that's a message you shouldn't ignore.

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Want to make backup copies of your DVDs? I do. The way my kids handle them, it doesn't take long before they're so



Tech Savvy

scratched up, they no longer play. It seems only fair I should be able to protect my investment. After all, fair-use laws give me license to make personal copies of my audio CDs. Why should DVDs be exempt?

Last week, software maker 321 Studios was litigated into oblivion by Hollywood movie studios. The company's crime? Selling DVD X-Copy and DVD Copy Plus, programs that enabled users to make copies of commercial DVDs.

I understand the concerns

about piracy. I also think the money movie studios are spending on lawsuits could be better spent treating customers fairly.

Put a second copy of the movie into the case, for instance. I'll gladly pay an extra buck for it (far more than it would cost to produce, I assure you).

Or let me mail in a scratched disc for a replacement. I'd pay a few bucks for that option, too. Just don't force me to pony up another \$20 because my toddler trashed the Finding Nemo DVD.

(Don't tell me to be more careful, either. Anyone who has kids knows it's impossible to protect your possessions.)

Until Hollywood comes to its senses, there's a perfect home-brew solution already available.

It's called DVD Shrink (www.dvdshrink.org), and it enables you to copy DVDs right on your computer (much like the aforementioned 321

Studios programs).

All you need is a DVD burner.

Actually, DVD Shrink is what's called a "ripper," meaning it extracts the movie from the disc and copies it to your hard drive. From there you use one of many available DVD-burning programs to make your backup.

In fact, if you have Nero 6 Ultra Edition (www.nero.com) installed, DVD Shrink will handle the copy process from start to finish. (I wrote about Nero in a previous column - it's one of my favorite disc-authoring programs.)

Now for the interesting part. Most DVD burners support only single-layer blank discs.

Most commercial movies come on double-layer discs. Thus, it's not likely your blank DVD will have room for the entire movie.

But DVD Shrink can either strip away some of the extraneous extras, like special

features and alternate-language audio, or compress the movie so it fits on a single-layer disc.

The latter option results in a slight loss of video quality, which I think Hollywood bigwigs should recognize as a fair trade for making a backup.

DVD Shrink is freeware, and it's a surprisingly easy program to use. I've had good success with it - the movies I've backed up play fine in my set-top DVD player. Ironically they don't play on my PC.

One final thought: with DVD-copying power comes great responsibility. Don't pirate movies!

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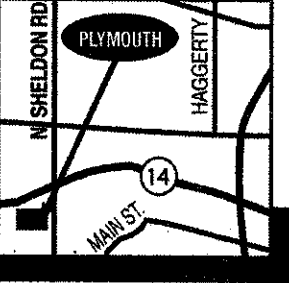
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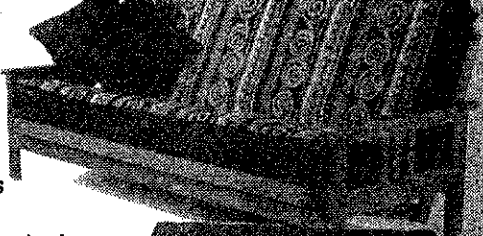

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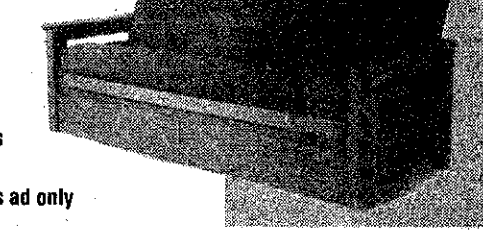


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There's more to roofing than shingles

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Mention roofing to homeowners and their thoughts usually turn to shingles.

Talk roofing with Brian Chambers of Owens Corning (www.owenscorning.com) and you hear about a trio of elements that go into creating a roof with a long life.

Shingles are icing on the cake, but what's underneath is important, too.

Chambers considers a roof to be the sum of its parts: free-flowing ventilation, protective underlayment and good shingles. In other words, a roof is a system of equally critical components.

"Shingles are important, but so are the other two elements if a roof is to do what it's supposed to, and that's protect the home and look good," said Chambers, the company's vice president of residential roofing.

VENTILATION, PROTECTION

Ventilation is the key to a roof's survival.

Moisture and excessive heat milling about in an attic stunt roof life faster than nearly any other factor.

Trapped heat and humidity create a breeding ground for mold, contribute to deterioration of a roof substructure and can "cook" shingles from the inside out.

Ridge vents placed at the crown of a roof are a new escape route for heat and humidity, augmenting the familiar square "box" vents typically seen about midway up the roof.

Proper ventilation draws external air up through soffit slits beneath the eaves and out through the vents. Chambers says the goal is to achieve a "balanced air flow" where attic

temperatures and moisture content are identical to outside air.

It's a mistake to think attic air should be warm and therefore part of the home insulation process.

"Good insulation is the thermal barrier that traps heat in living areas, not up in your attic," said Chambers.

Felt sub-layers beneath shingles have been supplemented by saturated asphalt "ice and water shields."

This adhesive-backed sheeting provides superior protection, especially when laid in valleys and eaves, against invasive rainwater and ice dams that can cause leaks or lead to rotting of roof timbers.

(Ice dams form when heated air escapes through the roof and melts snow. The melted snow refreezes in a series of layers — all the more reason to keep attic temperatures to a minimum.)

SHINGLE STYLES

And now for the crowning touch — the all-important shingles.

Consumers see a plethora of new shingle styles.

Premium shingles referred to as "architectural" or laminates have boomed, from 10 percent of the market 10 years ago to more than 50 percent today.

These two-ply varieties are replacing three-tab shingles among homeowners who want more color options or the look of slate or shake shingles without the high cost.

There's even a super-laminate category of ultra-heavy shingles with limited lifetime warranties. (Warranties of 20-50 years are common on even basic shingles.)

It's little wonder that homeowners want more shingle color and style choices. A roof

accounts for as much as one-third of the visible exterior of the house. A good-looking roof has curb appeal, contributing to the house's resale value.

Chambers says the days are gone when homeowners could simply nail on new shingles and climb back down their ladders. He says his company leans toward a network of installation professionals who understand a roof in its entirety.

"The pros understand everything about a roof and how specifications differ from home to home. That's their job."

He also points to safety issues: Few homeowners are accustomed to working on pitched roofs that could be 30 feet or higher.

SIGNS

The big question is knowing when it's time to say good-bye to your old roof.

Chambers lists telltale signs of roof deterioration homeowners can readily spot:

■ Buckled, cracked, warped or split shingles. This applies to both asphalt and wood shake shingles.

■ Excessive granule loss. Some loss is normal but watch for large accumulations in your gutters.

■ Blistered shingles. ■ In the attic, look for signs of leaks or water spots on plywood or particleboard.

■ Attic timbers may show signs of mold, rot or insect decay caused by excessive moisture.

"Consumers know about routine maintenance practices with their car, such as changing oil every 3,000 miles," said Chambers.

"Their roof is no different. They need to get in the routine of checking the condition of their roof on at least a seasonal basis."

Faucet adapter helps save water

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A running faucet wastes thousands of gallons of water annually when it runs longer than actually needed, or if it runs unattended (even briefly).

One solution is the slick, automatic "motion-sensor"

faucet you see in hotels, restaurants and airports that only runs when motion is sensed directly below.

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

The new E-Z Faucet adapter

makes any home faucet automatic and hands-free in just five minutes. Just remove the existing aerator tip, screw on the E-Z Faucet head, and the compact infrared sensor unit is ready to flow.

For about \$70, you can save dough and go run with the bulls if you wish.

Conservation district sells trees, bulbs

Orders in the Fall Tree and Spring Flowering Bulb Sale of the Oakland Conservation District must be received by Friday, Sept. 17.

For a catalog and order form, call the Oakland Conservation District at (248) 673-4496 or e-mail bob.mrozek@macd.org.

Tree offerings include balsam fir, white fir, Colorado blue spruce, Eastern reedcedar, white cedar, red pine, white pine, Norway spruce, white spruce and American larch.

Among the bulb offerings are blue jacket, fondante, Gipsy princess and splendid Cornelia

hyacinths; single, Triumph, peony, fringed, Darwin and lily tulips; trumpet and large cupped daffodils; narcissi and crocus.

Orders may be picked up 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

HOME CALENDAR

Beginner pillow

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decor classes.

In Beginner Pillow, Tuesdays, Sept. 7-21, learn the basics while making two beautiful, decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cording and inserted trims (fee is \$60).

Many of the techniques taught here will apply to future home decorating classes.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com for registration and other information.

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 quit 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.

Meadowbrook Hall

Meadowbrook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, offers a variety of tours and delicious food.

Meadowbrook 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 Meadowbrook 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

Meadowbrook 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.

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.

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

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

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Solar collectors, mounted on the roof of the home of Kelly and Jason Kleinsorge, warm water inside the panels before the water re-enters the swimming pool.

SOLAR

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has worked with solar energy technology since the 1970s. The couple founded their company in 1986. They are also Canton residents.

"We help people have more control over their bills," Donna said. "People who are getting close to retirement want to invest in their homes while they are still working and have a more energy-efficient home for the future."

"What we are seeing is they are complaining about really high bills."

Homeowners once could get solar tax credits in the late 1970s, but those disappeared in the 1980s, Napolitano said.

Many homeowners turn to solar to heat the pool. The largest or greatest part of the business is solar pool heating, Napolitano said. "We have a lot of pools in Michigan that take up a lot of space in the backyard," Napolitano said. "The surface is constantly giving off heat, constantly losing temperature."

'They're concerned about the high (natural) gas prices, but they want to utilize their pools. And I think they want to be environmentally-friendly, but it is mostly the savings.'

Donna Napolitano
Canton resident

That can cost a homeowner \$200-\$300 to heat the pool for a month using conventional equipment. That costs drops significantly with solar equipment.

HOW IT WORKS

With solar, "you have the sun constantly out, we have the means to capture the light, transferring it to heat, and heat the pool up," Napolitano said.

Here's how it works: Solar



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Kelly Kleinsorge keeps an eye on the sunshine and makes adjustments on the flow of warm water to the swimming pool at her home in Canton. The vertical pipes lead up to the solar collectors, mounted on the roof of the home.

collectors made of a copolymer material are created in black panels, which are then installed on the roof of the home in sizes of 8, 10 or 12 feet. When the sun hits them, heat is generated. Water passes through tubes inside the solar collector panels. Water heats 3-5° F with each pass through the collector, before it goes into the pool.

A bypass is created of the old water system. Materials cost about \$7,500 and installation is about \$750, Napolitano said.

Napolitano figures the payback is 2 1/2 to 3 years for a homeowner who traditionally pays \$300 a month for five months each year to heat the pool, starting in May through September.

"They're concerned about the high (natural) gas prices, but they want to utilize their pools," Napolitano said. "And I think they want to be environmentally-friendly, but it is mostly the savings."

Heating your pool has a very fast payback, and you can save

20-30 percent, Rowe said. "That's an aftertax return," she said. "It doesn't make economic sense to heat a pool with natural gas."

Homeowners can reap paybacks on other improvements. Using solar energy for hot water heating is another application, which reduces the need for heat by 60-80 percent.

Space heating is another use. The south-facing windows need transmissivity (or the percentage of sun's rays that go through it to heat the home). Homeowners also can use solar collector panels outside to heat the air before it enters the furnace.

Solar attic fans also help. Many homes are underventilated, Napolitano said.

"When homes don't get adequate attic ventilation, you have shingles that curl, the room (under the attic) will get hot, and in the winter you'll have condensation. The heat from the roof will melt the snow, and then it will freeze, forming

ice dams," she said.

The attic fan spins from the electricity generated by the solar panel.

"The brighter the sun is, the fan then will spin faster," Napolitano said, which will cool the attic. Fans run about \$425.

Photovoltaics produce electricity from the sun, while solar cookers even boil water for you.

While solar is exciting technology, Rowe said homeowners should look at energy efficiency. "They need to look at Energy Star appliances," she said.

Energy Star is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through "superior energy efficiency," according to the Energy Star Web site. Visit www.energystar.gov for information. Another Web site is www.urbanoptions.org/RenewableEnergy.

Rowe is also teaching an online class at Oakland Community College called Energy Management, AET 2400 (Alternative Energy Technology).

Students learn all the different ways to save on energy. Another Web site is www.urbanoptions.org/RenewableEnergy.

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SOLAR ENERGY USES

Pools: Sunlight heats collector panels, which contain small tubes through which water is pumped and heated.

Hot water heating: Instead of cold water from a city line drawn into a hot water heater, the water is warmed on the roof and stored in a hot water tank.

Wall panels: Used to warm outside air before it feeds the furnace. Sun's rays hit the plate, creating heat, then air flowing behind the absorber plate is heated, and a blower fan sends that that heated air into the furnace. Panels help the most on sunny days in early spring and early fall.

Skylights: A 10-inch tubular skylight tube will brighten 150 square feet. The cost is \$600 at Mechanical Energy Systems.

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Plan that weekend getaway to break up the routine

My husband and I talk occasionally about a weekend getaway but our lack of planning and limited time prevents us from getting away. How do we make it happen?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

Unlike many Europeans, who take several weeks of vacation each year, Americans seem to work more and suffer the effects of recreation deprivation.

We tend to veto taking trips because of limited vacation days at work, insufficient monetary resources, or difficulty finding child care.

Using a weekend or an extended weekend getaway may be the perfect solution. You can plan to miss no work-days or perhaps take one or two vacation days. A shorter trip will keep your expenses low. Child care options would be expanded because you could hire a college student, ask a relative, work out a babysitting trade with a friend who has children close to the same age as your children, or any combination of these options.

Whatever you decide to try, planning is the vehicle to make things happen. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. You have to aggressively pursue setting aside time for trips if it is ever going to happen.

Don't limit your ideas. Get creative. Consider a trip just for the girls or that fishing getaway just of the guys. A getaway does not have to be limited to a trip with your spouse.

Be open to spur-of-the-moment trips when a deeply discounted airfare is published to one of your dream destinations. But even spur-of-the-moment trips take planning. You will be able to pull it off if you leave room in your plans for that impulsive trip.

Keep your passport updated.

You can restore stained redwood walls

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Muriel asks, "The rough-textured, unfinished, stained redwood walls in our family room are blemished with scratches, paint stains and other marks incurred during the past 20 years. How can I improve them?"

The goal here is to restore the appearance of the redwood wall without destroying the rough texture that adds to its natural beauty.

First, be aware that the job will create some dust.

You will want to remove the contents of the room and use heavy plastic to seal off any openings to adjoining rooms.

Start with a light wire-brushing of the entire surface, followed by a thorough vacuuming. This will remove the existing paint splatters, scratches and other unsightly blemishes.

If you are pleased with the current color, apply a fresh coat of stain at this point. If you want to make the wall lighter, the next step would be to apply a wood bleach to the surface.

Once the wood is bleached, a new coat of stain can be applied.

We suggest an oil-based stain, which will penetrate deep into the wood and restore its natural luster.

Finally, since it's an interior finish, a coat of a polyurethane or varnish will fully seal the new surface.

You probably will want to use a satin finish to complement that new rich stain.

Keep swimwear on hand at all times of the year. Make a list of desired destinations or types of destinations. Plan financially as if you have a specific vacation in mind. Search the newspapers and the Internet for discounts and bargains. Whether you prepare for months or you go on the fly, planning is required.

You could prepare financially by opening a special bank account for your getaway weekends. Deposit money given to you as a gift or set up a plan to save money from your household budget. Additional money for the account could be earned through a garage sale, temporary extra job, or by making and selling crafts. This account will allow you the freedom to getaway anytime you choose because you will always have money available.

You do not need to limit your getaway to out-of-town travel only. Plan a weekend rendezvous at a local hotel. Many hotels offer special discounted weekend rates. Use the time to visit places in your city that you have never experienced because of your busy schedule. You may get lucky and find some coupon discounts on restaurants and attractions.

My husband and I have enjoyed several 24-hour getaways. We check into a nearby hotel and have dinner at a new restaurant or eat at one of our favorites.

We spend the remaining time enjoying things such as the pool, spa, a buffet breakfast, shopping, golf, or sightseeing. It is amazing what you can do in 24 hours when you leave your home routine behind.

If you have children, another option is to make arrangements for them to spend the night elsewhere. You can use your home as your weekend getaway.

Ignore that knock on the front door, and let the answering machine take all the calls. Do not clean, do laundry, or make the bed. Remember this is your hotel room.

Visit a travel agent and see what is available for an extended weekend. Go somewhere you have never been before. Make sure you book a nonstop flight to save on travel time. Rent a car so you have the freedom to explore and take in the flavor of the community.

Find out ahead of time what is available in restaurants and attractions so you can plan your schedule making maximum use of your time.

A shopping weekend with friends is fun and relaxing. You can share the expense of the hotel and you will only be buying meals for one. Make a plan that includes spending some money on shopping so you are not limited to just window-shopping.

Pamper yourself and make some purchases just for you, not your family.

Take time to do your nails and experiment with a new hairdo.

Make a wish list of places you would like to visit and things you would like to do. I had a wish list that included learning how to ski.

My husband and I talked with some people that had been skiing. We purchased the necessary clothing and rented ski equipment at our destination. We researched what was available at the ski resorts in

Colorado, carefully choosing a good location for beginners. We choose a departure date and booked a four-day ski trip.

Make the decision today to plan a getaway weekend and write it on your calendar. Begin your planning immediately by deciding where you will go and how much money you want to spend. You can start with a camping trip a short distance from home or fly to an island resort. The important thing is to schedule time away from your routine to relax and do something different.

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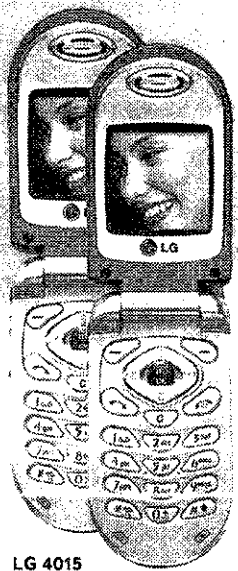
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Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30-year reunion takes place Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes appetizers, strolling supper, open bar, entertainment and valet parking. For more information, call Karen Hudak Miller at (248) 569-7739 or e-mail her at Karen56@aol.com.

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A 10-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information, call Julie at (810) 227-4671 or e-mail

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A double reunion is planned for Oct. 9, 2004, at Burton Manor. For more information, call Julie (248) 889-8850 or at cvillereunion8384@hotmail.com.

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A reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road (between 10 and 11 Mile Road), Farmington. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by music from the 60's. Cost is \$45 per person. For more information call Linda (Zech) Jolicoeur (248) 909-6044, Linda@tar-gettsg.com, or Jan (Yates) Barlow (248) 624-5858.

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Earth-friendly roses

A free program, Michigan Roses for the Earth-friendly Garden, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Registration is requested. Call (734) 467-3198. The program, with speaker Nancy Lindley, will help gardeners incorporate easy-care roses in their home landscape. Soil health, rose selection, maintenance and disease/pest management will be included. The event, sponsored by the City of Westland, is part of the Rouge-friendly lawn and garden series. Tips for rose care will help home gardeners minimize garden chemicals that might run off into wetlands, ponds and the Rouge River. Lindley is the co-owner of Great Lakes Roses and author of Roses for Michigan, published by Lone Pine Books. A popular speaker and teacher, she has more than 10 years experience with easy-care, hardy roses.

Bonsai show

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its annual show 10 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Greenhouse, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Fee is \$3.

More than 100 bonsai trees will be on display, and bonsai experts will be available. Demonstrations of bonsai design from nursery stock will be offered several times each day. Vendors of plant material, bonsai trees and bonsai tools and equipment will be available.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of free programs at their nursery. The schedule of fun and educational programs includes Roses for Michigan, 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, or 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30; and Bed Preparation and Fall Rose Planting, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, or 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day). Roses for Michigan is a slide presentation and book signing by author Nancy Lindley. Bed Preparation and Fall Rose Planting is a popular demonstration by the Lindleys in the large display garden at Great Lakes Roses. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township, seven miles south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Ann Arbor and Northville farmers markets. For information about Great Lakes Roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Design

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.michigangarden-ing.com. The schedule includes Focus on Design, four sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Pontiac (fee is \$132).

Metropolitan Rose Society

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais (east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile). Roses and Pizza will be featured. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert; other food will be furnished. Bring a rose from your garden, and how gardens flourished - or didn't - this summer will be discussed. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call (248) 689-9529.

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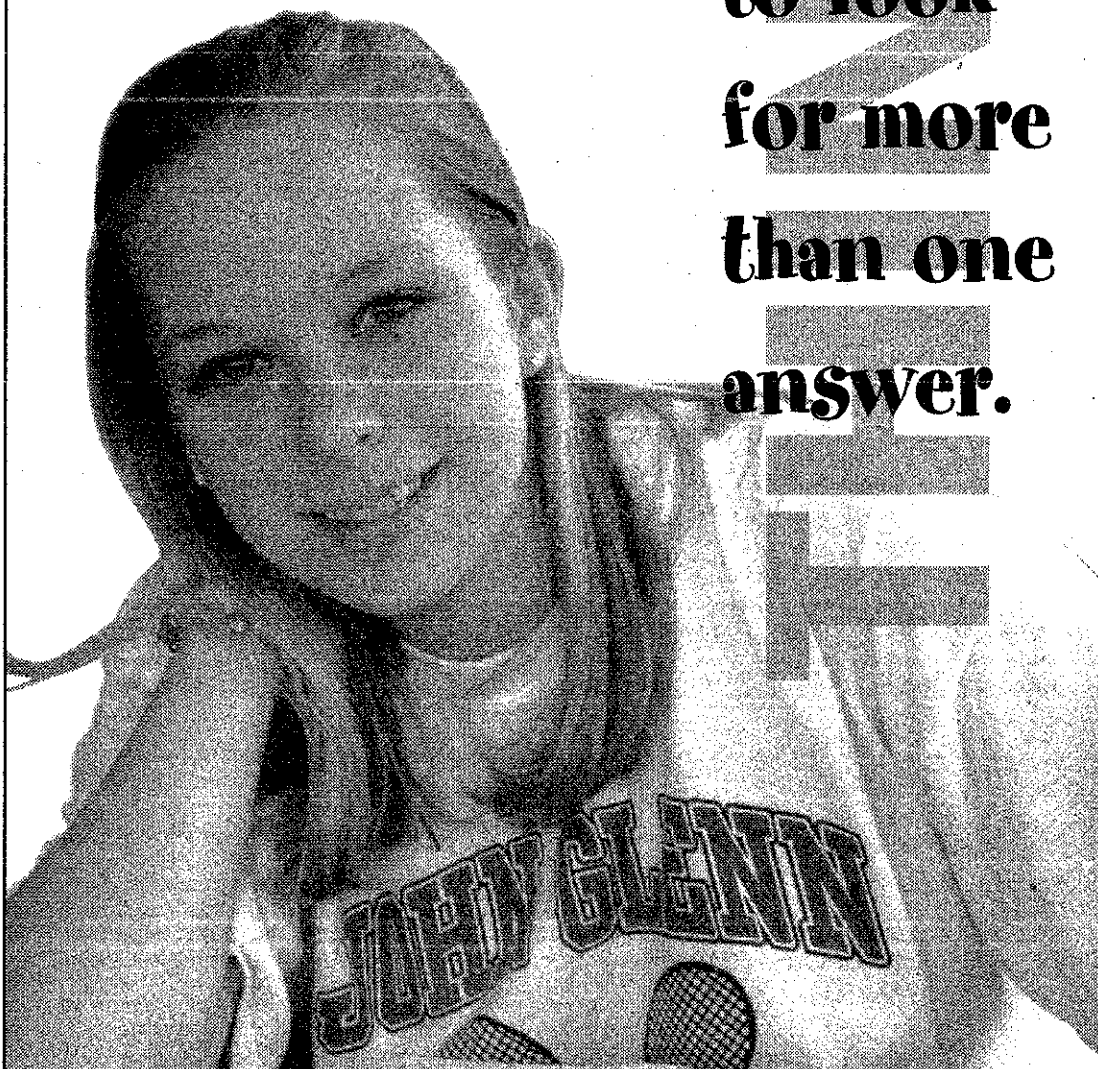
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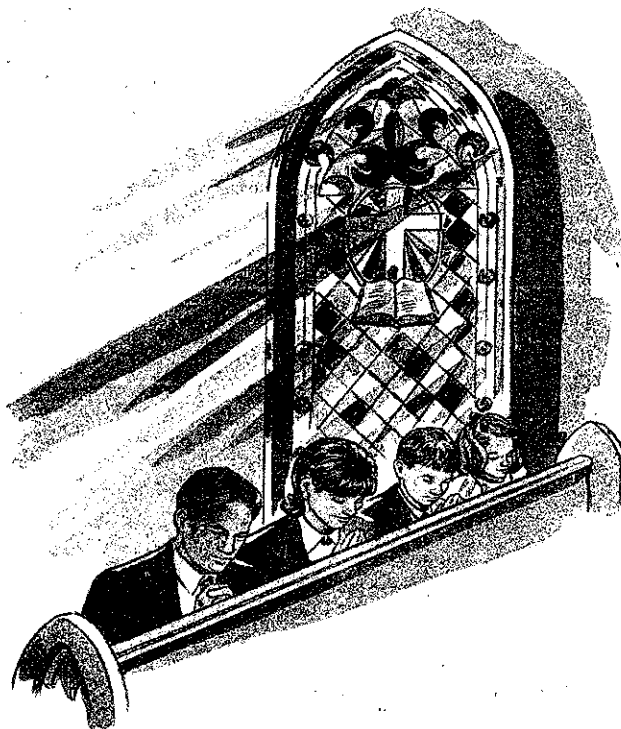
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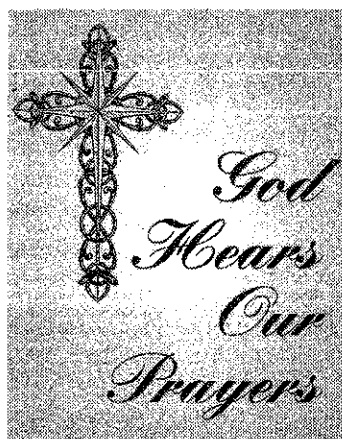
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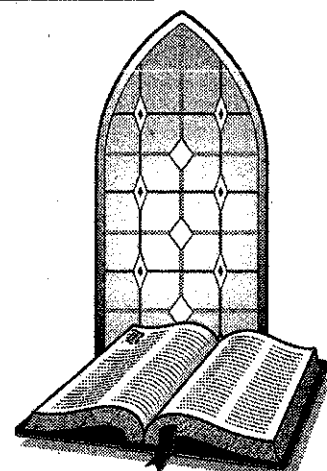
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The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

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 began 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 and continues 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.

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 the final program in a series of lectures by Dr. Kyle Hollman 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday August 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.

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.

Preschool registration

Peace Lutheran Preschool (9381 Merriman, Livonia) has a few openings left in the toddler class and the 4-year a.m. and p.m. class. The 3 year class has started a waiting

list. For information, call (734) 762-6691.

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 and Seven Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

Concert

Mighty Gospel Sound perform 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. The four member group of young men began their music career in Pretoria, South Africa singing in their church choir. Enjoy a variety of styles including Afro contemporary, R & B, and indigenous gospel. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

Blast from the Past

10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, Covenant Community Church hosts a picnic with lots of food, followed by activities and games from the 19th century for all ages, at Capitol Park, Redford. The public is invited.

Rummage Sale

Presale 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 (\$2), and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Hiller.

Fall Flea Market

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in the parking lot at St. Matthew's Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. A portion of the proceeds go to support missions. Anyone interested in a space to sell their items or more information, call Margaret Northey at (248) 476-0908.

Free car wash

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago (corner of W. Chicago and Inkster in Redford) will hold a free car wash 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept.

11. Absolutely no donations will be accepted. Cars will be washed as neighborly expression of God's love and in the hope that the good deed will be passed on. Also, free coffee will be served.

Christian Youth Soccer League

"An Evening of Magic," a CYSL fundraiser 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at United Baptist Family Life Center, 236 Middlebelt, Garden City. Cost is \$5, family rates available. Call Terri Fritz, secretary at (734) 513-7844 or Alden Porter (734) 968-9358.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, and Nov. 19-21, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wwwme.

Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church, 3640 Madison at Carlisle, Dearborn. Families are encouraged to attend together as age-specific groups are offered within one convenient location. All are welcome. Seven week series for ages 5-12 begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 (parents and guardians attend the first evening to learn more about the program, various activities and projects are offered by a licensed professional). Six week series for ages 13-17 begin 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Adult six week series begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. To register, call Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-6163.

Stronger Women

Walking group, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers, coffee social, fun and fellowship 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 to Nov. 18, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration fee \$25, walk-ins \$5. Baby-sitting \$2 per child, \$4 per family per session. For more information, call (248) 661-9191.

Pastor to Pastor series

11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 16, join other pastors for a complimentary luncheon and live CCN satellite presentation of the Emotionally Healthy Pastor hosted by HB London, at William Tyndale College, 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake, Farmington Hills. RSVP by Sept. 13. Call (248) 553-7200.

Neighborhood picnic

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association is planning and End of Summer Picnic for all residents living between Joy and W. Chicago and Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Trinity Church of the Brethren on the corner of W. Chicago and Inkster. For more information or to make a donation for the picnic, call the church at (313) 937-1199.

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Strong academic program in a fun-loving Christian environment at First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Call (734) 595-6002. Students are taught phonics, Bible verse, sign language, numbers and letter recognition, craft and songs. Morning and afternoon sessions available for fall 2004-2005. Cost is \$30 a week for three-day program, \$20 a week for two days.

Biblical Message Preparation

Women's Ministry Program presents a program 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, with featured speaker Rosalie de Rosset, at William Tyndale College, 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$50, includes lunch. For more information, call Lynn Karidis at (248) 553-7200, ext. 511.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

Fall Boutique

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

School registrations

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Leverne, Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year. After-school care available 3-6 p.m. For more information, call (313) 937-2233.

Registration time

Our Lady of Good Counsel is now taking registrations for the 2004-05 school year in the K-8 program. Call Principal Kay Reilly or secretary Terri O'Connor for information at (734) 453-3053.

New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

Synagogue services

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

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

ONGOING

Addiction No More

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Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday. This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Sunday Summer Worship

Continues Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Sept. 5, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. A contemporary "Praise Forth" service takes place every fourth Sunday. Visitors always welcome. Antioch Lutheran Preschool starts its 2004-2005 program year for 3- and 4-year olds on Sept. 13. Spaces still available for new enrollees. Call (248) 626-7906.

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Single and feeling alone? Come join us. Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present. Single Point Ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to receive a newsletter, call (248) 374-5920.

Prayer group

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

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Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and PACS People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

Sunday worship

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. There is also a 9:45 a.m. education hour for all ages. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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ILEEN ENGMAN

Age 76, June 30, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Arnold. Loving mother of Robert (Margee), Glenn, Ed (Sandy) and Barbara (Chris) Gulley. Grandmother of Rob, Matt, Eric, Rachel and Marti. Worked for over 27 years at A & P in both Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Resided in Birmingham for 30 years.

JOHN (Gino) LAMBERTINI

Age 57, passed away peacefully at home on August 16, 2004. Beloved husband of Irene, Father of Colleen, Cristina, Debra and Anthony, stepfather of Grace and Gabriel and four grandchildren. Four sisters, Giovanna (Carol) Wright of Alpena, Maxine Bibik of Livonia, Tina Gramer of South Lyon and Barbara Lambertini of Redford. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Having spent six tours in Vietnam during his service in the Army, Gino had developed cancer, caused by exposure to Agent Orange. Memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2004 at 2pm in St. Paschal's Church, 22210 Champaign St., off Pardee Rd., in Taylor, MI. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the family to aide their financial burden.

KEN E. HOEPPNER

Age 65, died August 20, 2004. Beloved husband of Marylyn. Dear father of Wendy (Jim) Atkins and Chad. Loving grandfather of Madison and Morgan. Son of Sophia Stivers. Brother of Shirley (Carl) Senko. Arrangements provided by the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 248-348-1800. Memorial donations may be made to Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr., Ste. 100, Arlington, VA 22203-1606. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

REBECCA "BECKY" LUNDY

Age 78, of Orchard Lake, Michigan, passed away on August 24, 2004. Cause of death, Lymphoma. She was born on May 6, 1926 in Flint, Michigan. She was a resident of Orchard Lake for 18 years, a former resident of Bloomfield Hills for 25 years and of England and Spain for 6 years. Becky, the House Executive, married Wayne in 1982 at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Wayne is a retired executive with heat treating. Rebecca grew up in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Flint Northern High School, graduating at University of Michigan in 1948 (degree in Speech). She was a long time member (1957) of Congregational Church of Birmingham, and was very active in many facets of this church, an enthusiastic volunteer for different groups including Cranbrook Hospice, AARP tax assistant and Pontiac Resource Center, a member of Pine Lake Country Club and a member of Shadowwood Country Club in Florida. She is survived by husband, Wayne A. Lundy and was preceded in death by husband, Donald A. Forman. She is the mother of Leslie Stevens of Basking Ridge, N.J., Claire Stewart of Sandown, N.H. and Scott Forman of Harrison, N.J., stepmother of Carol Straight of Lapeer, MI, Jeff Lundy of Fishers, Ind, and Mike Lundy of Rochester, Michigan. Also 12 grand and 4 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be at a later date at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. Memorial visitation will be at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham, on Sunday, August 29, 2004, from 2 to 4, and 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Memorial tributes may be made to: The Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2724 or to: Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, Suite 300, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-0313

HERMAN LONDON HARRISON

Longtime Plymouth resident and business owner, died Friday August 20, 2004 at the age of 67. He is survived by Roberta (Bobbie), his wife of 32 years, 10 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 5 siblings. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Scrapbook and cropping

If you're interested in learning about scrapbook and cropping, Faith Bible Church is offering a place to put it all together 3-10 p.m. the second Friday of the month, at 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A Creative Moment consultant will be available to everyone from diehard scrapbookers to novices wanting to learn more about it. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Sunday Worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music, 1150 Walton, Rochester Hills. No charge. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

Contemporary worship service

A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

Worship services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-1470.

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Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus, 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph, Redford. For more information, call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

MILDRED MARUSZEWSKI

"Dolly"; of Hale, formerly of Highland Park. August 20, 2004 at age 86. Dear mother of Geneva Mick, Ted Maruszewski, Carrie Bezak and the late Leonard Maruszewski. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorials suggested to the Alzheimers Association. For further information contact the Hale Chapel of the Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home (989) 728-2571.

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Spruce-up may hinge on new doors

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A fresh coat of paint on the walls can go a long way to spruce up a room's interior. And paint can be used to emphasize architectural details such as doors, trim and baseboard.

But using paint to bring out such details can sometimes be like trying to turn a sow's ear into a silk purse.

If your home has "builder's basic" flush interior doors, simple casings and uninspiring baseboard, you may want to replace these items with more artistic ones.

Doing so will give your room fresh color plus new decorative elements that will add to the home's value and appeal. You can go one step further by installing new decorative door hardware.

An interior door assembly consists of the door, the jamb (the frame that the hinges attach to), and the casings (the trim that conceals the gap between the jamb and the wall).

INFORMATION

The first step in the replacement process is to decide which elements you want to keep, if any, and which you want to replace.

If you are happy with the casings but want to replace the door, you need a "matchup" door - no frame, no casing. Such doors are available at home supply centers and door companies.

When heading out to buy a door, take along the following information: the door's measurements (width, height, thickness); which way the door swings; the location and size of the holes for the hardware (the diameter of the bore and the measurement to its center from the door's strike edge and from the door's top

edge); and the quantity, size, style and finish of the hinges and their exact location.

Doors sold by home centers are usually "raw" and require you to make openings for the hardware and hinges.

To do so you will need a whole saw, a spade bit, sharp wood chisels, and a router and mortise bit. The goal is to duplicate the old door so the new one will fit into the opening.

An out-of-square opening may require some combination of adjusting the jamb, leveling the floor and shaving the new door.

If you buy from a door company, it can do the boring, mortising and hinge installation for you.

Some door companies want to see the old door to help configure an exact matchup - not a bad idea. Then all you have to do is slip the new door into the opening, line up the hinges and install the hinge pins.

Once it's up, all that's left is painting the door and installing the hardware.

REPLACING CASING

You might be happy with your door but want to replace the casing. There are typically six pieces of casing, three on each side of the door - a head (top) and two legs, one on each side of the jamb.

To remove the casing, use a sharp razor knife to score the joint between the casing and the jamb and the joint between the casing and the wall. Pry the casing off using a flat bar and hammer. A small block of wood placed behind the bar will help protect the wall. Clip or remove any remaining nails.

Install the new casing head piece first, then the legs, using four-penny finish nails to attach it to the jamb. Use a nail set to recess the nail head

for putty. Caulk the joints where the casing meets the jamb and where it meets the wall, then paint.

Casing is available precut with mitered ends or in random lengths that can be cut with a miter saw.

NEW DOOR

But you might want to go all the way and replace the entire door-jamb-casing assembly with a new pre-hung door.

Begin by removing the door hardware so it won't be damaged in case you want to reuse it. Next, remove the casings as described earlier. Use care when removing each of the elements so you don't damage any finishes.

Once the casings have been removed from both sides of the door, use a reciprocating saw with a metal cutting blade to cut through the nails that fasten the door jamb to the framed opening.

Remove the door and jamb from the opening, then close the door and tack it shut by driving a finish nail through the strike side of the jamb into the edge of the door near the top and bottom of the jamb. This will keep the door and jamb as one piece, making it easier to transport.

Pre-hung doors can be bought at a home center or door company.

In either case, the supplier will need all the information discussed earlier regarding matchup doors, as well as the thickness of the jamb and whether you will be painting or staining the new door.

Installing a pre-hung door is an art. Your best bet might be to call in a pro.

However, if you are up for the challenge, bone up on the subject and practice beforehand using one of your old doors.

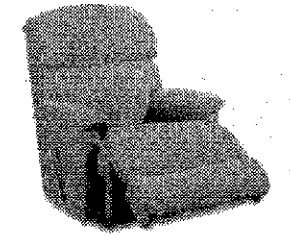
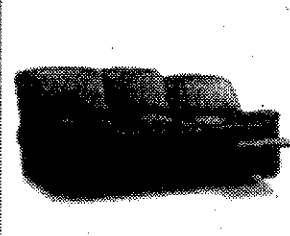
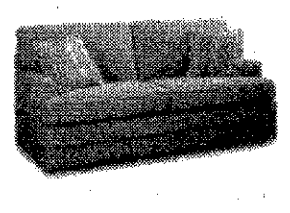
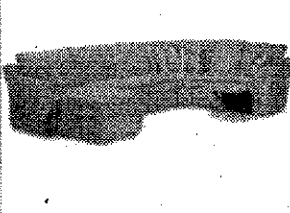
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■ Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road (between Warren and Joy roads), in Westland.

■ 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:

■ 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.



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Whether desserts consist of pies, cakes or muffins, they add a grand finale to any meal.

RECIPES

Here are a sample of recipes from Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland.

APPLE-CRANBERRY CAKE

1 package yellow cake mix
1 1/4 cup water
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup butter, softened
4 eggs
1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 cup quick oats
3 medium apples, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup sliced cranberries
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar

Topping:

1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup quick oats
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour 13-by-9-by-2 inch pan. Mix cake mix (dry), water, oil, butter, eggs, oats, cinnamon and graham cracker crumbs in bowl on low speed. Scrape bowl frequently. Prepare fruit by cooking them until tender over medium heat with 1/2 cup brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Fold in fruit. Pour into pan. Sprinkle topping over batter and bake until cake pulls away from sides of pan.

APPLE BARS

1 cup quick oats
1 1/4 cups flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, softened
1 egg, beaten
4 apples, peeled and sliced
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Crumb topping:

1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup quick oats
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease 15-by-10 inch pan. Prepare crumb topping mixture. Combine all dry crumb ingredients, then cut in butter with a fork or pastry blender until crumbly. Set topping aside.

In medium bowl, combine oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Add beaten egg. Spread evenly in pan.

Toss apples with sugar, the remaining 1/4 cup flour and nutmeg. Spread over oatmeal layer. Sprinkle crumb topping over apples. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until apples are tender.

Dessert Storm

Bakers, chefs enjoy their favorites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Mary Denning calls it comfort food.

Kelli Lewton thinks it's a great way to capture the seasonal produce of berries in the summertime. Sylvia Lee believes they are appealing because "everyone loves something sweet."

It's dessert, that crowning glory, the climactic end to a beautiful meal, traditionally accompanied with a cup of coffee to balance that sweet, sugary flavor.

"People remember (desserts) from childhood," said Denning, the owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland and a Garden City resident. "You always remember your mom with a pie or cake, cupcakes or brownies, or you might be sick and you'd get cookies."

"You relate desserts to comfort and love."

"It's something to look forward to at the end of the meal," said Lee, former owner of Sylvia Lee's Pastries in Southfield and a Bloomfield Hills resident. *Desserts — A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience* (Greentree Publishing, \$19.95)



Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, holds a piece of freshly baked apple-cranberry pie.

PLEASE SEE DESSERT, D2

Pair desserts and wines for a fitting finale to any meal



BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
WINE COLUMNISTS

Some meals are incomplete without dessert.

A dessert wine can replace dessert but a fitting finale to any special meal is a dessert designed to match a wine.

Dessert wines fall into three categories: Ports (fortified wines), Sauternes (created by the attack of a fungus called botrytis cinerea which dehydrates the grapes and concentrates sugars) and Late Harvest, frequently riesling.

PORT AND CHOCOLATE

Great Port houses like Warre's, Graham's, Fonseca and Dow's have long dominated the Portuguese wine trade. Ports are classified as bottle aged or wood aged. Bottle-aged Ports carry a vintage date and are delicious with Stilton cheese or a blackberry crisp (recipe follows).

Tawny Ports are wood aged and are outstanding with chocolate desserts — from cookies to cakes, brownies and muffins (recipe follows). If it's chocolate, it takes to a Tawny Port. The older the Tawny Port, the better the match and even better if the dessert also contains hazelnuts.

OTIMA 20-Year-Old Tawny (\$40/500mL) is a newly-launched Port from the House of Warre's and a partner to the hugely successful OTIMA 10-Year-Old. From its attractive copper color and its nutty aromas, gained by 20 years' aging in seasoned oak casks, to its great balance and length, 20-year OTIMA is a superior pour.

SAUTERNES STYLES

The Graves region of Bordeaux in France is the home of sauternes, made from semillon, sauvignon blanc and frequently a small percentage of muscadelle,

Michigan wines compete in the international wine scene. **Focus on Wine, Page D4.**

that has been attacked by the fungus botrytis cinerea, which concentrates sugars to create a nectar-like dessert wine.

The style has been imitated by some California wineries with success. The 1999 Dolce by Far Niente (\$180/750mL) is but one example.

Chateau d'Yquem is the benchmark sauternes and commands sky-high prices. However, an affordably-priced new wine in the Michigan marketplace is Chateau

PLEASE SEE WINE, D3

RECIPES

RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE

Preheat oven to 350° F.
Crust:
1/2 cup sugar
4 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup flour
1 egg yolk, raw
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup walnuts, chopped
3 tablespoons butter, melted
Batter:
2 8-ounce packages cream cheese
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

To make crust, cream with mixer on "medium" the sugar and butter until mixture is fluffy. Add flour, yolk, vanilla and cinnamon and mix on "low."

Press into bottom of 8-inch round or square pan, ungreased. Bake 15 minutes. Cool. Process above mixture into coarse crumbs in food processor.*

In bowl combine above crumbs, walnuts and butter. Press mixture into bottom of 10-inch spring form pan, greased.

Turn oven down to 275° F. In mixer, on "medium," cream the sugar and cream cheese until it is smooth.

On "low," add and mix until just well incorporated the eggs, heavy cream and vanilla. In crust bottomed spring form pan, pour 3/4 of above mixture.

Top with 18-20 fresh raspberries,** then the remaining batter.

Place spring form pan in: large roasting pan, 3/4 filled with water (water bath).

Bake 2 1/2 hours to 3 hours. Cake should have a slight jiggle in center.

To unmold, cool at room temperature for two hours. Then take off only spring form side. Put cake in freezer for four hours.

Remove from freezer and place on stove top with burner turned to "low." Count quickly to 15. Remove from heat and slide big metal spatula between pan bottom and crust. Lift up and place cake on serving platter. (This method of separation of cake from pan bottom is a great cheesecake trick.)

Presentation: Because you baked the cake at such low heat, it shouldn't crack on top. If top is smooth, brush top with 2 tablespoons apple jelly, melted. Make tiny circles to resemble a daisy with six raspberries.

Make leaves around flowers with tiny mint leaves.

(If top of cake is cracked - as often happens no matter what you do - make a thin frosting for cake with 1 cup sour cream and 2 tablespoons confectioners sugar.)

Spread this thinly on top of cake.

Now proceed with raspberry

"flowers" described above, or make a ring around top with fresh raspberries; or take the path of least resistance and top with a fresh flower.

If you have time to dip a sharp knife in hot water before each slice - great, but if it is served at a self-serve buffet - with due respect to your family and friends - they will demolish it, says author Sylvia Lee.

The easy solution is for you to slice the cake into pie shaped slices when cake is frozen. Leave slices touching each other. Then decorate by putting a fresh raspberry on each slice and serve when it is defrosted. Serves eight-ten.

* If you don't have a food processor, do this: put cake in a plastic zip bag, pull all air out, close bag, and roll over bag with a rolling pin. Keep back and forth motion until crumbs are small size.

** You can easily substitute with 20-30 blueberries and make a Blueberry Cheesecake.

LEMON CRUNCH ROLL

Yellow genoise rolls around tart lemon curd. Perfect partnership between "puckery" and "crunchy." If you love lemon, you will love this cake; if you just like lemon, you will still love this cake.

2 eggs
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
2 lemons, juice and pulp
1 stick butter, cut up
Rind from two lemons
1/2 cup white chocolate, chopped
2 eggs
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg whites
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup whipping cream
2 teaspoons confectioners sugar
1/2 cup white chocolate, chopped

Lemon Curd Filling: Best made one day ahead and refrigerated. In heavy saucepan, combine first five ingredients. Turn heat to "low," stir constantly until thermometer registers 160° F. Stir in rind from two lemons. When cold, stir in white chocolate. Refrigerate at least eight hours.

For the Genoise (sponge roll), preheat oven to 425° F. In mixer, beat eggs, egg yolks and sugar on "medium" until thick. When thick, add 1 teaspoon vanilla.

In other bowl, whip 2 egg whites and 1 tablespoon sugar until peaks form. Add egg whites to egg yolks and sprinkle 1/2 cup flour on top. Turn mixer to "low" and mix for 10 seconds.

Spread mixture onto greased 10-inch by 15-inch jelly roll pan with greased parchment paper. Bake five to eight minutes.

Presentation:

When cool, lift genoise from pan by lifting parchment paper sides. Spread most of lemon curd on roll - reserving about two tablespoons for topping.

Using parchment as handle, roll short side into jelly roll - resulting in a fat, short roll.*

Place this in freezer for short time to set filling in place and keep shape of roll together.

Whip 1/2 cup whipping cream and 2 teaspoons confectioners sugar in mixer until peaks form.

Spread whipping cream on cold roll. Use reserved lemon curd to swirl on top and sides to get a subtle lemon marbled effect.

Sprinkle top with 1/2 cup white chocolate, chopped. Serves six to eight.

* This may also be made as a three-layer loaf. Cut frosted cake into three strips at width. Pile on top of each other and frost as above.

CARROT CAKE

1 1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 cups carrots, finely grated
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda
18-ounce package cream cheese
1/2 stick butter
2 1/2 cups confectioners sugar
1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla
Preheat oven to 325° F.

For batter, blend oil and sugar on "low" until blended:

Turn up to "medium," add 4 eggs and beat until fluffy.

Turn down to "low," add and mix until blended 3 cups carrots, 2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons cinnamon and 2 teaspoons baking soda. Turn up to "medium" and beat entire mixture 10 seconds. Pour into three nine-inch rounds, well greased.

Bake 35-40 minutes.

For frosting, beat on "medium" butter and cream cheese until fluffy. Turn to "low" and add slowly 2 1/2 cups confectioners sugar

When sugar is incorporated, add pecans and vanilla and mix 10 seconds.

Presentation: Generously frost only tops of layers and stack on top of each other. You will (obviously) have a high three layer cake. If you will not be finishing this within two days, frost sides also to keep the cake moist. Of course, you will spread the tops a little less generously, to accommodate the sides.

At even intervals on top, place three baby carrots. Draw in greens with green gel. Serves 10-12.

Recipes courtesy of 'Desserts - A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience' by Sylvia Lee of Bloomfield Hills.

DESSERT

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is her first cookbook.

Denning's mother actually enjoyed baking cakes, not pies, Denning said. "Yellow cake with chocolate frosting for my birthday," Denning said. "That's what I had."

Denning said her aunt, Peggy Puuri, of Utica, was Denning's mentor in the baking world. Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland has been going strong for 12 years at its Wayne Road location.

What makes a good dessert? "Good ingredients," Denning said. "When you bake, it's not like being a cook. And being a cook isn't like being a baker."

That means not guessing at the amounts. When you bake, you absolutely have to measure flour, sugar and the other ingredients, Denning said.

"You have to be accurate," Denning said. "You're more like a chemist. You have to be exact. People who like to cook, usually don't like to bake and people who bake usually don't like to cook."

Baking is more artistic with the decorating.

"When it's done, you have to present it. Ice it and decorate it," Denning said. "(Baking) is really a passion."

Desserts are never really out of season.

Desserts take on the produce of late summer into autumn, with apples, cranberries, blueberries, raspberries and pumpkin.

"That's really when the fruit is available," Denning said. (Blueberries and raspberries are available earlier in the summer, but it is appropriate to use them in the fall, too, Denning said, as they are still readily available.)

Pumpkin pie is popular in September, Denning said. "It just makes them think of fall," she said. "Apples are in their prime, too, and you can get a good product." Of course, Thanksgiving pies feature apple and pumpkin.

At Christmas, "everyone wants cookies," Denning said. She laughs when she thinks about instructions from women who participate in a cookie exchange. She remembers them telling her: "Don't make 'em perfect," so they can pass them off as their own.

In January, most customers want low-fat, low-carb items, in cheesecake, muffins and brownies. Chocolate returns just in time for Valentine's Day.

Chocolate continues into the spring with bumpy cakes, the luscious buttercream and chocolate cakes after Feb. 1.



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Apple-cranberry pie tastes delicious any time of year.

"People pretty much give up their diets by then," Denning said.

Cakes are popular for Easter and St. Patrick's Day, too, and then is the standard for graduations and weddings. Fresh fruit tarts are popular in the summer and all year round, Denning said: "Cheesecake is good all year round."

Denning also had a few pie-baking tips.

"The key to good pie crust is good ingredients," she said. "You need cold water and be sure you don't overmix it. The biggest problem is people overmix it." That toughens the crust.

Another common problem is overbaking cakes. Follow the directions and don't overbake it, and don't try to hurry the cake with a higher temperature, Denning said.

"If it's too hot, there will be a big bump in it and it will look like a turtle. If it isn't warm enough, you'll have a big dip in it," Denning said. "Sometimes people think they can bake it faster by turning the temperature up. You can't hurry it."

The cake should be sealed with cellophane wrap and covered when it is warm. "That keeps it moist," Denning said. Taking advantage of the

sweet freshness of fruit can give home cooks a chance to really taste summer, according to Kelli Lewton, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham and 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills.

"Michigan wild blueberries, raspberries and cherries make excellent desserts, as do peaches in cobbler, and pies," Lewton said. "Berries are great with chocolate ganache and lemon curd." She creates a Very Berry Fantasy with blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries.

Fresh orchard peaches can be mixed for a simple cobbler filling with brown and white sugars, vanilla and ginger.

"I like texture and I like fruit. Fresh fruit is at its best, and it's not refined," Lewton said. "But you're getting a little sugar and having a little fun with it."

Desserts are "colorful, crisp, clean and fragrant," Lewton said. Lewton points out that sour cherries from the Traverse City area make up about 75 percent of the country's sour cherry crop, and the sweet cherries comprise about one fifth of the nation's supply.

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Sylvia Lee offers her baking rules

Here are a few baking rules from Sylvia Lee:

The speeds of mixing are slow, medium, and fast. There's nothing fancy here, a standard four-quart mixer or even a hand-held electric mixer will work.

When adding ingredients, follow these recipes in chronological order. You will use fewer utensils and make less of a mess.

No matter what time or temperature the recipe indicates, you must check for doneness because all ovens

vary. Do this by inserting a metal skewer or wooden toothpick into the cake. When you pull it straight out, if no wet crumbs stick, the cake is done. (This method does not apply to cheese cakes.)

All extracts - vanilla, almond and others - should be pure, with no imitation anything. Pure is best and leaves no aftertaste.

When beating, mixing and stirring, always stop a few times to scrape the sides and bottom of bowl with your rubber spatula.

When using nuts, toast them for about two-four minutes in 350° oven or in toaster oven. Toasting enhances the flavor.

Rotate pans once in oven during baking time.

Whip whites and whipping cream until peaks form that do not fall down, then stop.

When recipe calls for butter, use sweet unsalted butter.

Always use large eggs.

Oven should always be preheated.

Oil should be corn or vegetable, not olive oil.

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Fruit sweetens up desserts

Kelli Lewton enjoys juicy summer fruits with her Very Berry Fantasy served with chocolate mousse, lemon curd, chocolate ganache or whipped cream.

Sweet and sour cherries are a great addition to the shortcake bar, topped over ice cream or with chocolate mousse

Summer peach cobbler can be topped with country sweet shortcake biscuits.

Here are some of Lewton's summer favorites:

SWEET SHORTCAKE BISCUITS
2½ cup all purpose flour
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon white sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ cup and 1 tablespoon cold unsalted butter
1 egg
1 cup heavy cream

Mix flour, spices and baking powder in large bowl. Cut butter into small pieces and blend by hand (fingertips) into a coarse meal texture.

Mix egg and cream in a separate bowl. Stir cream mixture into flour mixture just until blended (but don't overmix.)

Turn out onto board and knead four or five times and chill for a minimum of one hour.

To make shortcakes for berry bar: roll out dough on lightly floured board and cut with 2-inch round or fluted cutter. Use egg wash, then sprinkle with coarse sugar and bake on greased or parchment lined pan for 20-25 minutes in oven preheated to 350°F.

To make shortcake for cobbler: Break off golf-ball sizes of dough from the large ball and arrange over peach cobbler mixture, lightly egg wash and sprinkle top with coarse sugar, bake 25-30 minutes until lightly brown on top. Serve warm with vanilla bean ice cream.

PEACH COBBLER FILLING
4½ pounds of fresh orchard peaches
(Halved, pitted and sliced into ½-inch slices)
½ cup brown sugar

½ cup white sugar
½ teaspoon fresh grated ginger (optional)
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Toss all ingredients in bowl. Pour mixture into 13-by-9-by-2-inch glass baking dish. Bake in a preheated 400°F oven for 25 minutes or until bubbly and thick. Top with sweet shortcake biscuit batter.

SWEET AND SOUR CHERRIES
½ pounds, stemmed and pitted Traverse City cherries
½ cup ruby port wine
½ cup and 1 tablespoon sugar
3 tablespoons good quality aged balsamic vinegar

In heavy skillet mix all ingredients
Simmer over medium-high heat until sugar dissolves
Reduce heat to medium, then simmer for about 10 minutes until cherries are soft
(Cherries can be served warm or cold. Great as a topping on berry bars, shortcake, over ice-cream, crepes and pound cake.

LEMON CURD
4 whole eggs
3 egg yolks
4 lemons, juice and grated rind
8 ounces sugar
4 ounces whole butter

Combine eggs, yolks, lemon juice, rind and sugar.

Whip over a water bath until thick (180°F).

Remove from heat and stir in butter.

Pour into ceramic or stainless vessel to cool.

Great served on berry bars, shortbread cookies, sorbets, scones and shortcakes.

CHOCOLATE GANACHE
1½ pound of good quality dark chocolate (chopped into small pieces)
½ quart heavy cream
Heat cream in sauce pan, remove from heat and stir in chocolate whisk until smooth and thick.

WINE

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Les Roques from the Loupiac appellation within the greater Sauternes region.

Both the 2000 and 2001 vintages of Chateau Les Roques are available at \$14/375mL, making it possible to try both vintages with any apple, peach, pear or apricot dessert.

"Fifty years is the average vine age," said Chateau Les Roques' owner Alain Fertal. "Soils are clay and limestone, formed from oyster fossils. In France, we believe that both vine age and the soil are the important elements leading to the characteristics of a particular wine."

If you want to pull out all the stops with a dessert pairing, then the 1999 Chateau Les Roques Cuvée Frantz

(\$42/750mL) is the way to go. Cory Barrett, the new executive pastry chef at Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills, serves it with a sweet corn crème brûlée (recipe follows), garnished with apricot confit and hazelnut sable that heightens the fruit nectar characters.

To simplify yet imitate Barnett's plate garnishes, dot the serving plate with high-quality apricot jam and purchase premium crumbly hazelnut cookies from a gourmet pastry shop.

Compared to a Port, lower alcohol and delicacy are the outstanding features of late harvest wines that create matches with more delicate desserts such as a fresh fruit tart, dessert pizza (recipe follows) or a classic Crème Brûlée.

Classic late harvest wines from Germany are the 2002 Dr. Fischer Ockfener Bockstein

Eiswein (\$52/375mL) or the stellar value 2002 P.J. Valckenberg Madonna Eiswein (\$27/750mL). Inniskillin, a Canadian winery, is highly touted for its 2002 Riesling Ice Wine (\$78/375mL) as is Jackson-Triggs for 2002 Vidal Ice Wine (\$20/187mL), a nice size at a dinner for two.

At only 12 percent alcohol, the 2003 King Estate Pinot Gris Vin Glacé from Washington state (\$18/375mL), with marked peach, apricot, honey and passion fruit characters will work well in this late harvest category.

From Michigan, 2002 Peninsula Cellars Riesling Ice Wine (\$60/750mL), a gold medal winner at the 2004 Michigan State Fair Wine & Spirits Competition, is another excellent late harvest choice. To make a superb match, a

dessert wine must always be sweeter than the dessert.

For a dessert wine, pour 3 to 4 ounces only per person. Too much of a good thing can ruin the impression you're trying to make at the end of a well-planned meal.

Keep the dessert simple. If you don't have time to make a dessert, buy top-quality Italian biscotti at a gourmet market. Serve biscotti along with ripe peaches or apricots and a sauternes. For a vintage Port, purchase some high-quality Stilton, cut fresh from the main wheel if possible and serve it with walnuts.

A dish of freshly-cut fruit including crisp apples will pair simply and nicely with a late harvest riesling.

Contact the Healds at focusonwine@aol.com.

RECIPES

BLACKBERRY CRISP

For filling:
4 six-ounce containers fresh blackberries
6 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons freshly-squeezed lemon juice
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut in small pieces
For topping:
½ cup flour
3 tablespoons brown sugar
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
pinch of salt
2 tablespoons butter, cut in small pieces
Preheat oven to 375°F.

In a one-quart shallow, ovenproof baking dish, toss together berries, sugar, lemon juice and flour. Top with butter pieces. In a food processor fitted with metal blade, pulse together flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add butter and pulse until mixture is crumbly.

Sprinkle over berry mixture in baking dish.

Bake until berries are bubbling and topping is golden-brown (or about 40 minutes).

Serve warm and topped with vanilla ice cream if desired. Serves 4.

CHOCOLATE AND HAZELNUT MUFFINS

¾ ounces baking chocolate
¾ ounces sugar
¾ ounces butter
3 eggs, separated
2 ounces ground hazelnuts
For plate garnish:
Fresh raspberries and red currants
¾ ounces sugar
7 ounces water
Fresh mint leaves
Preheat oven to 375°F.

Melt chocolate and butter in a bain-marie (or in a bowl placed over simmering water in a saucepan). Beat sugar with egg yolks until creamy. Add chocolate with the butter and the hazelnuts and fold in beaten egg whites.

Put mixture into small molds (or ramekins) previously greased with butter and sprinkled with hazelnuts. Number of molds depends on desired size of muffins.

Bake in moderate oven (375°F) for about 8 minutes.

Bring 7 ounces of water and ¾/2 ounces of sugar to a boil for 5 minutes. Add some mint leaves. Strain, and when ready to serve, pour over raspberries and red currants as a plate garnish.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Miguel Castro Silva, Bull & Bear Restaurant, Oporto, Portugal, and Warre's Ports.

SWEET CORN CRÈME BRÛLÉE

2 ears sweet corn (kernels cut from cob)
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup whole milk
6 egg yolks
5 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Place corn, milk, and cream in a saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat. When mixture comes to a boil remove from heat and allow to cool.

Purée cooled corn mixture in a blender until homogenous. Pass mixture through a fine strainer and return to a boil. In the meantime, whisk together egg yolks, sugar and vanilla and reserve. When corn mixture comes to a boil, slowly add it to the yolk mixture, whisking continuously.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Divide mixture among four ramekins and bake in a water bath in the oven for 55 minutes.

Remove from oven and allow to cool. Dust tops of cooled brûlées with granulated sugar and caramelize under broiler. Serves 4.

Serve with 1999 Chateau Les Roques Cuvée Frantz from Loupiac.

Recipe courtesy of Executive Pastry Chef Cory Barrett, Tribute Restaurant, Farmington Hills.

FRUIT PIZZA

For dough:
2 cups all-purpose white flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 stick unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch slices
¾ cup whole milk (not lowfat milk)
For topping:
1 cup each of sliced ripe peaches (peeled), nectarines, apricots or plums and either blueberries or strawberries
Juice of one fresh lemon
4 tablespoons melted butter
6 tablespoons sugar
½ pint whipping cream
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon ground ginger

Put flour, baking powder and salt in food processor fitted with a metal blade. Pulse to mix. Add butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add milk. Pulse to mix. Gather dough into a ball. Cut in half and make two disk-shaped portions. Wrap disks in wax paper and refrigerate for a half hour.

Meanwhile, prepare sliced fruits and mix with lemon juice. Preheat oven to 450°F.

On lightly-floured working surface, roll out disks into 9-inch rounds and transfer to a lightly-buttered round pizza pan. Flute dough edges to 1/2-inch height so fruit will not slip off during baking. Using a pastry brush, lightly brush half the melted butter over pizza dough. Arrange fruit on dough, creating a design that overlaps one kind of fruit with the others. Brush fruit with remaining melted butter and sprinkle with half the sugar. Bake until crust is golden brown (about 20 minutes). Preheat broiler. Sprinkle fruit with remaining sugar and broil for one minute or until fruit just begins to bubble and caramelize. Slide fruit pizza onto a rack to cool.

Before serving, mix cream, sugar and ginger in a mixer bowl. Beat until stiff peaks form. Slide pizza onto a board and cut into wedges with a pizza cutter. Top with ginger-flavored whipped cream and serve. Makes two nine-inch pizzas.

Serve with a late harvest riesling.



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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 Web site at www.sfdlib.org. Call (248) 796-4224 for details.

Classic light dinners
Dinner is often the most difficult meal to prepare in a healthful manner. The recipes presented in this class 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, will give you the tools to prepare delicious and light meals that will leave you satisfied while helping to maintain balance in your everyday diet. Sample these following dishes and take home recipes: chicken and vegetable sauté, salmon with black honey sauce, pork tenderloin kebab, tri color fries, Tuscan bread salad, and pear and blue cheese salad with port dressing and pecans. Kate Renton is the owner of Chef Girl Productions, a company specializing in in-home culinary education for parties, showers and personal instruction. Session fee is \$22. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Taste Michigan's top wines

Michigan wines have improved. That's our assessment after judging the state's wines and spirits at the 2004 Michigan State Fair Wine & Spirits Competition last month.

We've been judges for most of the 27 years of the competition. After a few years off, we returned to find, more so than in the past, that other judges are also aware that Michigan wines compete on the international wine scene.

Gone were remarks such as, "Wow, who made this gewurztraminer in Michigan?" And this cabernet franc or chardonnay in Michigan? "In Michigan" is no longer in the question.

Only wines and spirits produced from Michigan grapes and other fruits are eligible in the competition. Thirty of the State's 40 wineries entered about 300 wines and spirits – a record number of entries.

In its first year of operation, Sandhill Crane Vineyards, located near Jackson, won two Gold Medals and four medals total out of five wines entered.

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GOLD MEDALS

Judges awarded 35 gold medals which is 12 percent of wines entered. Michigan wines were up against tough global benchmarks for cool climate wines.

The winners, excluding those winning best of class include: Bel Lago Cherry; Chateau Chantal Sparkling Cherry; Fenn Valley 2003 Chardonnay; 2003 Gewurztraminer and 2003 Pinot Grigio; Good Harbor Vineyards 2002 Pinot Grigio Vintner's Reserve; Leelanau Wine Cellars 2002 Grand Reserve Chardonnay and 2001 Tall Ship Chardonnay; Lemon Creek 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2003 Pheasant Run Red.

Peninsula Cellars won the most gold medals for vinifera varietal wines. They are 2002 Cabernet-Merlot, 2002 Gewurztraminer, 2002 Pinot Blanc and 2002 Riesling Ice Wine.

Gold medals continue with Round Barn Winery 2003 Muscat Ottonel and Edel Doux; Sandhill Crane Vineyards 2003 Raspberry and 2002 Rhapsody in Red; St. Julian 2002 Braganini Reserve Chardonnay, Catherman's Port, Cherry Eau de Vie, Cherry Wine, Pear Eau de Vie, Pear Infusion and Raspberry Infusion; Tabor Hill 2002

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Chardonnay Barrel Select and White Heritage; Warner Vineyards Solera Cream Sherry; and Black Star Farms 2002 A Capella Riesling Ice Wine, Sirius Cordial and Spirit of Plum.

A FEW FACTS

Michigan is the fourth largest grape-growing state with 13,500 acres of vineyards. Of this, about 1,500 acres are devoted to wine grapes, making Michigan the eighth in wine grape production. Remaining vineyard acreage is devoted to juice grapes such as Concord and Niagara.

Since 1997, vineyard acreage has increased 24 percent. Michigan's 40 commercial wineries produce more than 200,000 cases of wine annually, making the state 13th in wine production.

Popular tourist destinations, Michigan wineries attract more than 600,000 visitors annually. Wine production and winery tourism annually contribute \$75 million to the state's economy.

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Smooth out the summer with chai smoothies

CRÈME CARAMEL CHAI SMOOTHIES

Smoothies

2 (6 ounces) containers Yoplait Custard Style Lowfat Crème Caramel Yogurt

1 (1.1 ounce) package chai tea latte mix

1 ripe medium banana, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

1/2 cup milk

1 tablespoon caramel-flavored sundae syrup

1 1/2 cups crushed ice

Garnish

4 tablespoons whipped cream topping

4 teaspoons caramel-flavored sundae syrup

In five-cup blender, place all smoothie ingredients. Cover; blend on low speed 10 seconds. Scrape down sides of blender. Blend on medium speed an additional 20 to 30 seconds or until mixture is smooth.

Divide mixture evenly into four (eight-ounce) glasses. Garnish each serving with one tablespoon whipped cream topping; drizzle each with one teaspoon sundae syrup. Serve immediately.

Makes four 8-ounce servings.

Recipe from Pam Ivbulis of Omaha, Neb., entered in 41st Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest.

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Bake-Off entries are sweet endings

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GRANOLA-APPLE MINI CHEESECAKES

1 (8.9 ounce) box Nature Valley Roasted Almond Crunch Granola Bars (12 bars)
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
3 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs
1 (21 ounce) can apple pie filling

Heat oven to 350° F. Line 24 regular-size muffin cups with foil baking cups. Break eight granola bars into pieces; place in gallon-size resealable food-storage plastic bag or in food processor; seal bag and crush with rolling pin or meat mallet or process until fine crumbs form.

In medium bowl, mix crumbs and melted butter until well combined. Place scant tablespoon crumb mixture in each foil-lined muffin cup; press in bottom of cup to form crust.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Beat in vanilla and eggs until well combined. Cut or break remaining four granola bars, into 1/2-inch pieces; stir into creamcheese mixture. Spoon scant 1/4 cup mixture over crust in each cup.

Bake at 350° F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until set. Cool in pans on wire rack 15 minutes. Top each cheesecake with one tablespoon apple pie filling. Refrigerate until chilled, about one hour.

To serve, remove cheesecakes from muffin pans. Store in refrigerator.

Makes 24 mini cheesecakes.

Recipe from Nick DeMatteo of Sunnyside, NY.

BROWNIE GANACHE TORTE

Crust
1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup almond toffee bits
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

Chocolate Layer
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
1 tablespoon coffee-flavored liqueur or strong brewed coffee
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Filling

1 (19.5 ounce) box Pillsbury Brownie Classics Fudge Toffee or Traditional Fudge Brownie Mix
6 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
3 tablespoons water
3 egg whites
1/2 cup chopped slivered almonds, toasted*

Topping

Unsweetened whipped cream, if desired

Lightly butter bottom only of 10-inch springform pan or spray with cooking spray. In medium bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs, toffee bits, brown sugar and 1/4 cup melted butter with fork until crumbs are coated. Press in bottom of buttered pan.

In one-quart saucepan, heat whipping cream over medium-low heat until hot. Stir in liqueur. With wire whisk, stir in chocolate chips until smooth. Remove from heat. Place 1/4 cup chocolate mixture in small microwavable bowl; set aside for drizzle. Pour and carefully spread remaining chocolate mixture over crust. Freeze 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat oven to 325° F. In large bowl, mix brownie mix, six tablespoons melted butter and the water; beat 50 strokes with spoon (mixture will be thick).

In small bowl, beat egg whites with electric mixer on high speed one to two minutes or until soft peaks form. Add to brownie mixture, beat with electric mixer on low speed just until blended, about 30 seconds (batter will appear lumpy).

Remove crust from freezer. Spread batter over chocolate layer. Sprinkle almonds evenly over top.

Bake at 325° F. for 45 to 60 minutes or until center is puffed and set and edges are firm (middle will be soft). Do not overbake. Cool on wire rack two hours.

Run knife around side of pan; remove side. Microwave reserved chocolate mixture on High for 10 to 15 seconds until desired drizzling consistency; drizzle over torte. To serve at room temperature, cool an additional hour. Or refrigerate until serving time. If desired, top individual servings with unsweetened whipped cream.

Makes 16 servings.

Recipe from Barbara Estabrook of Rhinelander, Wisc.

STRAWBERRY ROLY-POLIES

Rolls

1 (11 ounce) can Pillsbury Refrigerated Breadsticks
3 rolls Betty Crocker Fruit by the Foot Strawberry Fruit Snack (from 4.5 ounce box)
1/4 to 1/3 cup sugar
1 egg white, beaten

Garnish

12 fresh strawberries
12 orange slices

Heat oven to 375° F. Grease cookie sheet with shortening or spray with cooking spray. Unroll dough; separate into 12 breadsticks. Stretch each breadstick until about nine inches long.

Unroll all fruit snack rolls. With scissors, cut each evenly into four (about eight-inch-long) pieces. Place one piece on each breadstick. Roll up each breadstick, coiling dough into spiral shape; press ends to seal. Place sugar in shallow dish. Brush top and side of each coil with beaten egg white; roll in sugar. Place sugar side up on greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375° F. for 11 to 16 minutes or until light golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Cool five minutes. Serve warm with strawberries and orange slices.

Makes 12 servings (one roll, one berry and one orange slice each).

Recipe from Cathy Frey of Lock Haven, Pa.

Enjoy cobbler and all its variations

BERRY COBBLER

There's a different interpretation of this simple, comforting dessert for every season and every fruit. Berries, apples, peaches, pears, and even cherries can be spiced with a simple touch of cinnamon or a more intense combination of diced candied ginger and orange zest and covered with a crispy streusel or a buttery biscuit topping.

Fruit Filling

6 cups fresh boysenberries, Marionberries, raspberries, or blueberries
1 cup cold water
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Biscuit Topping

2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, diced
1 cup milk

One quart Vanilla Bean Ice Cream or 1-1/2 cups whipped cream, as accompaniment.
Mint sprigs, for garnish.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Grease a two-quart casserole dish, add the berries, and set aside.

Combine the water, sugar, and cornstarch in a heavy saucepan over medium-high heat and bring just to a boil, stirring constantly. Pour the syrup over the berries, and then sprinkle with the cinnamon and dot with the butter.

To prepare the topping, mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Add the butter and mix with your fingertips until the mixture resembles a coarse meal.

Add the milk and stir just until the dough comes together. Drop the dough by spoonfuls onto the prepared fruit. Set the cobbler on a sheet pan (to save your oven in case the filling overflows) and bake until golden brown and bubbly, 45-50 minutes.

Let cool for about 15 minutes before serving.

Serve warm topped with vanilla ice cream or softly-whipped cream and garnish with mint sprigs.

Variations

Cherry Cobbler: Follow the Berry Cobbler master recipe, substituting six cups pitted cherries for the berries and adding one cup chopped bitersweet chocolate to the fruit. Proceed as directed in the master recipe.

Peach-Tuaca Cobbler: Follow the Berry Cobbler master recipe, substituting six cups peeled, sliced peaches for the berries and adding 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves, and 1/2 cup Tuaca liqueur along with the cinnamon.

Proceed as directed in the master recipe.

Serves eight.

Recipe from Caprial's Desserts by Caprial Pence and Melissa Carey (Ten Speed Press, 2004, \$24.95).

Caribou creates line of Kosher products

Caribou Coffee, the nation's second largest specialty coffee company, announced its pre-packaged whole bean, ground coffee, and office coffee traditional packages will be Kosher Certified and parve, as designated by Blue Ribbon Kosher Certification.

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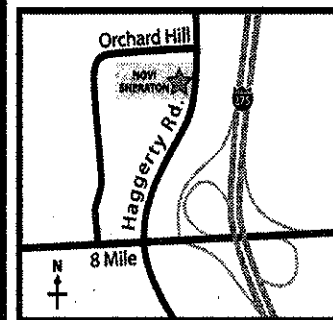
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Chef creates imaginative desserts in new cookbook

Desserts are highlighted in the new cookbook, *Caprial's Desserts* by Caprial Pence and Melissa Carey, Ten Speed Press, \$24.95.

BERRY PIE

Cappy's Pie Crust for a double-crust pie

6 cups fresh blackberries or any other summer berries
1 cup plus 2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground allspice
finely grated zest of 1 lemon
juice of ½ lemon
¼ cup cornstarch
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, diced
2 tablespoons milk
1 quart hazelnut gelato as accompaniment

Preheat the oven to 375° F.

On a well-floured board, roll half of the dough out into a 10-inch circle. Fit the dough into a nine-inch pie plate (leave the excess dough for the moment); set aside.

Toss the berries with one cup of the sugar and the cinnamon, ginger, and allspice in a large bowl. Add the lemon zest and juice and the cornstarch; mix well. Spoon the fruit into the crust and dot with the butter.

Roll the remaining dough out into a 10-inch circle and fold it into quarters. Lightly wet your fingertips and run them over the edge of the bottom crust to help the top crust adhere. Set the top crust over the berries, unfold it, and trim the edges of both crusts to about ½ inch. Roll the edges under and flute. Dock the crust by pricking the top with a fork or cutting slits in the top with a knife. Brush the top crust with the milk and sprinkle with the remaining two teaspoons sugar. Bake for 15 minutes, then lower the temperature to 350° F and bake until golden brown and bubbly, 35 to 40 minutes longer. Let cool for about 20 minutes before serving.

Serve warm with hazelnut gelato. Serves eight.

Variations:

Peach-Raspberry Pie. If you have super-ripe fruit, you may want to cut the sugar back by about ¼ cup. If it's not the ripest, add two or three tablespoons of sugar, depending on the fruit.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Prepare a single recipe of Cappy's Pie Crust. On a well-floured board, roll the dough out into a 10-inch circle. Fit the dough into a nine-inch pie plate, fold the edges under, and flute; set aside. Follow the Summer Berry Pie recipe, substituting three cups fresh raspberries and four peeled and sliced ripe peaches for the blackberries, and using one teaspoon ground ginger and ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg for the spices. Top the pie with two cups Streusel Topping instead of a top crust. Bake until golden brown and bubbly, about one hour. Let

cool for about 20 minutes before serving. Serve warm with softly whipped cream. Serves eight.

CAPPY'S PIE CRUST

1-½ cups flour
¼ cup cold unsalted butter, diced
¼ cup shortening
½ teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons ice water

Makes enough for a single-crust pie (double the recipe for a double-crust pie).

Place the flour, butter, shortening, and salt in a large bowl and, using your fingertips, blend until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add the water and mix with your fingertips or a large fork just until the dough comes together. Turn the dough out onto a well-floured board, form it into a disk with your hands, and let rest for 15 to 30 minutes before rolling. Roll the dough out and proceed as directed in the recipe.

The dough can be refrigerated for up to two days or frozen for up to three months.

Recipe from *Caprial's Desserts* by Caprial Pence and Melissa Carey (Ten Speed Press, 2004, \$24.95).

HAZELNUT GELATO

3 cups whole milk
3 cups heavy whipping cream
1 vanilla bean, split in half lengthwise
2 cups ground toasted hazelnuts
½ cup hazelnut liqueur
5 egg yolks
1-¼ cups sugar

Combine the milk, cream, vanilla bean, hazelnuts, and liqueur in a large bowl; cover and let steep in the refrigerator for at least 24 hours.

Place the milk mixture in a heavy saucepan over low heat, and bring just to a boil. Remove the pan from the heat, cover, and let it steep for one hour. Set the saucepan over low heat, and again bring the mixture just to a boil. Meanwhile, whisk together the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl. Slowly whisk the hot milk mixture into the egg yolk mixture to temper it, or bring it up to the same temperature.

Pour the mixture back into the saucepan, whisk until smooth, and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly with a plastic spatula until it has thickened and coats the back of a spoon, five to seven minutes. Scrape the seeds from the inside of the vanilla bean into the mixture (discard the bean). Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve. Refrigerate for at least two hours, or until well chilled (it should be at least 40° F or colder).

To freeze the gelato, follow the manufacturer's directions for your ice cream maker. Transfer the gelato to a covered container and place in freezer until completely frozen.

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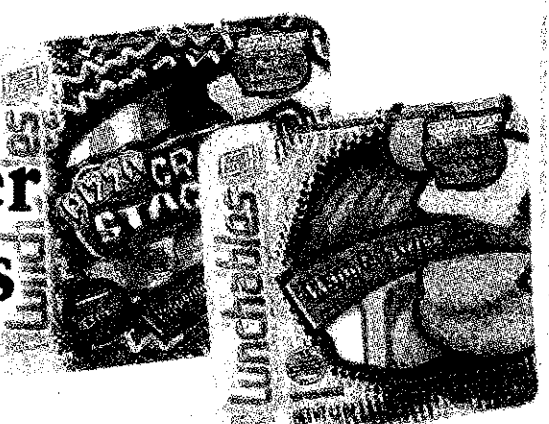
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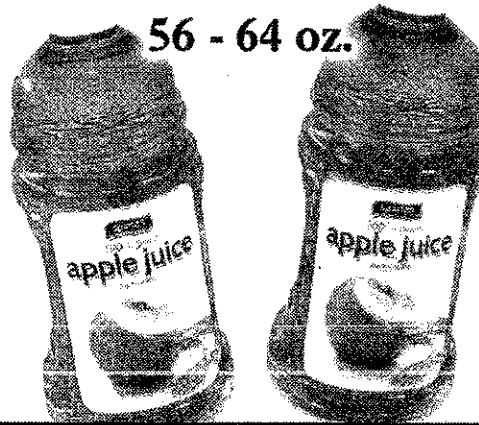
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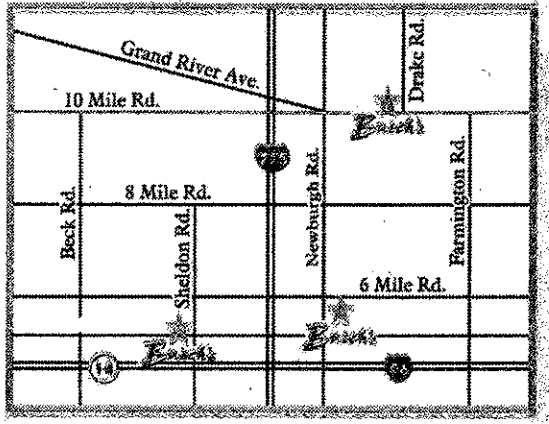
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No bargains for time share condos

A number of years ago, your column mentioned the fact that a number of hotels in New York were being converted to time share residences. Do you have any update on the condominium-time share market in Manhattan?

As you may know, for many years, co-ops were the norm in New York. However, there has been a tremendous change in the establishment of new condominiums and in particular, time share hotel rooms which are like studios located in prime locations and, like everything else, are very expensive per square foot. One time share hotel I recently visited is at the base of Central Park and has approximately 700 square feet as amenities such as an extensive health club, extensive security and valet service. Many of the hotels are considering conversions to time share hotel units where you purchase a number of weeks, sometimes a half of year for a considerable cost in relation to the total cost of the unit if it were sold as a complete fee. However, the cost of apartments and condominiums in New York has, as might be expected, gone out of sight particularly after 9/11 and there are not any bargains to speak of. You are best advised to consult with a Realtor and community association attorney.

One of the members of our association has built a deck that does not comply with the Architectural Control Committee's requirements. The president of our board says it is only a small violation and it is no big deal but it is a problem for the association. Do you think we would be entitled to court relief?

Assuming that the deck was not constructed in conformity to the standards set forth by your association, the courts have indicated that it is "a well understood proposition that a breach of a covenant, no matter how de minimis the damage is, can be subject of enforcement." In short, if the language of your documents is clear and the breach is clear, then it is not a question of damage or the extent of the violation as the courts have indicated that the mere circumstance of the breach of the covenant "affords sufficient ground for the Court to interfere by injunction."

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 information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Buy a second home for pleasure or an investment

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

A home away from home - paradise found - your very own lake or riverfront hideaway. As summer comes to a close, many people are thinking about buying a second home. It could be for pleasure or an investment.

"It's been a buyer's market this year because of the economy," said Donna Jepsen of Century 21 Ace Realty in Oscoda. "The interest rates are down, it's an excellent time to buy. If you're looking for bargains and are ready to move you could probably find them in September and October."

Oscoda is an attractive area for vacationers - two beautiful inland lakes, Cedar and Van Etna, Lake Huron and the AuSable River - less than four hours away.

"It's beautiful up here," said Katy Ross, a Realtor with RE/MAX Rectory Realty in Boyne City. "I grew up in the Detroit area and we always had a cabin Up North."

Ross sees an influx of buyers in the beginning of the summer and an upswing in the fall. She's a strong believer in purchasing property you can enjoy on vacation and rent out as an investment.

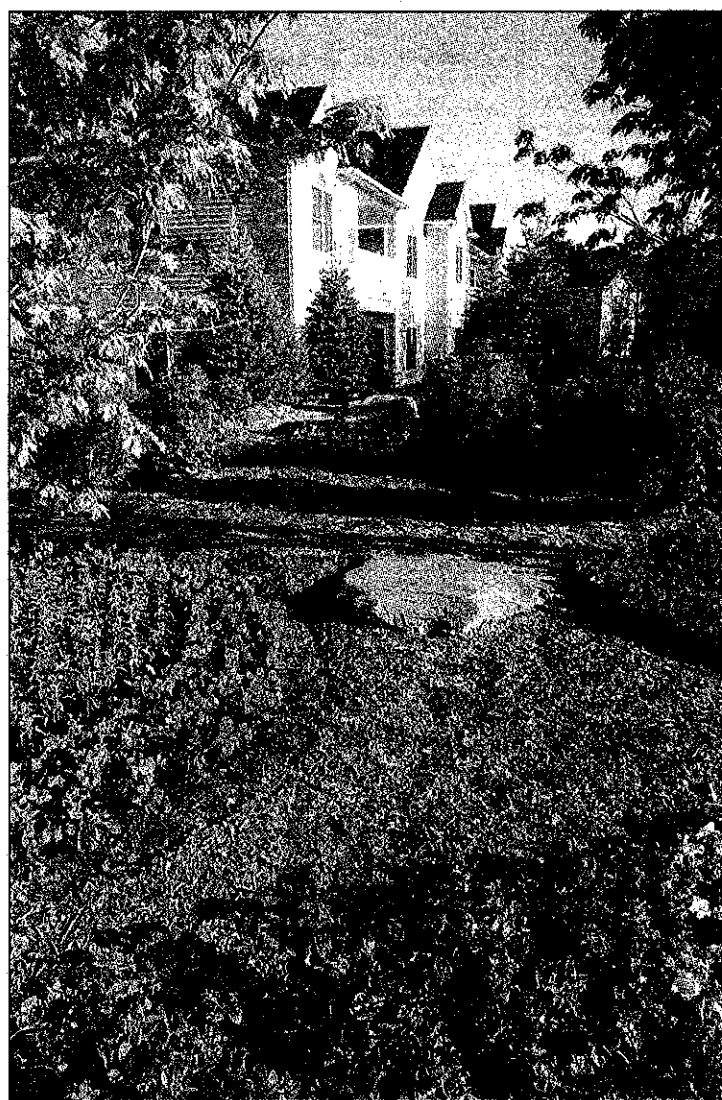
So is Beverly Schmittiel, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Rochester. "Look in an area that's not seasonal, but a year-round package because that's where you'll make more money. You can use the money from rent to help pay your mortgage and taxes."

People buy second homes for other reasons too. One of Schmittiel's clients is looking for a rental property to supplement her retirement income.

Off-campus housing can be expensive, and is also a good investment. "People buy property for their kids to live in while they're going to college and continue renting it after they graduate," said Schmittiel. "There are many people doing that."

Lots of people are buying second homes, for vacation, as an investment, or both.

According to research con-



Existing woodlands are accented with lush flower beds at The Shores at Mackinaw, a community of 72 vacation condominium homes on the shores of Lake Huron.

ducted by the National Association of Realtors, the median age of second-home buyers is 47 compared with 32 for first-time buyers.

Most second homes are used as vacation properties, but that's changing. The number of second homes purchased as investment properties grew from 20 percent in 1999 to 37 percent in 2002.

Vacation home owners estimate the value of their property to be 18 percent higher than investment homeowners estimate their property to be worth. Data collected by the NAR suggests that this could reflect the desire for more amenities in vacation homes than in investment properties.

Buying a two-family house is

a good way for young couples and families to build equity. Live in one flat and rent out the other. Most second homes purchased as investment properties are in metro areas and are often the primary residence of renter households.

If you're in the market for a second home, do your homework. "The mortgages are different," said Ross. "You normally have to put 10 percent down. Research the tax laws, and be prepared. You'll pay a higher tax on a second home."

After a relaxing vacation a cabin in the woods might seem like a good idea, but make sure you buy something that has resale value, recommends Schmittiel. Become familiar

with city codes and laws regulating rental property.

"You can't write off the interest on a second home, but you can get an equity loan on your primary residence and write off that interest," said Jepsen. "Lakefront property is getting expensive and scarce. It's a good investment, the rates go up every year."

Cathy Doig, sales director at The Shores at Mackinaw, a new community of 72 vacation condominium homes on the shores of Lake Huron, says 40 percent of the buyers are from Oakland County.

"They're looking for a property they can vacation in now, get rental income from when they're not using it, and use as a summer home when they retire," she said. "Anyone who buys a second home should view it as an investment. About 50 percent of our residents participate in the rental program."

The Shores at Mackinaw offers an on-site property management service that coordinates all rental aspects including scheduling reservations, housekeeping and maintenance services. Management fees equal 35 percent of rental revenues. Typical weekly rental rates start at \$455 for winter and can reach \$2,200 during the peak summer season.

Location is important too. "You want to choose a unique location and see what's happening in the greater area around the property," said Doig. "Think through who is going to use the home. What family members will be visiting? Do you have the amount of space you'll need? Also, what is the proximity to your home? Is there easy access?"

From Troy, the Shores at Mackinaw is only a 3 1/2-hour drive on I-75, if you don't stop. "Lots of people come for the weekend," said Doig. Mackinac Island is a 15-minute ferry ride away, Mackinaw City is a mile away, and skiing at Nub's Nob and Boyne Highlands are only 25 minutes away.

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Take action early to stop foreclosure

Some time ago, I told an inquiring reader the steps he must take to avoid foreclosure on his home. He did not like - or perhaps would not hear - the truth about his situation and he took no action to help himself. Recently, he and his distraught wife watched as the sheriff had their furniture and possessions removed from what used to be their home. After missing over a year of mortgage payments, their home had a new owner.

Foreclosure is ugly, but rarely necessary. Homeowners usually know it's coming, and they have many months during which they can take corrective action.

The foreclosure process begins after borrowers get very far behind on their monthly mortgage payments. Lenders usually try to work things out with the borrowers, but if the borrower remains noncompliant or unresponsive, the lender forecloses to regain the home's title to minimize its losses.

The foreclosure process takes many months and there are several points along the way at which borrowers may break the chain of events. Here are a few that come straight from my heart.

If it looks like your next mortgage payment may be a full 30 days late, contact your creditors, banker, and mortgage lender for help immediately. If you are already late on your recent mortgage payments, do not give up. Your credit scores will have dropped, and you will not get favorable mortgage terms, but you may still be able to save your home with a refinancing.

If it's very late in the foreclosure process, but you still retain title to your home, certain real estate investors may purchase your home to lease it back to you until you can get back on your financial feet. Usually, you agree to buy your home back from the investor within a couple years. This is an expensive way to go, but it can help you save your home.

Do not lie to yourself. Do not be too proud. Early intervention is your key to success, and your options become more limited and more expensive the longer you wait.

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Tips for buying second or luxury home

(NAPSI) - If you've been planning - or even just dreaming - of buying a luxury home or second home, there could be good news for you. There are real estate professionals who specialize in fine homes and estates and who can recognize the unique sense of style and taste that a luxury home can represent.

These professionals understand that luxury home buyers are looking for a home reminiscent of their own signature style - and know how to help their customers get the homes they want. One recommendation is to get pre-approved for a mortgage. This process can often be done in under an hour and it accomplishes two important goals.

1. It will tell you how much house you can afford and what your monthly payments would be.

2. It tells the seller that you can afford to buy their home.

By definition, a pre-approved buyer generally has an approved mortgage subject to an appraisal of the property. Many times, a buyer can use this pre-approved status as leverage during the negotiation process.

There are many terms you should know when looking for a mortgage for your high-end home. Some options include super jumbo, a really big loan, an Interest Only ARM which lets you pay interest only for the first several years of the loan. If you're self-employed you may want to consider a SELPH loan, which provides the convenience of reduced documentation.

Another tip is to make sure to look at all aspects of the property when comparing homes. Questions to ask include:

- Is the property tax approximately the same?
- Are both houses renovated to the

same degree?

- Do they both have the same number of bedrooms and bathrooms?

- Are both houses located on the same or similar streets?

- Does either house have any encumbrances?

Once you find the home you like, you may need to make an offer for the house. This can be a trying time since both parties have very different goals. It may be better to have a third party, such as a real estate professional, negotiate the offer. If you do have any personal interaction with the homeowner, don't give out any information about your move, your current housing status, financial status or your feelings about their property, positive or negative.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of April 12-16 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		Garden City		Lyonia		Westland	
47462 Adriana	\$100,000	31020 Birchlawn	\$190,000	24695 Donald			\$155,000
2051 Arcadia	\$173,000	5757 Gilman	\$132,000	16889 Five Points			\$89,000
2069 Arcadia	\$162,000	30573 Hennepin	\$196,000	26571 Kendall			\$141,000
2088 Arcadia	\$176,000	7005 Inkster	\$134,000	11692 Kinloch			\$63,000
2106 Arcadia	\$198,000	5744 Lathers	\$138,000	15654 Leona			\$100,000
6912 Ardsley	\$203,000			11457 Leverne			\$140,000
42674 Beechwood	\$206,000	18847 Aspen	\$526,000	18807 Norborne			\$141,000
8351 Brewster	\$417,000	27544 Buckingham	\$136,000	11140 Rockland			\$123,000
7529 Capri	\$230,000	11785 Camden	\$46,000	14110 Royal Grand			\$154,000
6517 Carriage Hills	\$193,000	34623 Dover	\$275,000	8858 Sarasota			\$132,000
1350 Centennial	\$159,000	33373 Fargo	\$82,000	8939 Sarasota			\$127,000
1400 Centennial	\$161,000	16934 Farmington	\$170,000	12827 Wormer			\$123,000
1515 Centennial	\$161,000	18375 Gillman	\$148,000				
366 Cherry Hill Pointe	\$237,000	15527 Golfview	\$243,000	755 Alvin			\$160,000
44981 Coachman	\$185,000	8894 Houghton	\$181,000	295 Carson			\$225,000
40676 Deer Creek	\$85,000	19189 Inkster	\$141,000	31820 Grandview			\$154,000
45812 Drexel	\$284,000	29722 Jacquelyn	\$195,000	35247 Hazelwood			\$105,000
39815 Edmonton	\$185,000	35968 Jamison	\$206,000	38128 Hixford			\$132,000
4156 Elizabeth	\$160,000	9091 Louise	\$130,000	8161 Huntington			\$73,000
1562 Emerald Pines	\$85,000	13953 Lyons	\$158,000	432 Marigold			\$135,000
48769 Hanford	\$181,000	20770 Maplewood	\$163,000	30060 Marshall			\$173,000
367 Harbor	\$380,000	14483 Park	\$176,000	32759 Missaukee			\$50,000
45089 Horseshoe	\$195,000	36572 Roycroft	\$212,000	7447 N. Kingston			\$130,000
45105 Horseshoe	\$178,000	9162 Sunbury	\$158,000	7453 N. Kingston			\$139,000
45257 Horseshoe	\$179,000	36784 Sunnydale	\$213,000	8462 Perrin			\$156,000
42687 Lilley Pointe	\$93,000	29860 W. Chicago	\$170,000	7784 Princeton			\$142,000
41260 Maplewood	\$180,000	19001 Maplewood	\$163,000	39179 Randolph			\$133,000
41270 Maplewood	\$227,000	20137 Weyher	\$175,000	35635 Schley			\$56,000
41280 Maplewood	\$183,000			37180 Vincent			\$149,000
5944 Meadowview	\$366,000	550 Arthur	\$233,000	33018 Warren			\$74,000

Rates on 30-year mortgages fall to lowest level in four months

Analysts said the weakness in growth was easing investors' fears that inflation will suddenly worsen and make their bond holdings worth less.

Nothaft said the low rates were helping to keep sales of new and existing homes at record levels and he predicted "2004 will be another banner year for the housing industry."

The new Freddie Mac survey showed that rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, also declined to 5.19 percent, down from 5.24 percent. For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, rates dipped to 4.01 percent, down from 4.08 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year mortgage carried an average 0.7 point fee while the 15-year and 1-year mortgages both carried 0.6 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.24 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.58 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.75 percent.

Mortgage rates declined again this week with 30-year mortgages remaining below the 6 percent level for a third consecutive week, Freddie Mac reported Thursday, Aug. 19.

The mortgage giant said that its latest nationwide survey showed that rates on 30-year, fixed-rates mortgages fell to 5.81 percent. That's down from the average rate of 5.85 percent last week and is the lowest level for 30-year mortgages in more than four months, since they averaged 5.79 percent the week of April 8.

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 a significant slowdown in economic activity in the late spring and early summer.

Analysts said the weakness in

growth was easing investors' fears that inflation will suddenly worsen and make their bond holdings worth less.

"Mortgage rates eased even further in response to a setback in economic growth during June and possibly July," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac. "However, we believe the slowdown to be temporary and we expect growth to pick up in the

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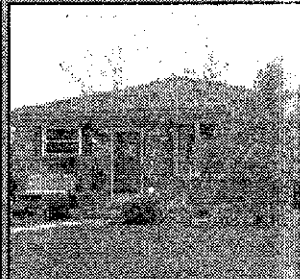
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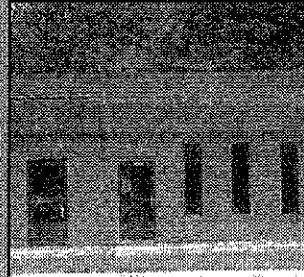
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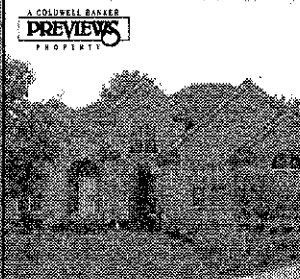
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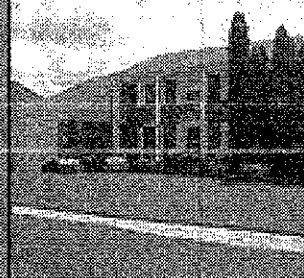
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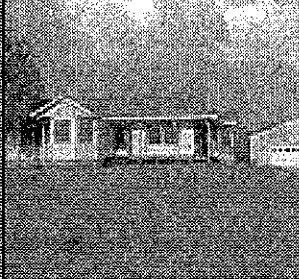
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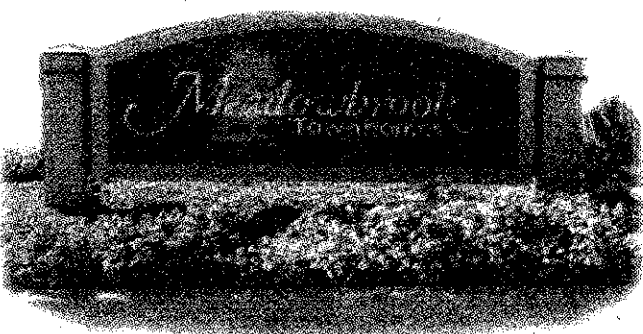
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Farm could house retirement community

(AP) — The 140-acre farm where New Hampshire statesman Daniel Webster grew up could be the site of a retirement housing community.

Elmer Pease II of PD Associates Real Estate Consultants in Auburn signed a purchase and sales agreement for the property in the fall and expects to bring his initial building plans to city planners next month.

"I've been in this business for 25 years, and I think this is a sterling opportunity," Pease said. "It will create a nice tax base for the town, provide housing that is needed in New Hampshire, and there will be no children added into the school system."

But to the family that has farmed the Webster grounds since 1960, the idea is a bad one. They worry about losing

the land's history.

"To see somebody come in and walk all over that for the almighty dollar isn't right," said Daniel Fife, who lives across the street with his father, Clarence. "We are here for only a short lifetime. As soon as they start putting houses on it, it will never be the same."

Clarence Fife, 75, briefly owned the land before he sold it to the current owner, Sisters of the Holy Cross, in 1960 with the agreement that he could farm it for the next 33 years.

That lease expired in 2000, and while the Fifes don't have an official arrangement to farm the land, their livelihood does depend on the alfalfa they harvest there.

Daniel Webster moved to the property with his family as a child and commuted by train from the farm to his Boston

law office. Webster's home and a small family cemetery still remain on the grounds.

In the late 1870s, the property became the New Hampshire Orphan's Home, and it remained so until the 1950s. The walls in the dormitories and dining halls still hold the carvings of the orphans, and Daniel Fife finds their marbles when he's working the fields.

The Fifes would like to preserve the property but can't afford the \$1.2 million asking price. They also haven't been able to generate interest from many of the conservation and preservation groups they've contacted.

Pease is the latest in a line of developers who have looked at the property since Sisters of the Holy Cross put it up for sale in 2000.

The land came to Pease's

attention several months ago when a business associate suggested he look at it for the sort of retirement communities he had been building in southern New Hampshire. Pease said he intends to refurbish the brick and wood buildings on the property, including Webster's house, which have fallen into disrepair. He will market them to business or health professionals who serve the older population.

Pease said he'd preserve much of the open space near the front of the property, which is along Route 3, and situate clusters of retirement homes along the river in the back. "In a lot of my projects, we have kept as much open space as we can," he said.

Information from: *Concord Monitor*, www.cmonitor.com

Retirement communities key to living well

(NUI) — Today, growing older doesn't necessarily mean slowing down your life. In fact, just the opposite is true, as thousands of seniors have already discovered how to enjoy their "golden years" with vigor and style.

Not content with sitting in front of the television, today's senior citizens are swimming with dolphins, learning a new art form and even plunging from a plane in their first sky-dive.

What is the key to their happiness and well-being? According to a recent study, it could be living in a retirement community.

According to a University of Michigan study, people who live in retirement communities

are more satisfied with their daily lives and are more likely to be happy than their contemporaries who remain in their own homes.

Residents of these communities also are more likely to say their health is better today than it was two years ago, the study concluded.

Many retirement communities not only give seniors a place to share common interests, but also provide unique opportunities to try new hobbies and experiences.

For instance, the Fountains communities, located in 13 states at 19 locations, plan activities and excursions for their residents. On a recent excursion to Key Largo, Fountains residents age 78 to

98 swam in natural lagoons with six Atlantic bottlenose dolphins.

Creative expression also is encouraged at the Fountains, home to hundreds of artists — both professional and amateur. Each year, the company produces an annual calendar featuring the work of its resident artists.

Communities such as the Fountains also offer various styles of retirement living to meet different needs and desires.

For seniors who want to maintain or enhance their independent lifestyle, the Fountains' "Town Center" neighborhoods offer apartments, cottages, cabanas; casitas, bungalows, suites or

condos. Amenities include dining venues, fitness centers, salons, lounges, movie theaters, bank branches, convenience stores and wellness clinics.

For seniors who want to live independently with some assistance and supervision, the Fountains provides ready access to services, gentle encouragement and motivation from the community's 24-hour staff. Medicare-certified nursing care for those recuperating or rehabilitating from illness is also available at many locations.

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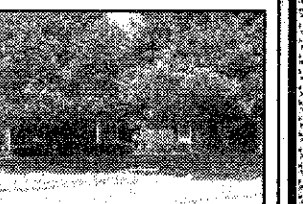
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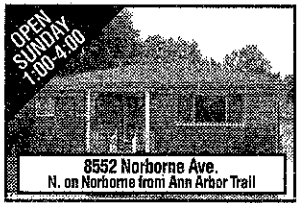
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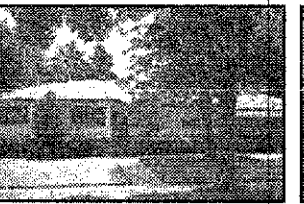
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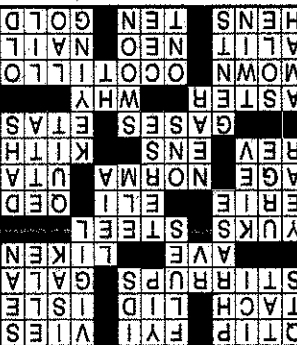
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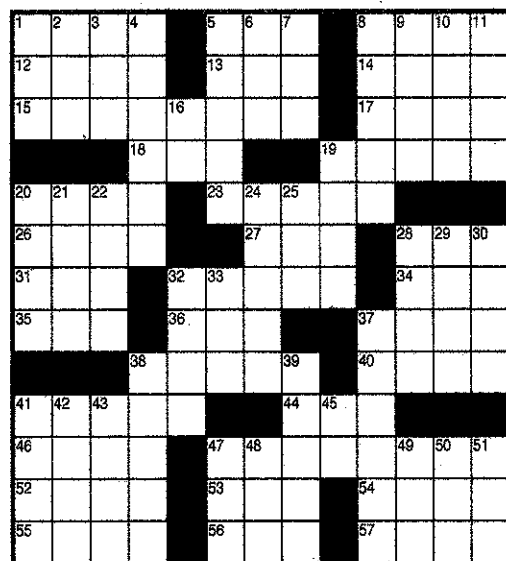
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ACCOUNTANT
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ALL POSITIONS
Needed apply in person. Merri-Bow 30950 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI, 48154

APARTMENT SITE MANAGER
Singh Management Company is seeking to fill FULL TIME position. Responsibilities include managing the day-to-day operations of an apartment community including but not limited to: purchasing, managing a staff, customer service, preparing weekly status reports and ensuring the maintenance of the community's superior appearance. Successful candidates shall have 2 yrs. of experience as a site manager or 5 years experience in another position within property management, proficient skills with MS Word and MS Excel and the ability to work with the public. E.O.E. Fax resumes with salary requirements to 248-661-8290

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ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
A large senior living community has an immediate opening for a FULL TIME Assistant Administrator. This position requires an independent thinker with strong problem solving skills and interpersonal skills, very organized, strong communication skills, excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Qualified candidates must be able to multi-task and function in a team environment. Bachelor's degree required or equivalent experience. Send resume with SALARY REQUIREMENTS to: J.B. P.O. Box 255005 West Bloomfield, MI 48325 or fax to (248) 865-1630

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Experienced Building Assistant Maintenance Supervisor to oversee Two High-Rise communities. Ideal candidate will possess 3+ years High-Rise Building Maintenance and 2 years supervisory experience. Excellent compensation and benefits package including bonuses, 401k, Health, Dental, Vacations and Holiday Pay. EOE. Send resume with salary requirements 248-559-5002

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AUTO PAINTER
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AUTO SALES
High volume used car lot downtown Plymouth needs exp. sales people or possibly will train right party. Earn up to \$125K. Ask for J.R. (734) 455-5566

Auto tech/service writer
Certified only, drive ability helpful. No weekends, Westland. John 734-427-7776

Auto Technician needed for Lube-Oil-Filter Service. Great opportunity for entry-level individual. Require some experience or equivalent education. Hourly plus commission, full benefit package & 5 day work week. See Steve Clement. Lou LaRiche Chevrolet (734) 453-4600

AUTO TECHNICIANS
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BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS
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Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)

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DELIVERY DRIVER LOCAL

Must have CDL-B. Hazmat endorsement a plus! Mechanically inclined and have customer service skills with knowledge of the metro area. **Mail or Fax resume to: 13455 Stamford Ct., Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: (734) 427-4493**

DELIVERY PERSONNEL

Established hot tub retail co. in Novi w/ two locations seeks delivery crew members to join our team. Candidates must have excellent driving record, good communication skills & willingness to learn. Prior exp. helpful. Full time, w/ benefits package. Call 248-474-9600

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part time. Team player needed for family oriented sports practice in West Bloomfield. (248) 661-4000

DIRECT CARE ASSISTANT

Join the team. Support special population adults in their home and community. We will train. \$7.50 per hour, plus benefits. 734-728-1176 (Westland Area) & 313-292-1746 (Taylor Area).

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Clarenceville Church, Livonia. 20 hrs/week. 248-474-3444

DISPATCHER

Flatbed Dispatcher needed for a 30 truck operation. Exp. in running day to day transportation operations, hauling general freight, and heavy machinery loads. Must have knowledge of DOT rules & regulations of interstate trucking, along with computer skills. Send resume w/salary requirements to: MSA Delivery Services, 4901 Dewitt, Canton, MI 48188

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Wixom area. Senior boardman (m/f) for mechanical, electrical, hy-draulic fixtures, tooling and maintenance. Call x. 224 (248) 685-0961

DRIVER Owner/Operator

looking for OTR Driver, long & short runs. Have CDL. Paid all miles. Call 248-78-5829

DRIVER

Truck driver needed, must have CDL license, exp. on lift trucks, packaging & shop clean up. Apply by mail or in person to: 33100 Capitol, Livonia, MI 48150. 734-427-8550

DRIVER

to transport clients to medical/other appointments. Must be 21 or older, have exp. people skills, good driving record. APPLY IN PERSON: 1015 E. Grand River, Brighton (behind Taorello Plaza).

DRIVER - CDL TRACTOR TRAILER

Steel and building supply deliveries in the tri-county area for Redford building supply company. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume or apply at: 12584 Interstar, Redford, MI 48239 or FAX: (313) 937-2426

DRIVER POSITION

available for playing plant. Good pay & individual. Fax resume to: 313-431-0315 or call 734-331-0315. Thurs. between 1 & 3pm for appt. 313-341-4791.

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PT Driver for small van delivery service for NW Suburb. AM, Weekdays. Excellent Wages/Benefits. Call (313) 538-0360 between 1:30-3:00PM only. Ask for Paulette or fax resume to (313) 538-4427. EOE

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Looking for local delivery? Like physical work? We've got it. Roof-top delivery of shingles - you won't need to go to the gym after work. 500-800 daily lifts @ 90#. Good driving record only. Year-round, plenty of OT and great benefits. **Wimsatt Building Materials** 36340 Van Born Rd, Wayne

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DRIVERS-LOCAL

Small package courier company seeks independent contractors for deliveries in Metropolitan area. Need dependable vehicle. M/F & retiree's welcome. Apply at 32464 Schoolcraft, Suite B, rear entrance. 9-5, Mon-Fri. (734) 591-0335

EDM OPERATOR

at ISO shop. Cincinnati type in NW Detroit. Fadel exp. a plus. Must have exp. Fax resume: 313-838-6268

EXM WIRE OPERATOR

with programming experience Full time/part time. Benefits. 401K. 734-591-1044

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ELECTRICIAN

1 year plus experience. Residential. New construction. Fax resume to: 313-386-4461

ELECTRICIAN

Fast growing electrical contracting company looking for dependable electrician. Minimum 2 years exp. Must have documented hours. Good pay & benefits available. We service all of SE Michigan. Call 248-431-1000

ELECTRICIAN

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Willing to Train

Apply on Site Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

TFI Wholesale

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chris schindler

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FRONT DESK

Various shifts, full time. Please apply in person: 14600 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170

GENERAL HELPER

Full-time for Westland Apts. Must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. Housekeeping & light maintenance exp. a plus. 734-425-0052

GENERAL HELPER NEEDED

Must be dependable versatile person for unique sign business, full time, computer skills required. Call David 734-427-4141.

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At ISO shop Boring Mill / Hydrotest / Blanchard. Must have experience. Fax resume: 313-838-6268

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Join our growing team of generator technicians. We are presently looking for generator technicians w/ a strong electrical background. Must have previous experience in stand by generators & ATS maintenance repair. Looking for someone who can hit the ground running. Capable of working on CAT, ONAN, GENERAC, and KOHLER. Must have own tools, good driving record, good customer relation skills, and positive attitude. Please send resume to: Observer & Eccentric, Newspapers, Box 9673, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

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Hair Dresser & Manicurist

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HAIR STYLIST

Salon Inspire looking for educated stylists to booth-ten. Only 6 chairs left. \$250. Apply within: 630 Starkweather, Plymouth (734) 927-6690

HAIR STYLIST

Full/part time, guaranteed salary, benefits. Call 734-421-0078

HAIR STYLIST NEEDED

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Hotel

Front Desk & Housekeeping Apply in person: Holiday Inn Express 3950 S. Lotz Rd., Canton.

HOUSEKEEPER

Part-time for Southfield Apts. 248-353-9050

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HR SPECIALIST

Novi company seeks experienced individual for entry level position. 25 to 40 hrs. weekly. Fax resume w/wage requirements to 248-675-4545.

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Fast growing co. looking for Dependable Hard Working Individuals. Must have a valid drivers license & dependable transportation. Exp. helpful, but will train the right candidates. Positions Hiring for: **Insulation Installers Gutter Installers Fireplace Installers**

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INSTRUCTORS

w/degree to work with children in developmentally based learning centers. Fax 248-536-0303. Visit: www.excellinstitute.com

Cash In With Classifieds!

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Part-time, experienced with transportation. Romulus & Southwest Detroit area. (313) 831-3070 x 251

JANITORIAL

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Northwest Detroit Companies seeking motivated, hard-working employees for:

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KITCHEN DESIGNERS

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Outdoor physical work. Immediate openings. Top dollar paid. (248) 477-7727

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Construction Co. seeks full-time highly motivated individuals for light construction. Must possess a strong work ethic, valid driver's license, ability to drive a stick shift and work as a team member in a drug free work environment. \$15-18/hr. Year round work. Call: (734) 547-8246 ask for ext. 202. Mon-Fri. 9 am-3pm only.

LATHE OPERATOR

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LAWN CARE CO.

In Livonia seeks full time employee. Growing business with plenty of room for advancement. Minimum one-year exp. Reliable, hard-working & own transport a must. Great work environment & pay!! Five Star Lawn Care LLC (734) 525-3680

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LEASING AGENT

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LEASING CONSULTANT

Beautiful upscale apartment community in West Bloomfield is looking for a consultant who has leasing experience, is enthusiastic, motivated, and enjoys helping people. Does this sound like you? We offer a formal training program and our compensation package includes bonuses, insurance, a competitive salary, and the opportunity to work with the very best. Please fax or e-mail your resume: Aidingbrook Apartments 248-661-3246 styler@bestak.com EOE

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With good memory and customer rapport. Computer skills needed. Hands-on work. Reply: PO Box 531117, Livonia, MI 48153

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- Maintenance
- Administrative Assistant

Please fax your resume to (248) 661-3246 or email to styler@bestak.com. EOE

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Excellent opportunity for an experienced machine fabricator in an extremely clean environment with a growing company. Qualifications include at least 5 years experience with bridgeport, lathes, brake press, shear, welding (ss and alum), some driving and shop maintenance. Must have a great teamwork attitude and an excellent past attendance record. EOE. Please send resume with reference #05 in subject line to: hresources@wp-young.com or mail to Wm P Young Co. Attn: HR 41575 Ann Arbor Rd. Livonia, MI 48170

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For mill hand, lathe, grinder. 6 yrs. exp. Benefits. Dr: 613 Manufacturers Dr. Westland. (734) 729-5700

MAINTENANCE

Full-time for Dearborn Hts. Apts. Knowledge in electrical & plumbing preferred. Must have own tools. 313-271-4649

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Full time, Westland apts. 734-455-7100

MAINTENANCE

Position available for 117 unit senior apartment community located in Canton. Duties include basic repairs of plumbing, electrical and carpentry, general maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Must be willing to travel between 2 buildings. Interested applicants apply to 275 West Columbia Ave. Belleville, MI. Or fax resume to: 734-687-7211. Drug screening or background check for condition of employment. EOE.

MAINTENANCE

Burton Share Mgmt Co. is seeking qualified individuals to join our team. Must be knowledgeable in all phases of apt. maintenance. HVAC certified a plus. Competitive salary. Please call 248-644-1300 or fax resume 248-644-3874.

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MAINTENANCE PERSON

For apartment community in person. 370 Hickory Lane, Westland, MI, email wageman@allstatemanagement.biz

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MAINTENANCE

Steel Industries, Inc. is looking for a dedicated person to fill a full-time day position immediately. Individual will be responsible for numerous maintenance duties incl repairs of fork lift trucks, welding, hydraulics, electrical, and general repairs. Exp. a must. Steel Industries, Inc. offers a competitive salary and benefit package. Apply in person Mon - Fri, 9-4 @ Steel Industries, 12600 Beech Daly, Redford.

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Wonderful apartment management company in Canton has full time openings. HVAC Certification preferred, but not required. We offer great benefits and a great place to work. Please call Village Square Apts. 734-981-3891 EOE

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MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

responsible for servicing HVAC, boiler, cool air, plumbing and electrical systems. At least two years previous experience in High-Rise Building. Preferably HVAC or CFC. Excellent compensation and benefits package including bonuses, 401K, Health, Dental, Vacations and Holiday Pay. EOE. Send resume with salary requirements 248-559-5002.

MANAGEMENT

Part time at a neighborhood supermarket. Excellent supplement to a retirement income. Experience helpful but not required. Apply in person. Town Square Market, 25625 Joy Rd, near Beech Daly

MANAGER

Immediate opening for dynamic high energy manager, to take charge of day to day operation for a sales installation and service company, located in Livonia. Home renovation exp. an asset. Previous management exp. a must. Fax your resume to: 1-866-472-3504 c/o Bev. or email to: resumes999@hotmail.com

MACHINIST/STYLIST

Downtown Birmingham busy salon looking for Machinist/ Stylist with clientele. Ask for Kate (248) 642-8181

MASTERS GREEN

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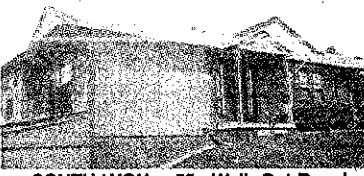

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WEST BLOOMFIELD 2 Story Contemporary
Custom built 2003 home with Pine Lake frontage, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, living, dining, family room & library. Granite floors, counter tops, custom design kitchen, 2 1/2 car garage, circle drive with brick paver walkway.
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Updated 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse with attached garage, basement, beautiful deck off dining room, newer Pella door/wall overlooking nature. Livonia schools.
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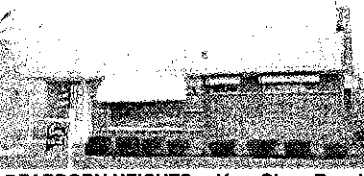
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This stately brick Colonial is calling you to come see for yourself. Two car garage, 2 kitchens, 2 full baths, 2 entry doors, 2 big trees & 1 fireplace. Hardwood floors. Nice large basement and the list goes on and on.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS Updated Starter
Large bedrooms, 2 1/2 car garage, partially finished basement, updated kitchen, floor counter & sink. Newer windows, furnace, garage door with opener, newer drive approach, central air, chimney, bay window & steel doors.
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Cute Odd Condo on fairway, close to club house, pool & tennis. Gourmet kitchen, baths with custom tile, hardwood floors in bedrooms, kitchen & foyer, crown moldings throughout. Two car garage, basement, 3 bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths.
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Offers never ending on house and garage, steel entry doors. Hardwood floors throughout, newer roof and replacement windows, newer cabinets.
(E34POL) 734-455-5600 \$101,403



NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living
Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath side entry unit with walk-out. Great room with fireplace. Master has luxurious bath & closet. Lower level has terrific cherry cabinets, wet bar, ceramic tile, carpet & TV alcove.
(E04LOC) 248-349-5600 \$419,800



BROWNSTOWN Ranch Style Condo
Lovely 2 bedroom unit with neutral decor. Vaulted ceilings, plant edges and large kitchen with many cabinets. Super clean and across from commons area. One car attached garage. All appliances newer and stay. Unit only 3 years old.
(E64STO) 248-349-5600 \$122,000



SHELBY TOWNSHIP A Little Bit Of Country
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with 2 car attached garage, part-finished basement, open floor plan, formal living & dining room. Replaced roof, windows, door/wall, furnace & central air. 20 x 30 pole barn on approximately 2.7 acres.
(E4324M) 734-455-5600 \$298,000



PLYMOUTH Charming Duplex
Both units have newer kitchen, one with oak cabinets & one with white cabinets, all newer windows, great floor plan with hardwood floors & separate basements.
(E00PAR) 734-455-5600 \$259,500



SUMPTER Newer Home Built In 1999
Sitting on approximately 4 acres with 2 car garage, family room with fireplace and walk-out to deck, large kitchen with island and all appliances. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and master bath.
(E00WEA) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



LIVONIA Nice Newer Colonial
This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home sits on a beautifully treed lot. Full basement, 2 1/2 car attached garage too! Deck overlooks fenced yard. Quick occupancy and 1 year home warranty make this a home worth viewing.
(E10LOU) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



NOVI Autumn Park Colonial
Amazing 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home on a premium wooded lot. Two story family room, 4-season sun room, basement with daylight windows, brick paver patio, kitchen with maple cabinets, formal dining & second floor laundry. So many extras.
(E00SUN) 248-349-5600 \$650,000



CANTON Pride Of Ownership
Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with cathedral ceiling in family room with brick fireplace, kitchen with hardwood floors, crown molding in living & dining room, 6-panel doors, brick paver patio, 2 car garage & finished basement.
(E57WES) 734-455-5600 \$311,500



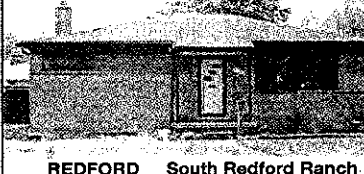
MILFORD New Construction
Pick your colors in this lovely 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 2 car attached garage, basement, studio ceiling in family room & vaulted ceiling in master bedroom.
(E63TUR) 734-455-5600 \$269,900



INKSTER Welcome Home
All brick 4 bedroom home with 2 full baths, updated in 21004. Kitchen all ceramic all new. Two new ceramic baths, lower level family room with built-in oak entertainment center, hot water heater, electric, windows & more.
(E68FAI) 734-455-5600 \$128,995



FARMINGTON HILLS On Nearly 1/2 Acre
You will love the serene setting of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath sharp Ranch. Formal living room, dining room, spacious family room & 2 fireplaces. Light & bright kitchen with all appliances. Two car side entry garage. Neutral throughout.
(E34LYM) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



REDFORD South Redford Ranch
Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with large kitchen, hardwood floors, newer windows, updated furnace, air conditioning, hot water heater, finished basement & glass block windows. Newer roof & storage shed. Nicely landscaped with deck.
(E10WES) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



CANTON Quad-Level
Nice home in great sub. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace in family room, deck & pool. All appliances included. One year home warranty. Glass block windows.
(E05QUE) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



YPSILANTI Better Homes & Gardens
...best describes this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with open flowing floor plan. Two story family room with fireplace, kitchen with island, dual staircases, basement and 2 car attached garage.
(E21CRE) 734-455-5600 \$269,900



HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP Go For It!
Great golf community. 18 holes golf, exquisite clubhouse, swimming & tennis. Beautiful vistas - 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. 2 story with car & first floor laundry. Three car side entry garage, totally neutral. A lot of light. Huge kitchen, ready.
(E42CAR) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



HARTLAND Pristine Inside & Out
Three bedroom, 2 bath home. Kitchen with oak cabinets & sky light. Living room fireplace. Master walk-in closet & full bath. Family room with surround sound, wet bar & built-in refrigerator. Laundry/walk-out to patio. All appliances stay.
(E51NEW) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



DEARBORN Updated Brick Colonial
Unique & very well built 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath renovated home. Newer furnace & water. Refinished hardwood floors, fresh paint & newer concrete work. A lot of storage space. A very special home.
(E16WES) 248-349-5600 \$180,000



SOUTH LYON Country Near The City
Super 4 bedroom Ranch, 2 1/2 baths, great room with cathedral ceiling, master suite, 2 fireplaces. Deck, basement, 2 car attached garage. Bring your horses, & see barn with hay loft, 3 stalls, fenced & a shed. South Lyon schools.
(E25EIG) 734-455-5600 \$385,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Stately Colonial
Desirable Independence Commons on large lot in court. Spacious rooms with open floor plan, master with walk-in closet, hardwood floors & appliances. Two car attached garage & full basement. Four bedroom and 2 1/2 bath home.
(E76CON) 734-455-5600 \$285,000



NORTHVILLE Spacious Ranch
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home in fabulous sub. Back yard with deck and brick paver patio overlooking commons area. The lovely home has many updates: roof, furnace & sump pump. Short walk to elementary school.
(E03DUN) 248-349-5600 \$289,900



ORCHARD LAKE House On 2 Sports Lakes
Enjoy Orchard and Upper Straits Lakes. Awesome 2+ acre property with huge deck, gazebo, paths and more. Six bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, huge dining room and office. It's a one of a kind.
(E47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$2,249,900



NOVI Stunning Colonial
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home situated on a cul-de-sac backing to private woods, hilly & private. Year-round sun room with 4 doorways, white bay island kitchen. Master with jetted tub & fantastic lower level with wet bar & loads of storage.
(E52WES) 248-349-5600 \$549,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Updated
Three bedroom, 2 bath home with eat-in kitchen, family room fireplace, hardwood floors in bedrooms, freshly painted. Pella windows & built-in blinds, furnace, CA & hot water heater new '02. Brick paver patio, sprinklers, 2 car attached garage.
(E31ASP) 734-455-5600 \$217,900



DEARBORN Desirable Dearborn Hills
Three bedroom brick bungalow with full bath up. Living room with fireplace, dining room, family room, finished basement. Lovely yard with covered deck. Central air and 2 car garage.
(E46MER) 734-455-5600 \$212,500



SOUTH LYON 55+ Walkout Ranch Condo
Large family room & patio. Extra stovetop in master dressing area. Bright kitchen with skylight. Clean and neutral. All appliances stay. Great pond view.
(E07JEF) 248-349-5600 \$110,000



NOVI Walled Lake Privileges
Two bedroom Ranch, remodeled in 2001. Two full baths, newer vinyl windows, roof, furnace, hot water heater, carpeting, steel entry door. Newer white kitchen cabinets. Appliances stay. Come take a look at the possibilities.
(E59PEN) 248-349-5600 \$207,000



WESTLAND Investors' Special
This 3 bedroom Ranch needs help, but is priced for immediate sale. Finished basement, fenced yard and great location. All appliances included.
(E26WIL) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



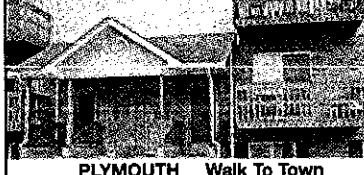
GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial
Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on wonderful lot offers master suite with jacuzzi tub & vaulted ceiling, formal living dining, family room with fireplace, first floor laundry, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, sprinklers & brick patio.
(E82BAL) 734-455-5600 \$349,900



REDFORD Great Opportunity
Updated 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, remodeled bath, newer windows, sliding hot water heater, furnace '90, circuits '97. Formal dining room, central air, 2 car garage & cedar closet in finished basement. South Redford schools.
(E11APP) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



INKSTER Meticulously Maintained
Sharp 3 bedroom Ranch with 2 full baths, finished basement, newer furnace, central air, windows, roof and gutters. 1 1/2 car garage, updated electric & plumbing and a one year home warranty.
(E74JOE) 248-349-5600 \$126,900



PLYMOUTH Walk To Town
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath Condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, door walk to deck. All appliances stay.
(E52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$127,500



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed, 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Master features fireplace, 2 walk-in closets & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen with Viking stove, Sub Zero refrigerator. Walk-out lower level with heated floors, sauna & full granite kitchen. Awesome lot.
(E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$999,900



PLYMOUTH Large Private Wooded Lot
Great family home with 4 spacious bedrooms, hardwood floors, plaster walls & cove ceilings & large kitchen with eating area. French doors to deck, 2 fireplaces, attached garage & partially finished basement.
(E49PRI) 734-455-5600 \$234,000



BELLEVILLE It's Wonderful
Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath offers Barber carpet in family room & natural fireplace, hardwood floors, formal dining & living room. Large deck with Sunsetter awning, full basement, 2 car attached garage, master bedroom with bath & walk-in closet.
(E90THQ) 734-455-5600 \$197,000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Ranch
Three bedroom, 2 bath that is neutral throughout. Newer carpet, windows, roof, entry doors, updated bath & kitchen. Hardwood in 2 bedrooms, hardwood under carpet, large breakfast area. Large closet.
(E29KIN) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



CANTON Great Neighborhood
Wonderful spacious Colonial offers 4 spacious bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Family room with gas fireplace. Brick paver patio & wooded back yard. Quick occupancy. Be in your new home for the summer. A must see. Also available for lease.
(E33PON) 248-349-5600 \$309,900



NOVI So Spacious - So Light
First Impressions are Important. A gracious ceramic foyer greets your guest. Great room with fireplace & vaulted ceiling. Library with built-in bookcase. First floor laundry. Newer roof, updated marble in master bedroom & ceramic foyer.
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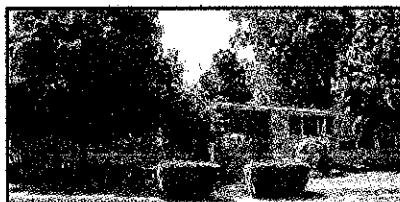
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NORTHVILLE **\$1,020,000**
PRESTIGIOUS WOODS OF EDENDERRY This impeccable home has a dramatic 2 story pillared entry. Gorgeous w/o LL w/ rec rm, wine cellar & home theatre. Beautiful lot backing to park. 349-6200 (24097880)

248-348-6430



PLYMOUTH **\$694,900**
CITY OF PLYMOUTH-HOUGH PARK Superb contemporary custom built home w/outstanding location on almost half acre lot. 4 BRs, 4.5 BAs, open & flowing flr plan to service one and all. (23E1409)

734-455-7000



NOVI **\$479,900**
ROYAL CROWN EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL 2 story features 4 BRs, including step-up mstr w/2 W/Cs, 2 vanities & soaking tub. Island kit, GR w/volume ceilings & prof fin lower level. 349-6200 (24101543)

248-348-6430



BRIGHTON **\$414,900**
GORGEOUS HOME IN EXCLUSIVE OAK POINTE Located on 2nd tee of Honors Course. 2 story great room w/fantastic stone FP, 4300 SF, doorwalls onto custom deck. Access to all-sports Crooked Lake. 348-6430 (24076436)

248-349-6200



PLYMOUTH **\$399,000**
DARE TO DREAM ONE OF A KIND! Luxurious 2 BR Plymouth home. 1st flr mstr ste & 1st flr Indry. Loft, full fin bsmt, 3 full baths, lawn maintenance & snow removal included in monthly assoc. (23W12232)

734-455-7000



PLYMOUTH **\$379,900**
IMPRESSIVE 4 BR, 3.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL Upgrades include: Huge kit w/maple cabs, 9 ft ceilings, GR w/FP, jack & jill bath, MBR w/cathedral ceilings, walk-in closet & bath w/ separate shower. (24091666)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA **\$283,900**
SHARP LAUREL PARK RANCH Updated and maintained to perfection. Open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, enormous professionally finished lower level, great lot, circular drive, move in condition. (24090467)

734-591-9200



BRIGHTON **\$279,900**
GORGEOUS STATELY COLONIAL This 2,100 SF beauty has 4 BRs, 2 1/2 BAs. Family room w/fireplace, form DR, lg kit w/breakfast nook. Unfinished bsmt, 2 car gar all on a 1/2 acre lot. (C324)

734-326-2000



CANTON **\$277,900**
CLEAN & READY FOR YOU TO MOVE IN! 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial offers quality construction, an open floor plan & a price you can afford. Upgrades include eat-in kit w/oak cabs, DR w/FR, fin bsmt & more. (24080875)

734-591-9200



GARDEN CITY **\$264,900**
QUIET CUL-DE-SAC 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs. No maintenance fenced yard. Quiet cir w/all newer homes. GR w/tp. Huge mstr suite near park & soccer field. Above ground pool. Great for kids. 349-6200 (24064856)

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ALLEN PARK **\$264,000**
SPACIOUS COLONIAL! Lovely hm totally renovated & expanded in '92! Over 2900 SFI LR area & FR! Multiple BR suites-perfect for guests or extended family! 349-6200 (24079621)

248-348-6430



PLYMOUTH **\$254,900**
LAKE POINTE VILLAGE 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/FR & in-ground pool. Updates include furnace, air, sprinklers, wndws, bath w/lacuzzi, ceramic etc. Just waiting for your finishing touch. (23L14847)

734-455-7000



CANTON **\$239,900**
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 3 BRs, 2 1/2 BAs, mstr w/sitting area, whirlpool tub, cer tile. Hdwd flrs in kit, foyer, 1st flr Indry, bsmt, 12x12 deck, 2 car att gar. Close to downtown Plymouth. (C874)

734-326-2000



DEARBORN **\$214,900**
UP TO DATE & READY TO GO! Remodeled oak cabs in kit, gls blk in bsmt, furn & a/c 2000, HWH 2002, FLA rm 10x10, newer paint & crpt, hwd flrs (except kit), gar totally new in 1999. (24053049)

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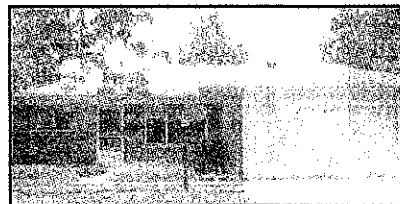
PLYMOUTH **\$210,900**
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2 story ceiling makes this LR inviting. FR w/adj powder rm. Can be bilt as 3 BR. Avail upgrades. Ext Indscrng, sprnkrlr sys, lawn maintenance & snow removal. Prime location. (23A1205)

734-455-7000



SOUTHFIELD **\$189,900**
3 BEDROOM COLONIAL IN BEAUTIFUL SFLD SUB over 1,700 SF home with family room. Newer appliances, doors, hardwood floors under carpeting. Beautifully landscaped. Neutral colors thru-out. 349-6200 (24052782)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA **\$189,900**
WELL MAINTAINED BRICK RANCH 3 bedrooms. Great location. New roof and garage door. Doorwall to patio off of family room with fireplace. All appliances stay. Nice landscaping with fenced yard. (24094217)

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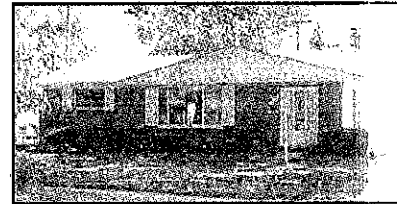
PLYMOUTH **\$184,900**
THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan. Fin lower level rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome community will feature indscrng, sprnkrlr sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low asso fees. (23A1205)

734-455-7000



NOVI **\$179,900**
ALL NEW FOR \$179,900 Gorgeous garden. Abundantly remodeled. Maple cab, Kohler faucets, all appl included, flrs, baths, kit, light, designer ceramic, entry doors, mirrored closets, wndw treatments. (23C22823)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA **\$179,500**
STEPHENSON DISTRICT Updated 3 BR, 1.5 bath ranch w/beautiful bay window. In desir-able Spring Valley Sub. Newer roof, windows, vinyl and furnace. Part fin bsmt. 349-6200 (24076943)

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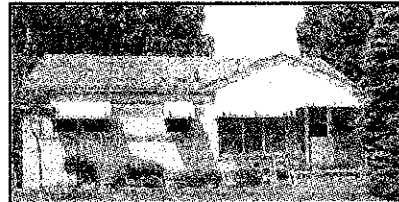
WESTLAND **\$177,500**
ELEGANT LIVING AWAITS YOU 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath Tonquish home w/ approx 1,930 SF of living space. FR w/nat FP hwd flrs, newer carpeting and updated throughout. Det 2 car & att 1 car garages. (G658)

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LIVONIA **\$175,900**
GREAT HOUSE IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk ranch in lovely Rosedale Gardens features newer rf & wndws, full bsmt, FP in LR, well maintained w/beautiful lg backyard, 1 yr warranty & more! (24067904)

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LIVONIA **\$174,900**
CHARMING 3 BR, 2 BA BRICK RANCH This home offers an open flr plan w/spacious rms incld lg eat-in kit, 2 full BAs, nicely fin bsmt, classic colors & styling. (24080906)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND **\$172,500**
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean, well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kitchen cabinets, all appliances included. Finished basement. Deck from doorwall. Absolutely turn-key! 349-6200 (24078094)

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WESTLAND **\$171,500**
MOVE-IN PERFECT WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS. Tons of updates, w/over 1500 SF 2 car garage, updated oak kitchen, refinished hwd floors and fireplace in LR. Updated roof. 349-6200 (24077321)

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LIVONIA **\$169,900**
UPDATED RANCH! 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ 2.5 car gar. Updated kit 02, furnace '00, new a/c '03, roof tear off '03, windows replaced & refin hwd flrs. 349-6200 (24059765)

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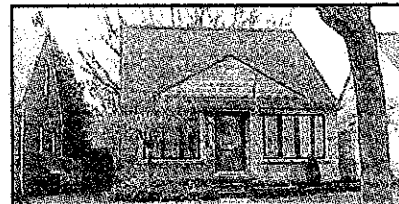
DEARBORN HEIGHTS **\$152,900**
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH BRICK RANCH You will enjoy this open & airy ranch. Updates include: kitchen, both baths, roof, windows, carpet, fresh paint & more. (24053654)

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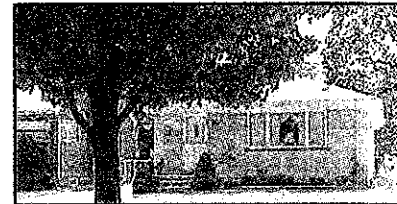
GARDEN CITY **\$152,500**
"OOZES PERSONALITY" Fabulous ranch w/ bsmt & 2 car garage. Gorgeous eat-in kitchen. Awesome private yard. Updates include: windows, roof, vinyl trim, privacy fence & more. (J315)

734-326-2000



DEARBORN **\$150,000**
COZY 3 BR, 2 FULL BA BUNGALOW painted with sunshine! Hdwd flrs under carpeting, huge master w/lots of storage & skylight. Many newer features! 349-6200 (24078298)

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REDFORD **\$147,900**
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR BRICK RANCH Lovely LR/DR combo w/remodeled kit. Lots of space for table. Open floor plan. Newer windows, furnace, roof and more. C/A, fin bsmt. Quality throughout. 349-6200 (24098059)

248-348-6430



WESTLAND **\$144,900**
LOOK NO FURTHER! THIS IS IT! A 3 BR brick ranch w/full fin bsmt & 2 1/2 car garage. Newly remod kit w/white cabs & extra counter, newer windows, electrical & some carpeting. (G162)

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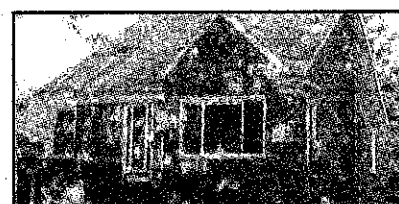
REDFORD **\$144,900**
3 BR, 1.5 BA RANCH Updated kit, 1/2 BA off kit, newer crpt, newer wndws & entry drs. Access DR to backyard & deck. Nice yard lg gar. Very clean hm. Part fin bsmt. Nice location. (24095564)

734-591-9200



REDFORD **\$141,900**
VERY SHARP WELL KEPT BRICK BUNGALOW Many updates - wndws, vinyl siding, gls blk wndws, roof, drwry, sidewalk & patio. Remodeled BA, updated electrical, beautiful wood trim, crpt thru-out/hdwd flr underneath. (24094264)

734-591-9200



REDFORD **\$135,900**
3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW in a nice neighborhood. Great starter home! Large fenced yard, 1.5 car garage. Many updates! (24095159)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND **\$132,900**
DON'T MISS THIS Nicely kept 3 BR brick ranch w/lots of updates: furnace, roof shingles, air, insulation, sprinklers, carpeting, HWH, vinyl thermopane windows & more. (H146)

734-326-2000



GARDEN CITY **\$129,953**
SCOTTY...BEAM ME HOME to this 3 BR, 1 BA ranch w/updates galore-windows, furnace, A/C, roof, carpet, gorgeous kitchen etc,etc,etc. 2 of the BRs are huge. Call now for appointment! (23W29773)

734-455-7000



DEARBORN **\$129,900**
4 BEDROOM BRICK CAPE COD Popular firestone street. Offers newer roof, furn & wndws on the 1st flr. Upstairs offers 1/2 bath, sitting area & 2 lg BRs. Hdwd flrs under crpt. (24081261)

734-591-9200



GARDEN CITY **\$129,000**
LOTS OF UPDATES 3 BR vinyl sided bungalow w/bsmt, garage, dining room. Some updates include newer roof shingles, siding, gutters, furnace & C/A. Deck and more! Won't last! (G595)

734-326-2000



INKSTER **\$119,900**
COUNTRY IN THE CITY In this 3 BR aluminum 2 story, 1 1/2 bath home w/full basement & remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets. Doorwall off DR to deck, lots of storage & a backyard pond. (H523)

734-326-2000



WAYNE **\$104,900**
GREAT OPPORTUNITY! Cute 2 BR bungalow. Possible 3rd BR. Vinyl sided home on a 46x159 lot. Has Lg covered patio & fenced yard. Newer roof shingles & siding. All appliances stay. (J445)

734-326-2000

CANTON
TOTALLY AWESOME FLOOR PLAN! Private location backs to woods! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, 1st flr mstr ste w/jetted tub/sep shower & prvt drwry to brk pvr patio. Huge GR, winding strcse, more! 24080420 **\$419,900** 734-591-9200

NOVI
RARE NOVI OFFERING! CAPE COD ON 3/4 ACRES Backyard retreat. 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Lovely home w/open flr plan, new roof, paint, upstr carpet, gar door & drwry. Close to shopping & xprsswy. Walk to schs. 348-6200 24057200 **\$550,000** 248-348-6430

FARMINGTON HILLS
SECLUDED/PRIVATE COUNTRY SETTING Over 1 acre lot, slate entry, 2 nat fireplaces! Updated kit featuring stove in brick alcove. Great access to freeways, yet property borders dense forest! 349-6200 24099709 **\$212,500** 248-348-6430

LIVONIA
QUEEN'S PARK CONDOMINIUMS Only 3 units, over 1560 SF of living space. Each feat 3 BRs up, den on main flr, 2.5 BAs, full bsmt, 1st flr Indry, oak cabs & so much more! 24057617 **\$189,900-\$193,900** 734-591-9200

WAYNE
COUNTRY IN THE CITY Lg porch welcomes you to this updated spacious home. Plaster walls, cove ceilings, some hwd floors, and a beautiful oak staircase. Neutral decor thru-out. 23C34525 **\$159,900** 734-455-7000





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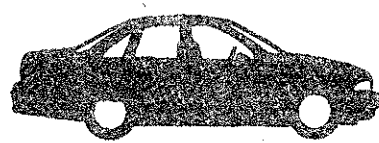
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2004 Hyundai Elantra: it's a great car

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Anne Fracassa

By Anne Fracassa
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The 2004 Hyundai Elantra is one of the best vehicles at the best price gracing American roads today. Hovering just under the \$15,000 price tag, this is a passenger vehicle that not only gets great mileage but is functional as a family car.

Driven this week was the Elantra GT, which is the sportier model that has a host of options that make it worth every penny you'll pay. There are three models to choose from: the Elantra GLS, Elantra GT four-door and the Elantra GT five-door.

European styling is the key here, with the Elantra looking more like a foreign car than an American-bred one. The new design is more refined, making this Elantra look more expensive than it really is.

There's a new hood, front fenders, bumper, headlamp assembly and a revised grille that features horizontal bars. I think it looks sporty as well.

Slipping inside the front driver's seat, you'll notice new instrumentation and a new center console. There are pronounced heating and cooling controls as well as new controls for the door locks.

Hyundai has added a 12-volt power source to the front instrumentation. Leather seating surfaces are standard, as well as power door locks, power windows, power mirrors, cruise control, tachometer, trip computer, keyless remote entry, variable intermittent wipers, rear window defroster and wiper, tilt steering column and floor mats.

Like I said, value. The 2.0-liter dual overhead cam 16-valve engine features continuously variable valve timing for better control of engine emissions. The engine is more than adequate for a vehicle of this size. I never had



2004 Hyundai Elantra GT, Vehicle type: Compact Sedan, Power: 2.0-liter 16 valve engine. Mileage: 27 mpg city/34 mpg highway. Where built: Korea. Price at tested: \$15,587

a problem getting it going on the freeway or around town.

Standard is a five-speed manual transmission. Unless you do a lot of freeway driving, opt for the automatic for a little more comfort. But if you're a control freak and need that power over your vehicle, but all means take that five-speed manual and have a lot of fun with it. It's not only responsive, but can provide a little bit of excitement if that's what you want.

By the way, the engine is rated at 138 horses. More than enough to power a vehicle of this size.

This Elantra is a little bit larger than its previous model, offering a little more headroom and more rear seat leg and hip room. It's also 2.3-inches longer in its wheelbase than the previous model.

I was duly impressed with the quiet ride and comfort it provided. Usually in smaller vehicles, you'll find you'll feel every imperfection in the road surface -- and there are so many on Michigan roads -- that at times, the ride can be downright uncomfortable. I never felt that way in the Elantra.

The driver's seat is adjustable and is larger and more comfortable than last generation. The front

seat belts are adjustable, too, which really helps those of us who are tall.

I found all controls and knobs to be easy to understand, easy to operate and a joy to play with. Side airbags are standard, as are driver and passenger front air bags, of course.

There are child safety door locks, child seat anchor system and automatic locking retractors and an energy-absorbing steering column for your safety.

I never mention this, but I just have to in Hyundai's case. All vehicles Hyundai sells in the U.S. come with bumper-to-bumper coverage for five years or 60,000 miles and power train coverage for 10 years or 100,000 miles -- one of the best in the automotive business. There's also 24-hour roadside assistance at no extra charge for five full years, no matter how much mileage is on your vehicle. Not bad.

I've recommended Hyundai vehicles to two individuals -- a good friend and a cousin -- and both of them have been pleased as punch to own one. Maybe you should go take a look and see if you'll be pleased as well.

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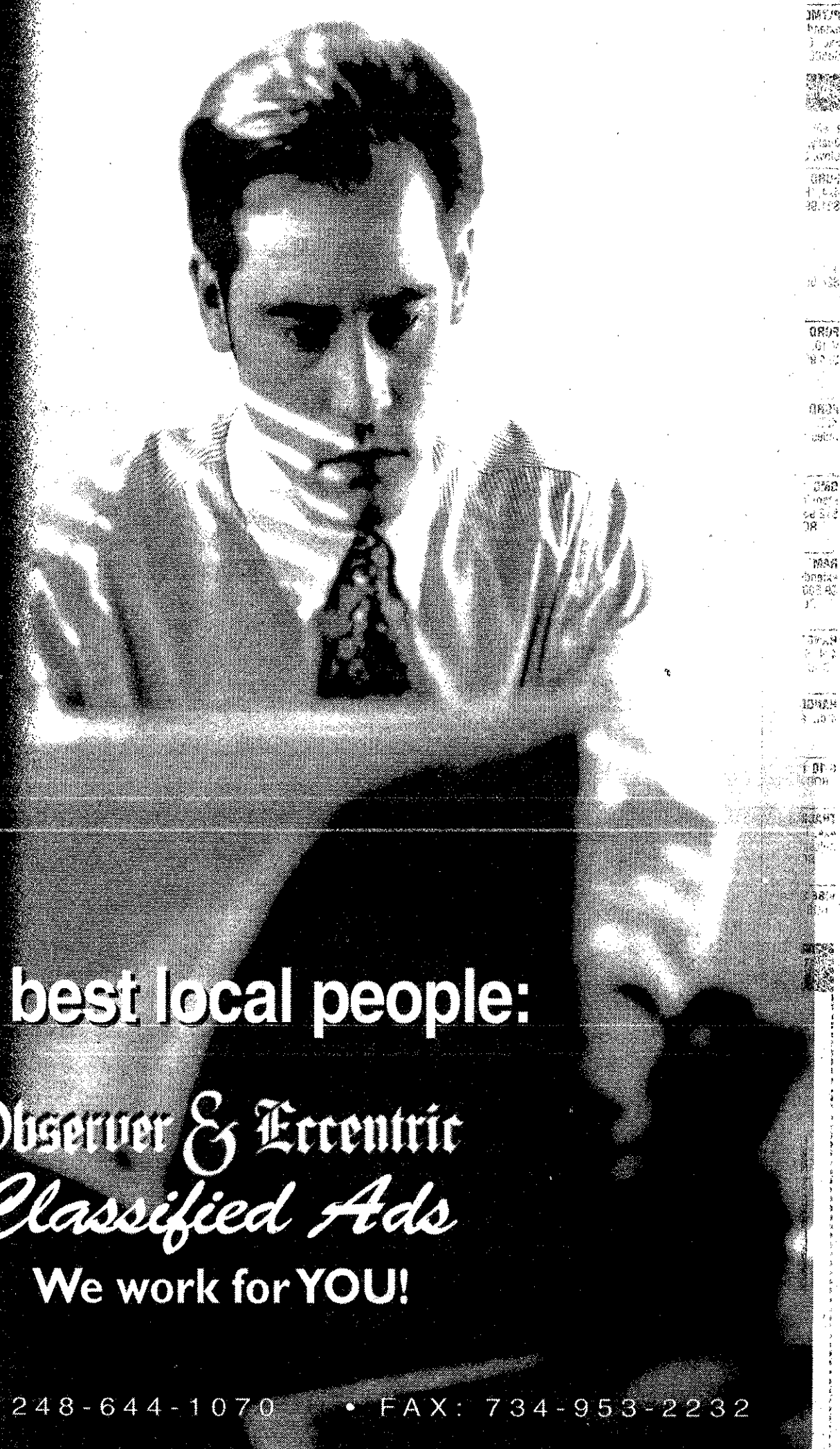
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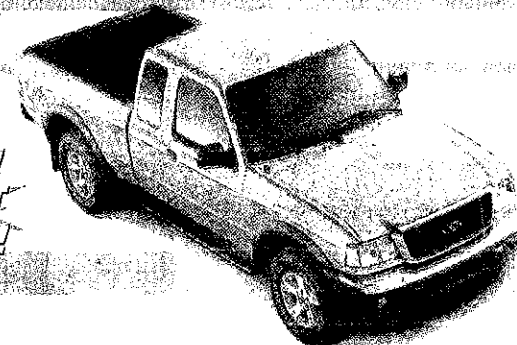


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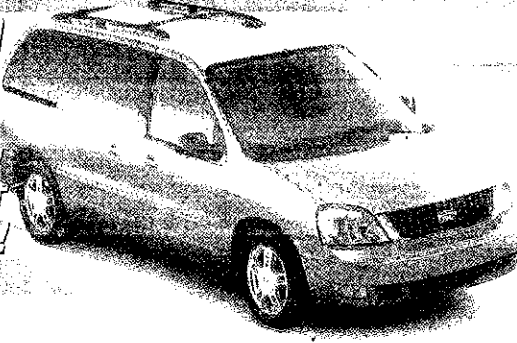


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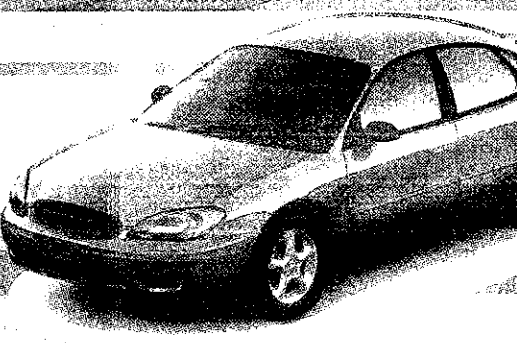
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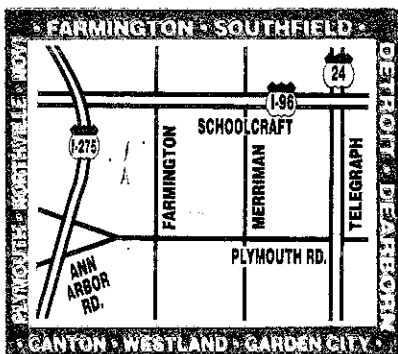
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