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## Workers needed

The Canton Clerk's Department is now accepting applications for precinct inspectors to work the Nov. 2. general election.

An applicant must be qualified, a registered voter within Wayne County and a United States citizen. Applicants seeking to volunteer must be able to work closely with others, assemble voting stations, read, write legibly and speak English.

They must be able to perform simple math calculations, follow instructions and possess interpersonal skills to work with the public.

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Applications may be picked up at the clerk's office during regular business hours. For information, call (734) 394-5120.



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PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Kindergarten Crew Director Peggy Kaczmarek has fun with students Ryan Buzenberg of Smith Elementary and Lucas Harden of Isbister Elementary with the puppets at Kindergarten Crew held at Gallimore Elementary.

# Members of the same 'Crew'

# Kindergarten program expands learning opportunity

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

"Everybody that needs

to wash their hands, I

turn on the water for

them ... and get their

paper towels," Lauren

teacher doesn't have any

pictures on her refrigera-

tor, so I painted a frog for

her. It's got my name on

said proudly. "The

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playing, what she didn't Four-year-old Lauren realize is that before Cartwright of Canton going to afternoon Township was buzzing kindergarten at Isbister around her classroom at Elementary, she's getting Gallimore Elementary more learning opportuni-Tuesday, playing with ties in the morning hand puppets, sorting Kindergarten Crew proitems in the sand table gram. and helping her class-

It's the 12th year for Kindergarten Crew, which previously was a child care program. But, this year it's been redesigned for parents who want their children to learn important skills

before or after their half-

This is the first year

day kindergarten class.

that we've had a formal

connection to the school

While Lauren went

about her business of



Madison Taylor looks at Dr. Seuss' 'The Cat in the Hat' at Kindergarten Crew.

district curriculum, doing activities out of the math program and the language arts program that reinforce what they're doing in kindergarten,"

said Peggy Kaczmarek,

Schools extended day

coordinator. "This way

the kids are getting their

kindergarten curriculum,

Plymouth-Canton

but also getting reinforcement in a less structured environment."

Kindergarten Crew is available to all kindergartners in the district,

but is held at only eight of

Lauren are dropped off in

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the 15 elementary

schools. Students like

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# District ponders **AYP** failure

MEAPs could be required in light of performance

> BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Graduates of Plymouth-Canton Schools could be forced to take the 11th-grade MEAP tests in order to graduate and receive their high school diplomas.

It's an option the district administration is considering after Canton and Salem high schools - for the second consecutive year - failed to meet state guidelines for adequate yearly progress. The reason: Both schools failed to get 95 percent of students to show up for the standardized test.

Adequate yearly progress is Michigan's response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act to make schools more accountable for improved test scores.

Barbara Church, the district's assistant superintendent of instruction, said while the final figures haven't been posted, the state indicated both high schools had high participation, but failed to get 95 percent of 11th-graders to show up for the tests.

"We got B grades for both schools on our actual achievement, but we didn't make AYP, which looks like a black mark," she said.

"One option is to go out there and get every 11thgrader and drag them kicking and screaming and make them take the test," Church said, "or the Board of Education passes a policy students have to take the test as part of the graduation requirement."

Plymouth High School will take the 11th-grade MEAPs for the first time this year because the threeyear-old high school has its first junior class.

Church said part of the problem stems from outdated state guidelines which allowed students to opt out of taking the test. Now, with AYP requirements, the state is forcing the districts to meet certain requirements, but parents and students still believe taking the MEAPs is optional.

"Universities are ignoring this test in droves, so unless a student chooses to go for the state Merit Award (\$2,500 scholarship) the MEAP test is perceived to be irrelevant," she said. "Next year we're going to make 95 percent one way or another." Salem junior Bianca Barnett of Plymouth, who will be taking the MEAP tests this year, said she doesn't 🗧 have a problem with making the standardized test a mandatory requirement for graduation. "Taking the test isn't going to harm you, as long as" you aren't required to pass it," she said. "By taking the test you get more opportunity to get a scholarship." Senior Kasey Shimp of Plymouth Township eagerly took the test last year as a junior. "I need as much money for college as I can get," said Shimp. Trustee Tom Wysocki said if the state is going to make the MEAPs a requirement, then requiring students to take the test is a viable option. "If that's going to be a true measure of whether a 💲 school is making AYP, according to the government, then we need to do something," he said. "We probably won't hit AYP if we just leave it for the kids to do it on their own. I think we'll need to have something in place to require the test, as a graduation requirement or something along that line. If a school fails to meet AYP for three consecutive years, consequences could range from providing a change in curriculum, additional staff development, to replacing the principal and staff. However, Church said she's not concerned about sanctions after two consecutive years failing to meet AYP at the high schools. "A number of very high-performing school districts in Oakland County also have not been making AYP because of students not showing up for the test," she said. "It's an issue that's not just in Plymouth-Canton." In the 2002-03 school year, Salem had 94.2 percent of students take the MEAPs, while Canton had 91.2 percent. The state report indicated all of the Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle schools attained adequate yearly progress.

#### Season opener

Canton Newcomers will hold its first meeting of the 2004-05 season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road.

Canton-area residents with an interest in social, civic and charitable activities are welcome.

For more information, contact Nancy Patel at (734) 354-8988.

## Big Boy approved

The Canton Board of Trustees last week officially approved the consent agreement with the owners of the Big Boy restaurant, which allows the statue to stay on the property.

The owners, Tony and Rana Matar, recently painted over the restaurant name that was on the statue's bib, as required by the consent agreement.

Canton Theater get final touches

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Technical Director Chris Kurtz mounts a** clamp on stage lights as finishing touches are put on the new CHV Theater.

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

It was smiles all around Tuesday as furniture was being moved into Canton Township's new Cherry Hill Village Theater.

Years of hard work and 15 months of construction effort came to fruition this week as Canton officials began giving press previews of the interior of the theater.

All the work points to a Saturday, Sept. 11, gala grand opening as guests will be treated to performances, a tour, hors d'oeuvres and several food stations. Black tie is optional for the 8 p.m. event.

Theater-goers will see art works on the lobby walls, deep maroon carpeting and beautiful, classical lighting fixtures.

What strikes the visitor first is the stunning tri-colored dark cherry woodwork throughout the vestibule, lobby and the theater

itself, a contemporary look with classical elements of old-fashioned theaters.

The vestibule will feature a huge painted mural whose content will celebrate the arts but whose exact configuration is being kept secret until the big opening next week.

"Many, many people have worked years to develop the arts in Canton," said Ann Conklin, the township's Leisure Services director. "This theater is really their vision. To watch it develop has been spectacular. It is going to be phenomenal for our community."

Conklin said the theater was "an intimate house. There is nothing like it around here."

Among the happiest people, of course, is Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator, who is in her new office at the back of the theater. Tobin left her post with the

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# Pick the Pros, win exciting prizes, trips

The Observer Newspapers is kicking off the pro football season in a winning way next week.

Starting Thursday, Sept. 9, readers are invited to "Pick the Pros" and be eligible to win weekly prizes and a grand prize trip for four to Las Vegas courtesy of the Observer Newspapers and Worry Free Vacations, MLT Inc.

The NFL season opens Sept. 9. The Detroit Lions open on the road Sunday, Sept. 12, against the Chicago Bears.

Readers can play our new "Pick the Pros" game online.



Simply pick your game winners (all pro games) and the Monday night game. Then check out Thursday's Observer Sports section to see who won that week.

It's easy, fun and you could win a \$50 gift certificate from several area merchants including the Rochester Mills Beer Co.,

Detroit Beer Co., The Royal Oak Brewery, Unique Restaurants (excluding Coach Insignia) and four passes to any Star Theatre.

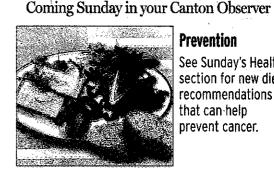
"Pick the Pros" will run for 22 weeks. You will want to play every week because the grand prize winner will be drawn from all qualifying entries after the Super Bowl. The trip includes airfare and accommodations for four people.

Be sure to look in next Thursday's sports section for our special Web site which will include a complete list of rules and how to play.

In addition, check out the sports section Thursdays for pro and college game stories of the week. And check out the picks from area merchants who will be playing against one another for the entire season.

Stay tuned to WKRK-FM (97.1), the Lions' flagship station, where Gregg and Michelle of the Motor City Midday Show will make their picks in the Observer every week and live on the air every Thursday. Enjoy the season and get

ready to play "Pick the Pros."



See Sunday's Health section for new diet recommendations that can help prevent cancer.

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# **AROUND CANTON**

# Rotary leader praises involvement

#### BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Being dyslexic, Jim Ives knows the challenges of learning to read.

Illiteracy is just one of many topics the district governor for Rotary's District 6400 touched on during a Monday, Aug. 30, visit to the Canton Rotary at the Roman Forum.

"Illiteracy is a major problem worldwide," said Ives, who visited with wife Diane. "By giving someone a chance to read we're giving them a chance to flourish."

Ives, who belongs to the Dearborn club and owns an extermination business, is making the rounds to different clubs, having visited Plymouth A.M. the week before Canton. He's praising Rotarians for their community involvement and exhorting them to do more.

"You have a lot to celebrate. You've done a lot," he told the 18-member Canton Rotary. Ives cited such club projects as a Rotary centennial clock in the works for Heritage Park and a Youth Exchange student being hosted.

Rotary International, founded in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago, will mark its centennial next year. Some 70,000 are expected to gather June 18-22, 2005, in Chicago.

"It'll be quite the event," Ives said. There's also a district conference earlier that month in Cincinnati, and clubs are being asked to meet Wednesday, Feb. 23, to observe Rotary's 100th year.

Polio eradication has been a major Rotary emphasis, although Ives isn't sure a poliofree world will be achieved by the target year of 2005.

"We are very close and we will continue on this initiative until it is done."

He cited other health issues, such as drinking water access. "The lack of safe drinking water is a major source of illness in the world." Rotarians are being urged to continue efforts to fight polio and to provide safe water. Ives described a water filtration system in use in the Dominican Republic and Haiti that is inex-

benefit. He also encouraged club members to boost membership, noting that the organization's base is aging and with that comes attrition. Ives urged support of Rotary International's Foundation.

pensive and provides great

"It is about the money because without the money we can't do it.

The district governor also encouraged family involvement in Rotary. He said artist Michelangelo showed great determination in painting the Sistine Chapel for the pope.

"Michelangelo committed himself to the point of exhaustion. Let's paint a beautiful masterpiece this year," he concluded, presenting an artist's palette to club President Lisa Kennedy.

Canton Rotary meets 12:05 p.m. each Monday (not Labor Day or other holidays) at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Information is available from Kennedy at (734) 414-9902.

"We are looking for people that want to make a difference in their community and their world," she said.

Ives' visit the previous week to Plymouth A.M. also went well. That club meets 7 a.m. each Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For information, call Bob Scoggins, president, at (734) 455-9565.

Plymouth Rotary meets 12:05 p.m. each Friday at the Cultural Center.

#### is hosting his fifth annual family picnic for constituents on

Friday, Sept. 10. The picnic will be held at Attwood Park in Wayne from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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The fun will include free hot dogs and refreshments. Children can enjoy playing on

a playscape at the park and will be entertained by a clown. In addition, the Wayne

County Sheriff's Office will be bringing a mounted unit and a motorcycle unit to the picnic.

"The kids like seeing the Sheriff's horses, while their parents like looking at the Sheriff office's Harley-Davidson," Sullivan said. To RSVP for the event, please call Commissioner Sullivan's office at 224-0944.

#### SUMMIT FASTPASS

Canton Township residents should receive their fall 2004 Discover catalogue within the next few days. Residents are advised that there is a misprint regarding in-person program registration dates on page 63. In person, program registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Residents may pick up FastPasses on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A FastPass is required for in-person registration on Sept. 8 only.

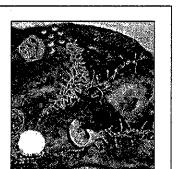
Residents may also register for Leisure Services classes online beginning Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m. All residents wishing to register online must obtain and complete a user name and password form. Forms are available at Summit on the Park during normal hours of operation (Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

The fall 2004 Discover catalog includes information for classes and events scheduled September through December. If a resident does not receive a copy via mail, additional copies are available at Summit on the Park and at leisure.cantonmi.org.

#### **FOOD NEEDED**

The Plymouth Salvation Army is quickly watching the shelves in its pantry get bare as a heightened client need has prompted a food shortage.

Officials said the pantry is in



# **Artistic Salsa**

Dyeing and felting wool is the focus of an instructional series, 'Artistic Salsa ... Felting & Fiber Arts.' at the Plymouth **Community Arts Council.** Starting with "Dyeing Wool Roving" at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 18, Hollie Archdale and Lynne Freitag will guide students through workshops that also include felting, needle felting and bead embroidery on felt. The cost for each workshop starts at \$45 plus a kit fee. For more information or to register, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

#### **CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES**

Local college

professor/instructor Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin offers three classes through Schoolcraft's continuing education's fall offering.

Creative Writing Workshop I is an eight-week class which encourages writers of all levels to come in and draft manuscripts. The course offers tips on writing, avoiding writer's block, and information on developing characters that come to life. The two-hour course begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Creative Writing Workshop II is a continuation of Creative Writing I. However, new students who missed out on the first class are encouraged to attend. This class begins in November.

A new Poetry and Prose course begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 14. This two-hour course runs for six weeks.

To register, call Schoolcraft, at (734) 462-4448. For other class information, call Vatcher, (734) 397-1626.

#### **BE A LEADER**

Applications for the 2004-2005 Leadership Canton class are now being accepted. The application deadline is Sept. 3 at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office, 5820 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 110, Canton. The program is a joint effort of the chamber and Canton Township. It is designed to introduce community and business members to community issues and future challenges, while helping partici-

ship, community development, business and economic development, health and human services, local, county and state government, education, public safety and future challenges. To apply or for more infor-

mation, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

#### FOR SENIORS

The second Canton Area Senior Summit that will feature informational and health fairs, service and assistance programs for senior citizens, will be at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 13 in Canton.

The Senior summit, sponsored by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, also includes food, door prizes and informational discussions on senior issues. Admission is free.

"The summit provides seniors direct and immediate access to relevant information and agencies that serve their needs," said LaJoy, R-Canton. "Today's seniors are much more active and want the most out of life. This event offers the outlet to help achieve that goal."

Box lunches are limited to the first 400 seniors from LaJoy's 21st House District, which includes the communities of Canton and Van Buren townships and the city of Belleville.

"This is a one-stop approach to everything of interest to seniors," LaJoy said. "The summit allows seniors to get the most up-to-date consumer and health information while enjoying quality entertainment and informative seminars."

Special guest speakers are scheduled, as well as health screenings.

Registration forms are available through the Canton Area Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway; and September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, in Van Buren Township.

#### **KIWANIS DOG WALK**

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

The fund-raiser is presented on behalf of the Michigan **Technical Rescue Operations** Team search and rescue dogs. Registration is \$15 in advance or \$20 after Sept. 7. Check-in

#### WASTE ROUND-UP

Canton's Hazardous Waste Round-up Day is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sauk Trail Hills Landfill will help to sponsor the event together with Canton Township, and the Environmental Quality Company will be packing the materials and transporting them to the appropriate offsite hazardous waste disposal facilities. The event will be held at Canton's DPW building on Sheldon Road just south of Michigan Avenue.

For a detailed flier or other information, visit www.cantonmi.org or call Canton's Public Works Division at 394-5150.

#### WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

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

Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a Tshirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-tothe-pin contests and a "skins" game. To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

#### SYMPHONY FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefitting symphony programs.

For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

#### **BUILDERS' SEMINAR**

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need of a variety of dry goods, including (but not limited to)boxed instant rice, instant potatoes, crackers, stuffing, cereal, Hamburger Helper, biscuit and pancake mix.

The Salvation Army is also still in desperate need of paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels and feminine hygiene products.

For information on how to help, call the Plymouth Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

insulin. Thus, strength training is an effective alternative to endur-

leaders. The program will start its 11th year. It is an eight-month program, October through May. Participants will learn and develop skills in sessions such as the nature of leader-

pants become community

begins at 10 a.m.; vendors, contests and concessions will be offered as well as a pet safety seminar. The family event is for all types of dogs. Call Carol at (734) 451-3500.

#### **CRAFTERS, ARTISTS WANTED**

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble."

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Canton High School. It's a juried show.

For more information, email Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

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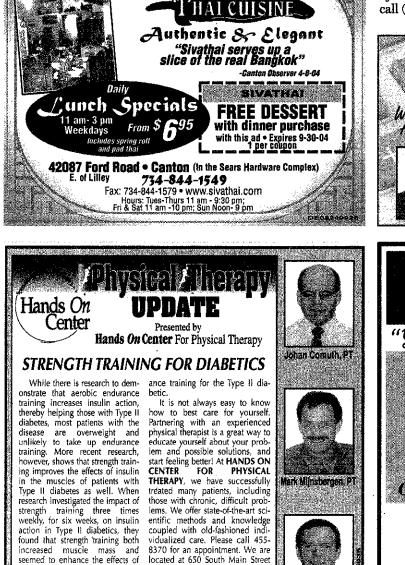
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\$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required by Sept. 24 to Plymouth Canton Community Education. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-2937.

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designed to help students pass the Michigan state builder's

p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 28-Oct. 7 at Canton High School. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. The seminar costs \$215, plus

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# Back to the books

# Students, teachers, parents survive 1st day

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The first day of school can be terrifying for students. But, when it's the first day of school in a brand new school district, it can be doubly overwhelming.

Anna Charara said she was mindful of both those issues because her family recently moved to Canton Township from Tampa, Fla. So, for her five children - two at West Middle School and three at Gallimore Elementary – she tried to make the morning routine easy going.

"They were anxious and a bit nervous about going back to school because it's a new school and everything is new to them," Charara said. "We got up a little earlier than usual this morning so they could take their time."

Samuel Charara, 14, said the day started a bit apprehensive-ly, but that feeling didn't last long.

"I was a little nervous, but not that much," said Samuel. "After the first class, it was easy. You follow the same kids and make friends easily."

Kaite Langefer, 11, of Canton and her friend Madelin Burgett, 11, of Plymouth Township, were classmates from Bird Elementary, just across the street from West, savoring their first day as middle schoolers.

"At the beginning my heart was kind of racing," admitted Langefer. "It's a new school and we were afraid we'd get lost, or the lockers wouldn't open.

"But, after the first class we kind of chilled.," she said. "Switching classes is a lot better than staying in one classroom." Harrison Michels, 11, of

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West Middle Schoolers fill the halls on first day back to school.

Plymouth Township, said mostly "there was a lot of talking from the teachers" on the first day. And, despite being young and fit, Michels admitted he was a bit tired, even though classes were only a half-day.

"It's different waking up at 6:30 in the morning instead of 10," he said.

Across the district, at Bentley Elementary in Canton, parents waited patiently outside for their children to close out the first day

"I think it's more nervous for moms because you're worried they're not going to go in the right place, go in the right door or find where they need to go and then get upset," said Sarah Roberts of Canton, who was meeting Andy, her fourthgrader.

However, Andy appeared no worse for wear.

"We had recess and told each other about ourselves," he said. "I told them I traveled to 10 different states."

Justin VanFleet said he was apprehensive about meeting his teachers, Delores TenBroeck and Catheryn Pumper.

"I didn't know what my teachers would be like, what I was supposed to do, and what they expected me to do," said Justin. "But, they were really nice. I like them."

The first day of school for teachers is all about making students excited and comfortable about the upcoming school year.

"We laugh a lot and smile a lot, and make them feel like this is their special place," said first-grade teacher Cheryl Zuzo. "They have to really love coming to school because if they're not comfortable or happy emotionally, then they'll have a hard time learning." While older generations may

have been afraid of the trip to the principal's office, Bentley Principal Jerry Meier said it's much different now.

"Teachers for the younger grades bring their students to the office to meet everyone, and then take them around the building to make them feel comfortable," said Meier. "We also try to walk around and greet the students before class starts."

The first day of school can also be challenging for bus drivers.

"We're just like one of the kids; we're all going back and it's something new," said Patty Sancho of Canton, waiting to take Bentley students home. "It's exciting and nerve wracking, making sure they get on the proper bus and take them where they need to be. It's a big responsibility."

For the most part, the first day of school went well, according to Plymouth-Canton school officials. The only mishaps, three children got off at wrong bus stops and needed help getting home.

"The first day is a little hec-tic," said Meier. "By the end of the week we'll be running quite smoothly."



Smith Elementary kindergartner Erin Pawlik gives her mom a big hug before she leaves Kindergarten Crew at Gallimore Elementary. Erin was fine, but mom had some tears.

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the morning for Kindergarten Crew before attending afternoon kindergarten; or attend after their morning kindergarten.

While many Kindergarten Crew students are in their home schools and stay in the same building for kindergarten, others are shuttled to schools where they attend kindergarten.

Diane Fontana of Plymouth Township enrolled her daughter, Samantha, in the program last year, and uses it for 5-year-old Joe this year on days she works.

"The program was recommended by several moms in my neighborhood who had children go through the program," said Fontana. "Some of their kids liked it better than kindergarten. I like that it's within the Plymouth-Canton school system and they are with friends from their class and our neighborhood.

"The teachers are friendly, loving and take great care of the kids," said Fontana. "They get acclimated for first grade, and get a feel for what's going on, like eating lunch in the lunchroom with the older kids."

While Kaczmarek has been with Kindergarten Crew for six years, teacher Colleen Jones has seen the program evolve to what it is today from its start 16 years ago.

"It just keeps getting better every year," said Jones. "We add more sites, and we have more district help for our programs.

"Socially, emotionally, physically and academically ... it's all better for them," she said. "They're learning to read by the end of the school year. and they can write their names. It's phenomenal



Kindergarten Crew Supervisor Colleen Jones reads Wild About Books to the kindergartners attending the program.

what they can do."

Kaczmarek said the staff develops weekly lesson plans, and there's usually a theme for the week.

"They're doing a lot of work with fine motor skills, so they might do finger plays or lacing activities," she said. "They could be doing songs to help with rhyming and verbal skills. In the sand table they're playing, but actually learning sorting skills.

"They're really learning through osmosis, and they don't know it," said Kaczmarek.

The teachers all have degrees in elementary education or related fields. And, with two teachers in a classroom of no more than 20 students. the worst case scenario is a teacher-student ratio of 1:10.

The cost for Kindergarten Crew is cheaper than many preschool and day care centers. It costs \$16.75 a day to attend either the morning or afternoon session, with an additional \$7.25 for early drop off at 7 a.m. or pick-up by 6 p.m.

Parents interested in Kindergarten Crew can call Kaczmarek at (734) 416-6194.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **SEPTEMBER 9. 2004**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, September 9, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188 . The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

Mike Parks of Cypress Partners, 100 W. Long Lake, Suite 102, Beverly Hills, MI 48301 representing Canton Classic Living, LLC of The Villas at Maple Creek, 363 E. Town St. Columbus, Ohio 43215 for property located at 3797 Geddes Road, appealing Article 6.00, Section 6.03, A, 4, relative to access and circulation. Zone R-3.

Parcel 111-99-0004-000 (Planning)

2. Michael Boggio of Boggio Assoc. Architects, 30100 Telegraph, #216, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 representing J. N. Haggerty LLC, 26100 American Drive for property located at Canton Commercial Centre Condo, Lot #1, east side of Haggerty Road between Ford Road and Cherry Hill, appealing Article 2.00, Section 2.24, C, relative to setback from the centerline of a watercourse. Zone C-4.

Parcel 050-01-0004-000 (Planning)

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Kathy Bakkila of Oxford Park, 7971 Oxford Drive, Canton, MI 48187 representing Estate Millcreek, LLC, 70 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, MI 48098 for property located at 7971 Oxford Drive, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 102.33, 3, relative to off premise sign setback variance. Zone R-2.

Parcel 020-99-0007-707 (Building)

- 4. Beatrice Schulze of Oscar W. Larson Co., 10100 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48348 representing Mike Franke of Mobil Service Station, 44431 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188 for property located at 44431 Michigan Avenue, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 102.35, dispenser signs and Section 102.35, 3 canopy logo's. Zone C-1 Parcel 133-02-0078-007 (Building)
  - Beatrice Schulze of Oscar W. Larson Co., 10100 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48348 representing Mark Yaldo of Mobil Service Station, 8773 Haggerty, Canton, MI 48187 for property located at 8773 Haggerty Road, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 102.35, dispenser signs and Section 102.35, 3, canopy logo's. Zone C-3.

Parcel 002-99-0002-707 (Building)

6.' Dennis Krestel of Guido Architects, Inc., 24350 Orchard Lake Road, #101, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 representing Dr. Nader Bazzi of Contemporary Dentistry, 41677 Ford Road, Annex C, Canton, MI 48187 for property located at 5645 Sheldon N. Road, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 102.34, 1, a, setback requirement for ground sign. Zone C-2

Parcel 039-99-0032-001 (Building)

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Dale Roy Maline, of Clarkston, died Aug. 27. Christopher A. McAvoy, 8, of Livonia, died Aug. 27. George Edward Moon died Aug. 15.

Ignatius J. Palmisano, 86, of Livonia, died Aug. 30.

Dorothy S. (Strong) Timmins, of Bloomfield Hills, died Aug. 28, W

Bernard Charles "Wocky" Wockenfuss, 89, of Livonia, died Aug. 26.

#### POLICE

#### Pizza break-in

The day manager of Benito's Pizza in the 6100 block of Canton Center told police that when she arrived at the store about 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, the front window was

smashed. She entered the store and went into a back room, where \$425 in

cash was hidden. The money was gone and the back door was open.

Theft from auto

A resident of the 400 block of Sandalwood reported that someone stole four sets of wireless headphones from her car, which was parked at her home. She said she thought she locked it but the driver's door was ajar. The incident occurred between 6:30 p.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

#### **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 (20 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.

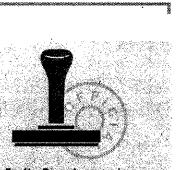
Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, 2nd Floor -Engineering. A nonrefundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

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



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

#### Purse stolen

A Westland resident told Canton police someone stole her purse while she was shopping at Wal-Mart on Aug. 26. She said her purse was in a shopping cart. She was in the baby aisle and turned her back to the cart for a moment. She didn't notice the purse was missing until she reached

the check-out lane. A Wal-Mart security person told her there had been a couple of similar incidents recently.

**Tools taken** An employee of a construction company told police someone stole power tools and other building items from a condominium under construction in the 44000 block of Heather Lane. He said the tools were in a garage attached to the condo. Petty cash

was also stolen from a desk in the garage. The incident occurred between 5

p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

# Chiropractor's event 'backs' up troops

#### BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

It's a new twist on commemorating Sept. 11, but for Canton chiropractor Dr. Alexander J. Tomko it makes sense.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon-3 p.m., he's celebrating Health and Freedom Day at his clinic at 7276 N. Sheldon Road (Sheldon and Warren).

He'll be offering a complete consultation, examination and report of findings for a \$25 donation. That's a \$100 savings off the regular price and there's no further obligation.

Additional family members can receive the offer for \$10 per person.

All the money will be sent to the USO and used to buy care packages for armed forces members stationed in Iraq. Each package costs \$25. Tomko's goal is to raise \$2,500 for the packages.

"I just came up with the idea," he said. "My brother-inlaw is in Iraq right now and with all the security, it's hard

for people to send them pack-ages. The USO can send them for \$25 per package. We're trying to raise enough money for 100 care packages."

When Tomko came up with the idea, he was slightly frustrated to find that there was no USO chapter in Michigan.

He finally located one in Cleveland, Ohio, and made arrangements to get the packages sent once he raises the money.

In addition to the exam and evaluation, Tomko plans to have some raffles from local businesses. Food and refreshments will also be served.

Tomko, who operates Michigan Specific Chiropractic, has had an office in Canton for four years. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 3-6:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information call (734) 416-2442.

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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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Material Sciences Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility to be located in Koppernick Corporate Park within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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(Approval of August 12, 2004 Minutes Publish September 2, 2004

### **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: TIME:	Tuesday, September 14, 2004 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:

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#### "REVISED" FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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:

Fire Millage Police Millage Charter Millage Total	$\frac{2003}{2.6000}\\ 4.2500\\ 2.0000\\ 8.8500$	P.A.5 <u>Limit</u> N/A N/A 1.0790
	$\begin{array}{r} \underline{2004}\\ 2.3580\\ 4.1260\\ 2.3660\\ 8.8500\end{array}$	Increase (Decrease <u>over 2003</u> (0.2420) (0,1240) 0.3600 0.0000

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

This notice published by: Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, Michigan 48188-1699 (313) 394-5100

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### LOCAL NEWS

#### **BY JACK GLADDEN** STAFF WRITER

A 25-year-old Plymouth resident faces multiple charges after a Canton man's pickup was stolen Tuesday afternoon.

Canton Police said a 47-yearold Canton resident left his keys in his truck, a 1998 maroon Ford F-150, and left the engine running while he went into the Sunoco station and Ford and Haggerty about 5 p.m

While he was standing at the counter in the station, he noticed a semi-truck with the driver motioning to someone outside, according to police Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

"He put two and two togeth-

# THEATER

FROM PAGE A1

**Plymouth Community Arts** Council 18 months ago to become the head of the theater and the arts coordinator for the township.

"As we bring each individual or small group in for a preview, there are a lots of 'oohs and aahs.' There is plenty of 'wow factor.' It takes my breath away," Tobin said.

The is a comfortable but elegant theater. This is a dream come true for many, many individuals and many groups."

First-time visitors will see a very impressive, 400-seat theater, a high proscenium arch framed in wood, and two side "performance decks" where other stage business can take place. The stage is about 40 feet wide and 30 feet deep.

Tuesday technicians were setting and hanging the stage lights under the direction of the theater's technical manager, Chris Kurtz.

"This is a beautiful facility," Kurtz said.

Todd Nemecek, architect with TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills, has been point man for the architectural firm and has been on site most

er and went outside," he said. "He saw a man get into his truck and start to drive away."

The Canton man managed to get partially inside his truck on the driver's side, but the thief started punching him and accelerating. The man was pushed out of the truck which headed north on Haggerty.

A few minutes later a Canton motorcycle officer spotted the vehicle on Joy Road at Holly Drive. He followed the vehicle to Joy and Newburgh in Westland, where the truck pulled into a service station. The driver was arrested without incident and lodged in the Canton police jail pending charges.

The owner of the truck

#### **CURTAIN GOING UP**

The Gala Grand Opening for the Cherry Hill Village Theater will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. Tickets are \$100 per person and are now on sale at the Summit on the Park.

Community grand openings will be 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, 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.

days since last May's groundbreaking.

"The building has gone up pretty fast. I think it's a nice theater even though this is relatively small building. It will have a great look," Nemecek

suffered a broken left arm and other minor injuries during the incident. He was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and released.

Mutchler said the Plymouth man could face a variety of charges, including car-jacking since force was used in the theft.

"This incident should serve as a reminder to people," Mutchler said.

"In this day and age no matter where you are, Plymouth or Canton or wherever, when you get out of your car turn it off, lock it and take your keys with you.'

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said. "Those seats in there are some of the very best theater seats you can buy. The wide aisle will make this very easy on the audience."

In addition to the main theater there are traditional dressing rooms, a "green room" for stars to use pre-show before coming on stage, and two classrooms, one of which mimics a stage area and is suitable for full rehearsals. Also, a scene shop/storage/delivery area is in the back corner of the 30,000square-foot building.

The theater was built with \$7 million in private funding, including a \$1 million from Biltmore Homes, one of three prime builders of Cherry Hill Village. The township came in with \$4.5 million.

The theater's first season is already a full one with commitments from name acts like The Association and The Capitol Steps, as well as local groups such as Orchestra Canton and The Spotlight Players.

The township's Leisure Services motto is "Creating Community" and Tobin sees the new theater as an example of that.

"There is something for everyone in our inaugural season."

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# Plymouth man faces charges in truck heist Couple gets prison time in carjacking

**BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER** 

A couple who robbed a 73year-old Westland woman and took her car outside of a local strip mall will spend a decade or longer in prison, after admitting their guilt in Wayne County Circuit Court.

John Edwin Herman, 44, of Westland will spend 10 to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to armed robbery. Lisa Jeanne Meyer, 49, of Canton will face 11 to 20 years behind bars for carjacking.

The couple robbed the victim of her purse and her car outside of a Kroger-anchored strip mall on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman. The incident happened late morning on Friday, April 23.

Herman made a written confession to police Westland Police Sgt. Tom Harris that he and Meyer had planned to take a bus to Detroit to buy heroin,

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until they saw an opportunity to take the victim's 1999 Mercury Tracer.

The victim has voiced relief that the couple will spend time in prison, Harris said.

'She's fairly happy," he said. "She wanted them to go away for awhile."

Herman will not be eligible for parole until 2014; Meyer, 2015.

Their decision to plead guilty averted a trial and possible convictions that could have sent them to prison for life. The victim had easily identified them and was expected to be a strong witness, much like she was during a preliminary hearing in May in Westland 18th District Court.

"She was excellent on the witness stand," Harris said.

The victim wasn't injured during the carjacking, but she was told that she would be killed unless she cooperated, Westland Police Sgt. James Dexter said in April.

After taking the car, the couple fled east on Michigan Avenue, slammed into another vehicle at Telegraph Road, continued to flee and eventually led police on a high-speed chase along I-94 from Pelham to Livernois.

The several-mile chase ended when Dearborn police officers blocked the getaway vehicle at I-94 and Livernois, arrested the couple and recovered the victim's purse, Dexter said.

Prior to the incident, Meyer had recently been released from prison after serving several months for an earlier attempted carjacking.

Her criminal history also includes fleeing from a police officer and possession of cocaine, according to a Michigan Department of Corrections Web site.

Herman also had served time in prison for theft-related felonies.

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# 'Yes' vote best for school plan

Taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton school district, many of whom have money troubles of their own, might not want to hear what district officials have to say about the impending Sept. 28 special election.

But we think they should listen anyway.

Unless you've been living under a rock somewhere, you know school officials are putting a two-part pitch for money on the Sept. 28 ballot. The first question is simple: a renewal of the district's 18-mill non-homestead millage. That levy accounts for 22 percent of the district's operating budget, a tax on business last renewed in 1995.

While you may grouse that the district should find other ways to fund its programs, or that you already pay too much taxes, or that you don't even have students in the district, the fact is that with no real desire among state legislators to change the way schools are funded, this 18-mill levy is not only crucial, but irreplaceable. We believe supporting it is a no-brainer.

The second question is dicier, not because the district doesn't need it, but because it'll be tougher for the public to swallow. The district hopes to convince voters to pass a \$109 million bond issue it will use to, among other things, make improvements at existing buildings and build a new elementary school in Cherry Hill Village.

While voters in Canton should be elated - it'll be the fourth consecutive building the district has built in Canton — the decision might be a little tougher for Plymouth residents who may feel their tax dollars are being used in Canton, with no direct benefit to them.

While the building of the Cherry Hill Village elementary is the most visible piece of the bond issue, the bulk actually goes to repairs to the Plymouth schools that need them. The district's Bond Steering Committee spent months identifying and prioritizing needs, and the district plans repairs or upgrades to every building in the district built before 2000. All the buildings in Plymouth fall into that category.

We would also argue money spent in the district whether it's north or south of Joy Road - upgrades the quality of a school district, which in turn helps keep up the property values of homes in both communities.

It's a district that's already bursting at the seams, despite the building of three new buildings in the last several years. The biggest growth in the district is coming in Canton, and the new elementary school will help ease the burden of over-crowding.

District officials have shown they can be trusted with the money - their last three projects have come in on time and under-budget. We believe residents should trust them one more time, and vote yes on both questions.



#### Picture wasn't harassment

I think that I have waited long enough, at the request of Jennifer Trombly-Richards, to have Gov. Granholm, Detroit Police Chief Bully-Cummings, U-M President Coleman, MSU President Simon or Sen. Stabenow to respond to her ridiculous accusation against the principal of Plymouth High for violating, what her first letter said was against her Title VII Civil Rights (discrimination) and in her second letter she said that it was a "sexual harassment" violation, where she wasted valuable newspaper space by writing the definition of sexual harassment (funny thing, she doesn't even work at the high school so how she can be personally harassed is beyond me)

This prompted me to go to the experts. I questioned 34 attorneys, paralegals and para-professionals and asked them, when showing them the picture that was in this year's high school yearbook of the principal dressed in drag on stage at a fund-raiser, if by viewing this picture, did it violate their Title VII Civil Rights and would they consider it sexual harassment, creating a hostile work environment? Not to my surprise, not one of these experts felt that this was any violation at all. Most of them laughed. One even said it reminded her of her Cub Scout Cubmaster at one of their camp outings. She thought the picture was very humorous. There were a couple who said they felt the picture was in poor taste. Jennifer Trombly-Richards has every right to not like the picture in the yearbook. And she also has the right to convey her dislike to the public in the media. However, she has no right to accuse our dedicated principal of any illegal wrong doing when in fact there has been none. Oh, and by the way, Ms. Richards, the school system does have a code of conduct for the staff, as most places of business do. And I personally feel it is adhered to by most of our dedicated educational professionals.

### LETTERS

are lining up at already strained food pantries and the state's welfare offices. Jennifer Tobin, performing arts coordinator with Canton Leisure Services, apparently believes Canton has been fortunate in finding millions in private funding for its Cherry Hill Village

Theater, set for a grand opening Sept. 11. You know what I'd like to find?

Some 165,000 Americans back home from Iraq, my borders secure, a new local government, job opportunities, a return to Republican values, utility, gasoline and food prices, reasonably priced and well built homes - in a word - prosperity.

Canton wasn't fortunate to find that money - it was cleverly arranged with garbage importers, unscrupulous developers, corrupt local officials, a juggernaut bank and citizens that will clap and shed a tear on Sept. 11, but never ask why.

#### Alfred Brock Canton

Federal Violent Crime Control Act of 1994, which banned the manufacture and importation of firearms defined by Congress as assault weapons, and of high-capacity magazines, are due to expire next month.

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President Bush promised during the 2000 campaign that he would support an extension of the band, and still says that he will sign an extension if it reaches his desk. However, he has done nothing to facilitate passage of the bill, which remains stuck in the House with little likelihood of being addressed (some would call that a flip-flop of his campaign promise, to use a favorite term of the Bush campaign).

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A few months ago, I wrote Congressman McCotter about this important issue, urging him to protect our communities and our children from dangerous weapons by supporting the extension of the assault weapons ban. McCotter's response was disappointing, noting only that the ban defines assault weapons based on cosmetic and

# Tip hat to Labor Day

In presidential election years, Labor Day in Detroit was a major event. National media would be out as the Democratic candidate made it official. Harry S Truman, Adlai Stevenson, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson launched their campaigns in Cadillac Square at the conclusion of the Labor Dav parade.

Now the campaigns begin long before Labor Day, the parades are over and union members would rather not be in downtown Detroit during a three-day weekend.

But we must remember, especially in Detroit, where unions have played such a vital role in creating a more just, prosperous and progressive society.

The U.S. Department of Labor Web site says it all began with McGuire or possibly with Maguire. One version says Labor Day was the brain child of carpenter Peter J. McGuire, a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor. Another version credits Matthew Maguire of the International Association of Machinists. In any case, by the early 1880s, many communities were beginning to celebrate a day in September for Labor (rather than May 1, which had been appropriated by the more radical socialist factions).

In 1894, after years of often violent confrontations between labor union members and company forces, Congress made the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

The timing of the holiday makes in a perfect coda for the summer season. And every working person deserves that final taste of summer sunshine.

But they also might reflect on why they work under safe conditions, enjoy a living wage, have medical coverage, get to take two, three or more weeks of vacation, have paid sick days, maybe have tuition reimbursement or a health club membership. Most of these are because of advances first fought for and won by labor unions, setting a standard for others.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

You don't like the picture? Fine. You don't have to. Now, let's move on. Lisa Korpus

Canton

#### Arts budgets

I read that Plymouth and Canton arts people are watching Lansing as state budget talks begin.

Apparently ArtServe, a Michigan arts advocacy group, has issued "alerts" this summer warning that the proposed \$11.8 million in state grants for arts and culture may be eliminated or cut drastically.

Plymouth Community Arts Council Executive Director Stella Greene said groups like hers have to "send a message to Lansing almost daily."

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.

In the past four years nearly 115,000 more people in metro Detroit have joined the ranks of the poor. More people

#### Men, women matter

This is in response to the letter to the editor by Janusz M. Szyszko in the Aug. 19 edition of the Canton Observer. In it he states: "Banning same-sex marriage falls into the same category as the Prohibition Amendment: unnecessary. ill-advised and downright silly." Further: "Same-sex marriages will have absolutely no impact on any of us or on our daily lives. It is a non-issue."

I beg to differ with him! Why then did 482,590 people sign a petition to have the Federal Marriage Amendment appear on the November ballot? The "will of the people" will define marriage, not the courts. And the people are not ready to allow elitist courts to convert the foundations of their state Constitutions into radical, unrecognizable forms on the whims of activist judges.

Voters understand the need for real tolerance but also understand that children need both a mother and a father to raise them. This is a basic principle for a self-governing republic that sustains itself by passing on its values to future generations. Where is the other side's tolerance for the millions of people who hold to such time-honored wisdom?

Marriage is not about "who you sleep with" and it's not about personal choice, fulfillment and benefits. In marriage, both men and women matter

> **Barb Schmid** Canton

#### Extend firearms ban

I was somewhat surprised recently to receive in my mailbox a "Congressional Update" from Congressman Thaddeus McCotter touting his effort at ensuring homeland security and ensuring household security. No doubt McCotter's intentions are good, aimed at keeping the public safe and secure. However, the publication failed to mention an important aspect of our safety and a piece of legislation that McCotter failed to support.

The provisions of Title XI of the

ergonomic features that "affect the weapon's appearance but not the weapon's lethality." I admit, the ban is not perfect. But the way to make our communities safer is to improve the existing ban, not to ignore it and let it expire.

U.S. Department of Justice statistics show that since 1994, when the ban went into effect, the firearm crime rate has dropped dramatically, from six victims per 1,000 residents in 1994 to 1.9 victims per 1,000 residents in 2002. Opponents of the ban might argue that this decline is not because of the assault weapons band. But do we really want to find out by letting the ban expire? According to the Children's Defense Fund, a child in this country is killed by a firearm every three hours. Do we really need to put more weapons back on our streets? I don't think so.

Kathryn Sweet Canton

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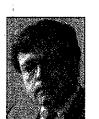
- Canton Police Capt. Alex Wilson on the accreditation process for the Canton Police Department

# Rogers possibly biggest rising star in state GOP

ike Rogers not only was invited to the Republican National Convention four years ago, he was offered the chance to speak. But he turned it down.

"I figured that with my race so close, that would take a week away from the district, and I couldn't afford that," he said. Some may have thought the former FBI agent crazy, but the numbers suggest he was right.

That year, he won the closest Congressional race in the country, by a razor-thin margin of 88 votes in a Lansing-area district Al Gore carried with ease. Fortunately for him, the GOP-



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controlled Legislature promptly redrew the lines to give him an easier time. (He now represents a district that stretches from the Oakland County suburbs to rural areas west of Lansing.) Two years ago, he coasted to

re-election with 68 percent, and this year is not expected to have problems defeating an unknown and underfunded former Dennis Kucinich supporter.

"So, yes, I'm going to the convention this time," he laughed.

"But I must have offended them because they didn't ask me to speak."

He was kidding, of course; he knows perfectly well that he was invited to address the convention to give him a little visibility as an underdog in a tough race. And although there is no suspense in this week's gathering in New York, he looks forward to it. He believes that even if candidates are no longer chosen in smoke-filled rooms, conventions are still vitally important.

"It is a place where everyone gets to see who is who," he said, where party members from around the nation get to see both famous figures and rising stars, and listen to speeches that may actually contain some ideas.

Though Rogers is a free-market conservative, he isn't happy that the networks no longer show very much of the conventions.

"Of course, I'm a politics junkie. I watched a lot of the Democrat convention," and says he thinks Republicans who ignored it did so at their peril.

Though he'll be behind the scenes this week, don't be surprised if Mike Rogers plays a much bigger role in future Republican conventions. He is, at 41, perhaps the Michigan GOP's biggest rising star.

A lifelong resident of Brighton, a town halfway between Detroit and Lansing, he has dream candidate potential. After graduating from Adrian College and stints in the U.S. Army and FBI, he came home to run a construction business he founded, and run for state Senate.

He is handsome, trim, articulate, liked and

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respected — and is widely considered the Republicans' best (and perhaps only) hope of defeating freshman U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow when she runs for re-election two years from now, though he doesn't seem to be lusting after her job.

"I'm not sure that would be a promotion," he says cautiously.

"You know, the thing that has surprised me (about being in the House) is that you can actually get things done, if you do your homework and are interested in honest debate. Everybody told me you'll have to wait 10 years to do anything, and I haven't found that to be true."

In most cases, he has been a strong Bush supporter, preferring to argue with the administration behind the scenes. One notable exception is on China, where he has publicly attacked the president for failing to go after that nation for its notorious "money laundering" of funds obtained from corruption and bribery.

Rogers has been given a seat on the important Energy and Commerce Committee, and has been included on four fact-finding trips to Iraq. (He is convinced that despite obvious mistakes early in the occupation, "you can see the signs of real progress" everywhere.)

He was also tapped as finance chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee, a sign of respect from senior party members; the committee soon began raising record amounts of money.

Yet despite all that, he says he is genuinely concerned about the nature of politics in this country. "Too often, we aren't really talking to each other anymore, except to throw rocks as big as houses at each other," he said.

"We have too many people in this country who don't want to talk about politics at all, except to say that all politicians are no good. Well, what kind of message does that send our kids? How does that help people get involved?"

Though he could probably win re-election without campaigning, he says he'll debate his opponent at least once. I met with him after he spent the morning being "beaten up" at a senior men's club whose members aren't happy about prescription drug prices. And, he says, he makes a point of going to talk to students at Michigan State University.

"They vote against me — oh, by about four-toone," he laughed. "That's a good reality check for me."

One wonders if we'd get more sensible legislation if more politicians spent time with people who disagree with their views.

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# Local Scouts would benefit from Mackinac Island camp renovation.

ackinac Island is known for its fudge, horse-pulled carriages, centuries of history and spectacularly peaceful evenings.

One of the not-so-well-known attributes of the island is a summer Scout service camp that is unlike any other Scout camp in the country, and annually involves Scout troops from Livonia, Canton, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills and Detroit.

For 75 years, the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp has given Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts from across Michigan the opportunity to serve in a high-profile



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tour guides, stewards of the flags above the fort and other historic buildings and honor guards for the governor. They also perform various other service projects in and around the fort.

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Groups of some 60 Scouts visit each summer week and collectively perform some 30,000 hours of volunteer service between Memorial Day

and Labor Day each year. Adolescents participate in various types of camps each summer with activities that are instructional and create lasting friendships. In Boy Scouts, most summer camp experiences involve tents, hiking, merit badges and fun in the great outdoors. While traditional summer camps present provide opportunities for growth, bonding and thrills, the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp adds many unique elements that cannot be duplicated.

The island is a museum of American, British, Canadian and French history. The island introduces youngsters to life in the pre-automotive era. The island offers serene natural sights and sounds that elevate the bonding and sentimental memories for youngsters, compared to traditional camps.

The camp challenges youngsters to learn that history and become proud servants of Mackinac's attractions, which draw tens of thousands of visitors each summer. The camp gives many scouts unforgettable memories and lessons that resonate into adulthood.

Former President Gerald Ford was one of the original eight Eagle Scouts who served in the camp's inaugural year of 1929. As president, Ford visited the camp during a 1975 visit to the island. Others who served at the Scout camp include former Gov. James Blanchard and state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth.

Also, I am one of those Scouters who continue to find ways to remain involved in the camp that's had such a lasting positive impact. I was involved as a Scout and young adult from 1984-94, when the camp evolved into an annual highlight for me personally.

After nine years away from regular service, my bonds to the camp motivated me to take advantage of an opportunity to return to duty these past two summers as an adult leader with the southeastern Michigan Boy Scout contingent.

The group is a collection of top Scouts from Troop 271 at St. Michael's Church in Livonia, Troop 1536 at Canton's Fiegel School, Troop 194 at St. Gregory's Church in Detroit, Troop 1029 of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Beverly Hills, Troop 1036 at Kirk in the Hills Church and Troop 1037 at St. Hugo's Church, both from Bloomfield Hills.

The Scouts and leaders were on the island from July 31-Aug. 7. The Detroitarea group has served on the island for 63 consecutive years, the longest tenure of any group in the camp's history.

The Mackinac Island camp has impacted many Scouts throughout its 75 years. While, the years helped build an adored tradition for many scouters, time has also worn down the Scout Barracks, which has served as the camp's headquarters for 70 years.

Like so many state programs in recent years, the government's financial struggles make it tough to adequately fund needed repairs to the Scout Barracks. The building needs about \$500,000 to repair its antiquated electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, address structural weaknesses and replace aging kitchen equipment and bunks. With no state funding in sight, Mackinac State Historic Parks aims to raise the money to repair the building so it provides a safe, well-equipped facility to maintain the camp that benefits many young people for years to come.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to Mackinac State Historic Parks, which runs Fort Mackinac on the island and Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City. The address is P.O. Box 873, Mackinaw City, MI 49701. For more information, call (231) 436-4100 or visit the Web site at www.mackinacparks.com.

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# Go green, go blue: New store has to serve two masters

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#### BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Tim Howell of expects to be working on his birthday. - He is the general manager of the new Wolverine & Spartan and More Shop which opens tomorrow

And his birthday is Oct. 30 and that is the day of THE game, the annual football battle between the University of-Michigan and Michigan State.

The store left its Ford Road location behind McDonald's a few months ago and has been closed while the family adjusted to the death of the founder, Joseph Zawadski, longtime South Redford teacher and coach.

Howell's mother-in-law, Merrilee Zawadski, owns the new Canton store and three Buckeye/Wolverine stores in the Toledo area.

Howell's wife, Anne Howell, who graduated from Plymouth Salem in the early 90s, is assistant buyer for the stores. He and his wife live in Westland and hope to open one or two more Wolverine/Spartan stores out towards Howell or Brighton.

The new Canton store is in the shopping center at Joy and Morton Taylor (just north of the ACO store). A grand opening is set for Friday, Sept. 3 at noon.

"We wanted a bigger store, a cleaner store, and we wanted to be more visible, and, most importantly, we felt it would be wise to be closer to Plymouth," Howell said.

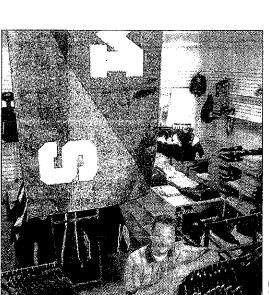
Howell figures between the four stores the operation inventories about 12,000 separate items, and will likely add more in the future.

Like the state of Michigan on game day, the store is divided down the middle.

"On the right as you enter is Wolverine stuff, figuratively closer to the U of M. On the left is Spartan stuff, just a bit closer to Lansing," Howell says with mock seriousness.

A split Spartan/Wolverine

Tuesday as Howell readied the store a man poked his head in the door and said just two words: "More green." He didn't mean money or paint.



Tim Howell is opening the Spartan/Wolverine store Friday at noon. It is in the shopping center at Morton Taylor and Joy roads.



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banner hangs in the middle of the store. "Families buy the split stuff all the time," Howell said. "Split license plates, too." Best customers for the split items: A man and wife went to different schools, or a family has one offspring at U of M, and one at State.

Howell, ever the diplomat walking the fine edge of sports mania, says Spartans buy more stuff because Wolverines can find more items in this area because of the proximity of the U of M to Plymouth and Canton.

"But, Wolverine fans spend more money," Howell said. The store features Spartan and Wolverine novelties, stadium seats, and all sorts of clothing. One of the more expensive items is a Spartan Hawaiian shirt which Howell assures is actually from Hawaii. Other expensive items include coats and golf bags with he school's logos.

"Customers can get a sense of belonging here no matter which school they went to," Howell said.

Howell himself went to U of M in Dearborn.

The weeks before Christmas and the few days before the U of M/State game are the stores busiest.

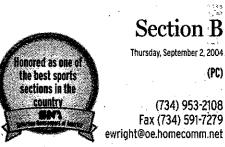
The store will be open all three days over the Labor Day weekend. Regular hours will be Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. The store's address is 43319 Joy but it actually faces Morton Taylor. Phone is (734) 416-0690.



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**SOCCER** – Plymouth stays unbeaten at 4-0.

BASKETBALL – Salem wins Huron Classic.



# Hoop 101

# Plymouth learns from 43-30 loss to Ladywood

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

School officially started Monday morning for members of the Plymouth girls basketball team.

But the Wildcats were taught some valuable lessons on the basketball court Tuesday evening in their 43-30 loss to Livonia Ladywood.

"We'll definitely look back at this game as a learning experience," said coach Richelle Reilly, whose squad dropped to 1-1. "We took too long to foul in the final three minutes and we committed too many turnovers throughout the game. Our defensive rebounding was solid for the first three quarters, but we let down a little in the fourth."

Ladywood (1-1) applied a game-long, baseline-tobaseline press on the Wildcats, which forced them to alter their style of play, Reilly said.

"Ladywood's press made us play at a little faster pace than we wanted to," she said.

Despite the win, Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said her team needs to work on its shot selection.

"We were not very patient," Gorski said. "We'd make one or two passes and then shoot. We need to get back to being more patient on offense."

Ladywood led 11-7 after one quarter and 21-18 at the half. Plymouth closed the gap to 25-23 with eight minutes to play, but the Blazers slammed the door shut in the fourth, outscoring the hosts 18-7.

Junior forward Jeanine Moise played strong inside, netting 15 points while pulling down 12 rebounds. Fellow post player Kim Olech tallied nine points and a game-high 21 boards.

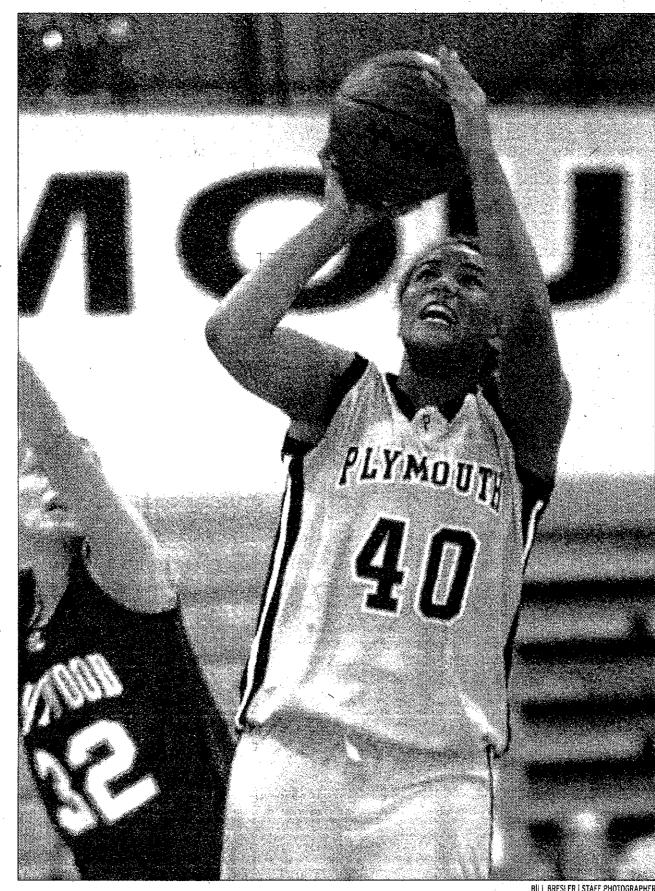
Colleen Flaherty finished with four points and 11 rebounds.

Blazer Jamie Rhodes stuck a dagger in the Wildcats' fourth-quarter comeback hopes by scoring 12 of her team-high 14 points in the final eight minutes. Rhodes swished all five of her fourth-quarter free throws.

Erica Yost also played a stellar game for the Blazers, recording nine points, five steals and five assists.

"We didn't shoot that poorly," Reilly said. "But we had a lot of possessions in which we didn't even get a shot off due to the turnovers. The turnovers limited our opportunities to score."

Plymouth returns to action Tuesday when it travels to Southgate Anderson.



Plymouth's Jeanine Moise attempts a shot over Livonia Ladywood's Nicole Koterba during the second quarter of Tuesday night's game. Moise finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds, but the Blazers prevailed, 43-30.

### Gapa Robb lauded

Canton resident Ann Gapa Robb will be inducted Saturday into the Hillsdale College Athletic Hail of Fame.

Following a stellar athletic career at Dearborn Divine Child, where she was an all-state softball pitcher and all-Catholic basketball player, Gapa Robb received an athletic scholarship to Hillsdale in 1984.

Her accomplishments at Hillsdale include earning all-GLIAC first team softball honors a record four times. Gapa Robb was Hillsdale's first 20-game winner with a 0.87 earned-run average and five no-hitters.

in 1988, Gapa Robb was named the NAIA District 23 Pitcher of the Year.

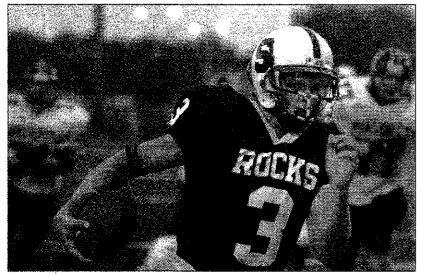
She is the school's fourth all-time leading scorer in basketball and is eighth on the charts in rebounding.

For the past 15 years, Gapa Robb has taught social studies at Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. She lives in Canton with her husband, Steve Robb, and two children, Kylie and Joey.

# **Baseball tryouts**

Tryouts for the Michigan Rattlers 12U travel baseball team will be held 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, on field No. 5 of the Canton Softball Center. Interested players must be born on or after Aug. 1, 1992, and have previous baseball experience.

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Salem quarterback Jeff Lake takes off on an 80-yard touchdown jaunt Friday night against Pinckney. Lake finished the game with 212 yards rushing.

# Lake superior

# Salem QB completes record-setting effort

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem senior quarterback Jeff Lake ran through the Pinckney defense and straight into the Rocks' record books Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

He didn't stop until his name was positioned alongside all-time great Rocks QB Rich Hewlett, who racked up just about every Salem rushing record during his glorious high school career in the late '70s.

Lake turned in a Hewlett-like effort against the Pirates in Salem's season-opening 35-7 victory. The first-year quarterback scored a school record-tying four touchdowns while rushing for 212 yards, the third highest total in Salem history.

"That was a great performance, especially since it was the first varsity game that Jeff played quarterback," Salem coach Bob Cummings said. "You can't compare Jeff to Rich Hewlett because Rich put up big numbers game after game, but Lake had a great game tonight.

"Jeff actually played well on both sides of the ball (Lake played safety on defense). He only came off the field for a few plays the entire game."

Lake's touchdowns were diverse, to say the least. With the Rocks leading 7-9 and 9:24 left in the first half, he bolted 80 yards to the end zone on a keeper.

After Pinckney answered with a TD of its own to make it 14-7, Lake re-established the Rocks' momentum when he avoided three wouldbe Pirate tacklers and scrambled 22 yards to paydirt with just 36 seconds left in the first half.

A lightning delay forced the second half of the game to be shifted to Saturday afternoon, but it didn't slow down Lake, who scored his third touchdown when he was on the receiving end of a 19-yard halfback pass from Kevin Bradley to extend Salem's lead to 28-7.

The senior quarterback's final tally was more conventional: a 1-yard sneak.

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# Chiefs' secondary set for second straight tough test

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's secondary will face its second stiff test of the season tonight when it travels to Walled Lake Central to battle the pass-

happy Vikings.

The Canton defensive backs passed their initial test last weekend when they stymied Ann Arbor Pioneer's wide-open offense, which threw 28 times in the Chiefs' 26-6 weather-delayed victory.

The game was delayed by lightning Friday night with 11:42 left in the fourth quarter and Canton ahead, 20-6. The Chiefs closed the game Saturday with a potent mix of grind-it-out offense and stellar defense.

David Neu, Julian Smith and Jake Powers recorded interceptions for the Chiefs. Smith returned his pick for a TD to put Canton up 13-6 early in the third quarter.

Like Canton, Central will bring momentum into tonight's Western Lakes Activities Association opener. Led by senior quarterback Justin Goltz, the Vikings outscored Milford, 41-35, Friday night. Three of Goltz's 15 throws went for TDs.

"They looked great in their first game," Canton coach Tim Baechler said, after reviewing Central's opening-night game film. "They're a good team with an effective passing game."

Baechler said his team struggled with typical first-game mistakes against Pioneer, which led 6-0 at halftime Friday night.

"We need to be more consistent on offense," Baechler said. "With the offense we run, if one player doesn't do his job, the entire play breaks down. We need more consistency from our offensive line. Offensively, I would say we were adequate against Pioneer. We had a few fumbled snaps; we jumped offsides a few times; we were just out of sync.

"I thought our special teams and defense played well against Pioneer. We had a couple of new kids — Deshon McClendon and Scott Steffes — who really stepped up. Deshon did a nice job returning kicks and filling in for our starting running backs, and Steffes played well in the defensive backfield."

Junior Andy Rossow was the Chiefs' top rusher against Pioneer, picking up 82 yards on 12 carries. Julian Smith had 45 yards on 10 rushes.

Canton outgained the Pioneers, 235-210, in total yards.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. today.

# Canton soccer team notches first victory

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Following six consecutive "close-but-novictory" decisions to open the season, Canton's boys soccer team broke into the win column Tuesday night, edging Walled Lake Western, 2-1.

The Chiefs are now 1-3-3 heading into Wednesday's home match against Walled Lake Central.

With the game knotted at 1-1 and approximately 15 minutes left in regulation, Canton's Garrett Fishaw fired a throw-in into the box in front of the Western net. Senior Adam Stanko pounced on it and drilled the ball past the Warriors' goalie to give the Chiefs a 2-1 lead.

Strong play in goal from Steve Mischung (four saves) and the rest of Canton's defensive corps preserved the win.

Senior Adam Pitt gave Canton an early 1-0 advantage when he scored an unassisted goal midway through the first half.

Western pulled even five minutes before halftime.

On Monday, Canton dropped a 2-0 decision to highly rated Warren DeLaSalle. The Pilots broke a scoreless tie with five minutes left in the opening half before adding an insurance goal midway through the second half.

Mischung was credited with nine saves for the Chiefs.

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

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

■ Tryouts for the Canton Cobras 14U travel baseball team will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. 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 Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Heritage Park No. 2. For more information, contact head coach Chris Merandi at (734) 729-0489.

### Whalers open camp

The Plymouth Whalers opened training camp for the 2004-05 season Wednesday at the Compuware Sports Arena, with two intrasquad scrimmages today and two Friday.

"I'm real excited to get started," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, who also serves as the team's president and general manager. "We have a young, aggressive team this season with some quality veterans to help out, It should be an interesting season."

The Whalers open the preseason at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena against the Windsor Spitfires. The scrimmages are

open to the public.

# FOOTBALL

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Bradley scored the only non-Lake touchdown, an 80-yard run with 3:59 left in the first quarter.

Salem's Joey Alva was perfect on all five of his extrapoint attempts.

Bradley didn't get his name etched in the record books, but he, too, gave the Pirates fits, rushing for 130 yards on 12 carries. Salem fullback Cam Schambre was also effective with 80 yards on 17 rushes.

Salem outgained Pinckney, 486-172, in total yards. "It was a good effort all

around for us, especially since we had to battle through a lot of adversity," Cummings said. "It seemed like every time we'd get some momentum going on Friday night, something would happen to slow us down.

The first adverse situation occurred in the opening moments of the second quarter, when the Rocks picked up 9 yards on a first-down run.

However, a 25-minute delay ensued following the apparently harmless play.

"After we had already run a play, the refs realized they had marked the ball on the wrong spot," Cummings said. "Pinckney's coach argued that the ball should be re-marked and

TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem defensive back Mike Conley wraps up Pinckney quarterback Tyler Thompson during the second half of Friday night's game.

that the play shouldn't count." Both coaches and the refs conferred for several minutes before the officials ruled that the play would stand.

The next adverse condition was the overnight lightning delay. "I thought that might be a

problem for us, but the kids dealt with it fine," Cummings said. "On Friday night, we had some big plays, but on Saturday, we had several long drives, picking up 5 or 6 yards at a time. The long drives were important because they kept Pinckney's offense off the field.' Stephen Lahane excelled on

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Ypsi. Calvary at PCA, 7 p.m.

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defense for Salem, recording 10 solo tackles. Ed Evers and Mike Conley also earned praise from Cummings for their play on the defensive side of the line.

Cummings hopes the momentum from the win carries over to tonight's contest against cross-campus rival Plvmouth.

"They played Churchill extremely tough Friday night, so we know we're going to have our hands full," Cummings said. Kickoff tonight is set for 7 p.m. at the PCEP football field.

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# Wildcats upend Central, now 4-0

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Life is good for the Plymouth boys soccer team, which extended its season-opening unbeaten streak to four Monday afternoon with a 4-2 victory at Walled Lake Central.

The 4-0 Wildcats (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) ousted Livonia Franklin, 7-0, on Saturday.

"Everything is coming together for us," said coach Jeff Neschich.

Junior Sean Dillon paced Monday's win, scoring twice and assisting on a third goal.

"As always, Sean played very hard and made a lot of things happen for us," Neschich said.

Ali Youssef and Colin Rolfe scored goals to put the Wildcats up 2-0 before the Vikings dented the lead with a marker just before halftime. Andrew Koet and Dillon were credited with assists on the two first-half goals.

Dillon seized the momentum back for Plymouth when he took a pass from Koet and beat the Central goalie to make it 3-1. After the Vikings cut the

lead to 3-2, Rolfe assisted Dillon on the game-icing goal.

"Jim Wilbur and Nick Plescia played a fabulous game at mid-field for us tonight." Neschich said.

Robert Lovelace and Nick Siekirk split time in net for the Wildcats.

Plymouth jumped all over the Patriots Saturday, scoring

early, late and often. Koet led the way offensively, netting three goals. Wilbur drilled in a pair while Justin Sheridan and Dillon added one each.

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Andy Sasinowski recorded three assists.

The unbeaten goalie duo of Lovelace and Siekirk shared the win, each playing a half.

### Tigers roar. 1-0

Belleville stayed perfect, downing host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 1-0. Monday night.

The Tigers' loan goal came off the foot of Sean Payne, who scored mid-way through the first half after taking a pass from Paul Devine.

Belleville goalie Joe Shamanski was flawless in goal, knocking away six Charger shots.

"Joe handled the ball very well tonight," Belleville coach Ron Held said. "He played solid."

Held also commended the play of Chris Rowe, whom he called, "the quarterback of our team.

The Tigers peppered 13 shots at the Crestwood net, but could only light up the scoreboard once.

"We had opportunities to score a lot more, but their goalie was very talented," Held said.

#### Adape victorious

The Wolverines (1-3) broke into the win column for the

victory over Monroe Lutheran South.

"We played real well tonight," said Agape coach Aaron Carr. "We controlled the ball and kept it in front of us, which is what I like to see."

Josh Osborn paced the Wolverines' attack with a pair of goals. Deven Boitiaux and Ron Pummill netted one goal each. Boitiaux and Eric Shoats both tallied an assist for the winners.

Wolverine goalie Will Plentowski had a strong game in net, stopping eight South shots.

Carr also praised the effort of sophomore striker Jack Anleitner.

"We had some tough losses early this year, but the kids responded well tonight," Carr said.

The Wolverines travel to Calvary Christian this afternoon.

Eagles fly Ben Welton's goal in the 64th minute carried host **Plymouth Christian Academy** (5-0-1) to a 1-0 non-conference victory over Lutheran High Westland (3-1) Tuesday.

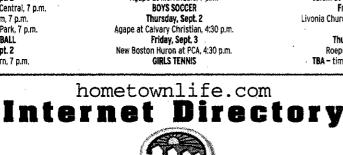
"It was pretty evenly played, but we had an unfortunate mix up in the corner to a wide-open guy up front and keeper never had a chance," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block.

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Goalkeeper Kevin Greening made six saves for the Warriors, while Matt Saagman turned away seven for the Eagles, who have yet to give up



PREP FOOTBALL Thursday, Sept. 2 Canton at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m. Belleville at Lincoin Park, 7 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Sept. 2 Canton at Dearborn, 7 p.m



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### LOCAL SPORTS

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# Salem's road warriors Even 'Big Linda' can't argue take A.A. Huron crown with final prep grid picks

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

With its first four games on the road, the Salem girls basketball team hasn't just been a road warrior early this season. They've been a *successful* 

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road warrior. Salem was crowned champion of the Ann Arbor Huron

Season Opening Classic Saturday night after it knocked off the host River Rats, 49-39.

The Rocks are now 3-0 heading into Tuesday's nonconference showdown at Brighton.

"It's a good start for us because two of the three teams we've beaten — Huron and West Bloomfield — are very talented basketball teams," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Huron is probably the top team in the Ann Arbor area and West Bloomfield has one of the best programs in the state."

The Rocks exploded out to an 11-4 first-quarter advantage and 29-16 halftime lead due to their ability to break the River Rats' press — and because of the inspired play of Teresa Coppiellie, who pumped in 12 of her gamehigh 14 points in the opening 16 minutes.

Salem also played stellar defense against Huron's top two scorers, Thomann said. "Ketharm Wheatley, Alward

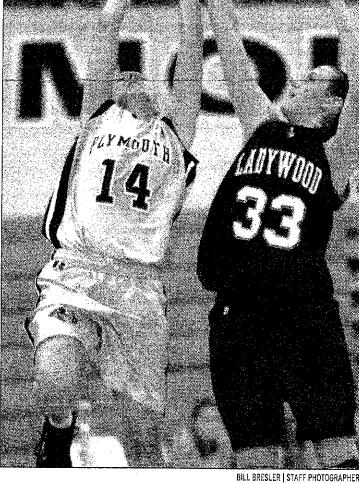
"Kathryn Wheatley, Alyssa Guerin, Becky Ward and Keiyanna Arnold did a nice job of shutting down Huron's best players," Thomann said. "Coming into the game, the two girls had averaged a combined 35 points a game and we held them to 21."

Ellen Canale netted 10 points and dished out 6 assists. Also scoring for the Rocks were Guerin (7 points), Ward (6) and Arnold (4).

### Agape starts strong

The Wolverines pushed their record to 2-0 Monday night with a 39-18 triumph at Petersburg-Summerfield (0-2).

Agape led just 7-6 after the



Plymouth's Janet Hanchett (left) has her shot blocked by Ladywood's Kathryn Berger during Tuesday's non-league game.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Agape coach Chuck Henry said.

Sophomore Brianna Chrenko added 8 points for Agape.

Melissa Tansel and Megan Gray led Summerfield with 5 points each.

Agape hit 9-of-18 free throws while Summerfield struggled from the charity stripe (2-of-12).

## Tigers roar

Since the opening practice nore than three weeks ago.

defense," Edwards said. "I've told the girls all along, if you come with the strong defense,

you can play with anybody." Taylor Manley not only led the Tigers in scoring (14 points), she also was the team's primary defensive instigator, Edwards said. "She didn't start tonicht

"She didn't start tonight because I haven't been happy with her defensive effort," Edwards explained. "But tonight she came to play. She was our best defensive player out there tonight."

Erica Brewer also turned in a strong performance with 12 points and 8 rebounds. Tia Lewis played a strong floor game; scoring just 2, but dishing out 6 assists. Ladwan Jones led the Zebras with 11 points. Belleville led 15-6 after one quarter and 29-12 at the half. The Zebras narrowed their deficit to 33-20 after three stanzas, but 13 was as close as they could get. will leave the same way I came in four and a half years ago — with a true story.

A couple of years ago during the fall season, one area cross country coach was notorious for refusing to call in his team's results – even though his team was the best in its league. Results would come in occasionally, but not consistently, and we'd run what we'd get. (Memo to parents: Like every other newspaper, we rely on coaches to call in the results for most events. So if you don't see it in the paper, there's a reason.)

One day, I got an e-mail with the name "Big Linda" in the address (but no name signed to it — imagine that) complaining about the lack of cross country from her son's school, how other schools in the area always got more coverage and how our paper is a joke.

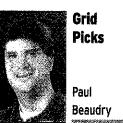
A few months later, I received an e-mail from someone who did sign his name, explaining that he lived in another state and how thankful he was that we covered his son's basketball team.

The most satisfying part? As near as I could determine, the compliment came from Big Linda's ex-husband.

It is at this point you may wonder what this has to do with this week's grid picks. Nothing, and everything, thank you.

For better or worse (and always better when it comes time to pick in the playoffs, much to the chagrin of Brad Emons), this is my final grid picks column — my farewell to a place I've enjoyed working, people I've enjoyed covering and an area that I've loved living.

Come Tuesday, I'll be starting over in Birmingham, Ala., covering preps and some other things for a daily paper there. It's not an easy decision, but sometimes you have to make a move, no matter how much you know you'll miss where you've been. I'll miss all of it — from covering a CC playoff game on a crisp, fall afternoon at Hilbert Junior High to a cold walk to the gym at Garden City in January. There are several coaches I'll miss working with - to mention them isn't possible because I'd hate to leave one out — although former Westland John Glenn coach



Chuck Gordon *has* to be happy I'm moving in the opposite direction from his northern retirement home.

I will miss tracking down one basketball coach at an area establishment while he indulges with the rest of the staff in some postgame R&R. Or having one swim coach call me after every meet while she eats with her team at the Senate Coney Island.

I'll miss the coaches quotable and quiet, printable and persnickety. I'll miss the kids — regardless of their emotion or talent.

And I'll miss the events that are great fun, not because of the level of talent, but the measure of enjoyment that the competitors bring to the field or court specifically, the Redford Junior Olympics and the annual basketball game between the faculty and students at the Burger Center for Autism.

It's not an easy decision to leave. I'm thankful you've let me into your homes and lives since 2000. I'll miss all of the places, all of the athletes and all of the people.

Yes, even Big Linda.

And I am leaving on a winning note with the best record of the bunch. An 11-2 mark for me leads the pack with Brad Emons and Ed Wright a game behind at 10-3. Starting next week, Tim Smith – currently our Southfield and West Bloomfield sports editor will take over in Redford and Garden City and will take over my picks.

Can I leave a winner? We'll see.

#### THURSDAY'S GAMES

(All games 7 p.m. unless noted) G.P.W. Liggett (0-1) at Luth. Westiand' (0-1), 4 p.m.: Neither team was impressive in its opener. Liggett was thumped by a loss - a two-point deficit to always tough Oxford. But the Spartans came out of the blocks strong, too. And they'll stay that way for a while. PICKS: Franklin - Wright; Stevenson - Beaudry, Emons.

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Northville (1-0) at John Glenn (1-0): Northville edged always-tough Saline, but John Glenn steamrolled Detroit Chadsey a team slated to win the PSL's Division III Glenn rolfs again. PICKS: John Glenn – Beaudry, Wright, Emons.

Canton (1-0) at Walled Lake Central (1-0) for Two more solid teams, that beat two solid eteams in their opener. While Central's win over Milford was impressive, even more impressive was Canton marching into Ann Arbor and stopping the Pioneers. PICKS: Canton – Beaudry, Wright, Emons.

Plymouth (0-1) at Salem (1-0): Forget last week, this is the one that matters for both schools. The Wildcats would love nothing better than to post their first win against their neighbors at P-CEP. And the Rocks would feel much shame if they let the 'Cats' get their first win at their expense. It will happen, but not today. PICKS: Salem – Se Beaudry, Wright, Emons.

Belleville (0-1) at Lincoln Park (0-1): I have no specific reason to pick Belleville. But I can't pick against Bob LaPointe. If it was athletic director Mike Colletta, it would be a no-brainer. The Tigers haven't opened a season with back-to-back losses since 1996. And the team that ended that streak? Lincoln Park. PICKS: Belleville – Beaudry.

Taylor Kennedy (0-1; 0-1) at Redford Union (1-0; 1-0): Don't read much into the first week's results. RU's win came against Dearborn Heights Robichaud, which really hasn't been a solid team since Avery Brown played his ninth semester there. And Kennedy is coming off a one-point loss to arch-rival Truman. PICKS: Kennedy – Beaudry, Wright: RU – Emons.

Cranbrook (1-0, 1-0) at Clarenceville (1-0, 1-0), 7:30 p.m.: Funny part about this game is that the league champ will be decided in Week 2. The 'Ville hasn't lost a Metro Conference game in its last 45 and hasn't lost to Cranbrook since 1994. Nothing changes. PICKS: Clarenceville – Beaudry, Wright, Emons. FRIDAY'S GAMES

FRIDAY'S GAMES Det. East Catholic (0-0) at Bishop Borgess (1-0), 4 p.m.: It's the league opener for both schools and the division for the Spartans. I don't care if the win came against Detroit Old Redford Academy or Gary's Old Towne Tavern, Borgess looked pretty good Saturday. PICKS: East Catholic – Emons; Borgess – Beaudry, Wright,

Monroe (1-0) at Garden City (0-1), 7 p.m.: Welcome back, coach Hudkins, although the Cougars won't exactly be excited to have the former Clarenceville coach come back to the area – not after Monroe won 28-7 over Temperance Bedford and Garden City was easily handled by Allen Park. PICKS: Monroe – Beaudry, Emons, Wright.

Thurston (0-1) at Ypsilanti (0-1), 7 p.m.: It took two days for Thurston to finally lose such problem, falling quickly and quietly too Jackson, 35-16. Thurston should win, but that little voice is speaking up one last time. PICKS: Thurston – Wright; Ypsilanti –

Beaudry, Emons. SATURDAY'S GAME

opening eight minutes, but blew the game open with a 16-1 second-quarter run. The Wolverines led 31-13 after three quarters.

Danielle Henry had a strong game for the winners, netting 13 points. A.J. Creps posted 9 points and 12 rebounds.

"A.J. is a strong post player and is physically strong inside," Belleville coach Kevin Edwards has stressed to his team the importance of tenacious defense.

On Tuesday night, the Tigers (2-1) proved his point, hustling their way to a 44-27 win over Wayne Memorial (0-1). "This is the first game all

season that we came out from the start and played good Cranbrook, 39-6, while Lutheran Westland was spanked by Clarenceville. Something has to give, and my feeling is that will be the Warriors. PICKS: Liggett – Beaudry; Lutheran Westland – Wright, Emons.

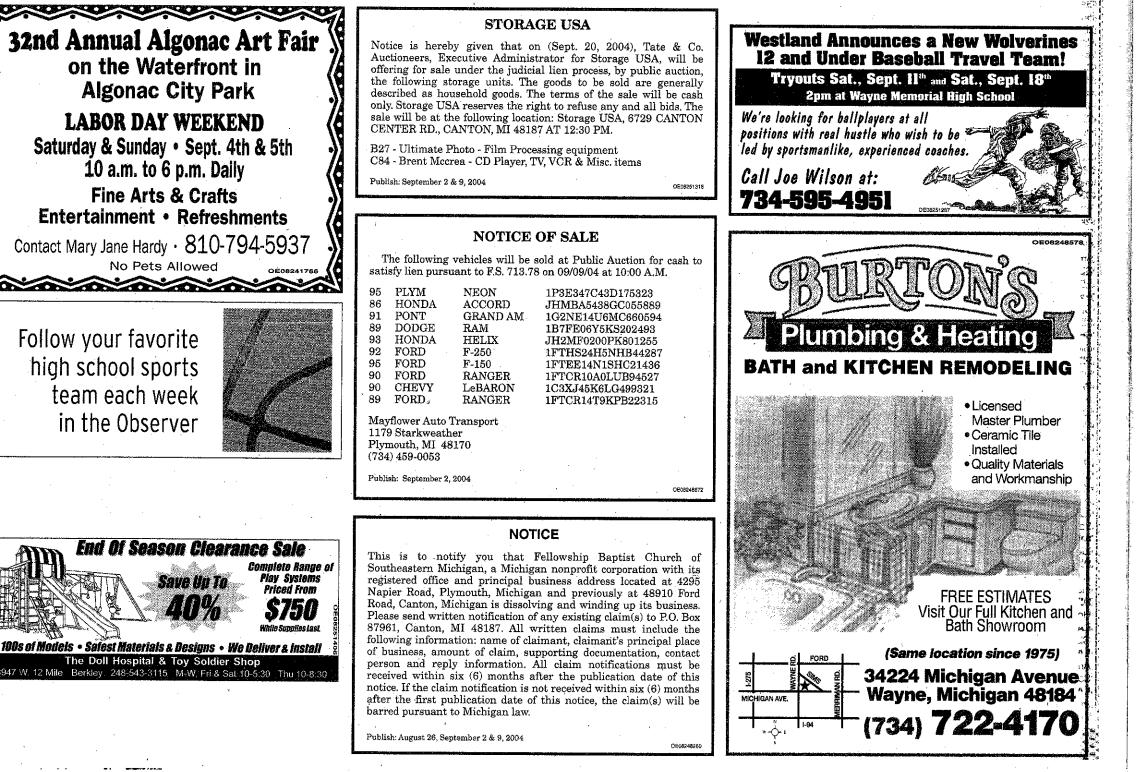
Wayne (0-1) at Churchill (1-0): Last season, Wayne came out of the blocks hotter than a pistol and stayed that way for the first six weeks of the season. Could a win over Plymouth last week and Wayne this week send Churchill off to the same type of start? PICKS: Wayne – Emons; Churchill – Beaudry, Wright.

Franklin (0-1) at Stevenson (1-0): Don't read anything into Franklin's starting with

Redford CC vs. London (Ontario) CC at RU's Kraft Field (Hilbert M.S.), 7 p.m.: OK, we've established that the Shamrocks have problems with teams from other states. They will have no problem with a team from another country. PICKS: Redford CC Beaudry, Emons, Wright.

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### LOCAL SPORTS

# Cornerstone upsets Madonna spikers at UM-Dearborn

Madonna University, ranked third in the preseason NAIA poll, hit an early season bump in the road Saturday courtesy of a familiar foe from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

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Cornerstone University, ranked No. 15, rallied from a 2-1 game deficit to upset the Crusaders in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird

#### **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

Invitational, 30-23, 17-30, 26-30, 30-18, 15-7.

MU captured four of five matches in the two-day, round-robin tournament, which started Friday. The Crusaders are 5-1 overall heading into this weekend's Grand

Canyon College (Ariz.) Invitational.

Sharyse Bush, named to the All-Tournament team, led MU in hitting with a team-high 26 kills in the loss to unbeaten Cornerstone. Also in double figures in kills included Natalja Tinina (22), Caryn Inman (14) and Livonia Franklin's Tera Morrill (10).

Freshman Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) and Bush each had a teamhigh 25 digs, while Morrill added 24. Setter Ashley Frost finished with 57 assist-to-kills.

On Friday, Madonna defeated WHAC foe Spring Arbor, 30-13, 30-15, 30-14, and College of the Ozarks (Mo.), 30-12, 30-28, 30-14. On Saturday, the Crusaders

downed previously unbeaten Indiana Wesleyan, 30-17, 30-20, 30-20, and St. Francis (Ind.), 30-21, 30-13, 30-25.

Bush, a senior transfer from Mott Community College via Flint Central High School, had total of 91 kills in five matches. Tinina (Riga, Latvia) and Inman added 72 and 61, respectively.

#### **Charter, Township of Canton Board Proceedings** - August 24, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 24, 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 Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of G-12 Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of August 10, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Study Session Board Minutes of August 17, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: Ginny Hauck, 43536 Proctor, spoke in support of the Special Community Event for the Tails & Trails 2004 Charity Dog Walk on September 18th, Heritage Park and the request of 50 lawn signs to be displayed two weeks prior to the event. This special event is to benefit the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team K-9 Search Dog Team and the Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth/ Canton. Ms. Hauck stated that there will be entertainment, vendor booths, awards and prizes. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.. Richard Reaume, 11343 Waverly Dr., Plymouth, Supervisor Elect for Plymouth Township, introduced himself and supported a continued working relationship with Canton. Mr. Reaume stated his background and community involvement in Plymouth Township. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Expenditure Recap for August 24, 2004**

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General Fund	101:	\$ 345,488.78
Fire Fund	206	86,343.51
Police Fund	207	44,198.47
Summit Operating	208	67,419.94
Cable TV Fund	230	2,316.05
E-911 Utility	261	1,690.68
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	4,917.58
Federal Grants Fund	274	34.80
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,028.21
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	159,176.02
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	176 447.84
Golf Fund	584	36,126.58
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,354,268.99
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,294.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	333.22
Saltz Road Paving	803	7,661.57
Lotz Road Paving	804	3,502.52
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815	400,884.28
Total - All Funds		2,698,133.04

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo presented articles on the Rouse properties sold and the U of M and ULI Convention Case Study on the Willow Creek Renovation. Trustee McLaughlin stated that on September 9, 2004, Michigan State University Professors and Land Planners will visit Cherry Hill Village to study land use. <u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM RT DETROIT FRANCHISE, LLC, PREMIERE CENTER, MICHIGAN AVENUE (d/b/a Ruby Tuesday) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to open the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. for the request of RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, Premiere Center, Michigan Avenue, Canton, for a new Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Bennett stated that prior to this issue Canton Township has 8 liquor licenses available. If the Board approves RT Detroit Franchise Liquor License that leaves 7 and two (2) are on reserve for Cherry Hill Village, with 5 remaining. However, an establishment can purchase a license in escrow from another jurisdiction to be issued in Canton. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. for the request of RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, Premiere Center, Michigan Avenue, Canton for a new Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales, Premiere Center, Michigan Avenue, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, that the request from RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, Premiere Center, Michigan Avenue, Canton for a new Class C Liquor License, Premiere Center, Michigan Avenue, parcel no. 129-99-0001-708, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, be considered for approval "Above all others," it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. CANTON TOWNSHIP/TONY MATAR CONSENT AGREEMENT Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the consent agreement between People of Canton Township v. Tony Matar (35th District Court Case No. 04C5287A). Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. APPOINT OFFICER DELEGATE TO MERS Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint Dan Durack as Canton Township's Officer Delegate Representative to the MERS Annual Meeting and to appoint Dave Medley as the Officer Alternate. These appointments are to become effective immediately and to continue until rescinded by the Township Board. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. ADOPT BUDGET FOR LOTZ ROAD PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONSTRUCTION FUND Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget for the Lotz Road Paving Special Assessment Construction Fund: Revenues \$785,000 Appropriations \$785,000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS-TRAFFIC SIGNAL COSTS Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate funds for traffic signal maintenance and energy costs billed by Wayne County for school traffic signal devices and specific traffic signals: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$6,200 Increase Appropriations: Utilities-Cross Walks #101-316-920-0000 \$5,000 Traffic Signal Costs-Wayne County #101-441-920-0000 \$1,200 Total \$6,200 This budget amendment increases the Public Safety-School Crossings Division budget from \$79,275 to \$84,275, the public Works-ROW Maintenance Division budget from \$692,022 to \$693,222, and the General Fund budget from \$24,953,289 to \$24,959,489. Motion carried unanimously, Item 5. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A ONE DAY SPECIAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR AT THE VILLAGE THEATER Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the sale and consumption of liquor at The Village Theater on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11; and furthermore, I move that the following resolution be adopted:. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTIONThe Charter Township of Canton, through its duly elected officers, make application to the Liquor Control Commission for a Special License for the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises to be in effect on Friday, September 10, 2004 and Saturday, September 11, 2004 at The Village Theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton, Michigan, County of Wayne and that the Township Clerk be authorized to sign and submit the application. Item 6. REQUEST TO INCREASE HOME DEPOT BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the increase of Parks Division's Home Depot blanket purchase order #44915 by \$5,000 to be used to purchase miscellaneous supplies and to charge the expenses to Account \$101-270-930-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PURCHASE DEADLINE FOR PARK PROJECTS Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the September 30 capital improvement deadline for the park irrigation projects at Victory and Heritage Parks. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP Motion by Bennett.

supported by Kirchgatter, to approve special event status for the Hazardous Waste Round-Up and placement of signs. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. SPECIAL COMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE TAILS & TRAILS 2004 CHARITY DOG WALK Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve special event status for the Tails & Trails 2004 Charity Dog Walk and placement of signs. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT TO AYRES, LEWIS, NORRIS & MAY, INC. FOR INSPECTOR DAYS FOR THE 2003 SIDEWALK GAP PROGRAM Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to reduce the Purchase Order #43097 in the amount of \$5,400.00 and open a new purchase order for Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. in the same amount for 10 days of inspection services for the recently completed 2003 Sidewalk Gap Program. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MATERIAL SCIENCES CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to set the public hearing for September 14, 2004, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption Application of Material Sciences Corporation for their new facility to be located in Koppernick Corporation Park in Canton, MI. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL** ALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER FINAL SITE PLAN FOR RUSTIC RIDGE SITE CONDOMINIUMS (PART OF FOUNDERS WOODS PDD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the final site plan resolution for Rustic Ridge Site Condominiums (part of Founders Woods PDD). Motion **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF** carried unanimously. TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Final Site Plan for <u>Rustic Ridge Site Condominiums</u> WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested final site plan approval for Rustic Ridge Site Condominiums to be located on Saltz Road between Beck and Ridge Roads, identified as tax EDP #067-99-0005-000, 067-99-0006-000, 067-99-0008-000 and 067-99-0010-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant final site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Bryan Amann to approve the final site plan for the proposed Rustic Ridge Site Condominiums subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 2. PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLANS FOR THE HAMLET, PHASE 1 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the preliminary and final site plan resolutions for the Hamlet, Phase 1. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER

TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

#### Preliminary Site Plan, Phase 1 of The Hamlet

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, has requested approval of the preliminary site plan for Phase 1 of The Hamlet, located west of Denton Road, north and south of Proctor Road; (the entire PDD is identified by Tax ID #'s 075-99-0012-000, 075-99-0013-000, 075-99-0014-000, 076-99-0001-000, 076-99-0006-000, 076-99-0007-001, 117-99-0002-702, 117-99-0003-000, 118-99-0001-000, 118-99-0002-000, 118-99-0003-000, 118-99-0004-000, 118-99-0005-000, 120-99-0001-000); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant preliminary site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner. Mr. Richard Lewiston, to approve the preliminary site plan for Phase 1 of The Hamlet, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the final site plan for Phase 1 of The Hamlet Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL and the Wayne County Planning Department made no recommendation on the request; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP #021-99-0004-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential. Item 5, MERLO PROPERTY COMBINATION Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the lot combination for lots 158, 159, 160 and 161 in McIntyre Manor Subdivision as shown on the attached survey dated 6/29/04. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF UTILITY STRUCTURE IDENTIFICATION TAGS Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the request utility structure identification tags from CAMCODE Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. $\overline{0}0$ from Public Works 2004 Water and Sewer fund, accounts # 592-441-933-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Mains and Ext. and # 592-441-935-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Sewer Lines and Connections. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. APPROVE MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the 2004-2005 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. APPROVE MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the 2004-2005 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8, CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO SIX-S INC. FOR LOTZ **ROAD PAVING** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve a change order to Six-S, Inc. in the amount of \$10,057.11 for the extra work involved with the construction paving of Lotz Road, south of Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. AWARD BID FOR PICNIC TABLES Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to approve the purchase of 18 picnic tables in the amount of \$8,660 to Jack Golden Associates, Inc., 16475 Stricker, Eastpointe, MI 48021 to be paid from Parks 2004 Capital Outlay-Equipment Budget, Account # 101-270-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. APPROVE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LAWNMOWER AND RELATED BUDGETED AMENDMENT Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the purchase of a replacement lawnmower utilizing the Michigan State bid program in the amount of \$5,258.05 from Weingartz Supply, 46061 Van Dyke, Utica, MI 48317. Funds to be taken from Account # 101-207-977-0000, and further to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for this purchase:

Increase Revenues: Refunds-Insurance Claims #101-000-687-1000 \$2,900 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Parks #101-270-977-0000 \$2,900 This budget amendment increases the Parks Division budget from \$2,008,977 to \$2,011,877, and the General Fund budget from \$24,950,914 to \$24,953,814 and further to approve the reprogramming of \$2,359 capital budget fund from item 47 Stake Truck for the replacement lawnmower. Motion carried unanimously, Item 11. APPROVE ROOFTOP UNIT REPAIRS, PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) NEW UNITS AND CONTRACT WITH CAMPBELL INC., TO PROVIDE GUARANTEED LIFETIME PROTECTION AND GUARANTEED DEDUCTION AND GUARANTEED PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE FOR DESIGNATED ROOFTOP UNITS AT THE SUMMIT ON THE PARK Motion by Bennet Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to approve the repair of ten rooftop units for Summit on the Park and approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Community Center Fund in the amount of \$40,250.00 to Maintenance & Repair - Building account number 208-757-931-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of four (4) rooftop units for Summit on the Park and approve a transfer from the Community Improvement Fund to the Community Center Fund in the amount of \$106,800.00 to Capital Outlay-Building #208-757-976-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to approve the 60 month contract with Campbell Inc. to provide Professional Maintenance for 14 rooftop units at Summit on the Park in the amount of \$160,116.00, with an initial payment of \$30,060.00 due January 1st, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendments for this purchase: Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER** TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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#### TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

#### **Preliminary PDD for Cherrywood Parc**

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID #: 072-99-0018-000 and 072-99-0019-000); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development and design objectives of the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the addition of brick quoins on the rear corners of the buildings, use of simulated true-divided light windows, and use of the enhanced alternate side elevation on the Roosevelt Street side of the buildings and the west side of the buildings facing the theater parking lot,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID #: 072-99-0018-000 and 072-99-0019-000), subject to compliance with any conditions contained therein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER TINIK REZONING Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the rezoning resolution of Michael Tinik. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER** TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

#### **Rezoning Request of Michael Tinik**

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 7.99 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Joy and Ridge Roads be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential District; and WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the

GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$40,250 Increase Appropriations;

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Transfers to Community Center #101-959-965-2080 \$40,250 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out budget from \$2,241,688 to \$2,281,938, and the General Fund budget from \$24,959,489 to \$24,999,739. COMMUNITY CENTER FUND: Increase Revenues:

Contribution from General Fund #208-000-676-1010 \$ 40.250

**Contribution from Community Impr Fund** #208-000-676-2460 <u>106,800</u> Total \$147,050

Increase Appropriations:

Maintenance & Repair-Buildings #208-757-931-0000 \$ 40,250

**Capital Outlay-Buildings** #208-757=976-0000

<u>106.800</u> Total \$147,050

This budget amendment increases the Community Center Fund from \$3,225,959 to \$3,373,009. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$106,800 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Special Revenue Funds #246-959-965-2000 \$106,800 This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$2,706,418 to \$2,813,218. Item 12. APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Canton Board of Trustees appoint Vicky Welty to the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on August 31, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that the Study Session on August 31, 2004 is canceled. The next Study Session will be on September 7, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. in the lower level. Director Conklin stated that the Gala Grand Opening for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Tickets are \$100 per person and are now on sale at the Summit. The Community Grand Opening will be September 12 at 1:00 p.m and 4:00 p.m. with light refreshments, a tour and production. Tickets are \$10 per person and sold at the Summit. The Community Open House is on September 18th and 19th with guided tours, the open house is free, however tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Summit. Director Conklin suggest visiting the Canton Township web site www.canton-mi.org to preview upcoming performances. Trustee McLaughlin stated that the Village Fair last weekend was a success with 750 tickets sold, \$3,000 raised by the Lyons Club and 300 people toured the Travis Barton House. ADJOURN Motion by Bennett, Supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

#### -Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor /Terry G. Bennett -Clerk -

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

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# CC drops grid Canton harriers hope hard work pays big dividends opener, 15-14

#### BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER

Quick quiz: Name the last time Catholic Central's football team lost a season opener.

Quick hint: Members of the current squad weren't born yet.

Quick answer: There are no quick answers to Saturday's 15-14 loss to Downers Grove (Ill.) South at the Silverdome, but the last time CC dropped the season opener was in 1984 with a 21-14 loss to Traverse City.

The Shamrocks held a 14-0 lead in the second quarter but couldn't hold on, as the Mustangs outgained CC in total offense - 291-181 - and managed a touchdown in the final minute to provide the win.

CC scored in both of the first two quarters as Eric Vojtkofsky capped a 69-yard drive with a 4-yard TD run in the first quarter and Ed Moore returned an interception 57 yards for a second-quarter touchdown. Kevin Horal had both extra points.

Downers Grove South came back right before half as Alex Sandberg had a 1-yard touchdown run an Sean Wunderlich added the extra point.

It stayed that way until late in the fourth quarter - and after a CC punt landed on the Mustangs' 1 – it looked like it would end that way.

But South mounted a 99-yard drive, capped by Sandberg's 5yard run with 53 seconds left. Drew Burdi then hit Wunderlich with the 2-point conversion to give South the win.

CC had 155 yards rushing, led by Anthony Sabo with 13 carries for 65 yards. Nick Barrett had 10 carries for 38 yards, and Vojtkofsky had eight carries for 36 yards. Sandberg led the Mustangs with 48 yards on 16 carries.



**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Based on their pre-season workload, it wouldn't be surprising if several members of the Canton girls cross-country team had to purchase replacement soles for their running shoes in the near future.

"We've been working very hard the past month-and-a-half," revealed Canton coach John Venning. "We had two-a-day practices since August 9, and the girls have put in a lot of miles. It's a tough group of runners."

The Chiefs finished fifth in both the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Division 1 regional in 2003. The biggest void in Canton's line-up was created by the graduation of Sarah Stobbe, the team's no. 2 runner for most of last season.

Juniors Becky McCormack

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and Lisa Clinton are the top two returners for the Chiefs, who were bolstered by the addition of first-year runner Jennifer Thomas. McCormack, Clinton and Thomas all medaled at the South Lyon Invitational Saturday.

"Becky, Lisa and Jennifer should be our top three runners this year," Venning predicted. "They're all hard workers and they should have a good year. With 34 girls on the team, we have good depth from top to bottom."

Other key returners are seniors Jessica Scott and Jen David, junior Kristin Ward, and sophomore Annie Murphy. Promising newcomers include Megan Hakala, Kayla Coleman and Beth Pruitt.

#### Salem

The Rocks are optimistic

heading into this season, and the optimism is warranted based on the number of quality runners Salem has returning from last year's talented squad. Salem was fourth in the WLAA league meet, third in its regional and 16th at the state meet in 2003.

"Last season was one of the most successful in the history of Salem cross country," said Rock coach Dave Gerlach. "One of our main goals this year is to keep improving and finish as high as we did last year. I'm optimistic, but you never know. A lot of it will depend on injuries.

"We hold ourselves to high standards. The athletes, their parents and the coaches all have high expectations for this season. If we perform up to our potential, we'll be all right. The girls just need to relax and let their training and

work ethic take over." Three state qualifiers return

from last year's team. Senior Laura Friedman has posted the fastest time -19:30 – of the three. Sophomore Hannah Cavicchio (19:35) and senior Lauren Kane (19:42) will also be looking to return to the state meet.

Other top veterans are seniors Danielle Malone (20:03) and Monica Przebienda (20:18), and junior Amanda Kassem (20:20).

Promising new-comers include Marisa Carpinelli, Sarah Kosteva, Nicole Widak and Rachel Gizicki.

"We have a lot of competition within the team, which is good," Gerlach said. "The girls enjoy running together and they push each other to get better."

### **Plymouth Christian**

This year will be a rebuilding season for the Eagles, according to first-year Nan Reason. who has five girls to work with.

"We have just three freshmen and two sophomores, so we're pretty inexperienced," Reason said. "The girls we do have are making strides, though. No one ran on the team last year, so it's been kind of like 'Running 101' for us early on. I'm working on their distance skills as well as speed. I'm encouraged by what I've seen so far."

Freshman Armila Francis has turned in the best times in practices. Francis will be joined by freshmen Lauren Ahearn and Meg Tabbey, and sophomores Ashley James and Katie Wendt.

"Now that school has started, I'm trying to do some recruiting to see if I can get some more girls to come out for the team," Reason said.

PCA opens its season this afternoon against Lutheran Northwest at Nankin Mills.

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### LOCAL SPORTS

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Modest pre-season expectations evolved into sky-high results for the Salem boys cross-country team in 2003. Rock coach Geoff Baker

hopes this year's results can match his team's lofty pre-season expectations.

"We really weren't expecting much last year," Baker reflected. "Then we were half-way through the season and we said, hey, we're not too bad. I think we surprised ourselves by winning the conference and then finishing second in the regional."

Salem qualified for the Class A state meet and fared well, finishing 21st.

Lead runner Adam Warner has graduated along with key contributors Brian Barnes and Brian Kutnick.

But with seniors Adam Kosteva and Scott Kysh, and junior Jimmy Walsh returning, the Rocks' cupboard is far from bare.

Kosteva, a co-captain, finished 96th at the 2003 state meet - an effort he should improve on this year.

"Adam had a lot of leg problems last year," Baker said. "He had a good summer of training and it looks like he's in good shape. He's definitely ahead of schedule compared to last year."

Kysh will share the captains' duties with Kosteva and senior Joe Rothert.

"Scott showed up in real good

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#### PREVIEW

shape," Baker said. "He's at the top of his game right now."

Returning state qualifiers Jimmy Walsh and Dan Kapadia, both juniors, give the Rocks plenty of depth. Junior Erik Dondzila and senior John Isreal will push the team's top runners.

"We're in a real tough regional with Northville, Novi, Catholic Central, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson," Baker said. "There will be six teams fighting for three spots."

#### Canton

Steve Cheek - a state qualifier the past two seasons - is the Chiefs' top returning runner. A senior, Cheek suffered through an injury-plagued 2003 following a sterling sophomore season in which he was clocked at a blazing 16:36. which was just 11 off Steve Debien's school record (16:25).

Despite the injuries, Cheek garnered All-Division and second-team All-Area honors.

"Steve's really been working hard this year and he's running more like he did his sophomore season," said Canton coach Bill Boyd.

Junior Ken Clawson was voted the team's "Most Improved Runner" last season, a feat he hopes to build on in 2004

"Ken worked consistently

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS** FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2003 CAPER

On September 16, at 3 p.m. in the Office of the Clerk's conference room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be public hearings on the above captioned documents. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan hearing is to identify needs in the community in preparation for writing the 5-year plan for the community development block grant program. The purpose of the hearing on the CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report) is to approve the document before forwarding it to the Department of HUD. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194, Ex. 5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

hard this summer in an attempt to have a great junior season," Boyd said.

Boyd also has high expectations for sophomore Ben Norville, four-year runner Brian Zielinski, junior Evan Shepherd and junior Trey Wolfe.

"Evan is a hard worker who dropped his time more than six minutes last year," Boyd said. "And Trey has unlimited potential."

#### Plymouth

It's difficult for ninth- and 10th-grade boys to excel at cross country due to their lack of physical maturity.

Lee Shaw knows this firsthand after coaching the juniorless and senior-less Wildcat harriers last season.

"We were very young last season," Shaw said. "The effort was great, but the results weren't."

Shaw would like to see the Wildcats improve on their 10thplace WLAA showing from last season now that they have another year under their belts.

'We have 11 runners this year compared to seven last year, so that will help," Shaw said.

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ers in particular.

Wildcats are juniors Nate Kostegian and Jeff Movsesian, and sophomores Patrick Slavens and Cristin Chagas. New-comers who could

make a mark on the Wildcats' fortunes include juniors Shayne Perkovich and John Zaccone, and sophomores Justin Mahill and Anthony Scaparo.

# **Plymouth Christian** First-year coach Nan Reason

has a solid corps of returning runners along with a few potentially strong new-comers.

"We look good so far," Reason said. "Some of the kids worked out throughout the summer together, which helps. And we have three kids who play soccer, too, so they're definitely in shape."

Reason one of her goals is to see some of her runners crack the 18-minute mark.

Among those who can potentially attain that goal are John Wendt, Ben Welton and Caleb James, all of whom also play for the Eagles soccer squad.

They will be joined by key returners Jeff Davies, Matt Stephens, Brian Holychuk, Greg Seedott, Scott Brant and Matt Gates.

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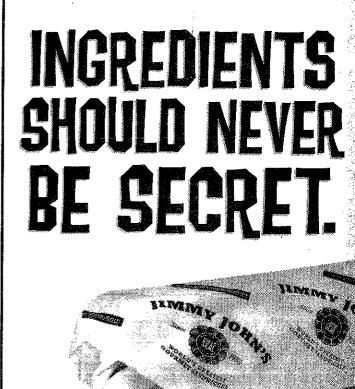
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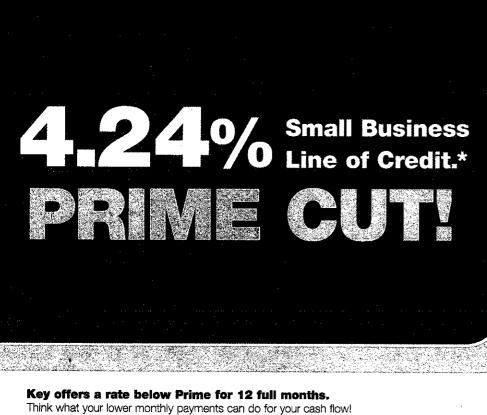
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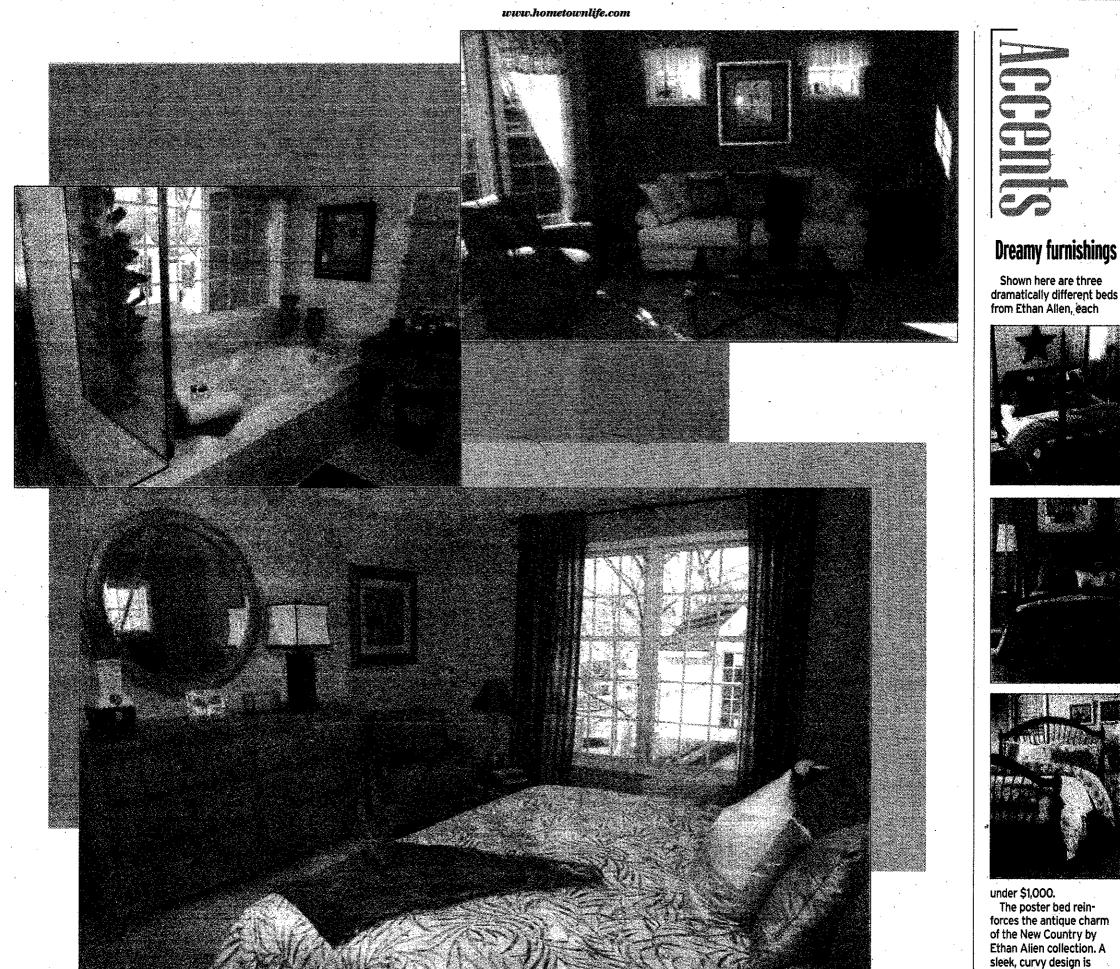


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# Model home designers recreate family life

ike and Susan aren't home now. And they won't be home later. Actually, they'll never be home. Well, that's not so surprising, considering that they

never were here.

But isn't this their home? One of the Pierce Street houses built in Birmingham by Robertson Brothers?

Hasn't the house been made comfortably livable just for them? Isn't every piece of furniture just what and where they want it? Aren't those the draperies they always wanted? Isn't the baby's room as perfect as it was in their dreams? Yes, but. . .

Mike and Susan, you see, along with their toddler, Jacob, only exist in the minds of a group of interior designers who furnished and decorated the model home that Mike, Susan and Jacob would live in if they lived in a home. But they don't.

#### **PLANNING A FAMILY**

They were "born" in a conference room at Interior Concepts, the

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Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



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Talented interior designers, architects, artists and notable personalities are busy turning ordinary household furniture into unusual creations for the 10th annual Chair Affair, to benefit the Furniture Bank of Oakland County.

The event will feature an exciting live auction of these one-of-a-kind creations and - new for this year - artwork, travel and more.

A lively silent auction of art, sports items, golf and restaurant packages, and home and gift items will also take place.

Guests will enjoy a strolling buffet of sumptuous food by area restaurants, wine, beer, a martini bar and music.

Chair Affair will take place 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at 30 N. Saginaw in Pontiac. Tickets are \$100 per person; a reserved table for eight is \$800. For information, call the Furniture Bank at (248) 332-1300.

The Furniture Bank is the only resource in southeast Michigan that provides furniture and appliances at no charge to more than 2,000 families annually. The money raised from Chair Affair is vital to help continue to address the growing need.

Major Chair Affair sponsors are MAC Valves and GMAC. Other sponsors include Baker College, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Compuware, Eastern Oil, Fox Run, Group Associates Inc. and TCF Bank.

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### AT HOME

# Plan to establish that next family tradition

When I was a child, my family had customs that we repeated each year. I would



like to create traditions for my family that will be special and important to them throughout their adult life. Any suggestions?

Establishing

family tradi-

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planning. As a homemaker, we are responsible for organizing a home and planning activities for the familv.

Homemakers run several businesses at once: taxi service, chef, activity coordinator, financial adivsor, cleaning service and nurse. We are responsible for the emotional security of several lives. Establishing traditions is a

valuable tool to help the family remain a healthy, connected group.

Traditions have become an ideal instead of a reality in today's busy society. Activities pull us in separate directions while careers separate families geographically.

It takes perserverance to establish and maintain family traditions. A tradition is any activity

that is periodically repeated, generally enjoyed, and eagerly

#### anticipated.

The annual family reunion is a great tradition, providing the opportunity to socialize with distant relatives and share the activities of your lives. You can • observe from year to year how the children grow and change. You can keep abreast of the latest family news. It also provides an opportunity to plan additional activities during the year.

Holidays are an excellent time to establish traditions. We usually have 'built-in' days off from work.

Since holidays occur every year by definition, you have an automatic reminder to practice your tradition. Memorial Day, Labor Day, and the Fourth of July are good holidays for an

annual pienic, swimming party, or pig roast. Christmas is made for tradi-

tions. You can select a family picture and make copies to send as Christmas cards.

The photo can be taken any time. You could have a winter picture next to a snowman, a beautiful fall scene in a park, a beach picture, or a sports theme shot.

Birthdays are another time to celebrate a tradition.

Make a large, festive sign with balloons, streamers, drawings, and comments. On the eve of the birthday, after the honoree is asleep, hang the sign in his room or on his door. Prepare his favorite meal, and favorite dessert.

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The 2004 Utica Antiques Market will

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house.org for information.

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Set aside certain nights for traditional monthly events,

For example, on the first Friday of each month spread a blanket in the family room where you can sit while you eat popcorn, drink soda and watch a movie together.

Sometimes it is fun to establish traditions that provide a link with the past.

Enroll your children at a camp you used to attend.

Let them visit a relative's farm you visited every year when you were young.

You and your children can share stories and adventures about the same place. These traditions eliminate 'generation gaps.'

Take pictures of your activities and put them in an album.

### **HOME CALENDAR**

12, at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on 21 Mile, 1 mile east of Van Dvke Road in Utica. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12. The market will take place rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for ages 12 and under. Parking is free. Food and beverages will be available on site.

The Utica market brings together more than 200 dealers from all over the country, specializing in pieces from all periods for the serious collector or the novice. Numerous experts will appraise pieces on site. Now in its 18th year, the event is the largest open air market of its kind in southeastern Michigan. It is recognized throughout the Midwest for the great variety, quality and affordability of the antiques and collectibles. The market has a beautiful setting: lakeside on the tree-lined Knights of Columbus grounds.

#### Meadow Brook Hall

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

Use a photo safe, scrapbooking album so you can write about the traditions and preserve the pictures for future generations to enjoy.

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Photo memories are important to help you relive traditional events.

Create traditions! Think of something new and make it special for your family.

**TODAY'S REFRIGERATOR** 

#### **BULLETIN:**

"Times spent with family are treasured moments!"

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011. E-mail dianakoenig@hotmail.com.

Hall includes the main and entertainment levels of the house. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and take place 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. daily, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$12.50, free for ages 2 and under. The new Garden and Architectural Tour explores the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall and amazing architectural structures surrounding it. Tours are available 12:45 p.m. Monday-Sunday, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$8, free for ages 2 and under. Knole Cottage has been renovated. 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 kidfriendly music. Meadow Brook Hall's Café Cappuccino is the perfect place for a refreshing

mid-afternoon snack. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, now to Labor Day, Café Cappuccino offers snacks, sandwiches and popular summer beverages and cocktails. Inspired by luxurious picnics of old, full-service summer lunches with champagne are served 12:30-2 p.m. daily on the sun porch. Reservations are required for summer lunches. Cost is \$55 per person, \$50 for members. All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall programs support its preservation and interpretation. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

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## AT HOME

# Maintain that small refrigerator

received an e-mail recently from a California resident. It read: "I now live in Los Angeles and I moved here six months ago from Michigan. I hope you can give me some long distance



advice on my apartmentsized Kenmore refrigerator. It will not produce any cold whatsoever. When I plug it in, it starts up

fine, then there

is a 'click' and

the fan motor

sound changes

somewhat, but

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

the refrigerator is not cold. ( I think the compressor cuts off right away, at the sound of the click.) Any suggestions?

"Thanks from a fan in California."

This e-mail gives me an opportunity to inform all readers of the importance of cleaning the condenser under the refrigerator on a regular quarterly schedule.

A dirty condenser will cause the compressor to overheat, which will destroy this component. Replacing a compressor today can cost a homeowner over \$500. The more expensive the refrigerator is, the more likely you will have the repair done.

When a compressor is overheated, there is an overload attached to the compressor which will sense this, and prevent the compressor from operating. You can hear the click of the overload as it does its job.

A "locked rotor" in a compressor also will give you a clicking sound from the overload and in this case, you are sure to need a new compressor. It is also possible to get the click sound, when the overload itself is defective.

I have many times advised consumers to purchase a relay and overload kit from an appliance parts store and install the parts according to the directions. Many do-it-yourselfers discover that the refrigerator operates properly after installation.

I stress to you again, the most important thing you can do to maintain your refrigerator is to clean the condenser. Not only will you add years of life to the product you will save dollars in reducing the energy operating cost by many dollars throughout its lifetime.

Greg writes: "I have a 3year-old gas dryer that squeaks constantly as it tumbles the clothes. The little squeak is now a constant medium-loud noise. Since I work out of my home, using a phone and computer in my open basement, the noise can be heard by my customers. I'm handy, but no expert.

"Could it be a bearing squeaking? How about some do-it-yourself advice before my customers won't talk to me? Thanks."

Clothes dryers use an idler pulley which is mounted on a bracket and moves on the belt to take up any slack. You will find it located next to the motor pulley and easily replacable by a handyman or handywoman.

The idler pulley is a fastmoving replacement part in the appliance industry because most have a bearing inside the plastic pulley which takes a great amount of wear and tear. The bearing wear is primarily caused by the terrific amount of heat generated in that lower section of a clothes dryer.

Ronald writes: "It looks like chewing gum was left in a pants pocket and now is all over the clothes dryer drum. What is best way to remove all of this. I get a little paranoid when scrubbing with cleansers with the gas dryer."

You make a smart point, Ron, by being concerned about cleansers around a gas flame. I would suggest you turn the drum by hand so that you can place a sandwich bag filled with ice cubes on the area containing the gum. In many cases you can just peel off the gum after the ice cubes harden it.

You can also use a product called ZUD available at many hardware and grocery stores.

Another great cleanser is Bon-Ami which was probably used by your grandmother. My mother used to use it to wash my elbows when I was a youngster. Good luck.

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.



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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

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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.

#### SEPTEMBER

#### 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.

#### **Bible Study**

Focusing on the book of Joshua, begins 9:15 a.m. (to 11:30 a.m.) Thursday, Sept. 9, at Beverly Hills Church, 20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen. For more information, call (248) 642-7707 or (248) 540-0661.

#### **Three Baritones concert**

The Birmingham-First Concert Series launches its 2004-2005 season with The Three Baritones 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads, Birmingham. No charge. Free will offering collected at each program to benefit future events in the concert series. Appropriate for all ages. Call (248) 644-2040.

#### 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. ship in the Gothic Sanctuary at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance. Picnic follows in Springdale Park, the church provides main course picnic foods and beverages, guests are asked to bring a dish to pass, event is appropriate for young and old and includes field games and other special events.

#### New pastor installation

Pastor Carl Ames will be officially installed at a worship service with Bishop Robert Rimbo II a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Prince of Peace in Westland. A welcome luncheon immediately follows and coincides with Rally Day and the kickoff of the fall education schedule. Rally Day activities begin at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Ames begins preaching at the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday, Sept. 5. Prince of Peace is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of American in the Southeast Michigan Synod. For more information, call (734) 722-1735.

#### Calvin Taylor concert

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at First 7 Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road on the service drive north of Eight Mile, Southfield. No charge. Free will offering will be taken. Taylor has performed in North and South America, Europe, Ukraine and the Far East. He holds music degrees from Oberlin Conservatory, and the universities of Michigan and Kentucky. He has 10 solo recordings, Movements from his Sunrise Symphony have been performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Call (248) 569-2972.

#### Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer, and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance #2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Geri (734) 464-8906.

#### Self help groups

Local church provides space for self. help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

also known as the "40 days of Purpose" and is a small group Bible study. Pre-register by calling (734) 427-1414 and leave your name, address and phone number.

#### Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church, 3640 Madison at Carlysle, 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.

#### Youth Rally

Pregnancy Centers of Southeastern Michigan presents Truth & Purity Youth Rally 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$8 at door, \$20 for groups of 5 or more. Speaker is super model Kim Alexis, music by eightysixdrama & Katie Arnold, emcee is tri-athlete Brad Seng. Art competition with prizes. For more information or to register, call (248) 293-0070.

#### Forty Days campaign

During 40 Days of Purpose people will experience the truths about God's purposes in worship, fellowship, discipieship, ministry and evangelism through a weekly message by the Pastor, smail group fellowship, personal family daily devotional readings and scripture memory verses beginning 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Warren Road Light & Life Church, Westland. For more information or to become involved, call Pastor David Powless at (734) 458-7301. W. Chicago (corner of W. Chicago and Inkster in Redford) will hold a free car wash 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25. 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.

#### Road Rally

**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

An adult scavenger hunt which involves à variety of puzzles to solve as you race other teams in the metro Detroit area, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, meet in library at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East 14 Mile, five blocks east of Woodward on the north

side of road, Birmingham. Cost is \$5 per person if you bring a food dish (per every two people) for culminating potluck. For more information or to register your team, call Todd or Jessica Merz at (248) 414-4511, or Our Shepherd Lutheran Church at (248) 646-6100.

#### **Crafters** needed

For annual craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford. For an application, call (313) 937-2880 and leave a message,

#### Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

Strong academic program in a funloving 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.

#### 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.

#### Preschool registration

Peace Lutheran Preschool (9381 Merriman, Livonia) has a few openings left in the toddler class and the 4year a.m. and p.m. class. The 3 year class has started a waiting list. For information, call (734) 762-6691.

#### 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**

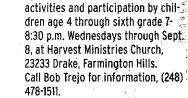
St. Edith School is accepting registration forms to fill openings available in kindergarten, first and sixth through eighth grades, at 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call the school office at (734) 464-1250.

#### 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.

#### Sports Camp

Begins with a Bible study followed



by instruction in various sporting

#### UPCOMING

#### Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmingon 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.

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#### School registrations

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Leverne, Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year. Afterschool care available 3-6 p.m. For more information, call (313) 937-2233.

#### New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

#### Synagogue services

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



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#### 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.

#### **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.

New modern-style worship Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Just north of I-96) is beginning a new MOD-ERN-style worship service on Sunday, Sept. 12. This multi-media service will be informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, will often be part of this service. This service will be held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth, and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

#### **Rally Day Celebration**

And Homecoming Picnic Sunday, Sept. 12, begins 9:30 a.m. with the Educational Ministries team providing classes to adults, young adults, youth and children, followed by 11 a.m. worA 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/wwme.

#### New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. beginning Sept. 12 for the fall and winter months, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

#### Farmington Aglow meeting

6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 (doors open 5:30 p.m.) at Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Aglow international is a community lighthouse for women. In addition to the meeting, they offer praise and worship, and prayer meetings.

#### Forty Days class

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church is opening their doors to the community for the fall class "The Purpose Driven Life," a six-week study based on the best selling book by Rick Warren, begins Tuesday, Sept. 14 and Thursday, Sept. 16 with morning class 9:30-11 a.m. and evening class 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the church on the north side of Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Discover the answer to the question you have sometimes asked yourself, "What on earth am I here for?" This study is

#### Lay caregiver workshop

The Role of Faith Development in Pastoral Care workshop will be held 2:30-4:40 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration required so that staff may prepare adequate materials for participants, call (248) 476-8860. Presented by Anne Hampson of Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, the workshop will help lay caregivers achieve a new way of thinking and attending to their care receivers.

#### B'Jazz Vespers

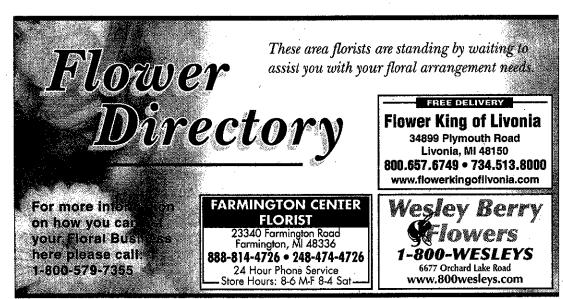
The Mark Moultrup Group 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at First Baptist Church, corner of Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. Free parking in adjacent lot. A free will offering is taken for musicians. Vespers features 100 minutes of secular jazz performance and 20 minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between two jazz sets. For more information, call (248) 644-0550.

#### Neighborhood picnic

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association is planning and End of Summer Picnic for all residents living between Joy and West 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.

#### Free car wash

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350



Formerly of Baltimore, MD., age 89, died Thursday, August 26, 2004 at Heartland Health Care Center, Dearborn Heights, MI. A funeral service will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. Rev. John Grenfell Jr. will officiate. Visitation will be Tuesday from 1pm until time of Funeral Services at 5pm. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. Bernard was born July 2, 1915 in Salisbury MD, the first son of Herman C. & Ryda B. (nee Hudson) Wockenfuss. He lived in Baltimore, MD until 1942. and worked in his fathre's candy business as a boy. He went to John Hopkins University from 1934-1935, General Motors Institute from 1936-1940, University of Michigan Plastics Engineering school in 1944, University of Del Floriculture School in 1947, Harvard University in 1964. When he graduated from GMI, he went to work for General Motors Co. and retired after 39 years in April of 1974. He married Beatrice L. Wallace Jan 11, 1941, she preceded him in death on March 25, 1975. He then married Eliza Lou Cordes, Oct. 10, 1975, she preceded him in death June 15, 2000. He is survived by 3 daughters; Suzi and husband Thor Stevenson of Delmar, DE, Katie and husband Bob Parker of Millsboro, DE., and Betsy Spence of Dearborn Heights, MI. Preceded in death by daughter, Judy Lynn Lundy. Grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 13. He also has 4 stepsons; Kurt and wife Marianne Cordes of Kennewick, WA., Craig and wife Charlene Cordes of Orem, UT, Keith Cordes of Fairbanks, AK, and Carl Cordes of Honolulu HI. A brother, Herman and wife Marion Wockenfuss of Baltimore, MD.

A 52 year resident of Livonia ML

#### BERTHA (LATI) IGRISAN

Aug. 27, 2004. Age 91. Beloved wife of Emanuel for 31 years. Bertha graduated from Baptist Missionary School in Chicago with a BA degree in Missionary work. Bertha worked in Oklahoma for 35 years with American Indians. Interment: August 28th Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial service planned Sept. 3rd, 2:00 at Botsford Continuing Care. Call: (248) 477-7400 for Directions.

#### CHRISTOPHER A. McAVOY

Age 8. Went to be with the Lord Friday, August 27th, 2004. Beloved son of James and Taminy. Dear brother of Anthony, Chandler & Heather. Cherished grandson of Mary Oleksiak, Thomas and Alice McAvoy. Also survived by aunts, uncles, and cousins. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tuesday 5 until 9pm and Wednesday from 12 until 9pm with a Scripture Service at 7:30 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held at St.Priscilla Catholic Church, Livonia Thursday at 11am. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com

Died Peacefully at home August 28, 2004 surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Dr. Gerald C. Timmis for 49 years. Dear mother of Gerald III (Theresa), Truman (Gayle), Michael (Christine), Theodore (Mira), David (Jalenne) and Steven (Correne). Also survived by 18 grandchildren. Sister of Dr. Truman Strong and Barbara O'Brien Funeral Mass was held, Wednesday September 1, at St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Heart Center or Catholic Relief Services. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home (248)-549-0500

Obituary at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ELAINE D. DAVIS

Beloved wife of Eugene "Bud" Davis passed away June 29, 2004 while at the Hernando-Pasco Hospice Care Center in Dade City Florida. She was born in Detroit and she and Bud made their home in Garden City until they retired to Zephyrhills, Fl. in 1980. Mrs. Davis was a homemaker who enjoyed camping, flowers, vacationing ("cruising") and spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Davis; her children Sherry and husband Douglas Bandy Caryn and husband David Jenkins, and Gene and wife Kim Davis; her brother Charles Deshais and wife Morgan; grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, on Saturday, September 4th at St. Michael's Lutheran church at 7000 Sheldon Road in Canton Michigan with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Hernando-Pasco Hospice, 7066 Ft. King Road, Zephyrhills, Fl 33541. May she rest in peace and live forever in our hearts - We love you

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band of Wanda for 53 years. Loving father of John, David (Mimi), Steven (Kimberly), Nancy, Peter (Maggie), Robert (Molly), and Daniel (Jodi). Grandfather of 14. Brother of Frank, Ann Rizzuto and Sr. Antoinette Palmisano and the late Mary, Angela and Sam. Brother in Law of Albert (Jean) Hamialo. Practicing Physician and Surgeon for 47 years. Livonia and Surgeon for 47 years. Livonia resident for 51 years. Served in the Navy in the Pacific during WWII. Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or the Capuchin Soup kitchen.

Age 86. August 30, 2004. Dear hus-

#### THOMAS C. CORIN

Age 72, died August 23, 2004, in Westland, Michigan. He was born September 3, 1931, in Detroit. He was a longtime Plymouth resident. He was a Fifth Grade teacher with the Livonia Public Schools for 30 years. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his children, Marc Corin of North Dakota, and Elizabeth (Richard) Vincent of Plymouth; his granddaughter, Jackie Corin; one great-grandchild; his sister, Mary (Stroman) Watford of Delaware; his nieces, Cindy Corinand Campbell, Janet Drexler, and Heather Landeck. Private services were held. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, (734) 453-3333. Memorials may be made to Grand Court, Westland.



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**GARDEN CALENDAR** 

# 'Big pile of dirt' now learning ground

hat was once a "big pile of dirt" at the Bowers School Farm on Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills has been transformed into a 150-by-40-foot permanent educational garden planted



especially to attract birds and butterflies. Not only will it attract them. it will also be a magnet for children and adults and will be accessible to

families to

"The farm is

enjoy.

Garden Spot

Marty Figley

a public space and is a perfect site for such a garden," said Mark Seeley, farm manager.

The first phase of the garden was the hardscape, changing the contours of that "big pile of dirt" into tiers, held by a retaining wall. Also, steps and wide paths making easy access to the garden were placed.

Then the irrigation was installed, followed by the placement of the plants.

Several companies helped in the garden and were very receptive to being involved. They are the Picasso Landscape Co. of Highland, which installed the extensive stonework; Joe Hoffman Irrigation of Rochester; and Goldner Walsh Nursery Inc. of Pontiac, which provided the design, coordinated the planning with the families and supplied the plants, and will be involved with future phases of the garden.

Kathy Bell and Amy Schimmel Bessolo of GWN created the original design.

"I'm proud of being associated (with) creating a legacy to benefit this program in the community," said Tim Travis, president of GWN.

#### PROGRAMS



MARTY FIGLEY

Moms and children attending a program at the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County worked diligently to plant learn from and the new Bird and Butterfly Garden at Bowers School Farm.

> This Bird and Butterfly Garden is filled with plants that are very attractive to them.

For instance: purple coneflowers, pink and blue butterfly bushes, blue baptista, silver Russian sage, pink-maroon sedum autumn joy, red cardinal flower, yellow black-eyed Susan, lavender, honeysuckle vines and various grasses (children like the texture).

Shrubs and trees that attract include serviceberry with white-pinkish berries, crabapple trees, plectrus, white or pink clethra and thorny barberry, where birds can be concealed and protected.

This new garden is the result of a grant awarded to the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County, in partnership with The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.

The center offers programs for children ages 6 through 12 and their parents on a regular basis.

This particular program is titled the Great Outdoors "This Land is Your Land" Family Strengthening Project, and offers outdoor activities one Saturday a month and learning together events one evening a month.

Some of the activities are wildlife watching, gardening,

camping, swimming, canoeing, fishing, hiking and outdoor sports. All programs are free and

include transportation and lunch. Tahirih Ziegler is the project

director and can be reached at (248) 338-4488, Ext. 4.

This school farm is in the **Bloomfield Hills School** District. Many outdoor activities are conducted at the farm, and this new garden will serve a useful purpose.

All programs are on a reservation basis and are scheduled through the office.

The farm is open 1-4 p.m. the third Saturday of September, October, April and May. Groups from two to four, up to a maximum of 60, at a time are welcome.

For more information, call (248) 341-6475.

If you wish to make a donation, your tax-deductible contribution is welcome to help complete the Bird and Butterfly Garden at the Bowers School Farm with the Women's Survival Center and The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan.

Make checks payable to Women's Survival Center of Oakland County and specify in the check memo "Butterfly Garden." Send checks to the Women's Survival Center

Oakland County, 76 Williams St., Pontiac 48341, or to Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac 48341.

For additional information, call Tim Travis at (248) 332-6430.

#### BOOKS

You might want to add two excellent books published by Lone Pine Press to your library. ·The first, Roses for

Michigan, Nancy Lindley and Laura Peters (\$18.95), includes first-rate information that will help from selection to the most up-to-date care.

Lindley and her husband own Great Lakes Roses in Sumpter Township.

The second, Gardening Month by Month in Michigan, Tim Wood and Allison Beck (\$15.95), gives specific information about chores to be done at the proper time. The book is beautifully illus-

trated and gives straightforward ideas to keep your garden healthy and happy throughout the year.

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

#### Dahlia show

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society will present its 53rd annual Dahlia Show Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 11, noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 12.

More than 600 to 800 blooms will be on display, and several new cultivars will be introduced. SMDS members will be available to answer questions and welcome new members.

#### New plants

Teily's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, will present a program. What's New for 2005, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. Telly's owner, George Papadelis, will show slides of next season's exciting

and new annuals, perennials, roses and herbs. Learn which plants would work well in your garden. Call (248) 689-8735 for information. Farmington Garden Club The Farmington Garden Club will meet

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at noon Monday, Sept. 13, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile, A Feng Shui Garden will be the topic, as the organization begins its 70th year as a federated club. Guests are welcome. Betti Poole, past president, will present design tips for implementing the energy in your lands scape/garden using feng shui. Poole is also horticultural chair, a member of the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, a master gardener and a garden designer.





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DESIGNERS FROM PAGE C1

interior design company in Annapolis, Md., Robertson hired to make their model homes look inviting and comfortable. And these were carefully planned births.

"Our marketing people researched the area," said Kim Mohr, one of the design company's junior staffers and a member of the team that did the hands-on work in the houses on Pierce Street.

The research provides demographic information "that gives us a profile," Mohr said, guiding the designers in the creation of a realistic family that could be the owners of the house the team is working on.

"We give them names," Mohr said, "to become more familiar with the family. No talking to ghosts.

"If the father is an attorney," Mohr said, offering an example of the design staff's family planning, "we have certificates around the house on which we give a family name.

"And there might be notes around the house or on a chalkboard."

Mike, Susan and Jacob are "a starter family," Mohr said.

"We endow them with characteristics, careers and hobbies."

#### BRAINSTORMING

Other houses can inspire other scenarios, she said, recalling when a design team created a couple with conflicts: a man in his second marriage and to a "significantly younger woman."

To help you accept the notion that Mike, Susan and Jacob live in the model home you're visiting, "we put photos around the house," Mohr said.

"And you'll see traces of family activities. A board game (with pieces in play). Magazines open, cooking products out. Pots."

If the designer's work in inventing a family seems close to the writer's work of inventing characters in a story, Mohr finds her poetrywriting experience useful. Other designers, she said, bring other talents to their work, such as painting and so that before you ever put in a piece of furniture or hang a drape you understand the house."

LaPalm likes to consider how historic houses were built: "fully detailed."

To do that - to detail the space - he said, the designer has to be able to look at floor plans and visualize empty spaces that don't yet exist.

"Determine how a room is to be used – where is the plumbing and electrical going? I modify anything the architect has done to suit the

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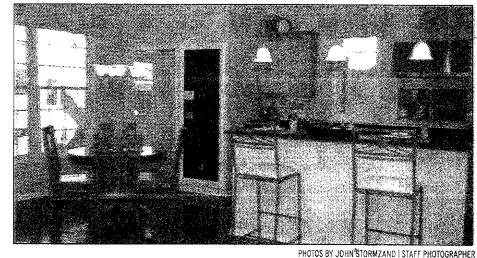
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true functionality of the space." Staircases, for example.

"We pick the handrail," LaPalm said. "Humans are tactile. When you walk up the stairs, what does it feel like in your hand? Sometimes you want a delicate feeling, sometimes a solid feeling."

And sometimes, apparently, you want to live where a nice young family lived even if they never lived there.

Norm Prady is a freelance writer, covering the topics of homes and real estate.



The counter is set for breakfast in the kitchen of the Pierce model home.

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sewing.

"And then we brainstorm everything together," she said, "from architectural details to fabrics."

It's those architectural details that first get the attention of Mark LaPalm, a designer with TVI Inc., a Royal Oak company that works with local builders.

"As designers," LaPalm said, "we always have to keep our eye on what the latest trends are and think beyond what clients may need and surprise them in useful ways.

"In a new home, for example, in the second floor laundry, we made sure a drain was accessible in the floor if someone wanted to wash a pet.

"We take the plans from the architect and finish the space. So I design the staircases, fireplaces, bathrooms – it's crossover work, beyond choosing furniture. It's to give the house character and style



James Jehle, president of Robertson In-Town, a new division of Robertson Brothers Co., stands on the stairway of the model home.

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"I think they're very busy and they don't have the time," he said. "They want

Busch's, 37083 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh), in Livonia.

Busch's, 15185 Sheldon (at Five Mile), in Plymouth Township.

■ Busch's, 24445 Drake (at 10 Mile), in Farmington Hills.

■ Joe's Produce, 33152 Seven Mile (just east of Farmington Road), in Livonia.

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road (between Warren and Joy roads), in Westland.

Holiday Market, 1203 S. Main St. (three blocks north of 10 Mile), Royal Oak.

Be sure to read Taste, which offers a perfect menu of stories for end of summer food, drinks and desserts.



Laura Reif prepares salad to go at Busch's in Livonia.

RECIPES

FLANK STEAK, BLUE CHEESE AND SPINACH SALAD

#### This is also a great salad using leftover steak. Or, cold sliced beef tenderloin would be a succulent, elegant alternative. You can cook the steak up to 24

hours in advance, but assemble the salad immediately before serving. 1 flank steak, about 1-½ pounds

1-1/2 cups bottled balsamic vinaigrette, well shaken

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper 1 bag (10 ounces) baby spinach, washed and spun dry

1 head red leaf lettuce, washed,

spun dry and torn into bitesize pieces 1 pint grape tomatoes

1 cup (about 4 ounces) crumbled blue cheese ½ small red onion, sliced into thin

rinas Place the steak in a large nonre-

active dish or resealable plastic bag with 1 cup of the balsamic vinaigrette.

Marinate, refrigerated, at least 2 hours and up to 16 hours, turning occasionally.

Heat your grill or a heavy-bottomed sauté pan to high.

Remove steak from marinade,

pat dry and season with salt and pepper.

Cook about 5 minutes per side for rare to medium-rare. Don't overcook;

flank steak can be quite dry and tough if cooked beyond mediumrare.

If you prefer well-done meat, choose another cut.

Let the beef chill, refrigerated, then slice the meat at an angle against the grain.

Immediately before serving, toss the spinach, lettuce and grape

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good quality food and they don't want fast food."

soccer and they just don't have much

Steve Blum, general manager of the

deli and bakery at Busch's in Livonia,

sees the same rushed customers.

time to cook?

Ready to eat meals - and related classes and other offerings - are a big part of research and development at Busch's, which has stores in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Plymouth/Northville.

Busch's calls such food "home meal replacements," or HMR. Tested HMR and their components can be found in meat and seafood cases, salad bars and dessert cases at stores.

"We try to gear for all customers," said Peggy de Parry, director of meal solutions for Busch's.

"We try to answer every particular need."

#### TASTY ALTERNATIVES

The National Restaurant Association's Restaurant Industry Forecast says that restaurant sales in the East North Central Region (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin) will reach a record \$53.6 billion in 2004, an increase of 3.8 percent over 2003.

Michigan restaurants are expected to post sales of \$11.4 billion this year, up 3.9 percent from last year, according to the Michigan Restaurant Association Web site.

But eating out or hitting the drivethrough aren't the only alternatives to cooking at home. Visit a store and you can pick up any meal for any occasion. Salads in bags or containers, and

PLEASE SEE MEALS, D3

# A little local flavor

# Michigan-made foods connect with residents

#### BY MIKE MURPHY CORRESPONDENT

Diane Lynch is shocked when asked what keeps Sander's products alive in spite of a complicated maze of ownership over the past two decades and the disappearance of Sander's-owned shops in the Detroit area.

"Have you ever tried the hot

fudge?" she asks.

The good news for hot fudge lovers and fans of dozens of other Sander's products is that Sander's, now owned by the Morley Candy Co. of Clinton Township, may mount a comeback by opening a small counter shop at Laurel Park in Livonia.

"It won't be a full-service fountain, but we will have all

the Sander's fare that's still available today," said Lynch, marketing director for Detroit's most famous confectioners. "It's a brand that won't go away."

Her tenure as marketing director with Sander's began just before the company in 1985 sold its brand name and delectable recipes to the Connecticut-based Country



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Homes Bakers, then closed the original Sander's plant in Highland Park. "Hopefully, (the Livonia

location) will be so wellreceived that it's the catalyst for a full-scale parlor," Lynch said.

The decision to close the Detroit-area parlors and lunch counters was made by Tastee International in Utica in 1993, eight years after the company famous for Tastee-Freez franchises took over the operation of Sander's retail stores.

Sander's, Better Made, Faygo, Vernor's, Awrey's, Jiffy and Stroh's are all names that

are synonymous with Detroit or southeast Michigan. The instate and out-of-state demand for these products remains strong despite changing hands of distribution and ownership.

While in most cases, traces of family ownership are long gone, there are exceptions. Third- and fourth-generation Awrey family members continue to produce baked goods out

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tomatoes with the remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of balsamic vinaigrette.

Add more vinaigrette to taste if desired.

Arrange the sliced beef, blue cheese and sliced onion over the salad and serve.

Vield: about 6 servings.

Cogrtesy Busch's LORI'S MUSSELS

Small clams, such as littlenecks (steamers) may be substituted for the mussels in this recipe. Choose mussels that are closed and aren't chipped. Discard those with broken or chipped shells or any that refuse to open when tapped. A loaf of crusty French bread is essential for dipping in the brøth.

- 51-1/2 pounds mussels
- 52 tablespoons extra-virgin olive
- oil
- 🕄 small onion, diced
- 🖥 tablespoon minced garlic 🛣 cups chicken broth or white
- wine or a combination of the
- two
- बै can (28 ounces) diced Italianseasoned tomatoes,
- undrained
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- t vellow bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed and diced
- 4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Remove grit from mussels by soaking them in a cold bath for 30 minutes and scrubbing the shells with a stiff brush. Scrape or cut off beards, seaweed-like attachments that sometimes protrude from the shells.

In a large, deep sauté pan or Dutch oven, heat oil. Add onion and garlic and sauté until just translucent, about 4 minutes. Add chicken broth or wine and bring to a boil. Boil until liquid is reduced by half.

Prepared dishes such as Mango Chicken are available at Busch's.

ter.

Add tomatoes with their liquid and red pepper flakes and simmer 5 minutes. Add yellow pepper and mussels. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until mussels open. Discard any mussels that don't open.

Remove from heat, sprinkle with parsley and serve immediately.

Yield: about 4 servings (about 30 to 36 mussels). Courtesy Busch's

### PORK TENDERLOIN WITH DIJON

AND BACON 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard 2 pork tenderloins (about 1 pound each) 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon, or 1 teaspoon dried Freshly ground black pepper

4 to 6 slices good quality bacon Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Fahrenheit. Evenly spread mustard over tenderloins. Sprinkle with chopped tarragon and black pepper. Wrap tenderloins with bacon and secure with picks if necessary.

On middle rack, roast tenderloins on a well-oiled baking

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Yield: 8 pita halves. OE05251290 **Courtesy Busch's** 

Sauce ½ tablespoon canola oil

non-dairy substitute 1 to 2 cups sauerkraut

mustard

#### with sea veggies, cut into 16 thin slices

¼ cup 365 Organic™ Soy Ginger

4 whole-wheat tortillas 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese or

18-ounce package soy tempeh

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sheet about 30 minutes or until

degrees on an oven thermome-

Let rest 10 minutes, slice into

medallions and serve with juices.

THAI SHRIMP PITA POCKETS

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cilantro. Stuff "mini" pita pock-

are<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup chopped peanuts

and<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup chopped fresh

ets with salad for a savory

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup bottled peanut satay

3 tablespoons Thai sweet red

1 teaspoon fresh lime juice

1 pound cooked shrimp, peeled,

deveined and coarsely

½ cup water chestnuts, coarsely

½ cup minced scallions (white

and light green parts only)

1 red bell pepper, seeds and ribs

Whisk together satay sauce,

mayonnaise, chili sauce and lime

Combine shrimp, water chest-

nuts, carrots, scallions and diced

When ready to serve, fill each

pepper with the dressing. Chill

pita half with about 1 cup of

removed and diced

4 large (about 8-inch) pitas,

juice to make a dressing.

temperature registers 150

Yield: 3 to 4 servings.

**Courtesy Busch's** 

appetizer.

sauce

¼ cup mayonnaise

chili sauce

chopped

chopped

halved

up to 24 hours.

salad.

1 cup shredded carrots

of the company's Livonia plant, while Better Made snack foods are produced in Detroit.

Better Made President Sam Cipriano, whose father was one of the partners who founded the potato chip company in 1931, said the secret to Better Made's success has been in its refusal to skimp on ingredients, a cost-cutting measure that he says is common practice for snack food giants like Frito-Lay.

"We've never changed or veered from our original recipe," Cipriano said. "We've been in Detroit all 74 years and we use a lot of Michigan potatoes. Michigan potatoes are the best, all the way. But it's a struggle, because you are at the mercy of the potato."

Although Better Made's retail distribution is limited to Michigan and parts of Ohio and Indiana, Cipriano said the company's presence on the Internet has eased the process of shipping Better Made products across the country and overseas.

"We get requests from Afghanistan and Iraq, every place where there's a military base," Cipriano said.

Lynch said Sander's products also travel over land and sea to former Michiganders via orders placed over the Internet.

"When we first put up our Web site, the third order came from Japan," Lynch said, explaining that the order was placed by a doctor who studied at the University of Michigan. "The shipping cost was more than the cost of the product, but he didn't care."

#### In a covered skillet with a bit of water, gently steam the tempeh for about 30 minutes over low heat.

TEMPEH REUBEN ROLLUPS

Marinate the steamed tempeh in the soy ginger sauce for 30 to 60 minutes.

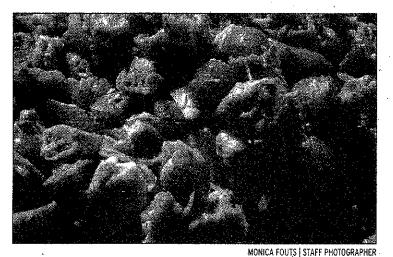
Sauté the marinated tempeh strips in canola oil over mediumlow heat, turning frequently until browned, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

One at a time, warm one side of a tortilla in a skillet over medium-low heat, flip, sprinkle with cheese and warm until cheese just starts to melt, before tortilla gets crispy.

Place 4 strips of tempeh on each tortilla. Top with sauerkraut, Organic German mustard and Thousand Island dressing.

Roll and enjoy.

Serves 4. **Courtesy Whole Foods Market** 



#### Cappelletti Pesto Salad is another food to go.

Kraig Johnson was able to quit his day job as a Web developer six weeks ago in order to devote all his time to Vernors.com and groceriesexpress.com. The two Web sites specialize in shipping Michigan-made products all over the world.

Last year, Johnson was able to turn over \$60,000 in sales. He acquired the Vernor's domain in 1997 and explains that because of state-by-state distribution contracts between bottlers and soft drink distributors, Vernor's, now owned by the Pepsi Cola bottling company and bottled in Detroit's Pepsi Cola plant, is unable to sell its product over the Internet.

"They legally can't sell their product to the end consumer," Johnson said. "The name was just available in 1997. When I got it, I was just lucky."

Although Johnson's business consists primarily of filling farflung orders for Vernor's, which he says heat up considerably during the holidays, he also makes available a wide range of Michigan-made products including food products

and collectibles from Better Made, White Castle, Faygo and

Sander's. He also ships Michigan cherries. But his stock in trade is mainly with Vernor's. Johnson said the biggest demand for the curious tasting beverage

comes from the East Coast, where soda pop giants have blocked the sale of Vernor's.

There are also newcomers who hope someday to become as linked to the Detroit area as the city's big brand-name hitters. One of them is Ferndalebased Garden Fresh Salsa, whose products have in the last year have taken 50 national and international cooking awards since the company got its start in 1997.

"We always say we're from Detroit, the salsa capital of the world," said Garden Fresh Salsa's president and owner Jack Aronson.

"It always gets a big laugh, but we're proud to represent our state, especially in an area that's known as a southwest commodity."

Mike Murphy is a free-lance writer who lives in Detroit.

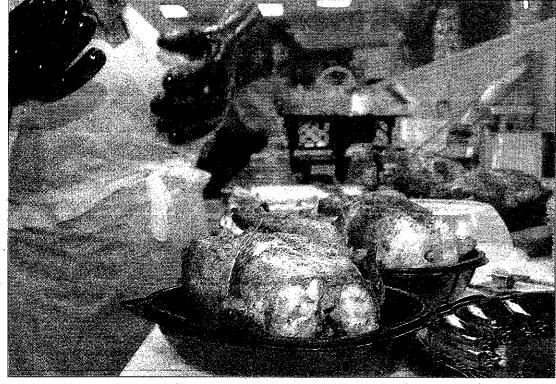
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Sandy Wilkerson, an employee at Busch's in Livonia, places the chicken in containers.

# MEALS

prepared sandwiches and soups are just the beginning.

At Kroger stores in Birmingham and Southfield, rows of rotisserie chicken, packages of such meals as eggplant parmesan, and a sign proclaiming the day's roast (pork loin recently) are among the inspiration for dining ideas.

The beef tenderloin entree, and all soups and salads, are popular items at Holiday Market in Royal Oak, says sous chef Molly Sheckell.

Customers can select an entire meal, or side dishes. Items include a fresh-roasted half turkey breast, salads, chicken dishes and quiches.

"A lot (of the customers) are single people," Sheckell said. "We also have families where the kids have specific favorites."

At Whole Foods Market in Rochester Hills, a prepared food area displays a wide range of offerings, including fried chicken, spinach lasagna, Greek peasant salad, and wild mushroom "quichelets," which are tiny, two-or threebite-size quiches.

"Chicken salad is popular," said Shawn Kozel, deli cook.

Among the categories in the Whole Foods catering menu are Great Beginnings (including baked goods, egg dishes and fruit), Lunchtime Anytime (including sandwich or salad box lunches), Casual Gatherings (platters and cheese trays) and The Main Course (beef, ham, salmon, turkey and chicken).

Other Whole Foods Markets are in Troy, West Bloomfield and Ann Arbor.

#### MADE FROM SCRATCH

Quick and easy, yet nutritious, meals are at hand. They are made from scratch and full of flavor.

"We're bringing people around the dinner table again \_\_\_\_\_\_ bringing the family back to the



Wilkersoncarries a load of rotisserie chicken to the display counter. Carryout foods run the gamut from chicken to salads at many markets and grocers.

the taste of pasties.' "

A food bar presents soups to go and casseroles at Busch's.

In Livonia, customers enjoy potato salads, macaroni salads, pasta salads and pesto salads.

The menu includes Greek orzo salad with feta cheese, tomatoes and Kalamata olives, Cappelletti pesto salad with three-cheese stuffed ravioli and low-carb cauliflower mash flavored with salt, pepper, chive, olive oil, butter and sour

cream. "Some people just don't like to cook." said Lori



table," de Parry said.

Denning offers not just desserts and baked goods at her business; she sells pasties, chicken pot pies and pizza rolls, an alternative for the fast foods that are out there.

"Right now, there's just so many foods that aren't good for you," Denning said. "They have higher fat and higher chemicals in them."

Pasties are made from scratch, with no chemicals, "just salt and pepper, all white meat chicken in pot pies and sirloin in the pasties," Denning said.

"Pot pies are comfort food. Pasties are the same thing, up north. There's so many transplants (here) who lived up there, went to college at Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan University, they'll come in and want them.

"It's my mom's recipe. We're real proud of it." The recipe includes potatoes, onion, carrot, sirloin and pie crust for the dough.

"It must contain rutabagas," Denning said. "My uncle would say, 'The only people who put gravy on pasties are the people who don't like Curtis, guest experience manager at the Farmington Hills Busch's. "Others enjoy doing their own cooking."

All types of cooks can benefit from Busch's guest experience and meal solutions services. You can consult a guest experience staffer to pair a salad with a particular HMR, or find recipes to HMR you may have sampled.

At Busch's, recipe cards, cookbooks and cooking classes are available. Its Cooking Class Series shares tips and recipes on such areas as beef, seafood, poultry, and party platters and appetizers.

Busch's is in touch with customers to find and create new recipes. An example is the Eastern Indian population that is part of the Farmington Hills store clientele, said meal solution specialist N'Diva Arhm there.

Staff Writer Ken Abramczyk contributed to this article.

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#### COPPER COUNTRY-STYLE PASTIES

2 large potatoes, peeled and cubed 1 small onion, diced 1 large carrot, diced ½ cup rutabagas, diced 8 ounces ground sirloin 1 teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon pepper

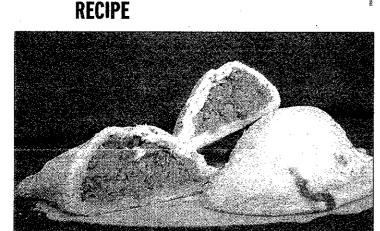
Favorite pie crust recipe

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Make a pasty circle with pie crust dough, then place into a pasty circle.

Fold and seal edges. Bake approximately one hour at 350° F.



Mary Denning's offers chicken pot pies (on the far left and right) and pasties (middle).

Recipe courtesy of Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's

Cake Shoppe in Westland and a Garden City resident.



### TASTE

# Get cooking with chardonnay Small foods kids love make a nutritious lunch

ecause it's made in a number of styles, chardonnay is not as easy to match with food as one might think.

A dry, rich and opulent chardonnay enhanced by barrel fermentation, malolactic fermentation, extended lees contact and barrel aging will have different wine flavor descriptors, food flavor harmonies and cheese matches than a simpler, fruity chardonnay.

Yet, any style of chardonnay pairs extremely well with tomatoes or corn. Chilled or warm tomato soup, corn cakes, corn chowder and tomatoes stuffed with bulgur and feta cheese are gustatory delights. For just about everything else there are two sets of chardonnay-style-dependent food pairing guidelines.

#### **FRUITY CHARDONNAYS**

Fruity chardonnays without significant cellar enhancement of barrel fermentation or lengthy oak aging frequently have the following wine flavor descriptors: apple, ripe pear, hints of tropical fruit and a citrusy finish. They are among the lowest in price.

These chardonnays are wellsuited to flounder, red snapper, trout and clams. Pork tenderloin, "the other white meat," can be pan seared, grilled or roasted. A fruit-based salsa with papaya, mango or tomatillos is delightful with pork tenderloin or grilled fish and a fruity chard.

Rabbit and roasted game birds, especially spiced with tarragon, make a fine pairing. A fruity chardonnay pairs with veal or Chili Verde, Enchiladas and Chili Rellenos for a Mexican kick.

Mild cheeses such as Havarti and Monterey Jack are great.

#### **OPULENT AND OAKY**

Tropical fruit, coconut, butter, rich, complex, toasty and oaky with vanilla-like flavors and lengthy aftertaste are descriptions of an opulent chardonnay.

For top flavor harmonies, consider stronger-flavored fish such as monkfish, catfish, mackerel and bluefish sautéed



in butter or fish almandine; fried oysters and clams; shellfish (such as lobster, grilled shrimp or calamari), or chicken and veal with cream-based sauces. Flavorful mushrpoms such as morels, truffles, chanterelles and shiitakes are sensational with an opulent chard.

Soft cheeses such as Belletoile, Brie, Coulommiere and St. Honoré or stronger firm cheeses such as Cheddar, Emmenthaler and Taleggio are the best bets.

#### **GET COOKING**

To test the "any chardonnay is great with tomatoes" theory, try our recipe.

### PASTA WITH SUNDRIED TOMATO

PESTO 6 tablespoons basil-flavored olive oil 1 teaspoon freshly minced garlic ½ cup sundried tomatoes packed

in olive oil 1 tablespoon toasted pine nuts 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

- 2 medium fresh tomatoes, peeled and seeded
- % cup Parmesan cheese plus additional for garnish Salt and white pepper to taste 1 pound thin spaghetti pasta of choice
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil

In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, purée garlic, olive oil, one of the fresh tomatoes and the sundried tomatoes.

Through the feed tube with machine running, add pine nuts and balsamic vinegar. Process until smooth.

Chop the second tomato coarsely.

Pour purée into a bowl and fold in the chopped tomato and Parmesan cheese. Add salt and white pepper to taste. Reserve.

Cook pasta. Drain. Place in a warm bowl and toss with the prepared pesto. Top with additional Parmesan cheese and freshly chopped basil. Serves 4.

### **WINE PICKS**

**Opulent Chardonnays** Pick of the Pack: 2002 Silverado Napa Valley, \$20. Highly recommended: 2002 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve, \$20; 2002 Frei Brothers Reserve Chardonnay, \$20; 2002 Geyser Peak Block Collection, Ricci Vineyard, \$21; 2002 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch, \$30; 2002 Cuvaison Estate Selection, \$34: 2000 Oakville Ranch Vineyards Vista Vineyard, \$35; 2001 Chalk Hill \$36; 2001 Franciscan Cuvee Sauvage, \$40; 2001 Talbott Sleepy Hollow, \$42; 2002 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Arcadia Vineyard, \$45, and 2002 Chateau Fuissé Pouilly-Fuissé Vieilles Vignes, \$50. Best Bang for the Buck: 2002 Raymond Reserve, \$15. Fruity Chardonnavs Pick of the pack: 2002 Mirassou Central Coast, \$11. Highly recommended: 2002 Geyser Peak Sonoma County, \$12; 2003 Kenwood, \$15; 2002 Anapamu, \$16; and 2002 Kunde Sonoma Valley, \$16. Steals at \$10 or less: 2002 Sutter Home Family Vinevard Selection. \$5; 2002 Raymond Estates, \$10; and 2002 Hogue; \$10. All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

This pasta recipe accompanies grilled portabella mushrooms fabulously.

Baste mushrooms with basil olive oil or sundried tomato olive oil and grill cap side down over hot coals for three

minutes. Turn and grill one minute more.

For a Labor Day get-together, choose your chardonnay from Wine Picks and get cooking!

The Healds are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected i Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com. (WMS) - School lunches hold a bad reputation, and sometimes rightfully so.

Many experts point to school lunches as being partly responsible for soaring childhood obesity rates. The numbers are "way scary" – as the kids say – with 15 percent of children ages 6 to 19 considered overweight, a figure three times what it was in 1980. Sadly, many overweight children turn into overweight adults, creating an America where experts predict nearly every person will be overweight by the year 2030.

Chef Chris Lauderdale, a registered dietitian and faculty member at The Art Institute of California-Orange County, says the news isn't all that bad. "Due to pressure from parents

and community groups, school lunches are improving," Lauderdale said.

Lauderdale cites the National School Lunch Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which requires that lunches meet/s the daily requirements for protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, iron, calcium and calories. Lunches may not contain more than 30 percent fat and 10 percent saturated fat, and must be in line with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which is based on the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid.

However, left mostly to states and local governments, it's difficult, if not impossible, to ensure that every school lunch cafeteria in the United States is complying with the program. And some healthy school lunch advocates say the requirements don't go far enough.

"Kids are starting to create bad eating habits at a young age, not only because of the limited variety of healthy options in the schools, but due to the soda and candy machines in many schools that help support extracurricular activities that usually suffer whenever there are schoolbudget cutbacks," said Joanna Townsend, a registered dietitian and faculty member at The Art Institute of Phoenix. Is anything being done on a grass-roots level to offer kids healthier school lunch alternatives? One freeh food pignear

healthier school lunch alternatives? One fresh-food pioneer, Alice Waters, executive chef and owner of Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Calif., has urged schools to devote some of their playground area to organic farming and to teach gardening as part of the curriculum. "Schools would then be able to meet some of their students' nutritional needs themselves." and be budget-conscious in the process, says Lauderdale. Another innovative aspect of her program is to advocate for cooperative ventures between schools and farmer's markets to enable fresh, locally-grown produce to be available for school lunches.

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Not every community in the country is fortunate enough to have someone fighting for healthier school lunches. One of the best ways parents can help their kids eat healthier is to pack lunches and snacks based on foods their kids already like.

Benita Wong, a culinary instructor with The Art Institute of Washington, recommends simple lunches or snacks like whole fruits and vegetables, and

to pick ones that are small in size and easy to eat, such as

grape tomatoes, baby carrots or plums. Prepare a yogurt or hummus dip to accompany fresh veggies, and then cut up whole wheat or low-salt pita breads to go with them. Instead of white bread, Wong says, try whole wheat, onion or Kaiser rolls.

Trail mix is another favorite. It's easy to make your own says Wong, using peanuts, raisins, popcorn, seeds, dried fruits or low-sugar cereals.

Besides eating healthier lunches and snacks, experts agree that kids and adults need to be more active.

The exercise goal most frequently cited is at least one hour a day of intense exercise, like brisk walking. Consider walking with your kids after dinner as they scooter or bike ride. In the warmer weather, there's no excuse to slack off. You'll be setting an example for your children and encouraging a healthy lifestyle habit that can last them a lifetime.

For more information, visit www.artinstitutes.edu/nr.

#### TRAIL MIX

 ½ cup salted peanuts

 ½ cup miniature pretzels

 ½ cup plain popeorn

 ½ cup,small, sweet chocolate chips

 ½ cup raisins

 ½ cup Honey Nut Cheerios

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients. Mix well and store in an airtight plastic container or small zippered bag for individual consumption.

#### Makes 3 cups.

For a sweet and healthy snack, try the above quantities with this combination: dried pineapple, dried apricots, raisins, wholewheat unsalted miniature pretzels, Multigrain Cheerios and plain popcorn. Or, add dried peas and corn to the mix. YOGURT DRESSING

Serve as a dipping sauce or sandwich spread.

1 tablespoon currant jelly 1 tablespoon lemon juice ½ cup sour cream 1½ cups yogurt, vanilla

Place jelly and lemon juice in a stainless steel pot. Put on low heat, and stir until melted.

Remove from heat, and cool slightly. Stir in sour cream and yogurt a little at a time. Chill until used. Makes about 2 cups.

#### HUMMUS (CHICKPEA DIP)

Serve as a dipping sauce or sandwich spread. 1 cup chickpeas, cooked or canned

- 4 cup tahini or sesame paste (you can also add some peanut
- butter) /2 tablespoon garlic, crushed
- (use more for a stronger taste)

1 tablespoon lemon juice (or water

for a milder taste) 2 tablespoons olive oil

- Salt, to taste
- Cayenne pepper, to taste

Puree the chickpeas, tahini paste, garlic, lemon juice and olive oil in a food processor or blender.

If it's too thick, adjust the consistency by adding a little lemon juice or water. Season with salt and cayenne pepper to taste. Makes about  $1/_{2}$  cups.

#### Tomato Salsa

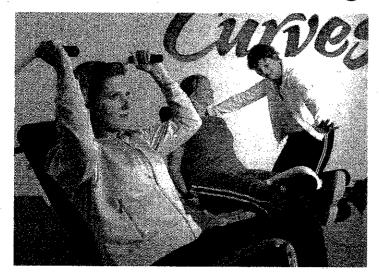
- Serve as a dipping sauce or sandwich spread.
- 10 ounces fresh tomatoes 2 tablespoons fresh green chilies,
- such as jalapeno or serrano 3 tablespoons onion, minced
- 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tablespoon lime or lemon juice
- ½ to 1 tablespoon tomato juice
   1 to 2 tablespoons tomato paste (add or subtract to thicken or thin mixture)
- 1 teaspoon salt

Remove the core and dice the tomatoes into very small pieces.

Remove the stem end, seeds and ribs from the chilies. Dice the chilies. Be sure to use rubber gloves for this step to protect your hands from the hot oils that come from the chilies. When finished, wash your gloved hands and remove the gloves to continue making the salsa. Dice the onion.

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#### HONEY-LEMON DRESSING

Serve this as a dipping sauce or sandwich spread. ¼ cup honey ¼ cup lemon juice (or orange juice if too strong)

Mix honey and lemon or orange juice completely. Makes about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup.

Mix together the tomatoes, chilies, onions, cilantro and lime or lemon juice. Add tomato juice and tomato paste to adjust the consistency to a thick, chunky sauce.

Add salt and season to taste. Makes about  $1 \slash_2$  cups.

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the hospitals and affiliates of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

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# Quick and easy recipes

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salt and pepper together. Coat

chicken and apples with mari-

least 15 minutes. Bake for 20

minutes, occasionally brushing

with marinade, then broil for 10

**OLD COUNTRY COBBLER** 

2 cans (21 ounces each) cherry

1 tablespoon butter or margarine

Pour pie filling into 8-by-8-

inch pan. Cover with<sup>1</sup>/4-inch thick

pie crust, trim edges. Cover with

melted butter or margarine, then sugar. Pierce 4 times with fork.

Bake at 425°F for 20 minutes or

Serving Suggestion: Warm

**GRILLED CHICKEN WITH BBQ** 

pie filling

1 tablespoon sugar

until golden brown.

and serve over ice cream.

1 refrigerated pie crust

nade, cover and refrigerate for at

(NAPSI)-There are a number of ways that busy cooks can save time in the kitchen. First, focus on recipes that don't have a lot of steps.

Next, look for simple creations that don't require a lot of ingredients. The more ingredients, the more time you need to gather everything together, and measure out the individual items.

Finally, choose time-saving ingredients. For example, if you're making a pie, canned pie filling is a much more convenient option than preparing fresh fruit.

So, the next time you're pressed to get dinner on the table, or need to put together a last second dessert, try these delicious quick and easy recipes that will leave you with a little time for yourself.

#### APPLE BUTTER CHICKEN MARINADE

#### 4 chicken drumsticks-with or

- without skin
- ¼ cup molasses
- ½ teaspoon salt
- % teaspoon pepper
- 2 apples, cored and sliced into eighths

Preheat oven to 350ºF. Stir apple butter, molasses, ginger,

APPLE BUTTER GLAZE 1/2 cup Musselman's Apple Butter <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup barbecue sauce <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup apple butter ½ teaspoon ground ginger 4 chicken breasts

> Mix barbecue sauce with Apple Butter, microwave for 3 minutes. Pour over chicken and mari-

nate for 20 minutes. Grill chicken.

# Wanted: Tailgaters

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We're looking for a few good tailgaters.

Not the ones who you may take umbrage with during rush hour, but those who saddle up on the weekends for a good warmup to a football game.

We'd like to feature Wolverine and Spartan fans in time for the big matchup Oct. 30, so if you know alumni or fans from either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University who enjoy tailgating

and really do it up with food, let us know about it. (We'd like to include fans from both schools.) Give us a brief summary why this person should be featured, and, if they are available, please send us photos. Be sure to include your daytime phone number.

Send an email or letter to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Email kabramczyk @oe.homecomm.net.

### CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36215 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net Fall Mushroom Mania

As the fail 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 classes**

You can see a Wolf product presentation (a free class) 6:30-8:30 p.m.Sunday, Sept. 12, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 or Dec. 14 at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke, in Auburn Hills. For a registration fee, you can sign up for Cuisine du Jour Handson Culinary Training with Shawn Loving, owner and chef of the Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16. Celebrate the harvest with Loving's Sage Dusted Turkey Scaloppini with Mushroom and Leek Fondue, Maple Glazed Pork Loin with Carmalized Fennel and Corn Ya-Ya, Fresh "Up Town" Slaw with Papaya, Blood Orange and Pears, Sweet Fig and Lemon Tarts with Raspberry Sauce.

Chef Keith Famie will be the instructor for a Southeastern Asian Epicurean Journey 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. For more information, visit www.trevarrowinc.com or call (800) 482-1948. 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. Visit the Library's Home-Page at www.sfldlib.org. For further information, please call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796.4224 during regular library hours.



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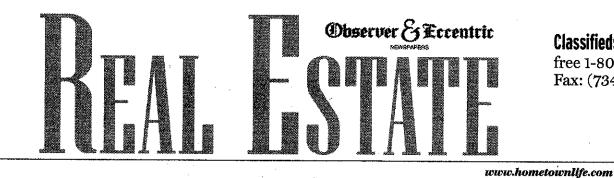
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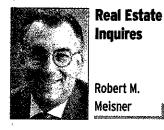
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# Liability for claim is unlikely

We are the seller of a home and the purchaser has now claimed that we misrepresented the condition of the home. There was an inspection provision in the Purchase Agreement establishing that the purchaser would not rely on any statements by us as sellers but rather would seek an independent assessment of the condition of the property. Do we have any liability for the claim defects which the purchaser now sees?

More than likely, you do not, based upon recent decisions of the Court of Appeals. In a sense, the existence of a valid integration clause, that is, that all representations are not to be relied upon, make it unreasonable for plaintiffs to rely on any alleged representations not expressly included in the purchase agreement. More than likely, you would be entitled to obtain a dismissal of the lawsuit but should consult with legal counsel regarding the particular facts of your case.

We have an issue concerning our obligation to arbitrate a dispute under a building contract and I am wondering whether we have any loopholes that you can think of in regard to our building contract to get out of arbitration.

It is obviously difficult for

# Younger seniors, more choices

Baby boomers set to redefine retirement housing

BY RITA BROWN CORRESPONDENT

It's a fact. The U.S. Census Bureau states that, by the year 2020, more than 16 percent of Americans will be at least 65 years old, up from the 4.1 percent of U. S. residents that were 65 years old or older in 1990.

"I know that there's a large senior market," said Betty Clark, real estate agent and sales manager for Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Walled Lake. "It just hasn't hit our market yet."

The biggest challenge for the real estate industry may arise when the first of the baby boom generation turns 65 years old in 2011. The industry is addressing senior needs as the current senior market increases, and preparing for the impending onset of baby boomers as a senior citizen group; a generation that has historically affected each phase of their maturation process by redefining norms.

"The industry has even set up a designation, 'SRS,' which identifies agents who have taken special classes and are uniquely qualified to work with seniors," Clark said. She is also a part of the boomer generation.

#### WHO, ME?

"When it comes to growing old, we just feel that we're so much younger than our parents were at this age. We are in denial as baby boomers," said 51-year-old Lynne Martin, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "I know I am." With about 81 million baby boomers in the U.S., that generation has always been a challenging consumer demographic.

But aging is a reality. And trying to define a lifestyle and provide acceptable real estate products, be they smaller, single residences, condos, apartments or active adult communities that maintain a mix of all the possibilities, is what the senior-specific housing industry is attempting to do. As far as younger seniors choosing active adult communities, "I do see a trend," Clark said. A number of her friends in their early 60s have opted for living in Florida retirement villages.



Gloria Whan (biker on left), Bernard Lucas and Jytte Winn, take a break from their bike trip around the Fox Run campus to chat with Helen Weingarden and George Moy.

ic. Arizona, Las Vegas, Florida, all have cultivated age-restricted communities catering to a more active lifestyle. Promoting an active senior lifestyle is what communities like Henry Ford Village in Dearborn and Fox Run in Novi are trying to accomplish.

Trying to fill the potentially lucrative real estate niche with the marketing of products to a self-described evergreen population is a challenge. Active adult communities of the southern and western states are, however, beginning to emerge in non-traditional areas like the Midwest.

#### SHIFTING PRIORITIES

Why consider an active adult retirement facility?

"What we find though is that most neighborhoods have changed because both husband and wife work and that doing everything you need to do to take care of a house is too much of a burden," said Tim Bracken, regional advertising director for Erickson **Retirement Communities.** "People would rather have the opportunities they have on our campuses than the maintenance." Less maintenance means more time for leisure pursuits.

the remaining 25 percent come from greater than 25 miles, with 12.5 percent coming from out of state," Bracken said describing the residents of their multi-state communities, which include Fox Run of Novi and the Henry Ford Village property in Dearborn.

These communities are designed to be attractive to an active senior population, but the facilities must also address the prospect of diminished future mobility. Active living communities are often linked to assisted living, as well as more involved care facilities. Assessing these facilities for their aging parents was the first time some baby boomers began to question when they, too may choose to take up residency in a senior facility, and at what level.

Younger, potential active adult community residents remain conflicted "I could see myself in a nice services. Visit older community. I'm just not www.AlternativesForSeniors.co sure when ... I hope while I'm still young enough to enjoy all m or call (800) 350-0770 to the amenities," said baby order a free directory. boomer Stephen Brookes of Lake Orion. Amenities are a large part of what the new active adult communities promote — park-like campuses with golf, tennis, all \$182.5 billion senior-housing business? the activities that an active senior could enjoy. **IMMENSE POTENTIAL** So what does this potentially unparalleled, impending spike In 2003, it meant a 69-perin the senior sector mean for cent increase in the number of the already considerable new assisted living units, nationwide; an impressive, but not unprecedented, escalation in response to their attempting to anticipate and meet the needs of an aging consumer. But the boomers are unlike any generation which has preceded them. Emphasizing an active, vigorous lifestyle may be the key. Changing the perception of what retirement could be is imperative to the successful marketing of the active adult campus facility.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

What: A free senior housing guide is hosting an open house at 115 senior communities throughout metro Detroit. During the Open House Weekend each community will offer tours, refreshments, door prizes and answers to commonly asked questions. When: Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 2-3.

For information: Alternatives for Seniors directory for Detroit and Southeastern Michigan provides lists and details on retirement communities, assisted living, residential care, nursing centers, home care and other

# Timothy Phillips Big buys for the

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desire to spend their cash – often use a high loanto-value mortgage to purchase properties. Many refer to such home loans as "zero down mortgages" or "100 percent financing."

One advantage to buying a home using a very small down payment is that borrowers can really leverage their invested monies. Buyers who put down \$10,000 to purchase a \$100,000 home that appreciates \$5,000 per year would realize a 50 percent annual rate of return on their investment when they sell their property. If they were to purchase the same property with just \$500, their annual return on investment would be 500 percent instead!

The FHA loan is a fantastic mortgage option for homebuyers with very small down payments. Qualified FHA borrowers can get up to 97 percent financing to purchase homes if the loan amounts do not exceed prescribed limits. These limits, however, are extremely accommodating, especially in high-cost areas in and around major cities.

Borrowers with badly bruised credit, those who need full 100 percent financing, and those requiring very large or "jumbo" mortgages, may not be able to use the FHA. However, there are plenty of lenders who have designed mortgage programs to fill these niches. For those home buyers with reasonable or good credit, some lenders will grant loans (or loan combinations) totaling 100 percent of a property's value without deeply scrutinizing the borrowers' credit history or worrying about the loan size. In most cases, sellers may cover the closing costs, and borrowers are often not required to maintain property tax escrow accounts. Zero-down lenders usually check to ensure that the subject property is worth at least the amount of the loan. So, you should count on adding a little extra time and expense for a "review appraisal" prior to final loan approval. You should also expect to pay a higher interest rate on your new 100 percent mortgage. Zero-down loans make for more risky mortgages. No less, a higher interest rate may be well worth it if it allows your family to take advantage of increasing property values instead of increasing rents.

me to comment without looking at your building contract. However, there is a concept which has been enunciated in a recent Colorado case where the court recognized the concept of the intertwining doctrine as it applies to the arbitration provision in the contract. The concept states that if an arbitration claim is joined with claims that are not arbitratable, that if the arbitrator would be required to review the same facts needed to establish the nonarbitratable claims, referral to arbitration should be denied and the court, as opposed to the arbitrator, should resolve all claims. That is something you may wish to consult about with an attorney of your choosing.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice. Active adult communities have long since been a staple in areas which have traditionally attracted an older demograph"We are seeing more and more couples move to our campuses ... 50 percent come from within 10 miles, 25 percent from 10 to 25 miles, and

> A smaller housing rush in response to the 1990s increase in seniors (those 65 and older), left the industry with a glut of assisted living facilities, a situation the industry hopes to avoid this time around.

> By providing facilities for more active, younger seniors, the senior housing industry may see an exceptionally lucrative future.

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Fox Run's Ascot clubhouse is accessible from all apartment homes so residents don't have to go outside in bad weather. Fox Run in Novi is a retirement community that caters to active seniors.



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#### Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford Road in Garden City. Call (866) 471-0085 to reserve your seat. Fall Parade of Homes Features 88 new model homes

scattered throughout southeastern Michigan through Sunday, Sept. 19. The Parade of Homes plan book containing renderings. features and location maps is available at all Standard Federal Bank branch offices. For more information, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. Succession planning for your business

Panel presentation by the Washtenaw Contractors Association, Thursday, Sept. 16. Discussion will include such topics as the development of a written plan, succession alternatives, business valuation and buy-sell agreements. Lunch served at noon, program 12:30 p.m., adjourn 2 p.m. at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Cost \$22 per person, nonmembers \$27. For more information visit www.wcaonline.org

#### or call (734) 662-2570. **Builder's Pre-license class**

Comprehensive 16-hour seminar offered by Livonia Community Education with Oakland Builder's Association 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 20-29, at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. The cost is \$212 plus \$20 for course textbook. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Sept. 16. Call (734) 744-2602, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday to register. For a brochure of other courses offered by the Oakland Builder's Institute, call (800) 940-2014, (248) 651-2771 or visit

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#### Real Estate classes at Schoolcraft College

These classes will be offered this fall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. For more information, or to register, visit www.schoolcraft.edu or call (734) 462-4448. Builder's Licensing Exam Prep, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14, cost \$269. Real Estate Sales License, 5:30-10:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 16 for eight weeks, cost \$269. Real Estate Continuing Education, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door, Real **Estate Continuing Education**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door. Invest in Real Estate, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 28, \$135. Landlording Series, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning Wednesday, Sept. 29, \$199. The series is made up of the following class topics which can be taken individually: "How to Deal with Problem Tenants," "Risk Management for Landlords." "Leases & Lease Clauses," and "Making Money & Reducing Taxes

# Mortgage rates creep up, **30-year still under 6 percent**

#### **BY JEANNINE AVERSA** ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates around the country crept up last week, although 30-year mortgages still were below the 6 percent level for a fourth straight week, Freddie Mac reported Thursday, Aug. 26.

The mortgage giant said that its latest nationwide survey showed that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 5.82 percent for the week ending Aug. 26. That's up slightly from the average rate of 5.81 percent.

"Mortgage rates were mostly unchanged this week, amid conflicting economic reports as to the strength of the economy," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. Since then, rates while bouncing around - have slowly drifted downward as economic activity cooled in the late spring and early summer.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates rose to 5.21 percent this week,

up from 5.19 percent. Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages increased to 4.05 percent, compared with 4.01 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not so include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year mortgage carried an average 0.7 point fee. Fifteenyear and 1-year mortgages each carried an 0.6 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.28 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.60 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.84 percent.

Economic reports released earlier this week showed that sales of both new and previously owned homes fell in July. Even so, analysts believe and home sales are still on track to set new record highs". for all of 2004.

"Our housing outlook remains positive and forecasts only a gradual rise in mortgage rates in the next  $a_{i}$ few months, indicating another strong year for the housing sector," Nothaft said.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, meanwhile, said that refinancing accounted for 40.4 percent of all home mortgage applications filed, down from 40.7 percent the previous week.

# July's existing home sales are off slightly from record

Existing single-family home sales slipped in July, but still managed the third-best pace on record, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales declined 2.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.72 million units in July from a record pace of 6.92 million units in June; last month's sales activity was 8.6 percent above the 6.19-million unit pace in July 2003. The second-highest sales rate was in May of this year.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said changes at this volume of sales are relative. "Prior to this year, the July sales pace would have been a real evepopper," he said. "The fact is, it remains so. The present level of home sales activity is considerably above last year's record, and the new benchmark we'll set in 2004 is a significant contributor to overall U.S. economic growth."

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixedrate mortgage was 6.06 percent in July, down from 6.29 percent in

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June; it was 5.63 percent in July 2003

NAR President Walt McDonald, broker-owner of Walt McDonald Real Estate in Riverside, Calif., said mortgage interest rates are only part of the picture. "The fundamental demand from entry level buyers, dominated by the secondlargest generation in U.S. history - the children of the baby boom — will drive home sales over the next 10 years because this generation is entering the prime years in which people typically buy their first home."

The national median existinghome price was \$191,300 in July, up 8.7 percent from July 2003 when the median price was \$176,000. The median is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

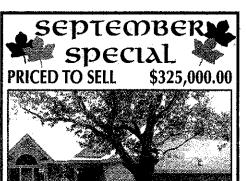
Housing inventory levels at the end of July were unchanged from June at 2.40 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 4.3-month supply at

percent in July to an annual rate of 2.77 million units, and was 11.7 percent above a year ago. The median price of an existing home in the South was \$176,800, up 7.0 from July 2003.

Existing-home sales in the Northeast slipped-1.4 percent in July to a pace of 730,000 units, but were 4.3 percent above July 2003. The median existing-home price in the Northeast was \$216,100, up 8.8 percent above a year ago.

Existing homes in the Midwest were selling at an annual rate of 1.39 million units in July, down 4.8 percent from June, but were 3.0 percent higher than the same month a year earlier. The median price in the Midwest was \$157,200, up 6.6 percent from July 2003.

Home resales in the West declined 6.6 percent in July to an annual rate of 1.83 million units, but were 9.6 percent higher than a year ago. The median existinghome price in the West was \$175,900, up 17.4 percent in the last year.



on Your Rental Properties." www.buildersinstitute.com Flagstar, Fannie Mae team up

> PRNewswire - As part of Fannie Mae's \$50 billion, seven-year American Dream Commitment for Michigan program, the government-sponsored enterprise has teamed up with Flagstar Bank to help underserved and multicultural borrowers achieve homeownership.

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'With Fannie's support, we can now connect with more borrowers who can use our products to become homeowners," said Flagstar President and CEO Mark Hammond. For more information, visit www.flagstar.com or www.freddiemac.com. mortgage spectrum. the current sales pace. Regionally, the existing-home sales pace in the South rose 0.4

# Least understood loans may be best mortgage options

#### BY DAVID BRADLEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

For years, potential home buyers viewed 15- or 30year fixed rate loans as the be-all, end-all of the home Not anymore.

> According to a mortgage executive in Washington D.C., imaginative new loan options albeit sometimes not well understood have emerged as viable solutions for homebuyers. The new loans are evidence there is life loan life, that is beyond conventional mort-

gages. "When our parents bought houses, they got a 15- or 30year fixed rate loan," says Deb Levy of Bank of America. "That conventional wisdom was passed along to their kids. Young clients immediately tell me 'fixed rate, fixed rate' because that's what they've been told."

Fixed rate loans are easiest to grasp because the terms are cutand-dried: a set term at a set rate. But with people tending to move more frequently and real estate prices escalating rapidly, many buyers feel locked down when they lock in long term loans even though relatively few live in a home long enough to completely pay a 15- or 30-year note

These days, Levy is more likely to discuss hybrid, interestonly and combination loans with potential customers. The trio is some form of adjustable rate mortgage or at least offer an adjustable rate option.

A hybrid loan is part fixed rate and part adjustable rate loan. The first one, three, five or seven years is at a fixed rate. Thereafter, the loan converts to an adjustable rate.

The upside to hybrids is lower initial interest rates and monthly payments below a comparable fixed rate loan. Comparison tables at bankofamerica.com show a hybrid

loan rate on a \$100,000 mortgage can be onequarter of a percent to as much as 2 percent lower. This translates to a monthly savings of more than \$100. Levy rates these loans as ideal for homeowners who want to more home for lower monthly payments or those "betting they won't be in the house long enough" before the adjustable rate term kicks in.

The down side is uncertainty for homeowners. Rates during the adjustable term can fluctuate above fixed rates, thereby raising monthly payments. But rates could dip lower, too. There is a safety net of sorts; even if rates spike, adjustable rates are capped at the time the loan is made.

According to Bank of America's Levy, the "hot buzz product" in today's mortgage markets are interestonly loans.

The loans are as advertised; homeowners pay only the interest rate owed. For example, if prin-cipal and interest on a \$100,000 loan amount to \$583 per month, the borrower pays only the interest portion - \$479 - each month. The borrower must eventually pay off the principal but, as with the hybrid loans, the homeowner is money ahead if they live in the home for a relatively short period.

So when is the principal paid back? Levy says inter-st-only loans are designed for borrowers with variest-only loans are designed for borrowers with variable income streams - such as those who earn hefty quarterly bonuses - who can pay down chunks of principal when money is available. Inheritances or other financial windfalls can also be used to pay off principal amounts.

If you use an interest-only loan, you won't build equity in the home beyond the increase in market value of the home itself. A portion of your build equity in the home beyond the increase in equity is earned as you pay off the principal amount.

Homebuyers looking for a low down payment and a way to avoid costly private mortgage insurance should check out combination loans. Until these loans came into being, borrowers needed to plunk down 20 percent to avoid PMI. Now, applicants with good credit can put down lesser amounts to avoid ΡMI.

These two-in-one loans blend a first mortgage and a home equity loan or line of credit. The mortgage portion can be at fixed or adjustable rates. The home equity portion typically acts as a second mortgage, and is at a somewhat higher rate. In the past lenders permitted home equity loans only after the client owned the home. Borrowers can avoid some fees and closing costs because of the dual nature of the combined loans.

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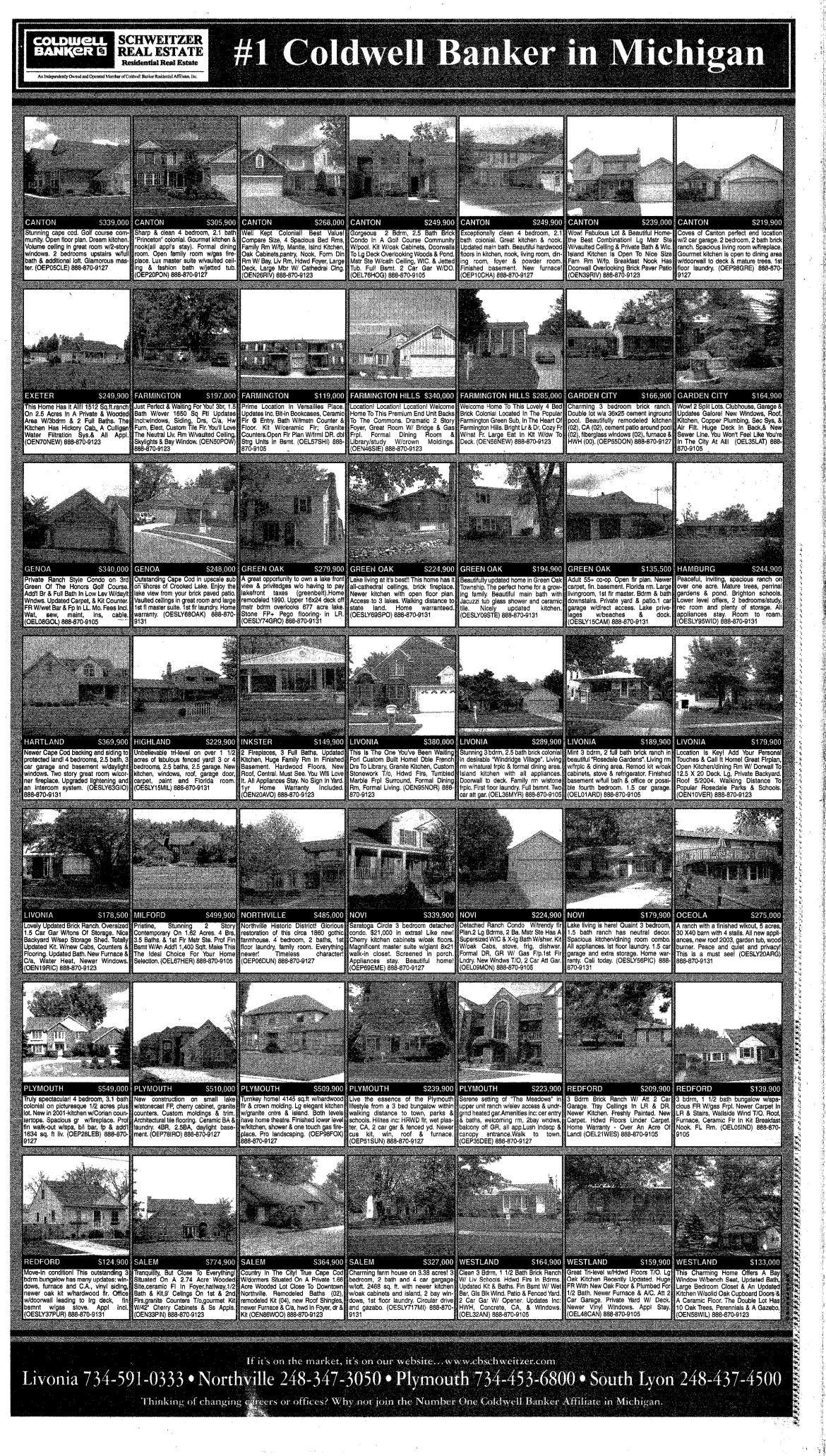
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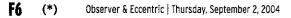
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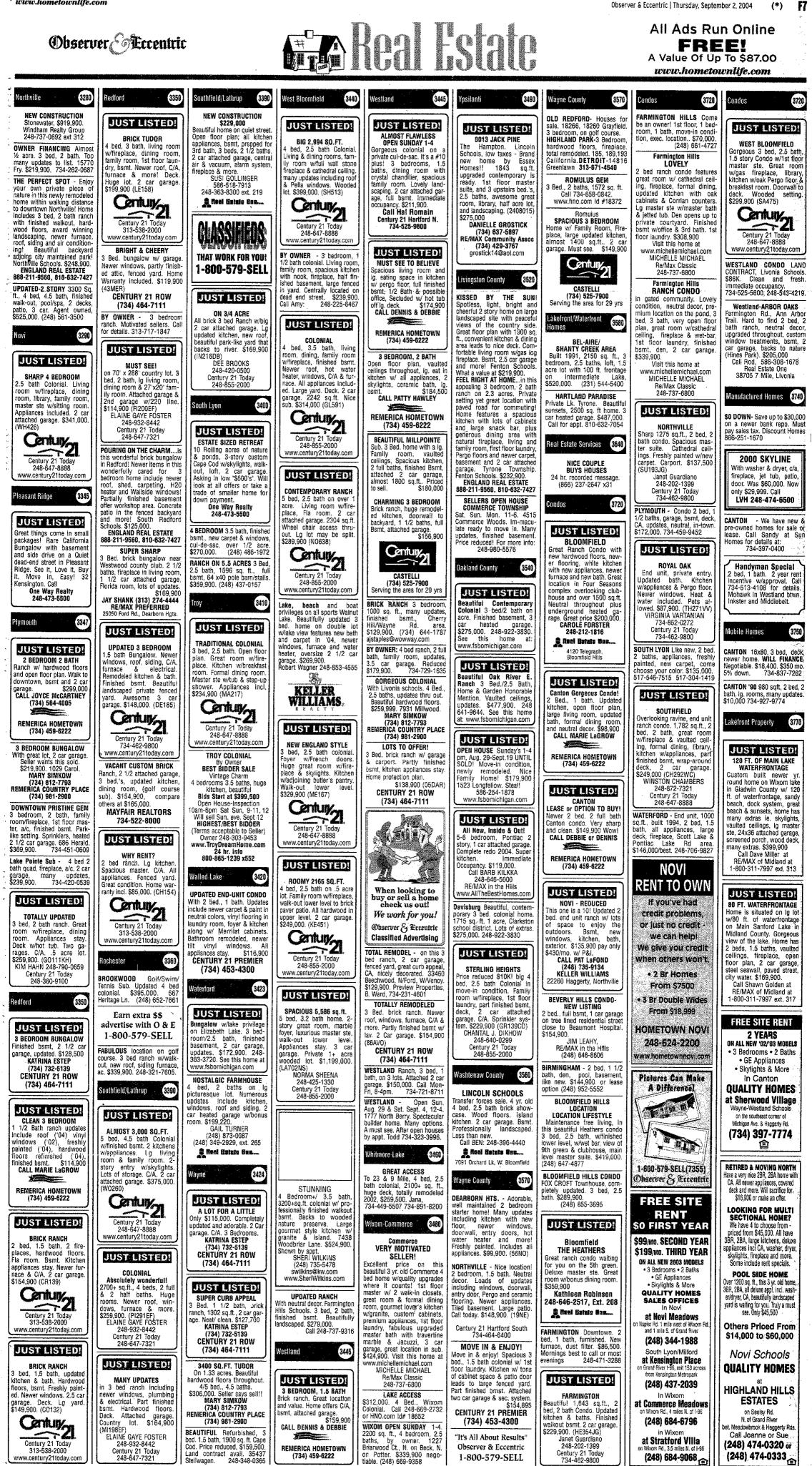




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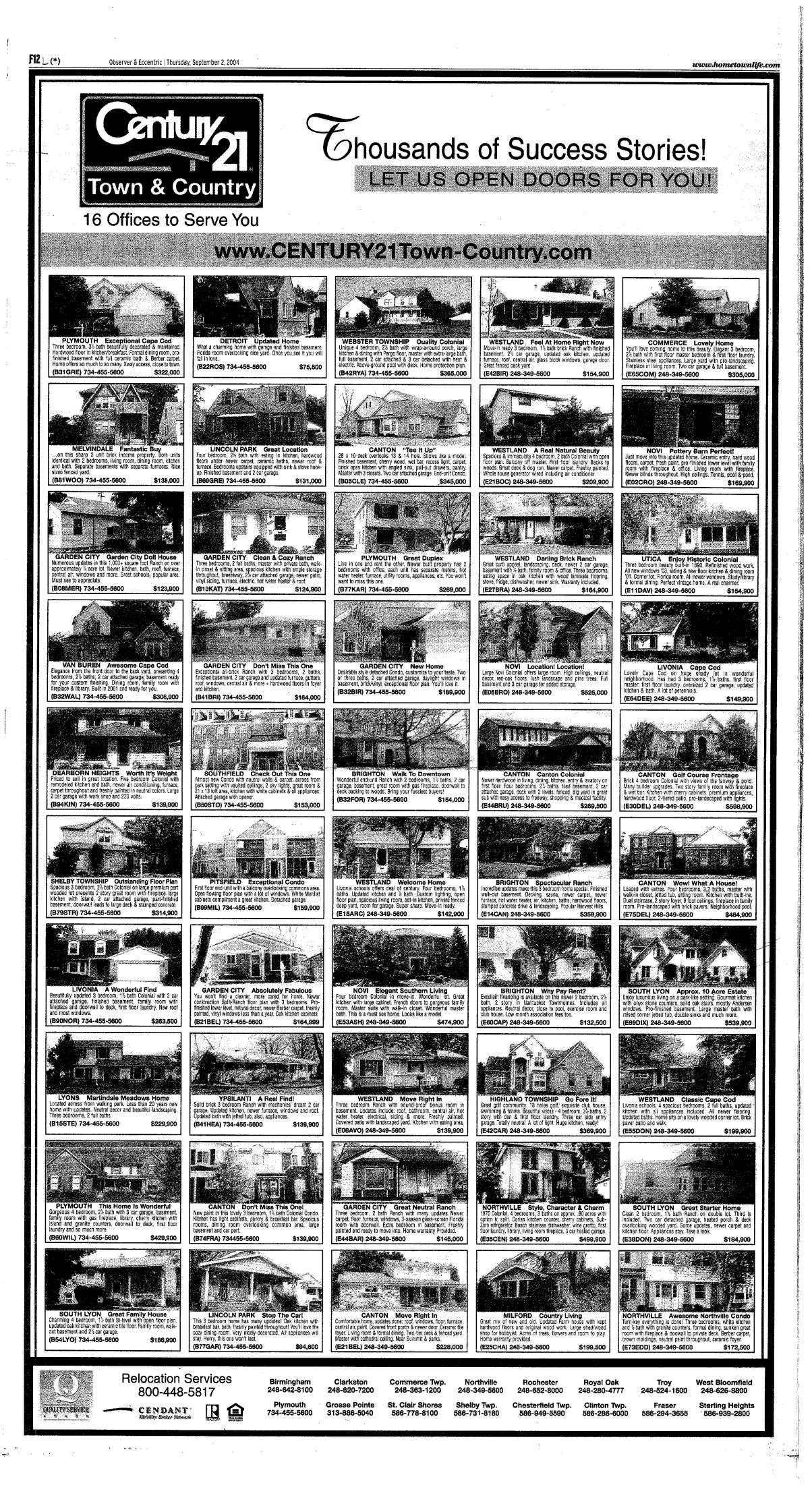
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IMPRESSIVE 4 BR, 3.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL Upgrades include: huge kit w/maple cabs, 9 ft cellings, great rm w/FP, jack & jill bath, MBR w/ cathedrat cellings, walk-in cist & bath w/separate shower. (24091666)

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GARDEN CITY \$264,900 GARDEN CITY QUIET CUL-DE-SAC 3 BR, 2.5 BA. No maintenance fenced yard. Quite cir w/ail newer homes. Great rm w/fp. Huge mstr suite near park & soccer field. Abv ground pool. Great for kids. 349-6200 (24064856)



BELLEVILLE SUBURBAN PARADISE is this 3 bedroom, 2 bath custom ranch home on over half an acre with a 2 car att gar, family room w/fireplace, kitchen remodeled, inground pool, patio area. (V451)



LIVONIA SHOWCASE!!! Vacation year round in this beautiful 5 BR, 2.5 BA contemporary. MBR

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Nice deck & backyard. Agent related. 349-6200



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\$193,000 BEST OF DEARBORN This is a must seel It sparkles! New carpet; new sod; freshiy painted. Updtd kit & bath. Extra Ig lot. Full sized DR.

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$189,900 3 BR, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL Built in 1999, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, almost 1500 SF, bsmt, FP w/ fireplace. For pictures -- www.localgem call 877-934-6683 ID 710. Farmington schools

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**PERFECTIONI** Original owner, 4 BR, 2.5 BA home in mint condition. Quiet location, beautiful decor, unique "Quad-onial" design & lots more. 3 BRs, 2 BAs, walk-out to deck from MBR or dining area. Appliances incld, CA, 2 car gar (heated). Sprinklers, mature Indscpng. (23P390) (23R44467)

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WALK TO THE PARK Totally renovated ranch.

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$184.900 SPARKLING RANCH -NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS 3 BRs, 2 full baths. New kitchen, roof, wndws & more. Beautifully finished bsmt and all appliances stay. Home is immaculate and offers immediate occupancy.



\$178,500

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$179,900 READY TO MOVE IN COLONIAL with hdwd firs thru-out. New paint, ceramic baths, dining area w/drwll to nice deck, newer wndws & HWH. Some new appl's. Fin bsmt w/rec rm & office area. Morel (P23045)

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\$173,900

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GARDEN CITY \$179,900 GET EXPANSE, NOT EXPENSE In this 4 or 5 bedroom, 2 story home with remodeled kitchen and 2 full remodeled baths, full finished basement & many updates including C/A. (K331)

DEARBORN HGTS \$173,000 NORTH DEARBORN HGTS CHARMER Rare find four bedroom ranch w/part fin bsmt. 1 1/2 baths. Updated kitchen, new furn & C/A, electr, interior paint, updated bath & lav. Move right Ini Large lot! (R702)

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paint and new carpet. Oversized garage. 349-6200 (24094855)

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REDFORD \$179,900 ADORABLE 4 BEDROOM BUNGALOW! 2 BRs up, 2 BRs main. Updated kitchen, lots of hardwood firs, fireplace. Prof finished bsmt-storage galore. Newer wndws. All brick. Beautiful fenced yard. (23F27121)

UPDATED RANCHI Three bedroom brick ranch w/2.5 car gar. Updated kit 02, furnace '00, new a/c '03, roof tear off '03, windows replaced & refin hdwd firs. 349-6200 (24059765)

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\$169,900

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LIVONIA \$165,900 **GREAT BUY IN LIVONIA!** Home has 1,325 SF of living space. 3 BRs, 2 full baths. Family room w/doorwall and deck. New cement drive and sided garage. New Wallside Windows, 97 roof tear off. (K111)

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SPACIOUS BEAUTY Charming 1,636 SF, 3 bedroom bungalow w/2 full baths & 2 car garage on gorgeous 1/2 acre lot. Master suite on entry level. Loads of updates! Huge FR w/FP. (M470)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$157,000 WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR, 1.5 BATH HOME. Neutral decor thru-out, family sized kit w/pantry, ceramic baths, built-in oven/range, bsmt is tiled, carpeted & paneled. Many updates and desirable neighborhood. (V26811)

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DESIRABLE SURRY HGTS SUB Beautifully maintained home w/many updates: New Florida rm 2003, roof siding, cement & windows. Kitchen leads to FR w/gas log fireplace. 2 car garage. (\$142)

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\$156,900 "10"! TOP OF THE LINE. GORGEOUS A "10"! TOP OF THE LINE. GUNGLOUD KITCHEN All appliances stay. Too many upgrds to mention. 2 car det gar is xtra deep and can be applied a care plus storage. La lot close to accomodate 3 cars plus storage. Lg lot close to shopping & schools. 349-6200. (24103105)

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WESTLAND \$129,900 DESIRABLE WESTLAND AREA Brick and vinyl ranch with newer windows, furnace and central air. Will have new roof prior to closing. Partially finished basement. (W114)



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LINCOLN PARK \$120,900 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/Berber carpet. Nice size lot, most appl's stay, near schools. A must see! 349-6200 (24096942)

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REDFORD \$143,500 RIDGEMONT SUB BRICK RANCH Brk ranch in sought after Ridgemont Sub. Great fin bsmt w/built-in cab. New windows, all appl's incld. Hdwd

firs. S Redford schools.

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$104,999 **GREAT STARTER HOME!** Not only does this home have curb appeal, it is very nice inside. The upstairs use to be 2 bedrooms, but now is a huge master suite. Make an offer today. (23)24063)

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BRICK BUNGALOW. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, finished basement. Updated kitchen, newer windows, furnace, a/c, hardwood floors. Super clean and ready to move in. 349-6200 (24044742)

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#### REDFORD

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'd bsmt. Quality thru-out. 349-6200 24098058 \$147,900 248-348-6430

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REDFORD VERY SHARP WELL KEPT BRK BUNGALOW Many updates-wndws, vinyl siding, gls blk wndws, roof dryway, sidewalk & patio. Remdld BA, updated electr, beautiful wood trim, crpt thru-out/hdwd flr underneath. 24094264 \$141,900 734-591-9200

a remodeled kitchen w/recessed lights, oak cabinets, ceiling fan, Anderson patio door to deck. Finished basement. All appliances stay.

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH West of Telegraph. Updated kitchen & new carpeting thru-out. 1 year home warranty with 2 car oversized garage. 23R6190 **\$134,900 734-455-7000** 

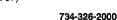




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\$146,000 NORTH GARDEN CITY CHARMER This 3 bedroom clean & bright beauty w/bsmt, 2 car garage is waiting. Updates include windows, kitchen, bath, intercom, paint, doorwall off kitchen to patio. (H707) kitchen to patlo. (H707)



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# The 2004 Dodge Ram 1500

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Thursday DriveTime



#### **BY DALE BUSS**

Forget for a moment all the compacts and truck/SUV hybrids that are running around these days masquerading as pick-up trucks. The real pickem-up trucks are vehicles like Dodge Ram and Ford F-150 that have been around for awhile, or have strong bloodlines, and still represent what any truck worthy of the name should be: big, powerful, and very load capable – maybe with a little bit of a mean streak.

The 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 that I've been driving around lately meets all those criteria like gangbusters. It's even a little difficult to climb up into, which I think - with apologies to shorter people and to those wearing skirts - is also appropriate for a truck.

I really appreciate the styling of the Ram 1500, which is the foremost exemplar of a bold, in-yourface design theme that Chrysler designers now are carrying throughout the rest of the Dodge line, including in the new Durango SUV. The most distinguishing feature of this sassy look is a massive grille, which covers a huge area of the front of the Ram in a four-armed cluster that could be a stylized horsecollar - but is even much more macho-looking than that. It accentuates all the other aspects of the bigness and boldness of the vehicle. And rendered in the Flame Red color of the vehicle I drove, it's hard not to be noticed on the streets and byways.

But no matter what, trucks aren't much to look at. So where Dodge Ram really scores points for 2004 is with the addition of the famed 5.7-liter Hemi Magnum engine to the 4x4 Quad Cab SLT. Chrysler has fashioned this engine into a brand in itself by highlighting the powertrain in its advertising and making much ado about making it available in other vehicles such as Durango.

In the Ram 1500, the Hemi indeed seems to be



The 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 is big, powerful, and very load capable - with a little bit of a mean streak.

meeting its billing: of making the vehicle the most powerful mas-production light-duty pickup on the market. The engine was named a Ward's Ten Best Engine last year and powered the Ram 1500 to awards such as Sport Truck Magazine's 2003 Truck of the Year. It provides the feeling of confidence and power that are vital for people when they're putting their truck to use. The new engine increased the Ram 1500's gross trailer weight rating by 550 pounds, to 9,200 pounds - a vital statistic for the many owners who use their trucks to haul their toys or work tools.

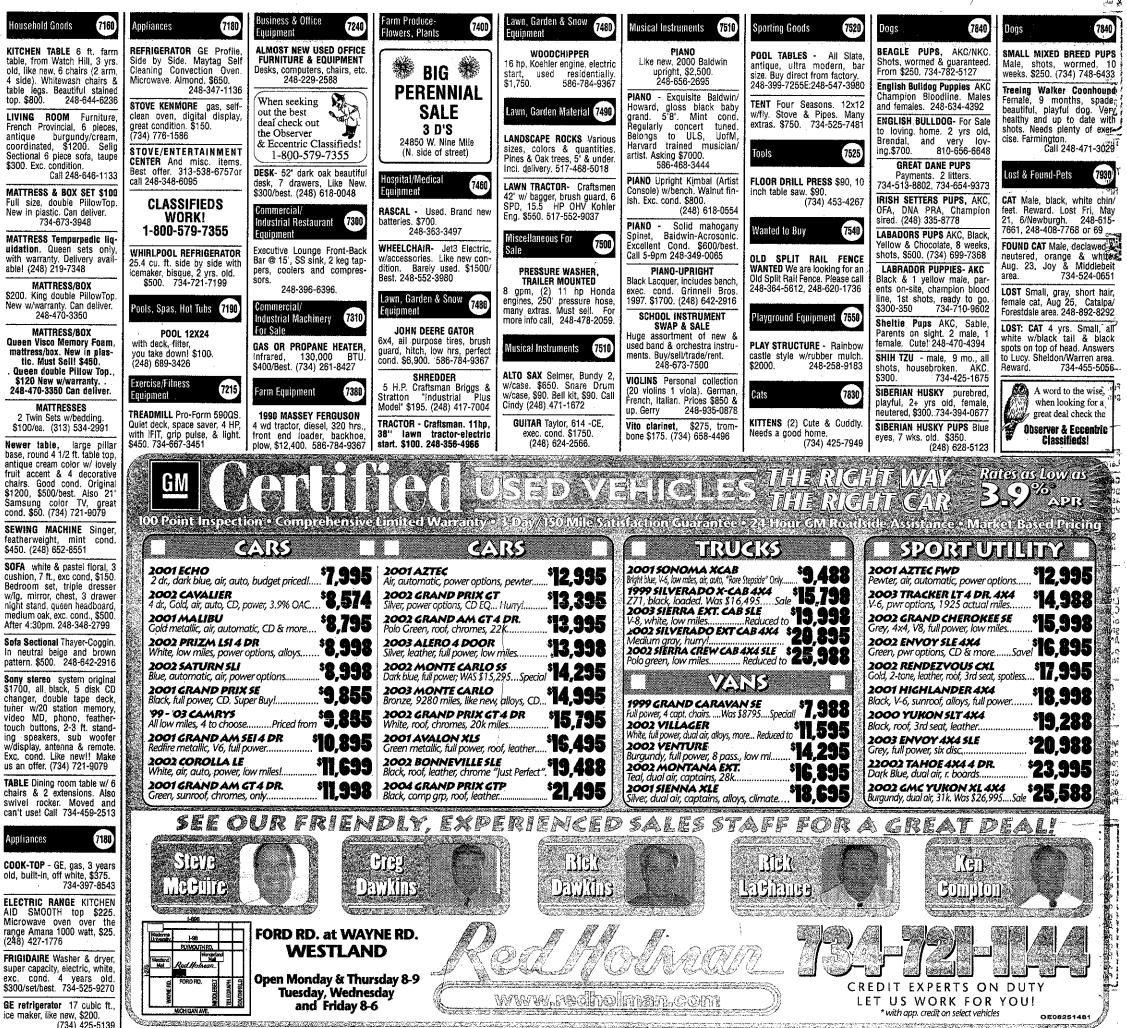
At the same time, while the Hemi Magnum is about 60 pounds lighter than the old Magnum 5.9liter engine that it replaced, it is 10% more fuel-efficient. The 4x4 Quad Cab SLT that I drove is rated at 13 miles per gallon in the city and 17 mpg on the highway - still nothing outstanding in the mileage department. But that's not what you buy a truck for.

The Ram that I drove had the vehicle's standard 6.3-foot bed, but an eight-foot bed is available as well. I strongly would recommend paying extra for an eight-foot bed in this vehicle. For one thing, it gives the truck a balanced appearance; otherwise, as in the version I drove, the bed doesn't look long

enough to offset the considerable real estate that is taken up by the second-row passenger compartment.

The limitations of the standard bed also came . 15 into play in some of the uses I made of the truck -वर्ष मध्य while I had it. Of course, it was no problem lifting a lawn mower into the six-foot-three-inch bed and finding room for it on its way to the shop for repairs. But when it came to hauling a box that housed a basketball pole, the only way to accommo $\frac{1}{2}$ date it was to open the sliding windown in the center of the rear of the truck cab and have the pole project into the cab almost to the windshield. Another couple of feet on the bed wouldn't have been long enough to contain the entire pole, but it wouldn't have had to intrude nearly so far into the passenger compartment - an uncomfortable sensation.

And as long as you're going to be able to carry a maximum of six people in the roomy cab, it is great - 31 that Dodge has stuffed it with lots of emenities, ranging from a six-CD player to leather seats. For a 103 list price of \$37,160, with the Dodge Ram 1500 you're getting the whole package. OE08251563-h1



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