



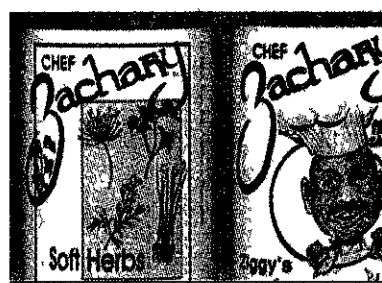
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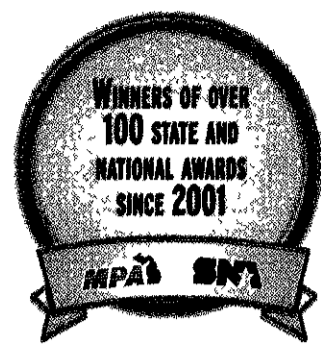


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Bidding farewell to a 'saint'

Canton girl returns to Rome for pope's funeral

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The first time Olivia Wofford visited St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, she received her first Holy Communion from the very hands of Pope John Paul II on Christmas Eve in 1995. On Monday, Olivia, now 16, again traveled to Rome -- only this time she went to pay her last respects to the man who presided over the Roman Catholic Church since 1978.



Wofford

Olivia, of Canton, boarded an airplane to Rome with her mother, Christine Wofford. The two joined about 4 million other people who descended upon the Vatican this week to attend the funeral of Pope John Paul II, who passed away Saturday.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Olivia said. "It's sad, but I'm excited to go."

Christine Wofford has always been a great admirer of Pope John Paul II, and has followed his career closely. She said they plan to be at the Vatican at 4 a.m. on Friday morning for the funeral, so they can get a good seat.

"This is such a historical event. The pope did just everything he set out to do. He was a great man. He will be a saint someday," Christine Wofford said.

Olivia, who is a junior at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, doesn't remember too much about her first communion, but says she now understands its significance.

"I was a little young at the time, and I didn't realize how special it was until I got a little older," she said.

Olivia was surprised when her mother told her they were going to the funeral. She was so excited, she said she told all of her classmates about trip.

"I take my religion very seriously. I'm so happy to be going," she said.



At the age of 7, Olivia Wofford received her first Holy Communion from Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica during midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Approved IKEA to 'transform' Ford Road

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Next month the vacant Super Kmart building on Ford Road will be torn down, to make room for the big blue and yellow IKEA furniture store. The construction of the much awaited IKEA store will be swift in order to open its doors by the spring of 2006.

Monday, the Canton Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of IKEA's site plans for a planned development district (PDD) on Ford west of Haggerty.

The recommendation followed a year of negotiations and planning, said Canton attorney Bryan Amann, local counsel for IKEA.

"This has been obviously a large undertaking," he said. "There's been a ton of work and time and money invested."

IKEA has not only purchased the former Kmart site, but also the adjacent property where ABC Warehouse is a tenant. The electronics store will remain open, but IKEA bought the property in order to work out parking and easement issues. Amann said IKEA will close on the sale in the next few days.

IKEA also bought an additional 1-acre parcel just northeast of the 23-acre Kmart site to allow for construction of a larger stormwater detention pond.

IKEA's final plans reflect meticulous attention to details, a trademark of the Swedish furniture retailer, Amann said.

PLEASE SEE IKEA, A5

Son's autism is heavy burden for local couple

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Paulette and Dan Wyman need some help. Their 7-year-old son, Zachary, may look like a normal boy at first glance, but he is afflicted with fairly severe autism, a neurologically based disorder that impairs language and social behavior.

As a result, Zachary needs much more attention than most children his age, including a number of expensive therapies to help teach him how to speak and control his behavior. Currently, he doesn't talk, and spends much of his day beating on things because the physical stimulation comforts him.

Paulette Wyman, who works for Purple Heart and cleans a couple homes for extra money, remembers when she and her husband first suspected that something was wrong with Zachary.

"When he was a baby, we thought everything was fine. He was about 18 months old when he started to lose his ability to speak. By 20 months, he lost

all ability to speak, except for counting," she said.

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When doctors told the couple that their son had autism, it wasn't their first dose of hardship. In August of 1998, their eldest son, Bobby, who was 2 at the time, wandered into the family pool and drowned. In addition, their youngest son, Jonathan, also has autism, though a much milder form than Zachary.

According to Wyman, autism is on the rise. She said one in 166 children are born today with some form of autism. She said it is critical to work with autistic children at an early age, particularly when it comes to speech. Zachary works with a speech therapist, and Wyman has seen some progress, though she doesn't know if she will ever be able to have a conversation with her son.

"I totally believe he understands everything that is being said. I'm really hopeful he will speak someday, but the reality is he may never speak," she said. "By age 12, if he hasn't spoken, chances are he will never talk."



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Canton resident Zachary Wyman, 7, who suffers from autism.

The major problem is that the couple doesn't have the income to pay for the necessary therapies to help with Zachary's speech. Dan works as an engineer for TRW, which means they make too much money to be eligible for state or federal aid. As it is, they already pay more than they can afford.

The speech therapist costs \$150 per hour. In addition, at least once a year, Zachary sees a doctor in Florida, which costs \$300 per hour. The couple also has Zachary involved with applied behavioral analysis, which costs \$450 per visit.

PLEASE SEE BENEFIT, A5

Good news: Crime down in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The figures are compiled and analyzed and the good news is: crime is down in Canton.

According to Public Safety Director John Santomauro, serious and non-serious crimes, as well as traffic accidents, are all on the decline from 2003. He presented the report to the Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Part One crimes, or crimes that are considered serious and are tracked by the FBI, numbered 1,689 in 2004, down from 1,920 the previous year. Other crimes totaled 8,830 in 2004, compared to 4,032 in 2003.

Reported traffic accidents totaled 2,626 in 2004, down from 2,661 in 2003. However, personal injury accidents were up to 91 in 2004, compared to 70 in 2003.

Larcenies outnumber all other serious crimes, according to Deputy Chief Alex Wilson. There were 1,118 larcenies in 2004, 46 aggravated assaults, 57 rapes, 154 auto thefts, 277 burglaries, one murder, 19 robberies and 19 arsons.

But as much as the public fears crime, it's the traffic accidents that take a heavy toll in terms of numbers and cost, Santomauro said.

"If as many people were injured by crimes as in accidents, there would be public outrage," he said. Wilson concurred.

"Far and away more people are affected by traffic crashes than by crime," Wilson said.

The Canton Public Safety department employs 82 police officers, 59 firefighters and emergency medical technicians and 37 civilian employees.

"We have the lowest number of sworn police officers per 1,000 residents in the state of Michigan," Santomauro said. With just a little fewer than one officer per 1,000 residents, the township has fewer than half the number of officers recommended by national standards, yet crime rates are low, he said.

Factors such as departmental efficiency, officers' skills, strategic partnerships within the community and with other departments and the demographics of the community contribute to low crime rates, Santomauro said.

The community itself is part of the equation, and if demographic changes, such as the balance between residents and businesses, the crime rate could change, Santomauro said.

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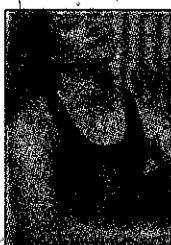
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Bottle drive

Soccer boosters from Canton, Plymouth, and Salem High Schools are hoping that by now people have heard of the P-CEP "Soccer Field of Dreams" project, a collaborative effort between the school district, boosters from the girls and boys soccer teams at the three high schools, area businesses, and the community-at-large.

This project will update and refurbish soccer facilities including a new permanent concession stand, public restroom facilities, handicap accessible stands, new dugouts, the addition of a new Freshman/JV soccer game field, and the restoration of the Varsity field to a "best-in-class" status.

The boosters are committed to raising money to support this effort and have scheduled two upcoming events to kick-off their joint fund-raising efforts.

The first event is a "massive" community can/bottle drive to be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Salem High School parking lot. All brands of returnables will be accepted. The Coca-Cola Company will place two semi-trucks at the site for collection. The boosters hope to collect \$30,000 for this effort.

The second event is a community Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd at Plymouth High School. The breakfast will run from 8-11 a.m. and will feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any high school soccer athlete, High Velocity Sports, or by calling the Soccer Field of Dreams hotcake hotlines at (734) 981-7445 or (734) 459-2007.



Cheers!

Premier Cheer Zone finished second at the UCA National Cheerleading Championships held earlier this month in Orlando, Fla. The all-star team competed in the 11th-grade-and-under division. Premier is located out of Splitz in Canton. Pictured are (front, from left) Jordan Thompsett, McKenzie Krochmalny, Victoria Kinsler, Halle Lindberg; (second row, from left) Arica Reynolds, Carrie Brunt, Angela Whitehead, Andrea Golchuk and Kailey Bates; (third row, from left) Stefanie Davis, Jamie Fobar, Tiffany Gibson, Mackenzie Elliott, Kelly Kennedy and Kristin Jueneman; (back, from left) Head Coach Stephani Gaglead, Katelyn Olewnik, Chelsea Turner, Amanda Busha, Kim Cafarelli, Alyssi Livermore and coach Rachele Frusti. Not pictured is coach Allison Poremba.

The Canton Lions Club is helping with the pancake breakfast by donating pancake mix and letting the boosters use their griddles. The breakfast will include a bake sale, a raffle for U.S. National Soccer Team memorabilia and other surprises.

Play ball!

There is still time to register to play ball with the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association. More than 1,400 players joined GCYBSA in February. Players can still register through April 8. Players will have the opportunity to join teeball, coach

pitch, baseball, softball and travel programs. There are several ways to register. Visit the Web site at csc.canton-mi.org and download a registration form or visit the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway during business hours. Volunteer coaching opportunities are also available. If interested, applications are available for download at csc.canton-mi.org.

LaJoy office hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with local residents from 3:30-5 p.m. on April 11, at the Canton Public Library, which is located at

1200 S. Canton Center Road. No appointment is necessary.

Pompon tryouts

The Canton Chieffette pompon team will be holding tryouts for the 2005-06 squad during the week of week Of April 11. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11 at the Canton High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Canton High general office.

The Wizard of Oz

Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Cowardly Lion and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination over the rainbow in the wonderful land of Oz. The production, put on by Canton Youth Theater, will feature all the songs, dances and characters audiences have loved for generations. This production features 70 local kids and one lovable dog.

Performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on April 7 and April 8, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on April 9, and 2:30 p.m. on April 10. School field trip shows offered to groups of 20 or more and senior citizens on April 7 and 8 at 10 a.m. will be followed by question and answer period with the actors, musicians and production staff.

Youth orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2005-2006 school year on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, 2005. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, which is located at 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO

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

To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com.

Attorney joins firm

Aaron Warren of Canton has joined Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C. as an associate in the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Warren joins the Firm from Detroit-based Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1994 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in English literature in 2000 from the University of Delaware. Mr. Warren is a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Founded in 1968 and based in Michigan, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss is recognized throughout the nation as a highly qualified, full-service business law firm. Jaffe has more than 80 attorneys and offices in Southfield, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Port Huron and Birmingham.

Go fly a kite

Join Canton Leisure Services for Family Fun Day in Heritage Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Families are encouraged to come and check out this celebration of all things airborne. You can expect inflatables, Frisbees, kites, boomerangs and more. Build a kite, or fly your own. A variety of special activities will also be taking place, including the America's Best Frisbee Dogs putting on two shows at 11:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. The program is free.

Homeowners meeting

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. on April 11 at First Station #1, on Canton Center Road, just north of township hall. Guest speaker at the meeting is Canton Director of Public Safety John Santomauro.

Senior driving program

The Canton Senior Program will be offering a two-day program at Advanced Driving Academy in Canton. In partnership with the Traffic Improvement Association, the program will be offered to residents at only \$5.

The workshop is designed to help mature drivers (55 and older) self-evaluate their driving skills. The instructors will

keep no records or scores, and workshop results have no bearing on your driver's license.

The workshop goal is to improve your driving strategies and help you to continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible. You will gain valuable insight through the following evaluations: brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, visual acuity, field of view and glare recovery for night driving.

The class will be held on April 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with a separately scheduled private driving evaluation on April 20. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sponsored by Leonard Schemanske of the Advanced Driving Academy, which is located at 44932 Ford Road, in Canton. To register call Summit at the Park at (734) 455-8230.

Mom to mom sale

Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is holding a Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tri-City Christian is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Admission is \$1. Moms rent tables where they can sell the clothes, toys, and miscellaneous items that their families have outgrown. For more information, contact Pam at (734) 397-0819 or visit www.mom2momlist.com.

Call for artists

The Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair, presented by Canton Township Leisure Services and Beechwood Inc., will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. This is an outdoor art fair held around the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill Village at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

It is a juried show that has an opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists. Booth spaces are assigned. Friday setup permitted, easy site access for set-up, artist parking very close to site, and security is provided both nights.

Accepted categories are: Clay; oils/acrylics; glass; photography; drawings; jewelry; etching; mixed media; graphics; ceramics; watercolor; wood; sculpture; and textile. Awards will be presented.

Application fee is \$150. Submitting deadline is April 29. For an application, contact Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174, or e-mail kris2clay@juno.com.

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Hope springs eternal

Center hits 5-year mark helping people deal with grief

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Laura Fcasi sat at the railroad tracks, counting the cars of the passing train, thinking about how she used to do that with her mother.

When the train had passed, 11-year-old Laura continued on her way to her support group meeting with New Hope Center for Grief Support, the grief counseling center in Northville that's helping her deal with her mother's death.

"I think of my mom a lot, there are certain things we used to do together," Laura said. "(New Hope) is where I can come and talk to other kids, I can let my feelings out."

Laura's mom, Susan, died in August 1999 after battling colon cancer. Her father, Mike Fcasi, at first fought off the idea he didn't need help dealing with the grief, then turned to a church support group before a summer conversation with the mother of a player on the T-ball team he coached led him to New Hope, which opened in January 2000 and this year marks its fifth anniversary.

"The people in the church group were wonderful, but one was a 35-year-old woman whose grandmother had died and there were seven women who could have been my mother," recalled Fcasi. "That just wasn't the group for me. At New Hope, I sat in a room with three or four other men whose wives had died, most of whom had children.

"You really don't understand how cathartic it is until you sit in a room with other men who can cry."

Cathy Clough understands that. As a longtime hospice worker, she's helped people deal with grief most of her adult life. Her own grief — she lost her husband 22 years ago — helped her establish New Hope, where she firmly believes in the strength of loss-specific support groups.

That's why you'll find groups for widows and widowers, parents who have lost children and children who have lost parents. The support group that formed



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Canton resident Susan Ayoub and her children — 9-year-old Matthew, 11-year-old Nick, 15-year-old Angela, and 13-year-old Jessica — found help getting through their grief at the New Hope Center for Grief Support, which celebrated its fifth anniversary in January.

after the tragic events of 9/11 quickly became one of New Hope's most popular groups.

"I felt strongly we needed to be able to offer age- and loss-specific groups," said Clough, a Plymouth resident. "Young widows and widowers have different needs from retired widows and widowers. Both have great needs, but they're very different."

Clough believes so strongly in the mission of New Hope she even takes it on the road, teaching grief seminars at local churches and funeral homes. Canton resident Tim Miller met Clough at just such a seminar, conducted at Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Miller lost his wife of 25 years, Marcia, in August 2002 to a cancer she'd fought for more than two years. After a summer during which Marcia had reached her 50th birthday and the couple had celebrated their 25th anniversary, Marcia Miller died at Angela Hospice.

"They let her die with dignity," Tim Miller said of the hos-

pice care. "They're wonderful people, and I don't know what I'd have done without them."

After receiving an invitation from the funeral home, Miller attended a Christmas seminar on how to grieve through the holidays. Like Fcasi, he wasn't sure he needed help.

"I thought about not going, because I thought I could handle it myself," Miller said. "I was wrong. I had to get some help. I don't know where we'd be without them."

The center's mission, centered on Christian principles, is simple: Help people work through grief and offer hope and healing to all who come. They offer a variety of workshops, social activities and support groups.

One of the more attractive offerings is the support network for children, who Clough believe benefit the most from peer support. The understanding provided by children suffering through similar circumstances is a huge comfort.

BRINGING 'HOPE'

■ What: New Hope Center for Grief Support

■ Where: 113 E. Dunlap, Northville

■ Contact: (248) 348-0115; www.newhopecenter.net

■ Mission: Centered on Christian principles, to help people work through grief and offer hope and healing to all who come.

"One of the main things people need is to be with people who understand. The only way is to talk about it, and keep talking about it as long as someone will listen. It hurts, but like anything, you have to go through some pain to get the help."

— Cathy Clough
New Hope director

Tim Miller's son, Eric, felt "lonely and sad, that nothing was going good" after his mom died. Then he went to a New Hope support group.

"I was surprised because I thought I was the only one," Eric said. "It helps to have other kids my age to talk to about it."

That's a good thing for Susan Ayoub's family, because she was left to raise four children when her husband, Ed, died of renal failure four years ago. He'd been sick for a while, and Susan had been focused on his illness.

When he passed, suddenly there was a wife and four children who needed guidance. A friend told her about New Hope.

"When I walked in, my first thought was, 'Oh, my God, I'm not alone,'" remembered Ayoub, a Canton resident.

"New Hope gave me people my own age, with kids the same ages as my kids, who knew what we were going through. If I cried, they knew why."

It was Ayoub who talked Fcasi into trying New Hope. She's such a believer that she has become a support group leader. Miller is on the center's Board of Directors and helps out at every function possible.

"I have formed friendships, and the kids have formed friendships," Ayoub said of the people at New Hope. "We're blessed that we have each other."

Toastmasters to start new chapter in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A little more than five years ago, Bill Griffiths found himself on a stage in Reno, Nev., in front of his peers, his managers and his managers' managers. His hands began to sweat and he was fighting for breath. He had tunnel vision and was nearly paralyzed with fear.

"Someone asked if I needed an ambulance, I was that terrified," said Griffiths, of Canton.

He knew after that episode he needed to tackle a lifelong fear of speaking. So he joined Toastmasters International, and has been attending meetings in Westland ever since. Later this month, he'll be able to attend meetings a little closer to home. Toastmasters is starting a new club in Canton on April 23.

"I joined and found out it was their mission to help me get better at public speaking," he said.

Fear of public speaking is sort of like a fear of deep water, he said.

"First you get near the water, then you stick your big toe in. Then your foot. Then you walk deeper into the water. The next thing you know, you're swimming in it. That's how it is at Toastmasters. You go at your own pace," Griffiths said.

With practice, Griffiths became more confident, and now competes in public speaking events.

"I love doing it now. We have contests twice a year at the club. I'm participating in these contests where you talk in front of 60 or 80 people you don't know. I

used to be afraid of speaking to even one person," he said.

Bonnie Hilberer of Ann Arbor is helping to get the new club up and running. "We teach people to think on their feet and to build broader communication and leadership skills," she said.

When she joined five years ago, she thought she would end up pursuing a career in public speaking.

"Of course I've given that up but it's helped me change jobs and move up in the world," she said.

Membership is \$45-\$50 to join initially and after that, it's less than \$30 every six months.

"One of the beautiful things is that this is an ongoing thing. We meet every week. It's like taking piano lessons. If you take them for 10 weeks and stop, six months from now you're going to be rusty. But if you do it every week and continue to practice, you're going to improve," she said.

The first meeting of Toastmasters in Canton will be at Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley at Joy Road near Farmer Jack, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

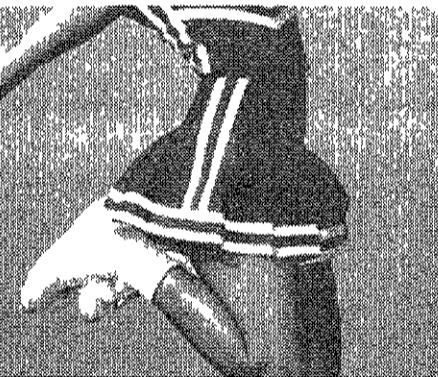
Thereafter, the group will meet every Wednesday at the same time and location.

"Guests are welcome and they're not expected to speak. We don't make people talk. We don't charge a guest. They are welcome to come and visit," Hilberer said.

For more information, call Sheryl at (313) 277-1668 or Bonnie at (734) 994-0569, or visit on the Web at www.d28toastmasters.org.

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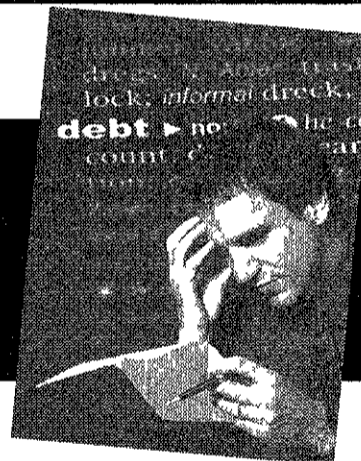
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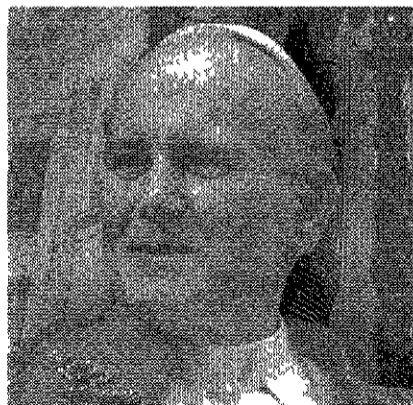
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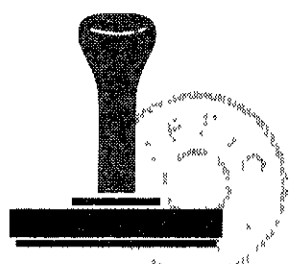
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Sandra Marie Barr, 65, died April 3.
Marjorie Blake, 85, of Farmington Hills, died April 1.
Dorothy L. Brong, 90, of Troy, died March 29.

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Erskine Wilkins Evans, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died March 31.

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Robert A. Harris, 66, formerly of Farmington, died April 1.
Betty J. Henderson, 80, of Clarkston, died March 24.
Louise I. Humer, 83, of Lake Orion, died March 29.

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Alvina Conn Jahns, 76, of Rochester Hills, died March 28.

L
Robert John Laible, 66, of Plymouth, died April 2.
Jack Lawson, 78, of Westland, died March 31.
Bo Heung Lee, 73, of Clarkston, died March 25.
Vern Dale Lindstrom, 85, died March 31.



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports in *Passages* on page C9.

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Norman E. Trudeau, 84, of Leonard, died March 30.

POLICE CALLS

Home vandalized
A Canton teen was questioned by police after a neighbor complained someone had shot his house with paint balls.

According to police reports, the homeowner said on April 5 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., his garage door, sidewalk and siding had been splattered with paint from a paint ball gun. Police said the damage to the house is at least \$100.

Police questioned the teen who lives near the victim, and the boy admitted to shooting paint at the home with a slingshot. The victim did not want to prosecute the boy, but the teen apologized and was ordered to wash the paint off the house.

Dancer dispute
A Canton woman, who works at a Van Buren Township gentleman's club, called police after an apparent misunderstanding with a customer.

The woman told police she was at home - a Michigan Avenue motel - when a man called her room on April 5 asking for a date. Later the same day someone knocked on her door but had run away before she could answer.

She said she's upset because she's a dancer, not an escort, according to police reports. An employee at the hotel told police that someone had been calling the woman's room frequently over the previous two days.

Home invasion
Canton police arrested three Canton residents after an apparent breaking and entering.

According to police reports, a witness called police at 4:45 p.m. on March 31 after he saw a red convertible stop in front of a house in the 39000 block of John. He told police he saw a man enter an open garage, leave the garage carrying something, and get back

into the car. Police stopped the car a few minutes later, and questioned its three occupants, two 20-year-old men and one 19-year-old.

One of the men admitted to entering the garage and taking \$8.30 worth of returnable bottles. Police found in the car some chromed brass knuckles, which are illegal in Michigan.

The men were arrested. **School vandalism**
Canton police were called on April 5 to Agape Christian Academy to investigate a vandalism complaint.

According to police reports, someone shoved toothpicks into door locks on nine exterior doors at the school, causing more than \$1,500 worth of damage.

Child neglect
Canton police questioned a mother who left her young daughter sleeping in a van while she got a manicure.

According to police reports, officers found the girl asleep in a middle seat in the van, which was parked on April 4 near Holly's Nails, 6437 Canton Center Road.

The mother told police she had an appointment that afternoon, and she arrived late. She said she didn't see any harm in letting her daughter sleep in the van because the windows were open and the temperature outside was comfortable in the mid-50s.

The mother was extremely upset, according to police. Police called Child Protective Services.

By Carol Marshall

Come celebrate the library and win a book or CD

Visit the Canton Public Library any time next week (April 11-16) and you might win a new book, CD or DVD. During National Library Week the library is celebrating by randomly rewarding patrons with prizes donated by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. Each April the American Library Association sponsors this observance of our nation's libraries and librarians, and to promote library use and support.

With borrowing of the library's materials at an all-time high, standing room only the norm on many evenings and weekends, and registrations for computer, adult and children's programming regularly beyond capacity, community interest for the Canton Public Library keeps growing.

This appetite for the library could come from the selection of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, MP3s and computer programs that can be checked out. The librarians make sure that visitors can always discover something new and interesting by thoughtfully researching and selecting for the library's collections and adding around 2,000 new materials every month.

Or maybe everyone enjoys the library's new technology. Library visitors can now have wireless Internet access and the

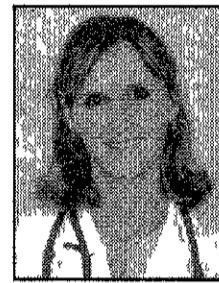
option to connect flash drives to one of the library's many computers. Just this month the library has become even more high tech with the addition of AirPAC, a way to search the library catalog from wireless devices like PDAs and mobile phones. Book lovers on the move will enjoy a new feature of the library's Web site, www.cantonpl.org, where you can now download audiobooks to a computer, most PDA and MP3 devices or even burn to a CD.

There are some people who go to the library just to enjoy the environment, read a magazine and sip a coffee from the new Library Café. A growing group arrive at the library every second and fourth Saturday for 2/4 Saturdays Open Mic to share their musical and performance talents. Others attend a program in the Community Room like this month's presentation by Master Gardener Janet Macunovich.

National Library week is a great time to learn more about the Canton Public Library. Find the perfect book, attend exciting programs, browse the Internet on your laptop or get a snack in the Library Café and enjoy the afternoon - and maybe even win a prize.

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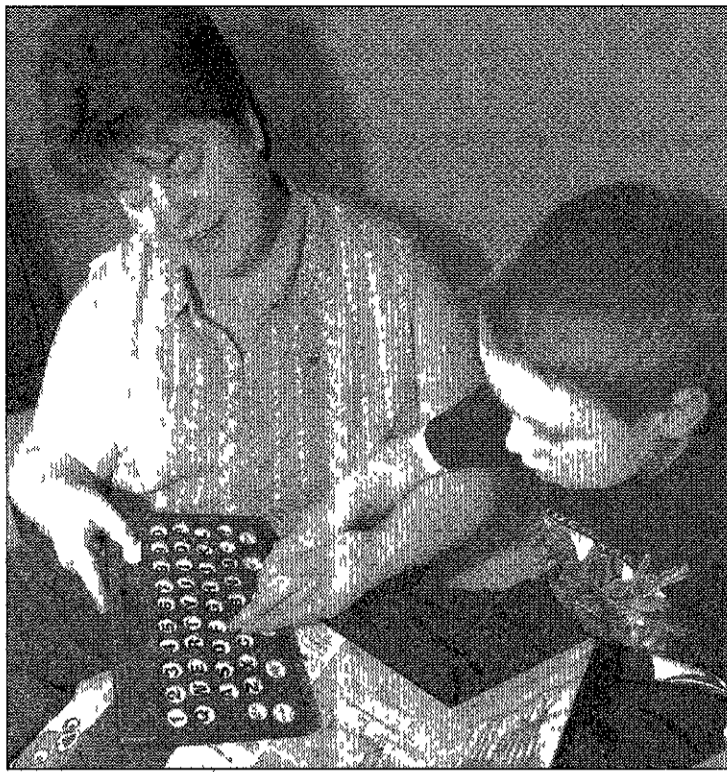
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Add it all up, and the couple is spending more than \$20,000 a year, and this doesn't even include some of the cutting-edge treatments that are available, which the couple would like to try. Unfortunately, insurance doesn't cover any of the treatments. "We're paying for things now that we don't have the money for," she said. "There's several therapies out there we'd like to try, but we don't want to kid ourselves, because we don't have the money. You need to make a commitment to the therapist and to Zachary."

FUND-RAISERS

To help ease the suffocating financial burden, Wyman is holding a number of fund-raisers to pay for therapy and other treatments for Zachary. Beginning today and running through Saturday (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day), she is holding a yard sale at 6933 Carriage Hill in Canton (south of Warren, east of Morton Taylor, and north of Republic). The second event is an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet from 8-11 a.m. on April 16 at the Masonic Temple in Plymouth (730 Penniman). The cost of the event is \$6.

Lastly, Wyman has organized the Making a Change for Zachary Walk-A-Thon, to be held April 23 at Heritage Park. The event begins with registration at 9 a.m. There will be a light lunch served. Wyman said people will walk for a couple hours, after collecting pledges. "Our hope is that you would find other people to pledge a fixed dollar amount or a per mile amount," she said. "Every



DONALD J. ALLEY

Paulette Wyman and son Zachary read his favorite book, 'Animals in the Desert' by Bob Bampton. She uses a keyboard-like device called a facilitated communications tool, which helps her son communicate more effectively.

bit of money we can raise will go directly to Zachary. There will also be plenty of information about autism. I want people to know it's something that really affects their community."

For more information about any of the events or to register for

the walk-a-thon, contact Wyman at (734) 276-5691 or (734) 844-3133. April is National Autism Awareness Month.

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IKEA

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"IKEA's culture focuses on excellence," Amann said. The construction project, which is estimated to employ some 500 union construction workers to build the 306,000 square foot store, will include a community kiosk to direct visitors to nearby shopping, lodging and dining venues. The Canton Downtown Development Authority will likely contribute to the cost of building the kiosk, Amann said.

"What you see before you is an exceptional project that really transforms Ford Road," Amann told the commission. IKEA, in its ultra-modern building, is expected to draw some 2 million shoppers a year and employ 350 people.

The building itself is different than others in the area, noted commission Chairman Vic Gustafson.

"This is a different look. It's a far more modern look than we're used to," he said.

IKEA has also purchased a 9-acre parcel just across

Haggerty Road, where a parking lot will be constructed. Employees will park in that lot and the store will provide a shuttle across the road.

IKEA is not yet done negotiating details with various local governmental agencies, Amann said. The company met last night after press time with the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss on-site signage, which exceeds what the township allows in its zoning ordinance. Also on the agenda was the construction of a navigation tower.

IKEA is also negotiating road improvements with the Michigan Department of Transportation, which has asked the company to contribute to improvements on Ford Road, as well as the southbound and northbound ramps from I-275.

The company will also negotiate contributions from the DDA. There has been discussion of the DDA providing wayfinding signs along Ford, as well as IKEA's request for help in paying for the kiosk.

IKEA is also meeting with Wayne County to discuss the final plan for storm

water retention. In January, IKEA and the township agreed to create a planned development district for the former Super Kmart site. Plans for the massive store call for an interior showroom that will contain four interactive, full-size home displays, as well as specialty shops and a restaurant featuring Swedish meatballs and other Swedish dishes.

Canton officials believe the store will be a destination location, attracting customers from not only metro Detroit, but also from other areas of Michigan, northern Ohio and even Ontario. Currently, the closest IKEA store is in Illinois. The retailer has a total of 22 stores in the United States, and did \$1.7 billion in sales from those locations last year.

IKEA is expected to generate about \$1 million in annual property taxes and about \$5 million in state sales taxes. It is also expected to pump up the local economy, bringing in about \$13 million for local stores, gas stations and hotels.

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Mama Mucci's owner invests in downtown Plymouth

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The downtown Plymouth landscape has another restaurant in its future.

Plymouth native Vince Mucci, owner of Mama Mucci's Pasta in Canton Township, is expected to purchase the building where the former Dartmoor Restaurant conducted business on Forest Street.

"We plan on having the closing by May 2," said Mucci. "We have a lot of people interested in going in there. Since we service a lot of restaurants, we've had a lot of inquiries already."

Mucci, who started producing fresh and frozen pastas under the Mama Mucci's label

16 years ago in Plymouth — about a block from the building he plans to buy — said while he'll purchase the building, he doesn't have plans to open a restaurant.

"We have no intentions of getting into the restaurant business," said Mucci. "We're buying the building for investment purposes and the real estate."

Mucci declined to reveal how much he is paying for the building; however, he said he expected to spend \$250,000 to refurbish the roof and outside facade. Mucci said it would probably take a tenant another \$250,000 to revamp the inside.

"The kitchen is in good shape, but the decor will most likely have to be redone," Mucci said. "But, that's cheap compared to building a restaurant these days."

Mucci is purchasing the building from Jim Tomlinson, whose family owned the Cloverdale ice cream shop that originally occupied the building. After Cloverdale's closed, the building became the Dyerstry Chinese restaurant before most recently the ill-fated Dartmoor.

Mucci is no stranger to downtown Plymouth. His father, Pete, owned Pete's Shoe Repair on Fleet Street for 40 years. And Mucci started Mama Mucci's pasta-making

company in the 700-square-foot basement kitchen of what was once a Kresge store, and now is Compari's on the Park restaurant, on Main Street.

"I've talked to a few people, and I think we need a seafood and raw bar restaurant downtown," said Mucci. "We've had inquiries for a Coney island, Greek restaurant and Italian."

Mucci said he doesn't believe Plymouth is becoming too saturated with restaurants.

"For years, we didn't have any restaurants in Plymouth," said Mucci, who currently lives in Plymouth Township. "Now, we've got some night life going. They get people in downtown Plymouth."

Downtown Plymouth property owner Jim McKeon said he's concerned about the number of restaurants opening in Plymouth.

"We seem to be going from retail to service, and that bothers me," said McKeon. "I think we're pushing the envelope a little bit. We seem to have more niche stores, which are having a hard time competing with the big box and discount stores."

Mucci said he hopes a new restaurant will be in the building by August.

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Canton Center Academy students (from left) Jessica Szczypkowski, of Hartland, Jake Celmo, of Westland, and Brent Thompson, of Canton, proudly display the two robots their team built to compete in Robofest next week.

Robotics competition coming to Canton

Canton Charter Academy will play host to the regional Robofest competition this Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

After months of preparation, teams of local students from grades 5-8 will compete at the Canton school for the chance to advance to the final stage of the international robotics competition, World Robofest 2005.

Robofest is an autonomous robotics contest designed to stimulate interest in math, science, engineering, and technology among young people. Other competition sites include Alberta, Canada, Ansan, Korea, and a number of locations across the United States.

Students in the Canton Charter Academy Robotics Club have come a long way since their first informational meeting in December. Most had no previous robotics experience. They quickly learned how to construct a motorized robot of their own design using the LEGO MindStorm Invention System, and programmed

their creation using the RCX programming language.

Next, they added the electronic sensors needed for the robot to follow a lined path and seek out a lighted target. Additional motors and connectors were added as needed in order to complete the RoboRelay mission as defined by Robofest officials. All robots in the competition must be autonomous, or under their own power and directed only by their programming code.

The object of RoboRelay is for one autonomous robot to navigate a lined path, stop after a series of crossing lines, and pass a ball to a second robot, which identifies the lighted one of three possible paths, navigates to the its end, and drops the ball into the target basket. As difficult as this mission may seem, it is further complicated by several unknown factors that are only unveiled at the start of the competition.

The exhibition portion of the competition encourages students to use their creativity and ingenuity to design a

robot for any purpose. Entries include a detailed display explaining the purpose and design of the robot. Exhibition teams prepare a 5-minute presentation and demonstration of their robotic creation. Teams are judged on their originality, teamwork, and design. Students who compete in this category must exhibit teamwork and communications skills in addition to technical know-how.

Robofest, which has grown steadily since its inception, is the brainchild of C. J. Chung, professor of math and computer science at Lawrence Technological University. He established Robofest in 2000 to provide students a fair and affordable opportunity to compete in the design, construction and programming of their robots while learning problem-solving techniques, mathematics, logic, creativity, physics, electronics, mechanics, teamwork, computers and computer programming.

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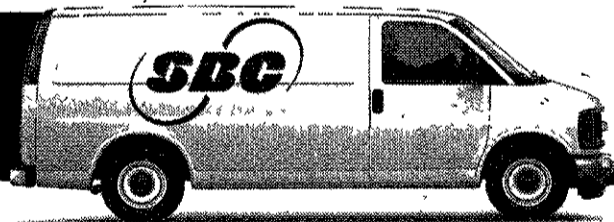
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OUR VIEWS

Wysocki our pick for school board

When Tom Wysocki ran for the Plymouth-Canton school board the first time, in 2001, the district was getting ready to open a new elementary school (Dodson) and a third high school (Plymouth), and we felt at the time Wysocki was the best suited of four inexperienced candidates to take the open seat.

Four years later, the district is getting ready to build a new elementary (near Cherry Hill Village) and still faces the same financial roadblocks it faced four years ago.

And we still believe incumbent Tom Wysocki is the best candidate in the race for the one open seat available in the May 3 election.

Wysocki had a very short learning curve to work with when he first came on the board, with major decisions to be made. But Wysocki managed to learn quickly and has become a leader, chairing the district's policy committee and being elected the board's vice president.

Funding issues will be pre-eminent on the district's "to-do" list again, particularly with negotiations with several unions, including a wage re-opener for the 1,000-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association, on the horizon.

Wysocki's background before he got on the board helped make him an attractive candidate. He has been president of the marching band boosters, one of the district's biggest, most visible and — most importantly — most effective support groups.

While his knowledge of and propensity for fund-raising haven't produced tangible solutions to the district's money troubles, they do give Wysocki an edge in understanding the district's predicament.

Meanwhile, with a kindergartner at Gallimore Elementary School and three more at home, challenger and political newcomer Emily Florence certainly has a stake in what happens in the district.

She has a general grasp of the issues — state funding, election costs and quality of education — and a sincere desire to become part of the district. A stay-at-home mom who volunteers at Gallimore, Florence says she has a "passion for education."

It's wonderful when residents of the district take an active interest in the district, and there are certainly enough PTOs, boards and committees on which Florence could cut her teeth.

These are troublesome times for school districts, and they call for steady, experienced leadership. We believe Tom Wysocki is the better candidate in this particular race to provide that kind of stewardship, and we urge Plymouth-Canton school voters to return him to the board.

Pope's lessons extended beyond the Catholic faith

While millions of people the world over continue to celebrate the life of Pope John Paul II while mourning his death, one does not have to look far nor hard to realize the impact the "People's Pope" had on our communities.

That perhaps is the most remarkable legacy of this remarkable pope. John Paul II was a pope of firsts, which brought him out of the secrecy of the Vatican and into the lives and hearts of millions of everyday people.

And while Catholics rightly claim a special bond with their shepherd, they did not solely possess the respect and admiration so many felt toward John Paul II.

That's because this pope treated all people as his flock, and fought tirelessly on their behalf regardless of their religious beliefs.

Christians and Jews, Muslims and Catholics were joined this week to pay homage to this pope, who helped defeat political tyrants, reached out to other faiths, had a special bond with children, advanced human rights and gave hope to the downtrodden.

More world leaders are expected to attend the pope's Friday funeral than ever before. Even more impressive is the estimated two million everyday people who will travel to Rome to say goodbye — and thank you — to John Paul II.

Hopefully, his message of love and hope, of peace and respect, will continue to resonate long after he is laid to rest.

More world leaders are expected to attend the pope's Friday funeral than ever before.



Wysocki

Geoff Brooks
4-7-05 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC



LETTERS

Who's next?

Hugh Gallagher's column on March 27 brings up questions of states' and personal rights. The fact that the federal government considered procedural issues in the Schiavo case brought on accusations of intrusion of states' and personal rights, but no one will argue that this case pales in comparison with federal violations of these rights in the Elian Gonzales case five years ago.

Sadly, in both Florida cases, those in favor of protecting freedom and human life for those unable to speak for themselves lost. I was shocked to see that Americans whose ancestors (some of them still living) had given up everything to build a better life in this country felt that Elian would be better off in a place where people live without even the freedom to earn a decent wage, with a father who had long since left his mother to start another family.

I was shocked again in Terri's case to note that even practicing Catholics and Americans with disabled relatives watched an innocent woman starve to death without seeing what a violation her death was. What scares me the most is that in both cases, the people who represented these views claimed (rather patronizingly) to be with the majority of Americans. Who's next? It's a bitter irony that we have soldiers risking their lives to fight for freedom and democracy abroad while we fail at home to protect the core values upon which this great nation was built.

Christine Kluka
Canton

Listen up

I was one of the attendees at the recently-held House Transportation Committee hearings held in Canton, chaired by state Rep. Phil LaJoy.

The headline that appeared above Mr. LaJoy's editorial article, "People need to be heard on transportation issues" was ironic. In his op-ed piece, Mr. LaJoy never once referred to plans for a mass transit system; yet many citizens at that very meeting asked about the progress of specific plans that the counties and DARTA have in motion for just such a system. Has he chosen to ignore the very thing he set out to do — "to hear the residents talk about their transportation needs and concerns?"

When asked why mass transit plans were not being discussed for future development, Mr. LaJoy stated that the subject was not on the agenda for that meeting. Well, since that committee ostensibly sets the agenda, it seems this is a deliberate effort to promote further road expansion and ignore what would be a positive move toward real problem solving. What's in it for Mr. LaJoy to build more roads? He is ignoring a very large elephant standing before him.

Mr. LaJoy should be pleased to at least address the concern if he really wants to "hear" the citizens. It seems clear that this subject, while his committee claims it is a non-partisan issue, is a partisan issue. He blatantly ignored the subject of mass transit concerns in his opinion piece.

While I am a normally a conservative Republican, this is one issue which I

believe would help in an immense way not only to revitalize the metro area, but also the entire state of Michigan.

Mr. LaJoy, when are you going to wake up and smell the coffee, or should I say, "hear" the residents' concerns?

Nancy Austin
Canton

IKEA will bring benefits

I am writing in response to Beverly Bazzell's letter to the editor (March 31). I am sure you are not alone in your thinking regarding IKEA coming to Canton. Not everyone is totally happy. Nevertheless, when you consider the negatives of IKEA's arrival into our business marketplace and weight them against the benefits, you might have a different view.

"The look" of most of the IKEA structures around the world is indeed very noticeable. I remember similar conversations before the planning commission of the "all glass building with the boat inside" proposed by YAZAKI. Their building vision was also a departure from the norm, but do not all cool cities seem to have their signature buildings?

Not everyone was pleased with the Cherry Hill concept as it was to bring too much traffic into a traditionally agricultural area of the township. The nightly coming and goings of theater patrons would greatly detract from the quiet village as we know it. Still, the demand for housing and the growth has remained strong.

It might put your mind at ease to know that nothing with IKEA is final today. Although the township planning commission will from time to time call upon a recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority, the DDA has no authority to approve or deny a project. Our issues are less glamorous. To date, IKEA has received special land use approval from the planning commission and from the township trustees, but they still need to go through the approval process for preliminary and final site plans. They most likely will need to go before the zoning board for approval as well.

Conversely, I am pleased that IKEA has chosen to locate in Canton. They could have elected to build in many metropolitan communities in the state, but they selected Canton. Just the talk of IKEA is generating redevelopment along Ford Road, causing more efficient use and creating the renovation of existing property. Price per acre on Ford Road has increased dramatically making the properties much more valuable.

This past February I spoke to a former college roommate who was headed to Chicago for the weekend to visit IKEA. Obviously they would be spending money outside IKEA's walls while there. Once open, IKEA will no doubt bring visitors to our marketplace, who in turn support our existing retail businesses and restaurants. Conservative estimates and studies show that they will generate an additional on million dollars in annual taxes in our community. IKEA will help make Canton a destination for many by providing a unique retail service currently not available to Michigan residents except driving to Toronto or

Chicago. As a member of the DDA and as a proud resident of Canton, I like the weight of the benefits.

Mark Waldbauer
Canton DDA member

Two sides to every story

I disagree with your "slant" on your explanation of what is fairness in journalism.

I can't think of any administration's "spin" mastery better than during the Clinton years. There are always two sides to every story. During the Democratic years of the White House, you — the liberal press — were in your glory. Now, you — the liberal press — don't like a lot of things that you hear because you don't agree.

What's the difference between "slanting news" favoring either the liberal or the conservative side? It's just as biased either way.

You talk of 19th century journalism being either wholeheartedly Democratic or Republican — what has changed? It hasn't!

My "spin" on this is that I feel the No. 1 factor in our society that is missing is integrity. Many people in our society today never feel shame for what they say or do that is untrue. People today justify and rationalize their actions, which is immoral. I feel the very moral fiber of our society is corroding.

I am deeply concerned because your newspaper will be turned over shortly (or maybe this has happened already) to the Gannett Corp. The company that is responsible for the brain drain from the ranks of *The Detroit News* during the newspaper strike in the '90s. The company that tried intimidating people to break the strike and come and work for them. And you want me to think that the *Observer* (editorially) will be "fair and balanced?" I think not.

You have the power to write whatever you believe because of your position at the *Observer*. When I read your articles, I rarely agree with your "spin" on a story.

Sooooo, this is still what makes America great. Anyone, even you, has the freedom and the right to write or say whatever you want... and we have the freedom to disagree.

Maureen Wilkie
Livonia

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"I was a little young at the time, and I don't remember it very well. I didn't realize how special it was until I got a little older."

— Olivia Wofford, 16, Canton Township resident, who, at the age of 7, received her first Holy Communion from Pope John Paul II at the Vatican

Wanted: Bold leaders to suggest sweeping changes

Sorry to have to tell you this, but while the media was consumed last week with the deaths of Terri Schiavo and Pope John Paul II, you may have missed the really bad news. For Michigan's economy, that is.

We now have the highest unemployment rate in the nation, 7.5 percent. And University of Michigan economists have revised their November 2004 job growth forecasts, now predicting the state will add just 15,700 new jobs this year, far less than their earlier predictions.

"The ongoing travails of the automotive industry are reflected in the continuing job loss for manufacturing over the forecast period, putting a damper on Michigan's economic recovery," wrote U-M's Joan Cray and George Fulton.

But what to do about it? To gain perspective, try framing the situation this way. Suppose you are the CEO of a company that:

- Is losing money.
- Has a bad balance sheet.
- Sports a terrible national image.
- Offers a product line that is outdated and selling badly.

■ Operates according to a backward-looking business model.

■ Faces the imminent financial failure of its largest subsidiary.

■ Suffers from poor corporate governance and a hostile board of directors.

■ Has a flawed corporate culture.

What would you do? Simple. You would restructure the company. Radically. Right away. And you'd probably be declared a Lee Iacocca-style managerial genius for recognizing how serious the situation is and for having the guts to do something far-reaching about it.

Well, it doesn't take a big stretch of imagination to realize that the company facing this dire situation is in fact our state, Michigan.

We're losing money. The state budget has been in the red time after time, even unexpectedly in the middle of fiscal years. We cut taxes when times were good and we can't afford our operations now that times are bad.

Our balance sheet stinks. We face a chronic annual structural budget deficit of at least \$1 billion, and we've run out of "rainy day funds" and accounting gimmicks to cover it up.

Our national image is terrible. We are regarded as a high-cost, rust belt state, heavily unionized and burdened with a tax system 30 years out of date.

Our main industry — old-fashioned, brawn-based heavy manufacturing — is both dated and evaporating before our eyes.

Yet our business model has been to do everything we can to help our old manufacturing base, while taking only baby steps intended to diversify our economy and update our tax system. In recent years, we have failed to invest in our intellectual property resource by starving our universities.



Phillip Power

Our biggest subsidiary, the city of Detroit, is facing a \$300 million or so deficit, while Detroit's public school system is looking at more than \$200 million in red ink. The only real question is whether they will be taken over by financial receivers, as state law requires, before the 2006 elections.

Our "corporate governance" is terrible. It's in the hands of a term-limited Legislature which, when not playing musical chairs, demonstrates general cluelessness about what's going on. Worse, the CEO (i.e., Gov. Jennifer Granholm) is a Democrat, while the board of directors (i.e. the Legislature) is controlled by Republicans. Neither have demonstrated much interest in working together.

Our corporate culture (i.e. the assumptions underlying the operation of our political system) is rooted in the unshakable assumption that anybody who votes for radical change or a tax increase is sure to lose the next election. This goes all the way back to 1983, when incoming Gov. James Blanchard chose to raise the income tax to meet a state budget deficit and John Engler, then Senate Republican leader, masterminded the recall of two Democratic state senators, Phil Mastin and Dave Serotkin.

If all this isn't a clear-cut cry for a program to radically and rationally restructure our state, I don't know what is.

To her credit, Granholm is at least taking some steps in the right direction. Her Cherry Commission on education and the economy has set out a compelling case for doubling the number of college graduates in the work force (while, however, offering no money to do it).

State Treasurer Jay Rising has proposed modifications in the Single Business Tax that would ease the tax burden on manufacturers, while Granholm herself has called for a \$2 billion state bond issue that would fund investments in high-tech jobs.

Yet measured against the gravity of our situation, this is still pretty small beer. What is needed is a clear call for a fundamental remaking of the underlying structure of our state.

The last time I recall anybody doing anything this bold was during the early 1960s, when George Romney, then chairman of American Motors, headed up a group called Citizens For Michigan that advocated re-writing the 1908 Constitution, a document which in fact hadn't been substantially changed since 1867. The process resulted in a Constitutional Convention, usually abbreviated as Con-Con. The document it created was adopted by voters in 1963, and the momentum it generated propelled Romney into the governor's chair the year before that.

Times are much worse now. That was an age of leaders who, whether you liked them or not, dared to be bold. And where are our bold leaders these days, now that we need them so desperately?

Phillip Power is the former chairman of HomeTown Communications Network. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

Our Holy Father was truly a gift from God

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II — a wonderful beacon of wisdom, deep internal life and mysticism — has departed from this world. An incredible human being, anchored in God, who touched the lives of so many without religious discrimination, "has returned to the house of the Father."

I met the Holy Father for the first time in the 1950s, when I was a student at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. He was a professor of Catholic Church social science. I attended his lectures and he was my examiner. To this day, I have kept my credit book with the exam's grades and his signature as a souvenir.

Karol Wojtyla was a serious, frequently published, academic philosopher, but at the same time a very friendly man, almost brotherly to students — the seminarians — with a great sense of humor. The following is an anecdote from the time he was a professor at the Catholic University in Lublin. It was a quite well-known story there:

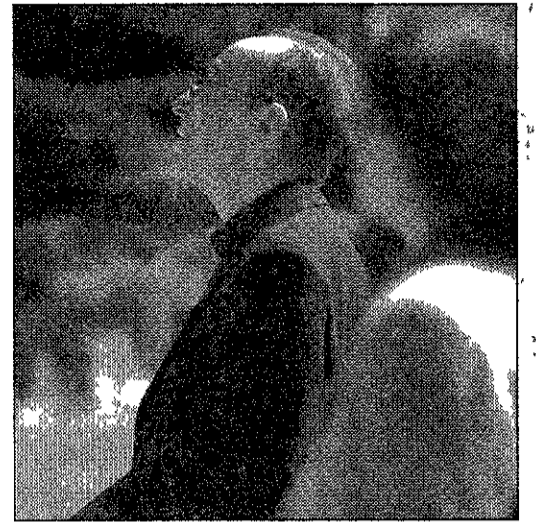
It was the end-of-term examination. One student, who never attended lectures, was asking around to learn the favorite questions of the examiner. Finally he spotted a new face and approached him. He asked the same question.

The man told him one of the favorite questions of the examiner and gave him the full answer. The student was astonished and said, "Wow, you will really ace the exam," but the other just smiled. When the student arrived for the test, he learned that the man was actually the examiner — Karol Wojtyla.

John Paul II was a unique example: How he prayed and how he preached tirelessly, especially how he set an example for seminarians of how to celebrate the Mass. We all felt that he was not only a professor, but truly a man of God. He was always so focused on the altar and sacred mystery of the Mass, as if the whole world around him had disappeared.

Later, from time to time, I met the Holy Father when he was an auxiliary bishop serving Archbishop Baziak in Krakow. What really surprised me was that his style of homilies changed drastically from the academic style I had heard at the university to an informal one. We all experienced his perspicuity as Pope John Paul II. He was able to carry on a conversation on the level of each person. Later as cardinal in Poland, he was highly respected by the priests and the Polish episcopate.

A few times I met the Holy Father at the Vatican, as well as during his pilgrimages to Poland and the Ukraine. I especially hold deep in my memory the meeting on October 17, 1997, when the Holy Father invited me and his longtime friend, Cardinal Marian Jaworski, for supper.



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Monsignor Jan Jagodzinski, spiritual director of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary prays at the Grotto on the campus of St. Mary's College.

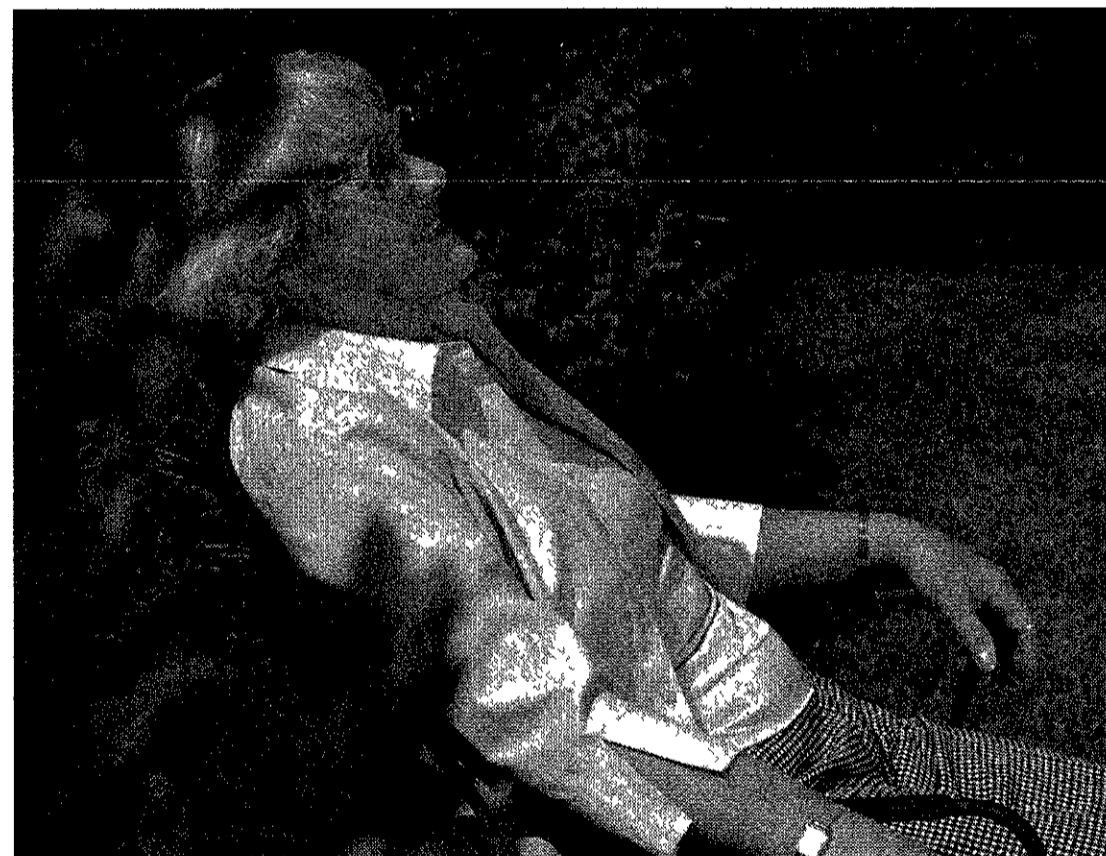
I was working at the Orchard Lake Schools at that time and Cardinal Jaworski had visited Orchard Lake one year before as a director for our seminarians' retreat.

The Holy Father conversed with us about his trips to Orchard Lake, first in 1969, then again in 1976, before he had been elected pope. SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, along with St. Mary's Preparatory, were always very close to the heart of the Holy Father. The "Polish Seminary," as the former is often called, has formed nearly 3,000 priests for service in dioceses throughout the U.S. since its founding in 1885 by Polish immigrant the Rev. Joseph Dabrowski.

The great majority of the students continue to arrive from Poland to this day, which of course connected Orchard Lake to Pope John Paul II.

One of the secretaries to the Holy Father was my former student, Monsignor Mokrzycki. He told the Holy Father that I was his rector in the seminary. The Holy Father looked at me and said, "He is OK. One can live with him."

Monsignor Mokrzycki, Archbishop Dziwisz, Cardinal Jaworski and the Polish nuns who served him, were among the people present at our Holy Father's death. I think that we all would have liked to be with our Holy Father in those last moments to thank him, to express our love and respect for him. He led a life worthy of greatest admiration. Monsignor Jan Jagodzinski is the spiritual director of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. While he is fluent in English, he wrote this piece in his native Polish. It has been translated by the Orchard Lake chancellor's secretary, Anna Mazur, for publication.



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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter meets with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in 2004. McCotter sponsored a resolution honoring the pontiff on his 25th anniversary as pope last year.



McCotter remembers pope's 'God bless America'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Last year U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter sponsored a resolution recognizing Pope John Paul II on the 25th anniversary of his papacy and delivered the resolution to the pontiff at Vatican City.

"I had met him earlier when we had a parliamentary exchange with the European parliament, but that was with a big group," McCotter said Monday. "This was an audience, just three of us. It wasn't a good day for him. He was having good days and bad days and this wasn't a good one. But the mind was sharp. He kept saying God bless America. The one thing he stressed was God bless America."

McCotter said it seemed like John Paul was telling the Americans to continue America's leadership in spreading freedom. He said that as a former resident of a Communist country, the Polish pope understood how important that was.

"Temporally and spiritually he was important. Where those roles converged is his role in the collapse of communism," McCotter said. "Communism is an atheistic ideology that held captive nations."

John Paul was Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland, before his election as

pope in 1978.

McCotter, a Roman Catholic, said John Paul spoke to religion everywhere and of every generation, not just to Catholics.

"It's hard to say if it would have been the same effect having a pope from Italy," McCotter said.

John Paul was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years.

McCotter said he would like to see the Conclave of Cardinals, who will select a pope in the next few weeks, reach out again to another part of the world.

"I would hope they look toward Latin America," McCotter said. "Latin America plays such a large role and so many Latin Americans in the United States are Catholic."

He said a Latin American pope would have a political impact similar to John Paul's in opposing Fidel Castro and Communist forces in the region.

On Tuesday, McCotter introduced a resolution in the House "honoring the life and expressing the condolences of the House on the passing of Pope John Paul II."

McCotter was not selected to be part of the U.S. House 23-member delegation to the pope's funeral Friday.

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Michigan, county court Airbus manufacturing plant

Michigan is making a bid to attract a new engineering and manufacturing complex to design and produce the KC-330 aerial refueling aircraft for Airbus. The multi-phase project could bring more than 1,000 jobs and \$600 million in investment to Michigan.

Willow Run Airport is one of three potential Michigan locations mentioned in a proposal by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The other locations are Alpena and Chippewa County/Sault Ste. Marie.

"We have really rolled up our sleeves to create a solid proposal for Airbus' consideration," Gov. Jennifer Granholm said in a press release last Thursday. "The field will be competitive with as many as 38 states in the running for this project. I am confident that our favorable business climate, impeccable workforce and creative economic incentives will be the

winning combination that will land this project in Michigan."

Business incentives will be available to Airbus at whatever Michigan location it chooses, with specific incentives varying due to the unique characteristics of each site.

"We are in the ring with a number of tough contenders for this project," MEDC President and CEO Don Jakeway said in the release. "Even though the competition is fierce, we have a very convincing proposal for Airbus to consider that would benefit the company and our state alike."

Willow run has 350 usable acres in the northeast corner of the airport. The county released a statement saying that the county, Van Buren Township and the airport were proposing \$77.5 million in economic incentives to bring the project to Willow Run, including \$49 million in county Renaissance Zone Tax Savings.

Buddy's 'Slice of Life' event aids Capuchins

Buddy's Pizza will host the 29th Annual "Slice of Life" fund-raiser for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, April 11, at its nine metro area locations.

Tickets are available through the Capuchins or can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (313) 529-2100, Ext. 201.

"Buddy's pizza is happy and honored to be involved with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, an organization that helps so many people in so many ways," Buddy's Pizza President Robert Jacobs, explained.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen Interim Executive Director Father David Pruess agrees.

"This is a very important event for the Soup Kitchen. Last year we had wall to wall people, eating pizza, enjoying the activity, all while helping the Soup Kitchen. Over \$72,000 was raised last year. That money goes to help the chronically poor and the working poor. And unfortunately, those who need our help continues to grow. Buddy's Pizza has been an important partner for 29 years. Not to mention that

they have darn good pizza!" The 2005 event marks the 29th year of the fund-raiser. Capuchin brothers will be available to answer questions. "Lovely the Clown" and friends from 2clowns.com will create balloon sculptures during the evening hours.

The event features all you can eat cheese and two-topping pizza and salad (Greek, garden and antipasto) when dining in one of Buddy's Pizza's six locations on April 11, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Carry out is also available as four squares of a two topping pizza, or as an individual sized salad. Carryout is available at all nine locations.

Buddy's dine-in restaurants are located in Auburn Hills, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Detroit/Grosse Pointe and Warren. Carry-out only

shops are in Royal Oak and Bloomfield Township. For a complete listing visit the web at www.buddypizza.com

Founded in 1929, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen has served more than 2,400 meals a day.

County accepts hazardous waste

Wayne County will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, April 16.

Waste will be collected from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Romulus Civic Center, 1111 Wayne Road.

The county is accepting everything from smoke detectors and fire extinguishers to unidentifiable waste.

"We will collect old computer monitors, televisions, car batteries and fertilizer to help ensure that

this waste is disposed of in a proper manner," County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, said. "We will even be accepting old mercury thermometers and replacing them with a new, safe digital thermometer."

The drop-off day is open to residents of Wayne County. No commercial or industrial waste will be accepted.

For more information, contact the county's Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

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Martiese Lindsay of West Bloomfield, a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy, placed the Shahabbas rug in a room that picks up its colors. Participants could work with this rug, or one called Arbour.

Students work magic with carpets

BY MARY KLEMIC ■ STAFF WRITER

The challenge: Illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point.
The response: Distinctive areas were created with imagination and style.

The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Creative Space Competition sounded the call, and 32 young designers from three ASID-accredited schools answered.

A panel of judges consisting of professional designers, all members of ASID, selected three winning designs from the entries.

The winning designs will be displayed April 8 on Student Career Day at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity for students to create a room setting using the rug and the size requirements," said Ann Parker, showroom manager at The Ghiordes Knot at the design center. "It's a good learning experience and the students are excited about it."

Some schools use the competition as class projects, she said.

Each year, The Ghiordes Knot furnishes \$1,000 in prize money: \$500 for first place and \$250 for each of two honorable mentions. This year's competition is the 16th annual event.

Kimberly Phipps of Washington, Mich., a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology, was awarded first place.

Katherine Early of Kalamazoo, a student at Michigan State University, and Elda Prifti of Sterling Heights, a student at the academy, were awarded honorable mentions.

This year, 22 entries were from the academy, five from MSU and five from the Center for Creative Studies.

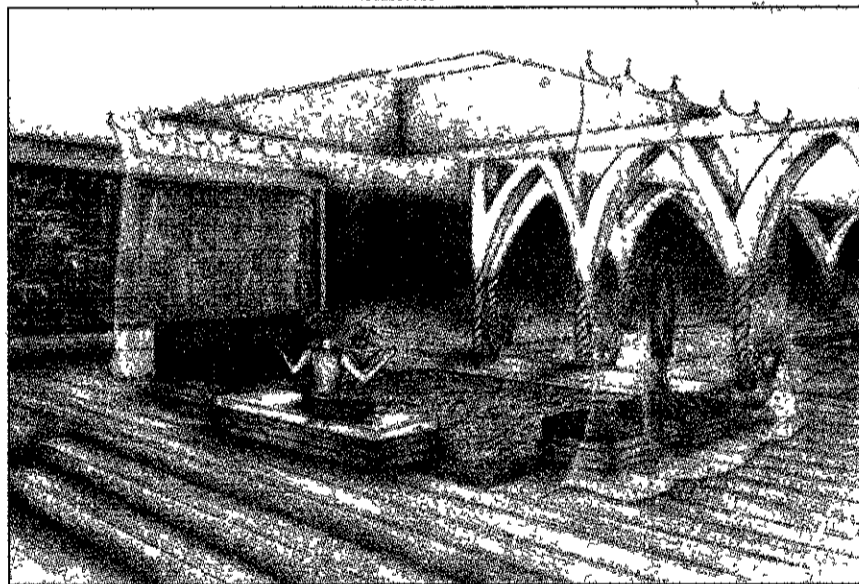
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Participants work with actual carpets from The Ghiordes Knot, which provides photographs of the rugs. Many students visit the showroom to see the carpets as well.

This year, students could choose from Arbour, from the Holland Park Collection of Obeette, or Shahabbas, from the Nizam Collection of Obeette.

Both rugs are 100 percent wool pile, hand-knotted and from India. Arbour features a Persian design inspired by the Arts

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Kimberly Phipps of Washington, Mich., a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy, won first place in The Ghiordes Knot-ASID Creative Space Competition for her design of a tranquil space with the Shahabbas rug as the focal point. The competition challenges students to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point. Winning designs will be displayed at Michigan Design Center in Troy during Student Career Day Friday.

Accents

Tree sale

Global ReLeaf of Michigan has bare root trees and shrubs for sale this spring.

Species available (3- to 6-foot tall, depending on species) are: red maple, sugar maple, swamp white oak, greenspire linden, white spire birch, red bud, white and red crabapple, pagoda dogwood, serviceberry, Japanese tree lilac, aristocrat pear, honeycrisp apple and Stella cherry.

Shrubs available are "Endless Summer" Hydrangea and "Blue Muffin" Arrowwood Viburnum.

The trees are \$28 each or six or more at \$23 each. Shrubs are \$18 each or five or more \$15 each. Orders taken until Saturday, April 9. Trees will be available for pickup from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at eight different pickup locations in southeast Michigan.

Each pickup site will have extra trees for sale. Call (800) 642-7353 for further details or visit Web site: www.globalreleaf.org

Out of the fog

"A friend of ours recently bought a fog-free mirror, the type that is used in the shower," says James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"When he first peered into it, however, he saw a foggy version of himself."

"He lived with the blurry image until one day when his wife noticed a tiny crack running along one edge of the glass. Was it broken?"

"Running her finger across it, she discovered the 'crack' was a protective film. Once she peeled it off, the fog-free mirror our now-contrite friend had sought finally was revealed."

Get green

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22 and Whole Foods Market's 25th anniversary, the nation's first certified organic grocer suggests 25 Earth-friendly ways to become part of the solution.

Here are some of the 25 Earth-friendly suggestions:

Think green when you clean - Most household products contain various chemicals and toxins detrimental to the environment and to your health. Read the labels and purchase products that contain non-toxic ingredients or create your own by combining vinegar and baking soda.

Stop junk mail - Sign up for a mail preference service that can decrease the amount of mail you receive by up to 75 percent.

Buy in bulk - Purchasing food in bulk allows you to choose how much or how little of a certain product you want so that little food is wasted. Plus, buying in small amounts keeps your bulk items fresher.

Start a compost pile in your yard - As landfill space becomes increasingly scarce and expensive, composting is becoming an extremely valuable idea for reducing needless garbage. Composting requires little effort and, in time, will create an earthy, crumbly substance to help your plants and flowers flourish.

Shoot better movies by avoiding common mistakes

If you're lucky enough to have a digital camcorder, you've got the tools to make some pretty impressive home movies, vacation videos and the like.

However, the instruction manual won't tell you about the mistakes most weekend videographers make. Fear not - I will.

Mistake No. 1: using digital zoom

Turn this feature off and rely solely on your camcorder's optical zoom. Digital zoom is a big fake: it crops further and further into the center of your image, enlarging it to fill the screen. The result: grainy, ugly-looking video. If the

optical zoom won't get you close enough to your subject, zoom with your legs.

Mistake No. 2: using LP mode

Sure, you can fit 90 minutes of video onto a 60-minute MiniDV tape by using LP (long-play) mode, but video quality will suffer. Now that blank tapes cost just a few bucks each, it's no longer necessary to stretch their capacity. If you really need to fit more video on a tape, try a little in-camera editing: Shoot only the scenes you need; pause during long, uneventful stretches.

Mistake No. 3: dead battery

Buy an extra battery (or two) for your camcorder, keep it charged and bring it with you. Nothing is more frustrating than running out of juice while you're filming. Also, keep in mind that all rechargeable cells wear out over time.

If you've been using the same battery for a couple of years, it's time to replace it.

Mistake No. 4: no tripod

A tripod isn't as vital to videography as it is to photography, but it's close. Unless you're specifically going for that documentary-style shaky camera look (which tends to be overused these days), put your camcorder on a tripod and leave it there. You'll be amazed at how much better your video looks.

Mistake No. 5: using the camcorder's special effects

You may be tempted to use your camcorder's built-in digital effects, like auto-fades and sepia mode, but don't. Better you should record pristine color video, then apply special effects using your editing software (a little maneuver the pros like to call post-production).

Mistake No. 6: poor lighting

Nothing ruins a video like bad lighting. As with photography, this is one of the most difficult elements to control, but also one of the most important.

What may look like enough light to the naked eye is often not nearly enough for your camcorder. If your model lacks manual exposure and white-balance controls, you can help improve low-light shooting by turning off auto-focus and using a tripod.

Rick's Product Pick of the Week: If your subject demands that you be mobile, consider a do-it-yourself steady-cam kit (littlegreatideas.com/steady-cam). For about \$14 in parts, you can build a camcorder mount that does a pretty good job of recreating a \$1,500 Steadicam.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How To Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Rebuilding community really 'ROCKS'

ve often complained about the lack of qualified service technicians in this country and the reasons why we have a shortage. I once mentioned that I might like to get involved in teaching some sort of vocational school and received calls from interested parties. (My schedule didn't allow it to happen but maybe my suggestions got



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

passed along to a company like Whirlpool.)

The April issue of the Appliance Service News included an article with the headline "Whirlpool builds with rocks to train the unemployed for jobs as technicians." The article stated training for a job at which employment is practically assured really "rocks," a play on words of the name of the program.

Whirlpool initiated the Rebuilding Our Community with Key Skills (or ROCKS) program, conducted by Whirlpool in Benton Harbor.

Through ROCKS, students can enroll in a nine-month intensive in-home service professional training course, in which technical training is offered in both the classroom and in a hands-on format.

Created last year by Whirlpool project manager Kathryn Redding, the program aims to solve two problems: Train Benton Harbor's unemployed for jobs as home appliance technicians, where the lack of decent jobs has been blamed for civil unrest that occurred during the summer of 2003. The other is to reduce the current national shortage of skilled appliance servicers by creating a supply of new certified technicians, Redding says.

Through ROCKS, students can enroll in a nine-month intensive in-home service professional training course, in which technical training is offered in both the classroom

and in a hands-on format. Students also are educated in skills necessary to communicate with customers – both to determine the problem and to assure them of the worth of the repaired appliance.

The first group of 18 students graduated from the program last August, and a larger group is expected to be trained and ready for employment soon. Those in the first group immediately found jobs, mostly in the Whirlpool national service network and with the H.H. Gregg retail chain.

A key requirement of those enrolling in the course is that they are willing to relocate to wherever the technician job exists. The incentive is that skilled techs earn average salaries in the mid-\$30,000 range, and have the potential to earn as much as \$70,000, Redding said.

The program is a collaborative effort supported jointly by Whirlpool, Lake Michigan College, the state's Michigan Works program, the United Way and the Salvation Army. Whirlpool donated course equipment, curriculum, instructors and appliances for hands-on exercises. Students can stay in local Salvation Army housing facilities for the full nine months.

Students who receive scholarships are required to put in about 80 hours of free labor with the local United Way recipients.

Launching the program has been gratifying for Redding. Redding sees the program make a profound difference in the lives of students who have completed the course, but also receives inquiries from state employment agencies across the country seeking help in starting similar programs.

The Appliance Doctor is pleased to see this sort of program and commends Whirlpool in taking the initiative to make themselves a better company and at the same time, helping to increase employment in the state of Michigan. I would hope that our educational departments across this country can come to understand why the vocational schools were so important in previous years.

As we sometimes hear, history tends to repeat itself. Maybe we will develop programs to help some of our young people. Stay tuned.

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.

HOME CALENDAR

Antiques show

The Community House Antiques and Garden Show will take place Friday-Sunday, April 15-17, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road. More than 40 booths will showcase English furniture and porcelain, heirloom linens, American silver and early glass collections, vintage clothing, designer tablescapes, antique garden accessories, outdoor garden displays and more.

The Antiques and Garden Show Cafe will offer sandwiches, salads and soups, as well as coffees and desserts. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 15-16, noon to 5 p.m. April 17. The cafe will be open 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 15-16, noon 3 p.m. April 17. Admission is \$10.

Antiques expert Leslie Keno will speak at the Antiques and Garden Show Brunch 9:30 a.m. April 15 at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham. Reservations are \$65 and include admission to the show.

A Preview Party, with special guest Leslie Keno, is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at The Community House. The evening will include a strolling supper and the first opportunity to view and buy antiques. Patron tickets are \$125 with admission at 6 p.m., Friend tickets are \$65 with admission at 7 p.m.

For information, call (248) 594-6403, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Slipcover

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Traditional Slipcover (six Thursdays beginning April 7), learn to make a fitted slipcover for a side chair or simple armchair.

Bring your chair to the first class; it will stay in the classroom until the last session. Fee is \$120.

Modernism preview

The gala preview of the Michigan Modernism Exhibition will benefit ArtServe Michigan and the Detroit Area Art Deco Society. The preview will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, between 10 and 11 Mile Road. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door, \$150 Patron. Tickets are available at [\[servemichigan.org/moderne\]\(http://servemichigan.org/moderne\), and at Artspace \(phone \(248\) 258-1540\) and David Klein Gallery \(phone \(248\) 433-3700\) in Birmingham, Decades in Plymouth \(phone \(734\) 354-0142\), Hersh's at the Boardwalk in West Bloomfield \(phone \(248\) 626-7776\), Lemberg Gallery in Ferndale \(phone \(248\) 591-6623\), Knightsbridge Antique Mall in Northville \(phone \(248\) 344-7200\), and Antiques on Main \(phone \(248\) 705-9665\) and Deco Doug \(phone \(248\) 547-3330\) in Royal Oak. The preview will feature select wines, sophisticated light fare, and DJ powd'blu. Attendees will be able to shop an assortment of furnishings, art work and collectibles, including art glass, jewelry, sculpture, lamps and vintage clothing.](http://www.art-</p>
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The Michigan Modernism Exposition, a display and sale of items of 20th century design, will take place to Sunday, April 24, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, on Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile Road). It will feature 80 exhibitors. ArtServe Michigan is a nonprofit, statewide organization that builds support for the arts, artists and cultural activities in Michigan.

The Detroit Area Art Deco Society, a private, not-for-profit corporation, was founded in 1986 by a group of collectors and enthusiasts interested in the decorative objects, architecture and style of the Art Deco period.

Home decorating

The Rochester Community Schools Enrichment Department presents home decorating classes. For more information, visit www.rochester.k12.mi.us and click the Enrichment tab on the left menu. The schedule includes Beginning Stained Glass (six Wednesdays starting April 27 at Canterbury Stained Glass, 1067 E. Long Lake Road in Troy). This class is open to ages 18 and older. Fee is \$50.

In the course, you will build two glass panels – the first using lead came, the second using the copper foil method. Select your own basic tool kit in class for approximately \$200 to \$275, payable in class.

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

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Garden design
Learn how to select and arrange plants for individual beds or small areas within a landscape, and see basic methods for putting the design on paper, in Garden Design, a class meeting five Saturdays, beginning April 9, at The Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$168. The class has pre-requisites. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-house.com. Instructor Pam Palechek owns and operates Petal Pushers and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years. She has been a senior instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception.

Canada trip
The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will go on a field trip to Colisanti's and Sorensen's Greenhouses in Ruthven, Canada, 10 a.m. Sunday April 10. For more information call (248) 524-0227. The event is free. Guests are welcome.

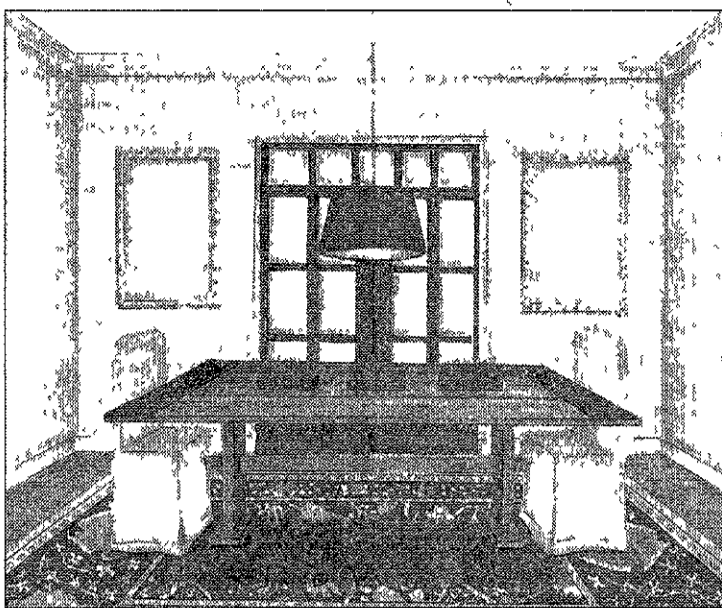
Great Gardens
Goldner Walsh Nursery continues its Cabin Fever Lecture Series with Great Gardens of America, 7 p.m. Friday April 15, a benefit for the Belle Isle Conservatory. Speaker Julia Janiak, Goldner Walsh's garden center manager and buyer, will take you on an exciting travelog of her favorite gardens seen on her buying trips across America. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 332-6430 for more information or to make a reservation. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The evening will include a slide presentation of public and private gardens she has visited in Napa Valley, Florida, Colorado, Washington D.C., Texas, New York, Oregon, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wyoming. Learn how the gardens have inspired Janiak as a gardener and garden center buyer. Refreshments will be served.

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and Crafts movement. Shahabbas features a classical-inspired Persian design. Arbour was to be depicted as a 9- by 12-foot rug, and Shahabbas as a 10- by 14-foot rug. A submitted entry is a rendering of the design, mounted on a mat, with the student's statement on the back. Sixty percent of the judging is based on presentation, the student's ability to convey the design within the environment. Forty percent is based on feasibility, the capability of carrying out the design.

DESIGNS

Students placed the rugs in a variety of settings, including recreation rooms, living rooms and reading rooms. There were different types of sites, such as loft apartments, foyers, a doctor's waiting room and a Las Vegas hotel lobby. Among the ambiences were a Mexican villa and a Pacific Northwest home. In her entry, Phipps designed a space "meant to be tranquil and calm," she said in her statement. This is achieved by using water and soft curves in architecture. Other elements in the room include a skylight and sheer drapes. Shahabbas is emphasized here by the custom-designed furniture and the archways, the curves and twists of the latter inspired by the pattern in the rug. "This creates the atmosphere for a peaceful and relaxing getaway from all the daily stresses in life," Phipps wrote. In her entry, Prifti designed a cozy den with yellow walls. Arbour is placed between a freestanding fireplace and a bay window. The wooden floor, wooden frame around the window and exposed beams offer



Katherine Early, a student at Michigan State University, won honorable mention for her design inspired by the colors of Arbour and the simple lines of the Arts and Crafts style.

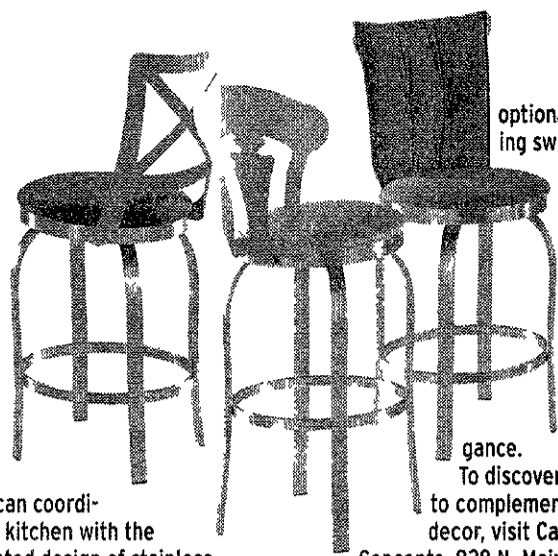
rustic elements. Arbour's vibrant colors, and the simple lines of Arts and Crafts, inspired Early in her design of a dining space. A table and two chairs stand on the rug. The walls and furniture are neutral colors so they don't distract from it. Red is an accent on the lampshade and the boxes on the table, "and helps give the dining space a bold, modern touch," Early said in her statement. "All of these elements work together to create a modern space with an Arts and Crafts style feel."

OTHER ENTRIES
Thea Mason of Livonia, a student at the academy, placed Shahabbas in an inviting, comfortable room in her entry. Light blue and cream are among the colors; a sofa and wicker chairs among the furniture. In her entry, academy student Martiese Landsay of West Bloomfield placed Shahabbas in a room with blue on the walls and the plush seating,

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Tim Robinson, owner of Tiffany Florist in Birmingham, enjoys growing several varieties of lemons.

Bloomfield Hills resident grows lemons

Tim Robinson grows seven lemon trees in a small greenhouse attached to his home in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to the lemon trees, he grows 16 other citrus trees and tropicals. Included in the collection is one grapefruit because it cross-breeds with the other citrus and sometimes the flesh will be peach colored when it crosses with an orange.

When I visited, almost every tree was bearing fruit; one had about a dozen on one branch! The plants were in varying stages of growth; some had blooms, white with pink edges, others were little green fruits while some were ready to be harvested. Robinson started his hobby 40-plus years ago

when his grandmother helped him plant a grapefruit seed. He says, "I was fascinated." The tree prospered until it was lost in a hailstorm.

This hobby has kept his interest and he has been growing lemons for 30 years.

FRAGRANT GREETING

There are several reasons he chose lemons. The fragrance of the fruit greets him as he steps in the door. "I really enjoy the fragrance and I like seeing the blossoms and fruit on the tree." His favorite lemon is the Ponderosa which has a thick rough skin. The weight of this fruit can reach two pounds, enough for Tim to make a lemon meringue pie from a single fruit. (This variety will be a little tart for just about anything except pies.)

The Meyer lemon is the most common and easy to grow, especially in pots. It's identical to store-bought lemons. He uses Meyer in cooking; and the fruit is relatively sweet. He says, "I like to cook with them when they're just at the right stage of ripeness." This one is a turn-of-the-century favorite from China. The interesting Genoa lemon looks like an orange.

LIMESTONE USED

Most of the citrus is grown in limestone pots which evenly distributes the water. The limestone from the pot is absorbed into the water then it

releases the lime back into the soil.

Some of the smaller trees are grown in terracotta pots. Many are underplanted with blue carpet sedum. Robinson hopes to eventually use that ground cover in all the pots.

The sedum is a very compact plant with bluish green foliage. Robinson also uses pebbles that keep the soil from splashing out when he waters with a hose, a time-saver because there are so many plants. In the winter he waters when the soil feels dry and in the summer every day when the plants are outside.

He prunes each tree three to four times a year so it will fit through the greenhouse door.

Six inches of new growth isn't unusual per year. He root prunes every few years.

Tim mixes his own fertilizers and uses natural products (such as seaweed, tea mulch, etc.), which he applies once a year. He also uses osmocote, a slow-release product that also releases iron. He mixes sand with the soil for better drainage and occasionally uses Miracle-Gro to improve leaf color.

The lemon trees spend the summers outdoors around the edge of a swimming pool while two 10-foot tall pygmy date palms are carefully set in two very large cement containers on either side of the pool house. They winter in the greenhouse in plastic tubs

along with the other tropical plants.

Transporting the plants to their outdoor location takes quite a few hours each spring, but its worth the effort because the plants add an elegant tropical ambience to the garden.

Visquine, a sturdy opaque plastic material, is attached to a lath frame and lines the interior windows to shade the sun's bright rays and to hold humidity in the room.

It also cuts the heating bills by 50 percent.

Although he doesn't propagate the lemons ("I have enough," he says), he has propagated by cuttings and seed. The fruit is more apt to be true to variety by using cuttings.

If you wish to grow citrus fruits, check with local nurseries and sources on the Internet. There are nurseries in California and Florida that will ship them.

GOOD GARDEN TIP:

When you see new growth and you're ready to cut tall ornamental grasses, gather the foliage together and tie it with a cord in one or two places, depending on the height, then cut the old foliage away to make room for new growth.

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

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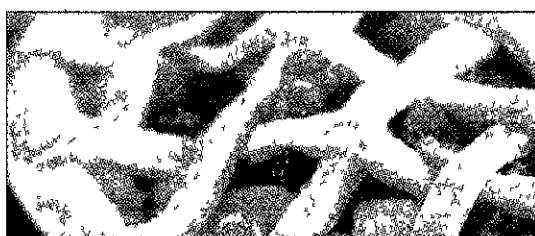


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Supersweet

Taste of spring

Cook with spring potatoes and add a delicate flavor to your meals, suggests a feature on what's in season, in the April issue of *All You* magazine.

True new potatoes are freshly dug and may be as small as marbles or as large as full-size potatoes, the article says. Keep an eye out for them in your produce section or at your local farmers' market, from late spring through early summer.

Since the sugars in new potatoes haven't converted to starch, they have a crispy texture and thin skin, which means they cook quickly.

To boil small spring potatoes perfectly, place them in a large saucepan with enough water to cover them and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until just fork-tender, for about 15 minutes. Drain immediately.

Serve with butter, parsley, salt and pepper, or let cool and use in your favorite recipes.

Supersweet corn

For corn fans unhappy at waiting for traditional corn to come along later in the year, supersweet corn from Florida is in season.

The supersweet variety is bred to keep its sweetness when refrigerated for up to four or five days, and can also be cooked quickly and easily, as in the following suggestions from the Associated Press.

Skilllet grilling: In a 10-inch skillet over high heat, heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil. Add 4 ears husked corn; reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes, turning occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

Drizzle ears with 1 teaspoon sesame oil.

Sprinkle ears with 1 teaspoon chili powder or smoked paprika.

Sprinkle ears with 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese.

Skilllet steaming: In a 10-inch skillet bring 1/2 cup of water and 1/8 teaspoon salt to a boil. Add 4 ears husked corn; reduce heat to low, cover and cook 5 minutes, turning once.

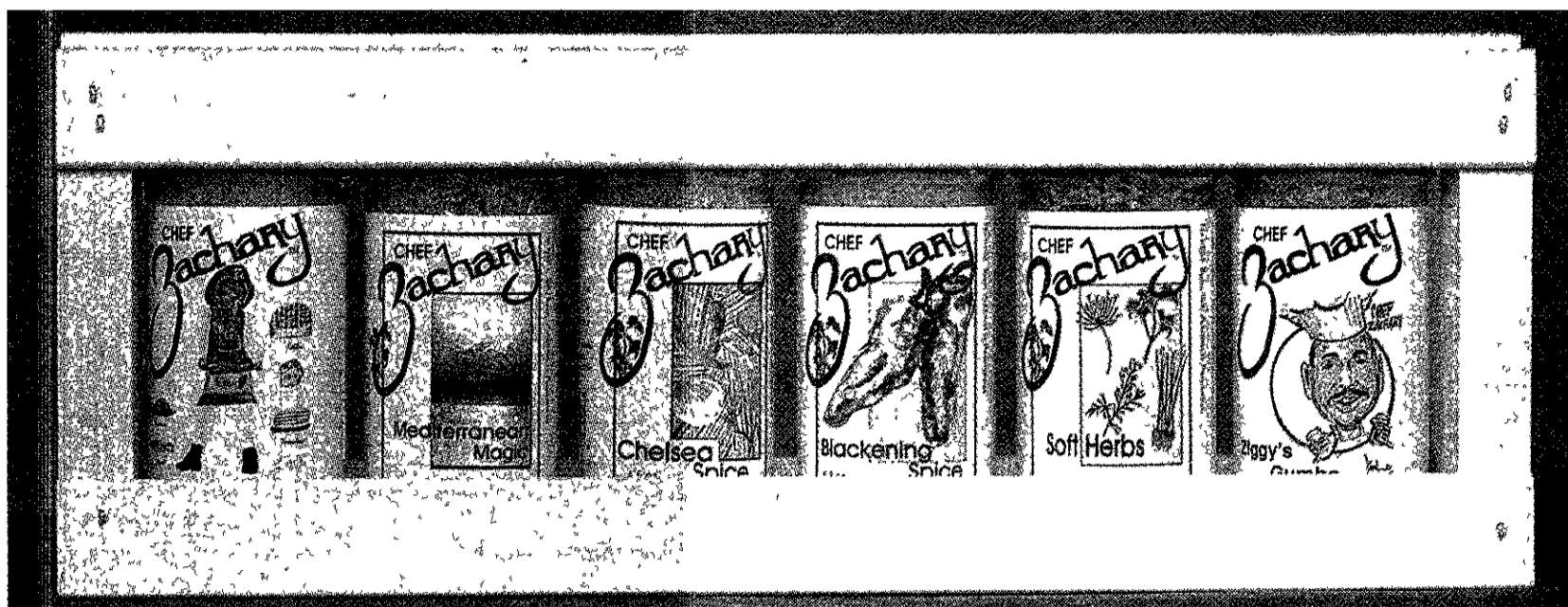
Microwaving: Place 4 ears husked and rinsed corn in a microwaveable dish. Cover with waxed paper; microwave on high power 3 minutes. Turn ears and microwave on high power for another 3 minutes.

Flavor variations: For corn with a kick, combine 1 finely chopped chipotle chili in adobo with 1 tablespoon of the adobo sauce, and rub on ears before cooking. Or sprinkle ears with grated Cheddar cheese midway through cooking.

The Fresh Supersweet Corn Council provided information for this item.

Clarification

A story on the Mediterranean Market, which specializes in ethnic foods from all over the world, in the March 17 Taste section should have indicated that the market is located at 32839 Northwestern Highway, just south of 14 Mile and east of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. The store is located on the south side of the street. The phone number is (248) 538-9552.



Chef Zachary Smith has expanded his spice blend line to six offerings. Smith's spices are available at Farmer Jack supermarkets.

Spice blender

Chef adds little heat, lots of heart, to spices

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Many years ago, Chef Zachary Smith created chocolate mousse at a cooking demonstration at Jacobson's. He gave a woman there a bottle of the blackening spice.

She contacted him later, asking for more. "My brothers and father love it," she said.

A local food writer heard about him and gave him a plug about his spices, then he started getting calls from local markets like Nino Salvaggio and the former Merchant of Vino. Soon more food demonstrations followed. He discovered he needed to learn more about marketing the product, as it was "a lot different than being a chef," he said.

Smith went full circle, from being a chef in California to today hawking his spices, hoping to open a restaurant soon in downtown Detroit.

Smith grew up in Detroit, starting cooking at age 6. His mother encouraged him to cook. He fell in love with it and moved to California.

Smith attended school at Canada Foothill College in Redwood City, where he met Alec Cline, executive chef and professor. Smith credits Cline with being a mentor for him, and encouraging him to work in the finest restaurants.

"I kept my head down and was told by Cline not to tell people that I was a chef," Smith said.

Eventually Smith forged his own occupational path. He worked at the Hyatt Regency Battery Point in San Francisco, Benbow Inn at Garberville, Shannon's in San Mateo, Viva la Difference in Carmel and Cerrito's Neptune Tables in Monterey. He also worked in Vancouver.

After he learned that a close relative was ill, Smith returned to Detroit and eventually worked at One23 in Grosse Pointe, where he developed his spices.

Today, Chef Zachary Gourmet Blended Spices has grown to six spice blends: Mediterranean Magic, Chelsea Spice, Blackening



Chef Zachary Smith

PLEASE SEE SMITH, B6

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balsamic vinegar over ripe strawberries both heightens and contrasts the fruit's sweetness. A dollop of sour cream or yogurt enhances the taste of berries and other sweet fruits. A sprinkling of chopped nuts provides a nice crunch to fruits with soft textures.

Cooking fruit heightens their sweetness, and grilling them seems to

bring out the very best. Try alternating types of fruits on skewers before grilling.

The new AICR cookbook also offers plenty of rich-tasting baked desserts. The recipes minimize sugar without sacrificing flavor or the integrity of the recipe. All-purpose or refined flour often is replaced with whole-grain flour while retaining quality and taste. A more healthful pie crust uses whole

PLEASE SEE DESSERTS, B7

Hobbs creates California's hot brand

Position in wine's super-luxury category does not come by chance.

Paul Hobbs wines have achieved it, but he's not an overnight wonder.

Hobbs defined the super-luxury category as wines of high quality, rarity, price and prestige. "When I price my wine in the super-luxury category," Hobbs said, "I'm saying that the quality ranks with the planet's best."

Hobbs believes that quality is all about vineyard sourcing. To reach his elevated goals, it has been vital to work with exceptional vineyards such as Richard Dinner in Sonoma Valley, Walker Station in the Russian River Valley, Hyde Vineyard in the Napa Valley Carneros appellation, Michael Black Vineyard and Beckstoffer's Tokalon and Dr. Crane vineyards in the Napa Valley.

THE EARLY YEARS

Hobbs began his winemaking career in 1978 at Robert Mondavi Winery. Intrigued by the expanding potential of Chilean and Argentine wines in 1988, he had the fortune to meet Argentina's Nicolas Catena who offered him the opportunity and challenge of making Argentina's first world-class chardonnay. Hobbs' interest in the wines of Argentina continues with his value-priced Natio



Focus on Wine

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brand which we chose as Wine Picks last year.

In 1991, Hobbs founded his eponymous California brand and in 2003 crushed grapes for the first time in his own 18,000-case state-of-the-art winery in Sonoma County. The facility mimics gravity flow, which means no pumps. "Even gentler pumps tend to grind up skins and seeds releasing coarse, bitter tannins and promotes oxidation," Hobbs said. "Additionally, pumps increase suspended solids which reduce fruit purity and wine richness."

SINGLE VINEYARD OR NOT

Hobbs' passion for single vineyard wines stems from his visits to Burgundy and also from growing up on a fruit farm in New York State. His father owned six apple farms and he believed that each site produced unique flavors

PLEASE SEE WINE, B6

There is good news on the diet front. You don't have to avoid desserts to protect your health - or manage your weight.

In its new cookbook, *The New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life*, the American Institute of Cancer Research tells you how. The team of cooks, nutritionists, food writers, and scientists who devised the recipes for the cookbook have found a variety of ways to combine fruits and whole grains for desserts that don't make you feel deprived.

Fruit is, of course, the perfect dessert. And it doesn't take much effort, or many calories, to dress fruit up. A drizzle of good

WINE

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in the fruit. As a result, Hobbs became captivated by a sense of place.

"From a marketing point of view, single-vineyard designated wine was the way to distinguish myself and be true to myself at the same time," Hobbs said. "Each wine took on a site personality."

"It was a risky approach because I was assuming that each site would provide a complete wine. My safety net, in case I failed, was to blend the wines to fill in any obvious holes."

Hobbs Bordeaux wine model incorporates up to five varieties in the blend. Beckstoffer Tokalon was designed as a Bordeaux-style estate vineyard with all five varieties planted. "Yet in the

case of my Beckstoffer Tokalon Cabernet Sauvignon," Hobbs added, "it's 100 percent cabernet sauvignon. For this wine, I blend five or six clones of cabernet sauvignon from the Tokalon vineyard and work with a barrel mix to achieve complexity."

According to Hobbs, farming for quality means limiting yields for flavor development. Pinot Noir is more sensitive to yields than either cabernet sauvignon or chardonnay and tends to benefit most from lower crop levels. "Beyond that, yields become very site and clone specific," Hobbs said.

There are many little things that get a brand to the top, including positive press, consumer feedback and distributor response. There starts to be a buzz among sommeliers, wine shop own-

ers, restaurateurs and customers.

"There was something about my wines that people liked," Hobbs said. "We succeeded because we did not spend a lot of money on bricks and mortar; we built a brand. Investors were paid off faster than projected. We turned a profit within six years."

"I learned this from Nicholas Catena. All of his assets were in vineyards and his focus was making great wine. It was only after 10 years that Catena built his winery. I followed his model."

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WINE PICKS

Here are **Paul Hobbs** wines available in Michigan:

■ 2003 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley Chardonnay (\$40) delights with delicate honeysuckle, pear and lemon curd aromas. Apple and pear flavors and crisp acidity mark this as a wine to quaff or pair with lighter spring-time foods.

■ 2003 Paul Hobbs Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (\$40) is dominated by cherry and red plums in both aromas and flavors. Toasty oak and a velvety finish complete a

delicious pour.

■ 2002 Paul Hobbs Merlot, Michael Black Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$75) is flatteringly fruity with a delicious dark plum complexity, sustained through a long finish with chocolate and coffee accents.

■ 2002 Paul Hobbs Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$70) is a powerfully expressive cab for those who think big and impressive.

■ 2001 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon, Hyde Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$100) thrills the senses with a huge dark fruit mélange. Complex, rich and

layered, this powerhouse is both mouthfilling and delicious.

■ 2002 CrossBarn (Paul Hobbs second label) Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$38) is a less-expensive way to experience the Paul Hobbs' style highlighting berry/cherry fruit, a nice touch of oak and a mellow finish.

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.

SMITH

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Spice, Shana Spice, Soft Herbs and Ziggy's Gumbo. The spices are carried in Farmer Jack, Meijer, Papa Joe's and Westborn markets. Smith expects to conduct cooking demonstrations with his spices soon in some of the Farmer Jack stores in the Detroit area.

His bestsellers are the Blackening Spice and the Chelsea Spice.

The Chelsea Spice creates an excellent marinara sauce, Smith said, with its rosemary, basil, marjoram and parsley combination. The Soft Herbs are a blend of tarragon, parsley, chive, dill, chervil and a small amount of cilantro.

Usually spice blends contain garlic powder, but Smith doesn't add it to his. "I didn't

put it in because I love fresh garlic," he said with a smile.

"The Chelsea Spice is good on chicken, ribs, steak and in fancy dishes like lobster newburg and crab," Smith said. "Soft Herbs can be used in salads, dips, spreads and sauces. When you're making soups and sauces at home and they taste kind of bland, you can sprinkle Blackening Spice or Soft Herbs on it."

He likes to cook ribs with the Blackening Spice. "It's hot, but not crazy hot," Smith said. Actually, the Blackening Spice is the only blend that contains salt. "You can add these to flavored foods, and not worry about it being too salty," he said.

Smith also developed accompanying recipes for his spices. (See recipes.) Now that spring has arrived, more consumers will be looking at salads. "You can use the Chelsea Spice on more than

just meat and fish," he said. "I wanted to make a nice dressing, too."

The shrimp salad dressing contains Chelsea Spice, mayonnaise, onions, peppers, relish, lemon, olive oil and shrimp to top off spinach, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Smith believes food should be romantic: "And if it's not romantic, it should be fun."

Dishes "should be simple," he added.

"Once you show (people) a dish, it opens them up for other dishes. They're open to things and they want to give dishes more taste. People are always looking for things to do with entertainment."

"If you love food, you'll like creativity and if you like creativity, you'll love all kinds of cooking."

Chef Zachary Smith can be reached at his Web site: www.chefzachary.com.

SPINACH CUCUMBER CHERRY TOMATO SALAD WITH CHELSEA SHRIMP SALAD DRESSING

- 1 ½ pounds spinach
- 1 cucumber, scored and sliced thin
- 1 pound cherry tomatoes

Toss or arrange spinach and vegetables any way you'd like and serve with Chelsea Shrimp Dressing. Garnish with croutons or bacon.

CHELSEA SHRIMP SALAD DRESSING

- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons Chelsea spice
- ¼ cup small diced Spanish or Vidalia onion
- ¼ cup diced red bell peppers
- ¼ cup diced bell peppers
- 3 tablespoons sweet relish
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon water
- juice from one lemon
- ½ pound raw shrimp peeled and cleaned

Season shrimp with one

tablespoon of Chelsea spice. Sauté shrimp in sauce pan with two tablespoons olive oil on one side with medium heat, turn over with tongs, now add water. The shrimp should cook in four-five minutes. Be careful not to brown the shrimp. There should be a little juice from the shrimp and oil left. Remove shrimp and add the rest of the spices while the pan is still warm. Chop shrimp into small dices to add to dressing. Stir Chelsea spice in warm pan, this will release more flavor. Pour the rest of the olive oil in pan, this will cool down the temperature. Place all the vegetables in a bowl with relish and shrimp. Blend the mayonnaise with vegetables; now fold in Chelsea spice and oil. Mix lemon juice in and refrigerate till ready to use.

- ¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1½ tablespoons olive oil
- 1 bag corn tortilla chips
- 2 tablespoons Chef Zachary's Chelsea spice
- 2 tablespoons Chef Zachary's blackening spice

Sauté onions and bell peppers with olive oil in a pan large enough to hold all the ingredients for one minute. When vegetables are hot add beef and knead to small pieces and add spices and jalapeno peppers.

Cook ingredients till done, pour off excess oil and add ketchup and water, toss and remove from heat. Spread tortilla chips over a sheet pan, cover chips with warm beef and sprinkle top with both cheeses. Place pan in preheated oven 400°F for two-three minutes, then serve with salsa or sour cream. Garnish with sliced avocado.

CRAZY BEEF NACHOS PISTON PLAYOFF FOOD

- 1 pound ground sirloin
- 2 jalapeno peppers, diced
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Mix peppers, coconut milk for Brazilian seafood stew

Here's a startling fact: great taste and good nutrition can coexist.

Many people assume that great tasting food and eating healthfully are incompatible. Not so. Since March is National Nutrition Month, it's the right time to take a look at the facts.

The American Institute of Cancer Research has just published a cookbook called *The New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life*.

The book is based on the premise that eating a variety of mostly plant-based foods – fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans and nuts – in the right proportion and portion sizes, can help you lower your risk of serious health problems and maintain a healthy weight. And, because the cookbook team that developed *The New American Plate Cookbook* includes people passionate about food as well as health and nutrition experts, the recipes create dishes that are full-flavored, filling and nutritionally sound.

The recipes support AICR's position that proportion on the traditional American plate is all wrong. This plate holds too much animal protein – and the saturated fat that comes with it – and too little plant food. As a result, this plate delivers too many calories, too much fat, and too few of the nutrients that keep us healthy.

The *New American Plate* is based on scientific evidence that suggests that a mostly plant-based diet is best for preventing both overweight and chronic disease.

The following revamp of a traditional Brazilian recipe changes the proportions of the dish so that it fits nicely on the *New American Plate*.

BRAZILIAN-STYLE SEAFOOD STEW

¼ pound skinless white fish filets (such as halibut, cod, or red snapper), cut into 1-inch pieces

Salt and freshly ground white pepper
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 tablespoons freshly

squeezed lime juice
3 garlic cloves, finely minced
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green bell pepper
½ cup chopped red bell pepper
½ cup chopped orange bell pepper
1 fresh serrano chile, seeded and diced,* or ¼ teaspoon cayenne, or to taste
1 garlic clove, mashed
1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes in juice
¾ cup unsweetened, reduced-fat coconut milk
½ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, loosely packed, divided
½ cup finely chopped fresh chives, loosely packed, divided
¾ pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
3 cups hot cooked long-grain brown rice

Sprinkle the fish with salt and pepper and let it stand a few minutes. In a large bowl, whisk together 2 tablespoons of the olive oil and the lime juice. Stir in the minced garlic cloves. Add the fish and stir to coat on all sides. Let it stand for 15 minutes.

In a large pot, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil over medium heat. Add the onion, bell peppers, chile, and mashed garlic. Sauté for about 5 minutes, stirring often, until the onion is translucent. Mix in the tomatoes with juice, coconut milk, ½ of the cilantro, ½ of the chives, the shrimp, and the fish and its marinade. Bring liquid to a simmer and cook gently for 5 to 7 minutes, until the fish and shrimp are opaque in the center. Take care not to overcook the seafood. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Place ½ cup of hot cooked rice in each of 6 shallow bowls. Ladle the stew on top of the rice. Sprinkle with the remaining cilantro and chives, and serve.

*Wear rubber gloves to handle fresh chiles and keep your hands away from your eyes. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 319 calories, 10 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 33 g. carbohydrate, 24 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 220 mg. sodium.

DESSERTS

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wheat flour and replaces unhealthy hydrogenated fats with canola oil and just enough butter to ensure good flavor and flakiness.

In the following recipe, elegant tartlets combine the luscious tastes of high-quality chocolate and fresh strawberries on top of a fat-free meringue – an alternative to high-fat shortcake.

The meringues are not difficult to make. Cream of tartar, found in the baking section of the supermarket, allows them to achieve their stiff consistency. To make successful meringues, be sure to start with clean, dry, grease-free equipment. If you prefer, substitute fresh or frozen blueberries or sliced peaches for the strawberries.

MERINGUE TARTLETS WITH STRAWBERRIES AND SHAVED CHOCOLATE

2 cups slice fresh strawberries
¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon, sugar, divided
4 large egg whites, at room temperature
Dash of cream of tartar
Dash of salt
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons shaved good-quality dark chocolate

Preheat the oven to 250°F. Cover a baking sheet with

parchment paper.

In a bowl, mix the strawberries with 1 tablespoon of the sugar. Refrigerate the strawberries until ready to use. In a large mixing bowl, combine the egg whites, cream of tartar, and salt and beat with an electric mixer at medium speed for about 1 minute, until the eggs are frothy. With the mixer at high speed, add the remaining ¼ cup sugar 1 tablespoon at a time, beating for 5 to 7 minutes, until stiff, glossy peaks form.

Drop the meringue onto the prepared baking sheet in eight 3- to 4-inch-diameter rounds, smoothing the edges. Bake for 1 hour. Turn the oven off, but leave the meringues in overnight or for about 12 hours. Do not open the oven door. If the meringues will not be served immediately, remove them from the oven and store in a tightly covered dry container until ready to serve.

When ready to serve, gently peel the meringues off the parchment paper. Top each meringue with ¼ cup strawberries and garnish with 1 teaspoon shaved chocolate, and serve. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 68 calories, 1 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 13 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 65 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. For more information, visit www.aicr.org

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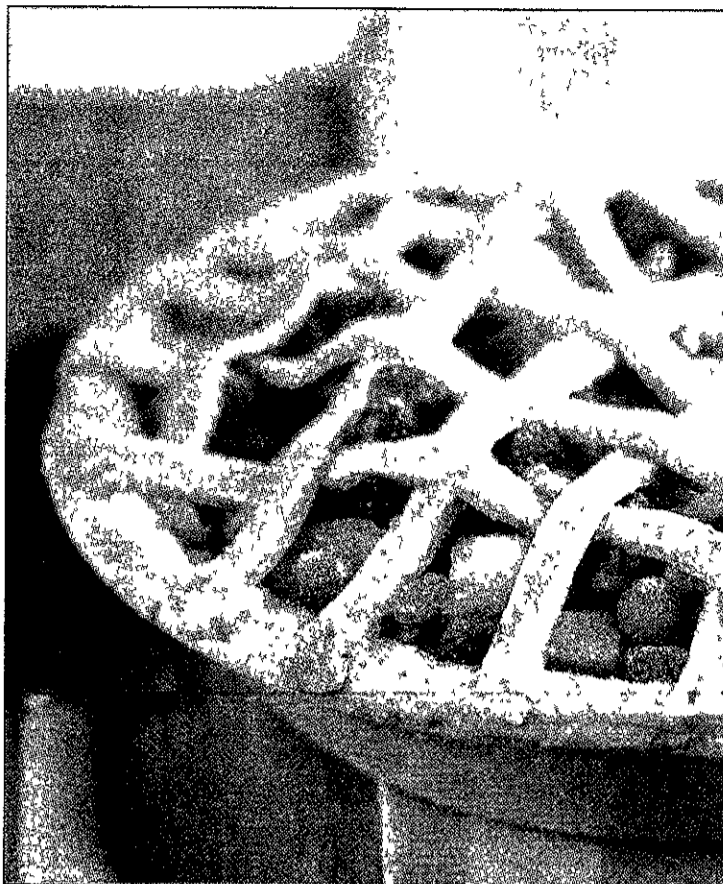
Cranberries are good any time of season

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

The secret to this win-win approach is a savvy but simple strategy: add fruit and nuts whenever possible, replace at least some refined flour with the more healthful whole-grain versions; replace saturated fats, like butter, with healthful oils whenever you can; and use just enough fat and sugar to please the palate without adding unnecessary calories.

Cranberries used to be considered a winter fruit, especially appropriate for the holidays of the season. But no more. This gem-like fruit offers so many health benefits that, with the availability of frozen and dried versions, we can eat cranberries throughout the year. Cranberry juice provides these same benefits, but the whole fruit includes fiber and phytonutrients that are diminished in processing for juice.

Cranberry-Apple Lattice Pie is so gorgeous, it will inspire you to start baking with cranberries. With only a lattice-style top crust, this dessert minimizes calories while maximizing flavor. Now that's a real win-win achievement.



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cloves and 1/4 cup of the cider. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and cook uncovered about 5 minutes or until some of the cranberries pop and the mixture is moist and bubbling. Stir well, cover, and cook 4 to 5 minutes or until the cranberries are soft. Mix in the walnuts. In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch with the remaining cider and mix it into the cranberry mixture. Cook about 2 minutes, stirring constantly, until thickened.

Lightly coat a 9-inch pie plate with canola oil spray. Add the filling, spreading it evenly and let cool for about 30 minutes. (Or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 24 hours. Bring the chilled filling back to room temperature before you bake it.)

Preheat the oven to 425°F. On a sheet of waxed paper, press the dough into a flat square. Cover with another sheet of waxed paper. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough out into a 6-by-10-inch rectangle. Remove the top sheet of waxed paper. Cut the dough into twelve 1/2-inch-wide strips. Lay 6 strips, even-

ly spaced, on the pie. (Lightly flour hands, if sticky.) Weave the remaining 6 strips through the first 6 strips to make a lattice. Trim away extra crust from the edges of the pie. With the remaining crust, make a border along the edge of the pie plate. Crimp the edges between your thumb and forefinger. Brush the crust with the beaten egg. Sprinkle the granulated sugar over the top of the pie. Set the pie on a baking sheet.

Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until the crust is golden. If the rim of the crust starts to brown too quickly, cover it loosely with strips of foil. Cool the pie on a wire rack for at least 20 minutes before serving.

Makes 10 servings.
Per serving: 301 calories, 9 g, total fat (less than 1 g, saturated fat), 56 g, carbohydrate, 4 g, protein, 4 g, dietary fiber, 48 mg, sodium.

Dana Jacobi is a writer for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

CRANBERRY-APPLE LATTICE PIE

- 1 bag (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries
- 3 medium yellow apples (such as Golden Delicious), peeled, cored, and chopped (about 5 cups)
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped candied (or crystallized) ginger
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup apple cider or frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- Canola oil spray
- Unbaked crust for a 9-inch pie
- Unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar

In a deep saucepan with a tight-fitting lid, combine the cranberries, apples, raisins, ginger, brown sugar, cinnamon,

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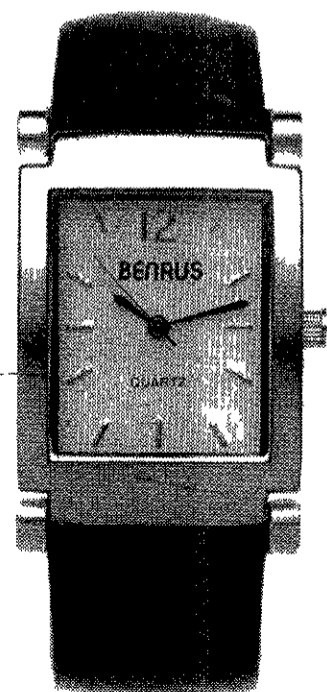
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Salem swimmers to soar at Air Force

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Only a small percentage of the roughly 13,000 high school seniors who apply annually at the United States Air Force Academy are accepted and granted much-coveted appointments to the prestigious school.

So it was an impressive accomplishment for the 2004-05 Salem boys swim team when two of its members — Nick Dixon and Matt Jurcak — received thumbs-up letters from the Air Force within the past week.

"Obviously, I was pleased that they both received appointments," said Salem swim coach Chuck Olson. "Considering how tough it is to get accepted there, for two guys from the same team — let



Jurcak

alone the same school — to be accepted is a nice honor.

"It's very well-deserved for both Nick and Matt, too. I couldn't have asked for more than they gave to our swim program the past four years. They're both outstanding young men."

Dixon and Jurcak, both of whom will continue their swimming careers at Air Force, began the long and complicated application process last summer.

"After you fill out the initial application, you have to take a physical, then they put you through a fitness test, and you need to be nominated by a senator," Jurcak said. "Then you have to write a



Dixon

couple of essays and fill out more applications. It was a lot to go through, but it all paid off in the end.

"I heard that around 13,000 high school seniors apply every year, but only about 1,300 are accepted."

Dixon said his high school varsity swimming experience was instrumental in getting accepted. "Over 80 percent of the students at Air Force were active in high school sports of some kind," he said. "One of the requirements is that they want their students to be physically active, so the fact that we swam in high school definitely helped Matt and I."

In June, the two Rocks will head to Colorado Springs, Colo., for six weeks of grueling basic cadet training.

"I'm very excited about getting the opportunity to attend the Air Force Academy," Jurcak said. "I'm sure I'll be a little nervous at the beginning, but I'm confident I have what it takes to do well there, both academically and swimming-wise."

Jurcak said that by the end of the first year, most students learn to fly a glider.

"During the fourth year, we should be in jets," he said.

Dixon said he is planning on earning a degree in political science. Jurcak is setting his sights on a degree in astronautical engineering.

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Sidelines

Whalers' thanks

After enjoying their best attendance since moving to Plymouth in 1996, the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers are holding a "Fan Appreciation Day" from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Compare Sports Arena.

Activities will include:

- Free open skating on the facility's NHL rink from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.;

- Player appearances and autograph sessions;
- Used equipment sale;
- Discounts on items in the Compuware Arena pro shop;
- Special prize raffles; and

- An appearance by Shooter, the team's popular mascot.

"Our Fan Appreciation open house is one of the ways we thank our fans for all the support they provide the team each season," said Rob

Murphy, the team's director of corporate sales and marketing. "The entire organization appreciates that our fans choose to spend part of their weekends with us from September through March. Our coaches, players and staff build relationships with our fans over the course of the season. The opportunity to say thank you to our fans for their support is an honor for us."

The Whalers set a single-season attendance mark this season when 109,699 fans attended 34 regular-season home dates — an average of 3,324 fans per game. The Whalers' previous high was set in 2002-03 when they drew 108,051 fans over 34 home dates for an average crowd of 3,178.

Williams soars

Albion College freshman Jacquelyn Williams, a graduate of Canton High School, helped the Britons' women's track-and-field team split a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association double-dual meet at the Elkin Isaac Track April 2. Williams cleared the bar at 9 feet, 2 inches to place third in the event.

PHS needs coaches

Plymouth High School is currently looking for a head coach for its varsity cheer team and a defensive backs coach for its varsity football team. Contact Plymouth High School Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Maccabi players

Players in the 13-16 age bracket are needed to complete the Maccabi girls softball team. Players can live anywhere in the metro Detroit area, but they must be Jewish and have to be 16 as of Aug. 1, 2005, to meet the top-end age requirement. Girls interested in playing for the Maccabi team should call either coach Rob Kaplan at (248) 514-7482 or coach Ron Silberstein at (248) 302-3344. The 2005 Maccabi Games will be played Aug. 7-12 in San Antonio, Texas.

2005 High School Baseball Opening Day

April reign

PCA triumphs in opener, 11-8

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Matt Saagman's official positions for the Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team are outfielder and pitcher.

On Monday afternoon, he also served as an extinguisher.

Saagman, a sophomore, doused a late Lutheran Westland rally with three innings of clutch relief pitching to lead the Eagles to an 11-8 opening-day victory over the Warriors. Saagman struck out five batters and stranded the potential lead runner on second in the Warriors' five-run fifth.

"Matt really bailed us out today," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "He got us out of a couple of jams, and he had three hits, too."

"Overall, I thought we looked a little rusty today, but I kind of expected it because we weren't able to get outside much the past couple of weeks. We held our ground, though, and got the win."

PCA catcher Aaron Ciborowski also had big day for the Eagles — both defensively and at the plate. Ciborowski, a senior, picked off two base runners and threw another out at third trying to steal. He also rocketed a long home run in the fifth inning. Stephen Sumner was also a tough out, going 3-for-5 with a home run, triple and single. Nathan Bixler went 2-for-4 with two runs, a double and two stolen bases for the winners.

Adam Zehel paced the Warriors' 10-hit attack by going 3-for-4. Andrew Mielke and Ryan Baglow



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Plymouth Christian Academy's Stephen Sumner is congratulated by teammate Aaron Ciborowski after scoring a run Monday afternoon in the Eagles' 11-8 victory over Lutheran Westland. Sumner ripped three hits and Ciborowski added along home run in the season-opener for both teams.

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, C3

Trott swings hot bat at Albion

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes, the simplest, most benign adjustment to a baseball player's swing can do wonders for his batting average, not to mention his future.

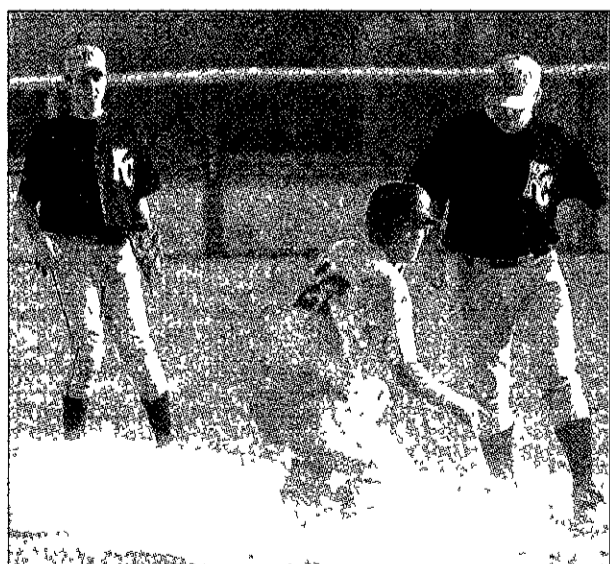
Case in point: Salem graduate and current Albion College standout Chris Trott, whose baseball stock skyrocketed several summers ago after he attended a camp at Central Michigan University.

"One of the coaches at the camp made a change in how I brought my hands through the hitting zone," Trott said, reflecting on the seemingly minor alteration that made a major impact on his swing. "I can't even explain what the change was, but I went from hitting between .250 and .300 my junior year at Salem to hitting around .500 the next year."

EYE-OPENER

Trott's productive senior season caught the attention of several collegiate programs, including CMU, the University of Detroit and Albion, the smallest of all of

PLEASE SEE TROTT, C3



Salem graduate Chris Trott has been a productive hitter at Albion College. After an injury-plagued freshman year, Trott has hit over .330 each of the past three seasons.

Coaches urged to report all results

All Plymouth, Canton and Belleville high school varsity spring athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their upcoming games and competitions to Plymouth and Canton *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright during the next two months.

Wright can be reached on weeknights between the hours of 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. at (734) 953-2108.

If Wright is taking a call from another coach when your call comes in, or if he is covering a game in person, please leave a message and he will return your call promptly.

Results can also be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to ewright@oe.homecomm.net.

"It's important that coaches take the five minutes or so it takes to report the results — whether or not their team plays at home or is on the road, win or lose — so that the area's young athletes get the recognition they deserve," Wright said.

The deadline for getting results in Thursday editions of the *Observer* is Tuesday at 11 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.

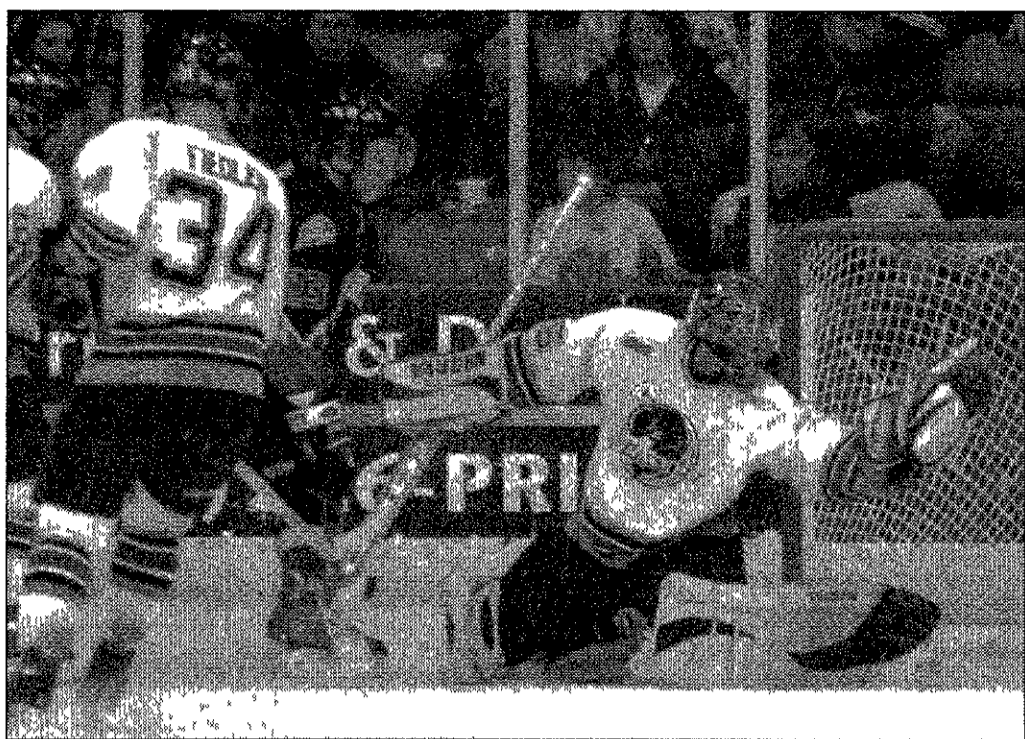


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Plymouth Whalers goaltender Ryan Nie, pictured making a save against Owen Sound, was named the most valuable player at the team's banquet Tuesday night. Nie posted a 2.56 goals-against average and recorded three shutouts.

Nie earns Whalers' most valuable nod

The Plymouth Whalers officially closed out the 2004-05 campaign with a season-ending awards banquet Tuesday evening at Ginopolis on the Ice restaurant at the Compuware Ice Arena.

Goalie Ryan Nie was voted the team's regular-season most valuable player after posting a 2.56 goals-against average, three shutouts and a .911 save percentage in 57 games.

Captain John Mitchell was honored for being the Whalers' regular-season scoring leader, compiling 25 goals and 50 assists in 63 games. Mitchell is the franchise's leader in games played with 258 and is seventh on the Whalers' all-time scoring list with 80 goals and 150 assists.

Other award recipients were:

■ **Best Defenseman** — Mike Knight (eight goals and 40 assists in 64 games);

■ **Scholar Athlete** — Tim Sestito, who attended Schoolcraft Community College full-time and maintained a 3.0-plus grade-point average;

■ **Rookie of the Year** — James Neal, who tallied 18 goals and 26 assists in 67 games;

■ **Most Improved Player** — Dan Collins, who scored 25 goals and 21 assists in 68 games;

■ **Labatt's Blue Collar Player of the Year** — Cory Tanaka, who recorded 10 goals and 11 assists in 67 games; and

■ **Alice Iafate Award (coverage player of the year)** — Tim Sestito, who scored a career high 18 goals with 18 assists in 67 games.

With the Whalers' season completed, Sestito, Mitchell, Fiedler and Knight are all making their pro debuts this spring. Sestito signed with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers of the American Hockey League and Mitchell with the St. John's Maple Leafs of the AHL. Both played last weekend with Sestito scoring a goal in two games, while Mitchell was scoreless in one game. Fiedler will make his professional debut this weekend with the Florida Everblades of the East Coast Hockey League, while Knight signed with the Greenville Grrrowl of the ECHL.

Plymouth players sweep

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's softball team traveled to Florida over spring break for a mini-spring training session.

The week in the sun paid dividends Tuesday afternoon when they swept a season-opening doubleheader from Ann Arbor Huron, 4-1 and 6-4.

"Our bats and defense kept us in both games today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "The team played together and we seemed to get stronger every inning. We were down 4-1 in the second game, but no one quit, we fought to the end and came back to win, which is the sign of a good team."

Pitcher Claire Ostrowski

picked up the mound victories in both games. She started and went the distance in the opener, striking out two while yielding just two hits. In the nightcap, Ostrowski relieved starter Alley Ciotti in the fourth and the Wildcats trailing 4-1. She shut down the River Rats over the final three innings.

Plymouth outhit Huron, 8-2, in game one. Madison Dresser and Kim Klonowski both rapped two hits a piece. The big blow came off the bat of Lauren Stemberger, who laced a two-run single in the top of the fifth to break a 1-1 deadlock and give the Wildcats a lead they would never relinquish.

Kim Olech also contributed a clutch RBI in the opening-game win.

Dresser was a thorn in the side of the River Rats in game two as well, contributing two hits, two RBI and a pair of stolen bases.

Rachel Juco went 2-for-4 with three RBI and two steals, and Olech chipped in with two safeties, including a triple. Danielle Bondy went 2-for-4 for the winners.

The Wildcats actually tallied nine runs in the second game, but the three runs they pushed across in the top of the seventh were wiped out when the game was called due to darkness in the middle of the seventh.

Plymouth is idle until April 18 when it hosts Walled Lake Western.

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PCA outslugs Warriors, 27-8

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If any rust accumulated on the Plymouth Christian Academy girls softball team's aluminum bats over the off-season, it wasn't apparent by the Eagles' season-opening performance Monday afternoon at Lutheran Westland.

PCA rapped out 20 hits on the way to a 27-8 victory over the Warriors, who were limited to just four safeties by Justine Cane.

"Overall, for the first game, I thought we did a good job," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "Justine threw a good game. She got a little tired late in the game, but that's to be expected

since this is her first year as a starter for us."

Cane also swung a hot bat for the Eagles, finishing 5-for-5 with a pair of over-the-fence home runs, three doubles and seven RBI.

"Lutheran Westland's coach (Paul Guse) told me after the game that Justine is the first player to hit one over the fence there," Hammar said, "so that was a pretty impressive performance she put on."

Liza Terkoski also had a big opening day for the Eagles, going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Brooke Harris added three hits, including a triple, and starting catcher Kristie Carnevale opened with a 2-for-5 effort.

"I had a freshman, Rachel MacDonald, who hit a double all the way to the fence," Hammar said.

PCA scored at least four runs in all five innings to hand Lutheran Westland starter Sarah Rider the loss. The Eagles posted seven runs in both the third and fifth frames.

The only rough spot for the Eagles was on defense as they committed six errors.

PCA hosts Huron Valley Lutheran this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. before traveling to Canton's Griffin Park to square off against Canton Agape on Friday.

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MU softball team takes pair

Madonna University's women's softball team continued its fine play with a sweep of Monday's double-header against visiting Concordia University, 4-2 and 8-4.

Leading the way was junior standout pitcher Erin Brockert, who went the distance in the opener, giving up just two runs on five hits and striking out five Cardinals.

She followed up Sunday's five-inning no-hitter against host Siena Heights University in the Crusaders' Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference opener.

Brockert, a native of Dayton, Ohio, was named the WHAC Pitcher of the week for the third time in her career following her no-hitter.

She struck out eight Siena Heights batters and fanned 19 over the course of the week.

In the first-game victory over Concordia, the Crusaders scored three runs in the second and a single run in the fifth to open up a 4-0 lead.

Garden City High School graduate and shortstop Lyndzee Smith knocked in a run with a double and both catcher Stephanie Day (2-for-2) and second baseman Stacey Sexsmith (2-for-3) enjoyed productive days at the plate.

Madonna scored in each of the first four innings in the second contest en route to the 8-4 triumph.

A nine-hit attack backed the pitching of sophomore Shannon Noder and Brockert (two innings of scoreless relief).

Farmington Hills Mercy alum and first baseman Krystal Shina sparked the Madonna offense with three hits and

three RBI. Chipping in with two hits was Day.

The sweep followed Sunday's twinbill against Siena Heights. The Crusaders took the opener, 8-0, behind Brockert's gem. She walked just two batters and struck out eight.

Madonna scored two runs in the first and broke it open with a five-spot in the third. Shina clubbed a double and triple among three hits in three trips while Brockert went 1-2 with three RBI.

The Saints (6-10, 1-1 in the WHAC) bounced back in the second game, 8-3, pinning the loss on Madonna's Noder. Both Brockert and Sexsmith collected two hits.

Brockert also sparked enough with the bat to be cited by the WHAC as one of the week's top offensive players. She went 8-for-12 with six RBI.



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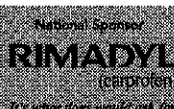
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TROTT

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his potential choices.

"I had a friend who went to school at Albion and he told me that I would love it there," Trott said. "When I went there



Trott

for my first visit, I found out right away that he was right. It didn't take me very long to decide that that was the school I wanted to attend."

Trott has flourished — both academically and athletically — at the small Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association college, which is located about 30 miles west of Jackson. On the field, he struggled with a back injury that limited him to just 13 games and a .172 batting average during his freshman year.

BETTER THAN AVERAGE

Once healthy, Trott's batting average rose faster than one of his patented in-the-gap doubles.

He hit .343 as a sophomore, .342 his junior season and his average is hovering around the .350 mark in this, his senior campaign.

Trott is also a stellar right fielder, having committed just three errors over the past three seasons.

"The biggest difference between high school baseball and college baseball is the level of pitching you face," Trott emphasized. "In high school, just about every pitcher you hit against is going to make at least one mistake you can take advantage of during an at-bat. But that's not necessarily the case once you get to college. They work you inside and outside and they usually have very good control. The most important thing you have to learn once you get to college is to hit the ball the opposite way with power."

"I made the most improvement during the summer after my freshman year at Albion. I played in a Livonia league with wood bats against a lot of

D1 pitchers. That's when I really learned how to hit."

ACADEMIC ACE

In the classroom, Trott has compiled an impressive 3.7 grade-point average while working towards a double major in political science and history.

"I'm planning on attending law school after I graduate from Albion," Trott said. "But first, I'm going to take a year off and do a few other things. I'm a big fan of umpiring, so I'm going to do some of that. I'm also going to do some job shadowing at a law firm."

"I've always said that the college years should be the best four years of a person's life, and that has absolutely been the case for me so far."

NO. 1 MEMORY

Trott said the highlight of his collegiate baseball career came last season when the Britons captured the MIAA crown after being picked to finish sixth in the conference during the pre-season.

"We had to beat Calvin in our last game to win the conference outright," he said. "If we lost, we would have shared first place. Well, we won 10-0 and it was the most unbelievable feeling of accomplishment."

Trott said he's already accepted the fact that he will be hanging up his spikes for the final time later this spring. It will be tough, he admitted, but he's ready to move on.

"I've been playing baseball for about 18 years now, so it's definitely given me more than my share of good times," he said. "I'll probably miss the competition the most, but I'm sure I'll find that in other things, like golf and racquetball. I'll miss the team unity, too."

Until that last at-bat arrives, Trott will continue to move his hands through the hitting zone at a prolific rate and make opposing pitchers wish he never would have attended that summer camp at Central Michigan University several years ago.

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BASEBALL

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both ripped a pair of hits for Lutheran Westland in Kevin Wade's debut as varsity coach.

PCA grabbed a 3-2 lead after one inning before padding its cushion to 7-2 with a four runs in the top of the fourth.

Trailing 8-3, the Warriors pushed five runs across in the fifth and had a runner on second with no one out when Johnston brought in Saagman, who derailed the threat.

Following a scoreless sixth inning, PCA scored three in the top of the seventh. Sumner accounted for the third run when his RBI single plated Bixler. Trevor Nill had a key infield single in the seventh and Jordan Johnston laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to put two runners in scoring position.

Derek Fleetham worked the first three innings for the Warriors and took the loss.

PCA outhit the Warriors, 16-10. Both teams struggled in the field as the Eagles committed eight errors while the Warriors chalked up five miscues.

YPSI CALVARY CHRISTIAN 10, AGAPE 7: The Wolverines banged out 13 hits, but were plagued by five errors — three

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in CC's four-run first inning — in the season-opening setback.

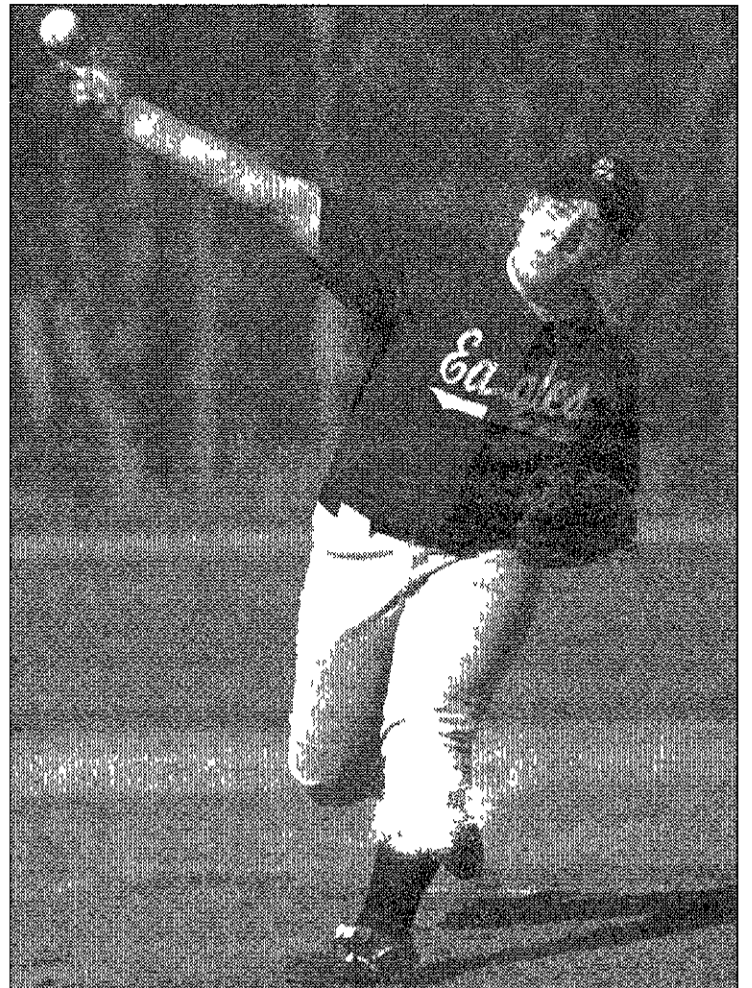
"It was disappointing to lose the opener," said Agape coach Scott Lewald. "We played six solid innings. Unfortunately, our one bad inning was the first."

Junior Kyle Miller started on the mound for the Wolves and yielded nine runs (four earned) in six innings of work. The lefty struck out six.

Offensively, Agape was led by Jack Anleitner, who walked four times and scored once, and Ryan Barber, who tallied three hits and a pair of RBI. Four players — Matt Molnar, Gabe Molnar, Kyle Miller and Jared Miller — ripped two hits a piece for the Wolves.

Agape returns to action Friday when it hosts Summerfield at 4:30 p.m. at Canton's Griffin Park.

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Plymouth Christian Academy senior Andrew Shumaker earned the opening-day start on the mound for the Eagles Monday afternoon against Lutheran Westland. Shumaker pitched well, but did not get a decision in PCA's 11-8 victory over the Warriors.

WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 7
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Huron Valley Lutheran at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 8
PCA at Warren Zoe Christian 4:30 p.m.
Summerfield at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 9
Canton at Swartz Creek (DH) 1:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 7
Huron Valley Lutheran at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 8
PCA at Canton Agape 4:30 p.m.
BOYS TRACK
Saturday, April 9
Patriot Relays at Franklin 9 a.m.
Canton, Plymouth at A.A. Pioneer Invite at Univ. of Mich. 10 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Saturday, April 9
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A.A. Pioneer Inv. at Univ. of Mich. 10 a.m.
Churchill, Plymouth at Mercy 1:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 7
Rochester at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at Birmingham Seaholm, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 8
Canton at Troy, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 9
Plymouth at Lake Orion Invite, 8 a.m.
Salem at Rochester, 2 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Saturday, April 9
Salem at Essexville-Garber Invite, 9 a.m.
PREP LACROSSE
Thursday, April 7
Novi at PCS, 6 p.m.
at Pioneer Middle School
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Thursday, April 7
Madonna at Bethel (Ind.) 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 9
Madonna at Siena Heights 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 10
Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 9
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood High School 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 10
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2005-06 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2005-06 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Salem should contend if key players stay healthy

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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BY ED WRIGHT
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PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

When Salem girls soccer coach Joe Nora talks about his primary goal heading into the 2005 season, he doesn't mention wins and losses.

"Staying healthy is the most important thing for us right now," said Nora, whose team was racked by a series of injuries to key players in 2004. "If we stay healthy, I think we can contend for a conference championship and district title."

The Rocks finished 11-6-1 last season, thanks largely to the play of departed seniors Marissa Sarkesian and Jordan Falcusan, both of whom are starting at Texas A&M University. Sarkesian was voted the Gatorade Player of the Year in Michigan while Falcusan's play earned her a spot on the Division 1 "Dream Team."

"We relied on them a lot last year," Nora said, "but now we have to move on. I'm confident that the players we have coming back will step up and lead us to a good season."

Second-year captain Kathryn Wheatley, a senior, is one of those returners. Wheatley was an offensive force when she first hit the soccer scene at Salem four years ago, but she has since found her niche on the defensive end of the field.

"Kathryn has done a tremendous job switching over to defense," Nora said. "She's our sweeper, so she's like the quarterback of the team. Having played forward before, she knows what the forwards on the other team are thinking, which makes her even more effective."

Also serving as captains for the Rocks will be senior forward Megan McCarthy, senior mid-fielder Amy Gizicki and senior mid-fielder Kelly Lepper.

"They're all very talented players and good leaders, too," Nora said.

Senior Alyssa Guerin will take over the net-minding responsibilities for the Rocks.

"She was our back-up last season, but she was good enough to start for most teams," Nora said. "She's a quality goal-keeper."

Other key returners for Salem include seniors Christine Wheatley (Kathryn's twin sister) and Ashley Stoychoff; juniors Kristin March, Tara Duncan and Andrea Gasparatto; and sophomore Kelly Adsit.

"Stevenson will be really tough again this season," Nora said, "but she was good ahead to the Western Lakes Activities Association race. "Churchill, Northville and Canton will also be tough."

PLYMOUTH

Wildcat coach John Delplace has 15 years of high school coaching under his belt, but he may be facing his most challenging task this season as the senior-less Wildcats embark on their first full year in the ultra-competitive WLA.

"We have a very young team," Delplace said, referring to his roster of 10 juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen. "I'm excited, but a little nervous, too. We'll definitely have our



Kristin March (7) is one of the top returning players for Salem's soccer team this spring.

Quinlan will stabilize the team from her mid-field position while Warner is set to share goal-keeping duties with junior Katie Hughes.

"We will rotate Brittany and Katie in goal," Delplace. "They'll probably both play a half of each game, at least at the start of the season."

Other key contributors this season will be Courtney Pickard, Val Klemmer, Chelsea Quinlan, Claire Baptist, Aubrey Warner, Chelsea Seesholtz, Chelsea D'Agostino, Kelly Buttermore and Megan Hill.

"We have a very difficult schedule, but I'm optimistic it's going to be a good overall season," Delplace said. "It's going to take a little time for the girls to find their place on the team and feel comfortable playing with one another."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN

The Eagles finished 8-7-2 overall last year and 6-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

"We have 11 girls back from last year's team, plus we have three or four good freshmen, so I think we can improve on last year's record," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "One of our goals is to get to 10 wins, which I think is realistic."

Four seniors return to the starting line-up for the Eagles: Anna Dempsey, Holly Johnson, Katie Polera and Lauren Soblesky.

Also playing key roles for the Eagles will be goalie Sarah Ross, sweeper Sarah Roth, sophomore Abby Lorion — a second-team All-MIAC performer as a freshman — Katie McDougall, Amanda Yu, Lauren Beckett, Karen Cleary, Ashley James, Melissa Zylka and freshman Megan Polera.

The Eagles open their season April 12 at Birmingham Roeper.

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hands full in the Western Lakes. It will be the first time we will be playing against teams like Salem, Canton, Stevenson and Churchill."

The Wildcats will be captained by junior Colleen

Flaherty and sophomores Chelsea Quinlan and Brittany Warner.

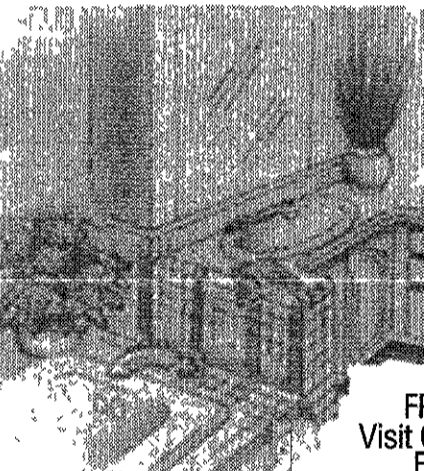
"Colleen is a good team leader," Delplace said. "She's very well-respected by her teammates, is a hard worker and is very devoted to team play."

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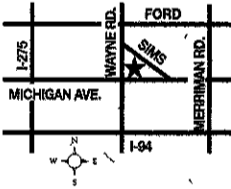


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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF
WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF PIERCE
JUVENILE DEPARTMENT**

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

1. BRETT WILLIAM PLUMMER SR, natural father, of TAYLOR CASEY; DOB: 10/20/00; Cause No. 04-7-01934-0; Termination Petition filed 12/2/04.
2. BRETT WILLIAM PLUMMER SR, alleged father, of MADISON CASEY; DOB: 12/30/02; Cause No. 05-7-00271-2; Termination Petition filed 12/2/04.

AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship has been filed alleging your child to be dependent and praying that an order be issued declaring said child to be dependent and that all parental rights be terminated and said child be declared under the jurisdiction of the court for such disposition as the court deems best.

You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. In order to defend your parental rights, you are summoned to appear at a court hearing at 8:30 a.m. on April 28th, 2005, at the Juvenile Court, 5501 - 6th Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98406. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter an order without further notice to you.

You have the right to speak on your own behalf, to introduce evidence, examine witnesses, and receive a decision based solely on the evidence presented. You have a right to have a lawyer represent you at the hearing and help you by looking at the files, talking to involved parties, helping you to understand your rights and the law. If you cannot afford a lawyer, the court will appoint one to represent you. To get a court appointed lawyer, contact: Department of Assigned Counsel, 949 Market Street, Suite 334, Tacoma, Washington 98402 at (253) 798-6062. You may contact the Department of Children and Family Services, 1949 South State Street, Tacoma, Washington 98405 - at 1-800-428-6246 for more information about your child.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2005

Deputy County Clerk
Margaret Barlow

Publish: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2005

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The Westland International Association of Fire Fighters, the Westland Police Officers Association and High Velocity Sports will be hosting a flag-football tournament Friday in an effort to raise money for the Metro Detroit North District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at HVS, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Metro Detroit North District of the MDA covers over 70 percent of Oakland County and one-third of Wayne County. Support from the community enables the MDA to offer the most comprehensive patient services to local families.

Services include: a week-long summer camp for children between the ages of 6 and 21 at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich.; support groups; an MDA clinic at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders (MIND); clinics at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan; and funding for medical equipment.

If you would like to participate in this fund-raiser, call (248) 354-0950.

10-STAR HOOP CAMP

Applications are currently being evaluated for the 10-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, an invitation-only camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years old. Past participants of the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

The closest Observerland 10-Star camp will be held in Ypsilanti.

For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.

GCYBSA SIGN-UP

Over 1,400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too late to sign up.

To register, visit csc.cantonmi.org for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate.

The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf."

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at www.Top50jrTour.com.

Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

The tour is presented by the PGA Michigan Section and the National Golf Scholarship Association (NGSA).

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

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All-Area girls volleyball team comes up all aces

FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Mack, 6-0 Sr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The senior posted school records for total kills (580), kills per game (51), total aces (162) and aces per game (1.8).

Mack, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association selection, All-Region and third-team All-Stater (Class A), ranks seventh in the MHSAA' season record book for aces (seventh) and kills. Her 28 kills on a three-game match as a junior also puts her 12th in the MHSAA record book.

The team MVP was also part of the Chargers' Academic All-State team.

"Kelsey leaves Churchill as one of the most accomplished players, as well as distinguishing herself as the most dominate player in the Western Lakes the past two seasons," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "She helped lead our team to three consecutive regional finals and three straight undefeated conference championships. She is a tireless worker who has been a pleasure to coach."

Jeanine Moise, 5-11 Jr. OH, Plymouth: The junior earned All-WLAA and All-Region honors for her outstanding play around the net this season. She compiled 568 kills, 398 digs, 145 solo blocks and 104 block assists.

Moise was voted the Wildcats' Offensive Player of the Year and MVP for the third consecutive season.

"Jeanine is a very dynamic athlete who brings many offensive and defensive strengths to our team," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "This past season she was a definite offensive threat to our opponents and led the team in all offensive categories. I'm looking forward to working with Jeanine in her senior year and see many great things coming from this all-around athlete."

Maria Mezzadri, 5-9 Jr. MB, Liv. Stevenson: Earning first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year, Mezzadri racked up some impressive numbers as a junior including 452 kills (814-1,012 attacks), 36 aces (353-for-374 serving), 70 solo blocks (271-for-315) 206 digs (out of 340 attempts) and eight assists (42-for-420).

Mezzadri also tied a team record with 14 kills in a game and was voted the team's best offensive player.

She also earned All-WLAA, All-Region and honorable mention All-State (Class A) honors. The scholar-athlete also to the All-Region Academic Team.

"It has been a pleasure to coach Maria these last two seasons," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She has improved so much from her sophomore year. Last year she came in and started, and did a fantastic job. This year, being a seasoned veteran, she showed great confidence and was a major threat at the net."

"She has the ability to hit several types of attack and be very effective with all. She has also improved playing in the backcourt as well. She can jump-serve when she wants and plays aggressive defense. She is such a hard worker and is very committed to improving herself every more."

"I am excited that I have her for one more year and know she will be an even bigger asset for us with another year under her belt."

Jenny Swartz, 5-11 Jr. MB, Westland Glenn: The All-WLAA pick became one of the area's premier players this season leading the Rockets with a total of 288 kills, 173 digs and 90 blocks.

"Jennifer is the total package, she can carry a team," Glenn coach Ron Ruppel said. "When we need to put the ball away, we went to her. She's probably the most dominant player I've ever coached. And she's an all-around player."

Lindsay Fletemier, 6-4 Jr. MB, Garden City: The multi-talented Fletemier dominated play in the front row, registering 376 kills and 106 blocks.

She also contributed 65 aces to lead the Cougars and chipped in on defense with 111 digs.

Among postseason honors, Fletemier was selected All-Mega, All-Region, All-State honorable mention and team MVP. She also was named to the Academic All-Region team.

"We went to Lindsay a lot," said Garden City head coach John Pace. "She never let us down. I have never coached someone so dominant on the net. Her blocking and attacking skills are amazing."

Lauren Boehmer, 6-0 Soph. MB, Liv. Ladywood: The two-year varsity player has started every match as a freshman and sophomore.

This season Boehmer averaged three kills per game with a strong .333 hitting percentage. She also had a total of 44 solo blocks for the season.

"Lauren is a tremendous athlete," she was our primary offensive threat. As a sophomore, she carried a lot of the offensive responsibilities, never playing like an underclassman."

Kristyna Archer, 5-9 Sr. S/OH, Liv. Churchill: The four-year varsity player finished her senior year with a total of 624 assists, 124 kills and 345 digs en route to All-WLAA, All-Regional and Academic All-State Team (MIVCA) honors.

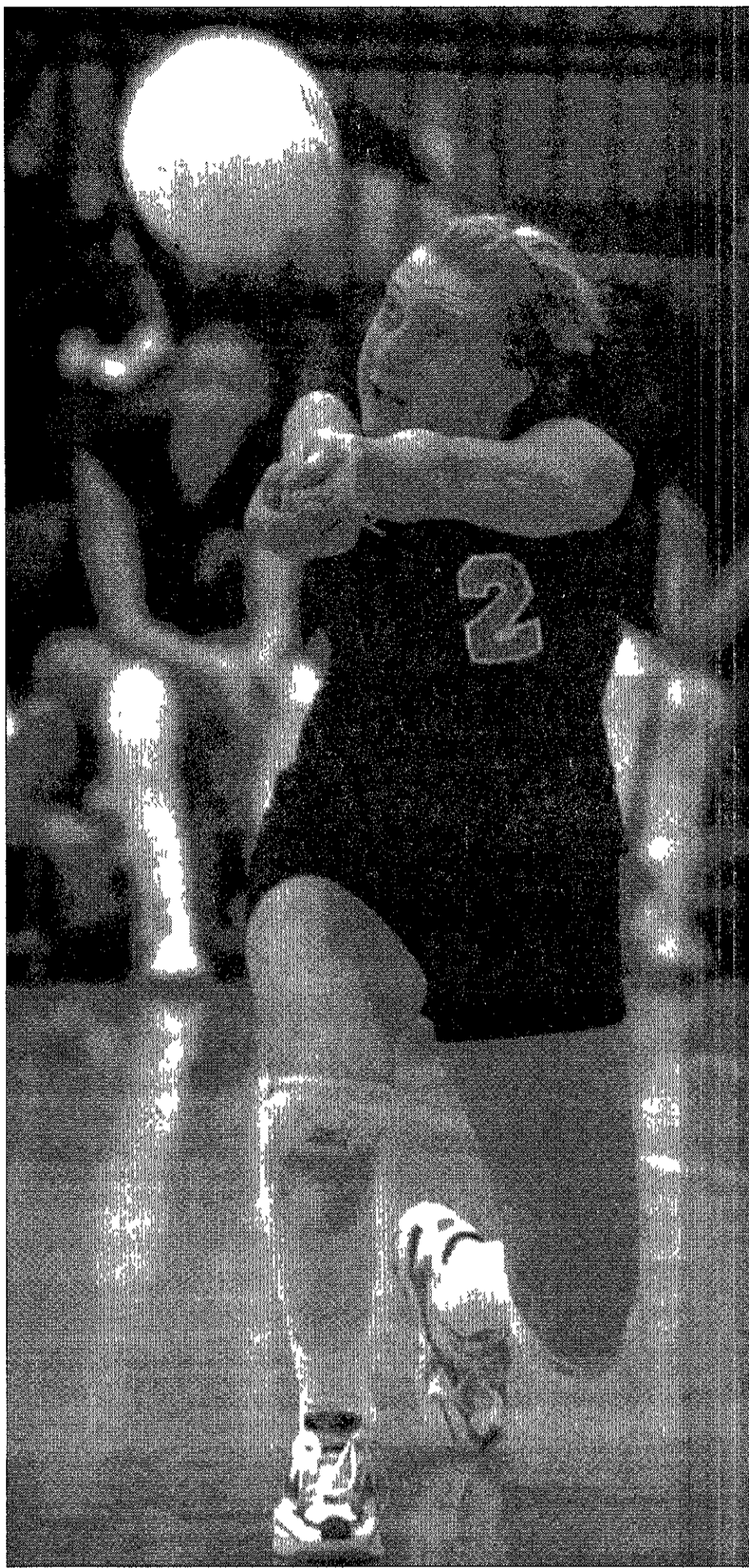
"Kristyna has been the glue for Churchill volleyball the past four years," Grenier said. "She has played an instrumental role in our success over the years. She has been a starting setter the past three seasons, leading Churchill to three consecutive regional finals and three undefeated conference titles."

"She is an outstanding athlete who has great range as a setter. And because she can jump out of the gym, she has the ability to put the ball to the floor as a very effective attacker. Kristyna was one of our captains and a great leader both on the court and off the court."

Madison McCoy, 5-7 Sr. OH, Red. Thurston: McCoy sparked the Eagles to the co-championship in the Mega Blue, leading the squad in hitting attempts (829), kills (189), serves (400) and digs (510).

She also was named to the All-Mega team and her teammates selected her MVP of a very balanced team that head coach Scott Gray led to a 23-14-5 record.

"Without a doubt Madison was our MVP," Gray said.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Churchill's Kristyna Archer earned first-team All-Observer honors and helped the Chargers to the WLAA and Class A district titles.

"She's an exceptional all-around player who plays phenomenal defense and is more than capable of hitting the volleyball on the front line. She's an excellent player."

Lauren Price, 5-7 Sr. OH, Salem: Price never left the court for the Rocks as her all-around skills benefited the young team from the back row and front. The junior captain averaged 5.3 kills, 9.9 digs and 3.6 aces per match.

"I can't say enough about how hard Lauren worked," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. "She would stay late after practice on her own to get extra reps. She pushed herself so hard and it motivated the other players. She's a great motivator, both verbally and with her play on the court."

Katie Tuomi, 5-7 Sr. OH, Liv. Clarenceville: The senior earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year.

She was also selected co-MVP of the Metro Conference along with Heather McDaniel of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

In 44 matches, Tuomi served a total of 121 points (including 85 aces), had 119 kills and 107 blocks as the Trojans finished 28-16 overall and 5-3 in the Metro.

"Katie is an outstanding and relentless student-athlete with a strong work ethic and a desire to succeed," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "Without that combination in every program, you wouldn't be successful."

"She's also a phenomenal student. I wouldn't trade her for any win or victory for the opportunity to coach her."

Liz Dempsey, 5-9 Soph. MH-OH, Liv. Franklin: The 5-9 sophomore emerged as one of the best in the Western Division of the WLAA as she played both middle and outside.

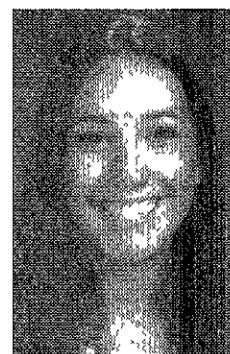
Dempsey's hitting percentage for the season was .490. She also served at a .935 clip to go along with an .810 serve reception percentage.

"Lisa is an incredibly talented and complete player," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Statistically, she led the team in all categories except setting."

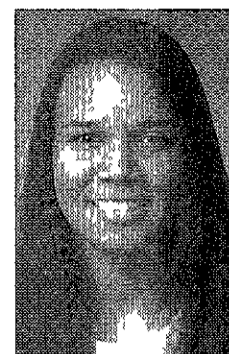
"Her modest demeanor, yet aggressive play cemented the team. Her versatility, athleticism, team-oriented attitude and consistency make her an exceptional player. Lisa will be a dominant force in the coming years."

Teresa Coppelle, 5-10 Soph. OH, Salem: A captain, Coppelle racked up 287 digs and 224 kills this season, her second on varsity. She also displayed her versatility by compiling 37 solo blocks and 78 service aces.

"She was one of our most impressive players this season," Peterson said. "She could put the ball away when we really needed it. One of the biggest things she brought to our team was confidence, which seemed to rub off on everyone else. She was the rock everyone else would lean on when things got tough."



Kelsey Mack Churchill



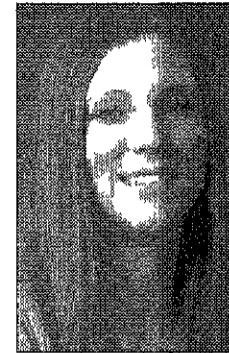
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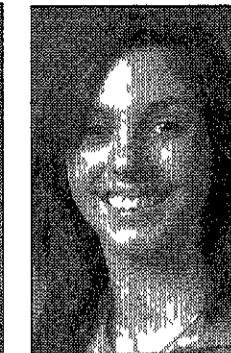
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Churchill coach Grenier earns season accolades

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill coach Mark Grenier entered the 2004-05 girls volleyball campaign with some trepidation, but those fears were quickly erased.

"This season was marked by some uncertainty as the season began since we lost so many seniors (seven)," said Grenier, who was coming off a 50-8-2 record. "However, with the leadership of the three outstanding seniors and the athletic ability of the nine new-kids, I felt that we would be O.K. once some of the younger kids got some varsity experience."

Grenier, named Observer Coach of the Year by the sports staff, guided the Chargers to a 37-8-3 record. Under Grenier, Churchill has won back-to-back Western Lakes Activities Association crowns and a pair of Class A district championships.

Churchill has also reached two straight regional finals.

"I'm very proud of the team's accomplishments because they practiced hard, worked together



Mark Grenier Coach of Year

and played as a team," he said. "They were a pleasure to coach."

Grenier, who replaced 27-year veteran Mike Hughes at Churchill, had previous stints as a head coach at Taylor Center, Warren Mott and Detroit Dominican. The former Redford Catholic High running back also was an assistant coach for three seasons at Wayne State (1990-93).

Losing two first-team All-Area performers in Kelsey Mack and Kristyna Archer will test Grenier's coaching skills even more as he enters the 2005-06 season.

"I'm looking forward to next season as we return a young, hard-working, experience core of kids that will help us stay very competitive," he said. "In addition, our JV team had an outstanding season and I look forward to bringing some of those kids into the mix."

2004-05 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Mack	6-0	Sr	OH	Liv Churchill
Jeanine Moise	5-11	Jr	OH	Plymouth
Maria Mezzadri	5-9	Jr	MB	Liv Stevenson
Jenny Swartz	5-11	Jr	MB	John Glenn
Lindsay Fletemier	6-4	Jr	MB	Garden City
Lauren Boehmer	6-0	So	MB	Liv Ladywood
Kristyna Archer	5-9	Sr	S/OH	Liv Churchill
Madison McCoy	5-7	Sr	OH	Red Thurston
Lauren Price	5-11	Jr	OH	Clarenceville
Katie Tuomi	5-7	Sr	OH	Liv Franklin
Liz Dempsey	5-9	So	MH/OH	Liv Franklin
Teresa Coppelle	5-10	So	MH/OH	Salem
SECOND TEAM				
Amand Rubalcava	5-6	Sr	DS	Redford Union
Laura McKendry	5-9	Sr	OH	Canton
Ashton Judis	5-5	Sr	S	Liv Stevenson
Kelsey Ramthun	5-8	Sr	OH	Luth Westland
Sarah Haskins	5-8	Jr	S	Plymouth
Amanda Campbell	5-9	Sr	RS	John Glenn
THIRD TEAM				
Julie Bahbah	5-8	Jr	OH	Ply Christian
Jean Carrier	5-9	Jr	OH	Red Thurston
Becky Schultiz	5-6	Jr	OH	Huron Valley
Stephanie Price	5-8	Sr	S	Canton
Courtney Provencher	5-11	So	MB	Garden City
Erin Henneberger	5-10	So	OH	Ladywood
COACH OF YEAR				
Mark Grenier				Livonia Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Kelly Archer, Brynn Kerr, Lauren Krupsky, Franklin: Trisha Morrill, Jaleece Lavine, Ashley Bonsail, Megan Kmet, Stevenson: Jenny Perkins, Beth Prost, Jamie Radley, John Glenn: Heather London, Errin Phillips, Devin Ross, Wayne Memorial: Amber Day, Carrie Lauberts, Olivia LaFortune, Jena Trudell, Ladywood: Julie St Onge, Megan Hodges, Teri Rhodes, Clarenceville: Jessica Gutierrez, Lisa Rotenheber, Amanda Moody, Lutheran Westland: Elyse Gieschen, Megan Bahr, Becky Haller, Rachel Siefloff, Huron Valley: Amanda Gruenewald, Canton: Andrea Johnson, Marie Martin, Molly Conlon, Salem: Lauren Kurtz, Plymouth: Janet Hanchett, Lindsey Vogelsberg, Plymouth Christian: Kelsie Tietjen, Agape Christian: A.J. Krepis, Danielle Henry, Garden City: Alisha June, Christina Sawaf, Kendall Yaslinek, Redford Union: Kirsten Gwizdala, Thurston: Katie Moran, Natallie Wasio, Julia Kurhak, Lisa Hellen, Janay White

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EMU hosted PBA World Championships

One of the premier events of bowling culminated Sunday at the Convocation Center of Eastern Michigan University for the Professional Bowlers Association World Championships.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

The event was broadcast on ESPN-TV.

In a super-charged week of bowling, the usual pro-am competitions were staged last Saturday and Sunday at Taylor Lanes, followed by several days of qualifying.

Then, the top echelon of bowlers went to match play to determine the finalists for the TV show.

The women are starting to invade what was previously an all-male event, as five of the former Ladies Pro Tour veterans are entered in this one including Liz Johnson, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and her sister Cathy Dorin-Lizzi, along with Kelly Kulick and West Bloomfield's own Cheryl Daniels, a finalist runner-up from two weeks ago in Grand Rapids.

PBA Hall-of-Famer Tom Baker is the defending cham-

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One sure favorite is Mika Koivuniemi, originally from Finland, but now residing in nearby Hartland.

Koivuniemi is the current PBA Player of the Year and has been seen consistently this year in the TV finals.

Many of the local bowlers showed up to bowl in the pro-am events including myself, bowling opposite Eric Hoffmann of Sterling Heights, who is severely challenged visually.

In fact, Hoffmann is legally blind. I was spotting the pins for him, as he suffers from angular closure glaucoma.

His wife, Nancy acts as his eyes, but he acts as her legs as she is wheelchair-bound because of spina bifida and is unable to walk.

Together, they are able to get around and do things, as well as being regulars to the bowling center.

Eric has very good mechanics in his delivery and can see the lane dots enough to deliver the ball on target often enough to score pretty well, averaging 164 last year at Astro Lanes.

It is an inspiration to see a devoted couple like the Hoffmanns who love this sport and are willing to participate under the most severe handicaps.

Nancy cannot bowl, but she is there for Eric, cheering for and encouraging him all the way. Next time you able-bodied bowlers complain, just think about how lucky you are to just have the lane conditions to worry about.

■ Out of 204 pros, there were 41 entrants from Michigan with Mark Moore of Macomb Township as the tournament's top three-day qualifier. He automatically goes into the sweet 16. His 27-game total pinfall was 6,020.

Do any of these lesser-known local PBA members have a chance against such luminaries as Walter Ray Williams, Brian Voss, Parker Bohn III, Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Amleto Monacelli and others?

Any pro bowler is capable of going on a hot streak and anything is possible.

Regardless of the outcome, it is a chance for our local players to get this big tournament experience without all the travel expenses.

■ When will somebody from

the Detroit area ever bowl a perfect 900 series?

That would be 36 out of 36 possible straight strikes.

It has been done nationally seven times, all in the last few years and some locals have come close.

On March 29, Scott Jones, 17, of Livonia, fired 34 strikes on his way to an astounding three-game series of 859 at Wayne Bowl.

He had the first 20 strikes, then left a terrible split in the ninth frame of the second game, leaving his only open frame. Scott's scores were 300-260-299, and the final ball was a solid pocket hit, leaving only the eight-pin.

Jones felt so bad about the split, which he called a "soft shot," and it cost him a chance at the all-time high records for youth bowlers.

This was quite a feat and Scott credits his mom, Pam, for reminding him to "follow through on his delivery," with his new ball, a Brunswick Absolute Inferno.

Scott has been accepted by Saginaw Valley State University this fall where he will be continuing his education and bowling with the Cardinals' team, one of the best collegiate bowling programs in the nation.

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

Greene's big effort not enough for MU

Western Michigan University was nearly Greene with envy, but the host Broncos were able to hold off Madonna University's baseball team, 8-5, Wednesday at Hyames Field in Kalamazoo.

Junior right fielder Joe Greene went 4-for-5 on the day for MU, but it wasn't enough as the Crusaders dropped their third straight game, including the second in a row to a Mid-American Conference opponent.

WMU is 6-11 overall, while the Crusaders fall to 14-4.

The Broncos jumped on MU starter Jason Bardon for three runs in the first inning for a quick 3-0 lead.

Madonna answered the Bronco attack with three runs of its own in the second inning when Todd Kalmbach and Kellen Fry led off with back-to-back singles. Both runners advanced a base on a groundout by Gary Van Allen. After a walk to Matt Humenay (Livonia Churchill) to load the bases, catcher Nick Hippler (Farmington High) delivered a two-run double and would later score on a groundout by Mike Cauzillo tying the game at 3-3.

WMU added a run in the third and three more in the fourth to take a 7-3 advantage. The fourth-inning outburst came at the hands of the

game's eventual losing pitcher Kyle Fedorka (2-1), who surrendered four earned runs in 1.1 innings of work.

The pitching carousel continued for the Crusaders, who used a total of six hurlers on the day, combining to strike out five Bronco hitters along the way.

The MU bats came alive again in both the fifth and seventh innings as Greene did the honors by knocking in both runs on a solo homer in the fifth followed by an RBI single in the seventh.

MU had the tying run at the plate in both the eighth and ninth innings, but stranded a total of four runners.

Western's Dan Coberly picked up the victory, his first. Fry added three hits in the loss, while Humenay had two. Second baseman Jason Barbeau, who went 1-for-5, also extended his team-high hit streak to six games.

Matt Bolton went 3-for-5 with a pair of RBI for WMU. Andy Roy added three hits, while Adam Rosales knocked in three runs.

MU played for the second consecutive day without starting left fielder Tony Kern (back spasms) and starting catcher Justin Fabian (shoulder). Both are listed as day-to-day.

For the second straight

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Masonry for Central Middle School**. Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after April 11, 2005 by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. All bids should include 3 copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) and are due to the PCCS E.J. McClelland Educational Center, RE: Central Masonry Bid, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2005 where they will be read publicly. No bids will be accepted after that date and time. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees shall be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 to make a determination as to whether the Charter Township of Plymouth Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall use local site remediation revolving funds pursuant to a Brownfield Plan for Fire Station No. 2 underground storage tank monitoring and free product recovery by way of additional response activity as established in the Plan all as allowed by PA 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended (Brownfield Act). Members of the public are welcome to attend. The property not being subject to tax, no specific notice is being given to any taxing jurisdictions.

Dated: _____ Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (April 25, 2005), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

L-332 Michelle Sensabaugh	Misc Household Items
K-385 Pamela Grisham	Household Items
K-394 Robert DeBenedet	Furniture

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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
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., April 21st, 2005 for the following:

DEMOLITION OF 5645 BECK ROAD

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Department of Public Safety until 5:00 p.m., Thursday April 21st, 2005 for the following:

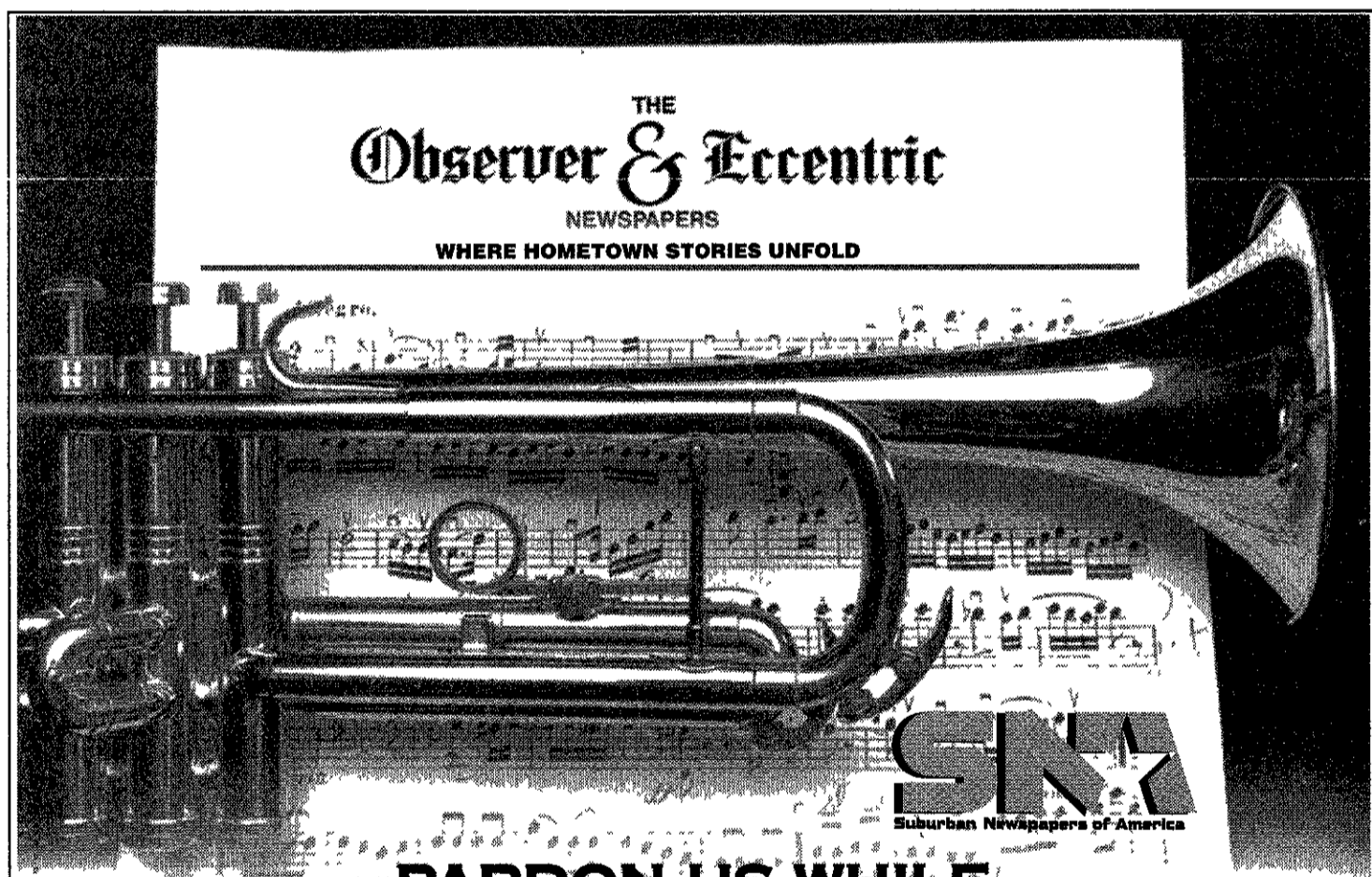
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The specifications are available at the Public Safety Department or you may contact Anna Stump at (734) 394-5448. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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PARDON US WHILE WE TOOT OUR OWN HORN.

We grabbed our horn because we've just received the results of the 2004 Suburban Newspapers of America's (SNA) annual competition.

Our staff received nine awards for excellence in journalism in 2004. What makes this even more exciting is that of the 2,246 entries, **we brought home more awards than any other non-daily newspaper in the state.**

And here they are:

Best Lifestyle Section
Susan Steinmueller - Second Place, Birmingham Eccentric

Best Entertainment Section
Third Place - Filter, Keely Schramm, Nicole Stafford, Lana Mini, Stephanie Tardy, Megan Pennefather, Randy Masters, Dan Dean

Best Editorial Writing Second Place - Troy Eccentric
"Stop Recall, Insure Freedom, Don't Mess With Charter"

Best Column Writing
Third Place - Sandy Armbruster, Troy Eccentric

Best Editorial Page Cartoon
Second Place, Geof Brooks "Budget Cartoon."

Best Opinion Column
First Place - Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Community Editor

Best Sports Writing
First Place, Jim Toth, Troy/Rochester Special Editor Sports
"Court Ruling."

Best Sports Writing
Second Place - Ed Wright, Plymouth/Canton Special Editor/Sports "Aluminum Bat Usage Spurs Debate."

Journalist of the Year
Third Place - Kurt Kuban, Canton Community Editor

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Burton backs prep hockey in hometown

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Who would be the next Joe Burton to emerge from Garden City High School and succeed in professional hockey if given the chance?

The first step, of course, is for district administrators to approve a citizen committee's proposal to launch the sport at Garden City.

Recently, the school board pushed the plan from the front burner to the back burner.

Hockey now won't be added for 2005-06, and there's no guarantee it ever will be added to the athletic program. But the proposal, spearheaded by Garden City councilman and youth hockey coach Charlie Wasczenski, will be studied along with all other current or future prep offerings, with a close eye toward Title IX gender equity rules and district coffers.

Perhaps Burton himself will be paying attention to whatever develops in his hometown.

"Charlie Wasczenski's had a

big push in that," Burton said about the idea of high school hockey coming to GCHS. "I grew up with him and played hockey with him (in the Garden City Youth Association) and I hope it goes well."

Burton, a 1985 graduate of Garden City, is wrapping up a successful comeback this season with the United Hockey League's expansion Motor City Mechanics.

After returning home to Michigan and taking a year off from the pro grind, he jumped back into the fray this winter. The 37-year-old is finishing the season with an offensive flourish, with 34 goals and 25 assists in 72 games entering Wednesday's home finale against Muskegon. With one more goal, the 5-foot-7 forward will have scored 600 goals in his minor pro career — good for eighth place on the all-time minor league goal-scoring parade. He would be the first American-born player to reach that milestone.

UNDER THE RADAR

But his homecoming story generally is getting overlooked in metropolitan Detroit because of guys named Chris Cheios, Derian Hatcher, Sean Avery and Bryan Smolinski, who have understandably hogged all the media spotlight since signing on with the Mechanics in early February.

That's OK with Burton, who loves the NHL connection going on right now at "The Garage" in Fraser. It's helped a team that started the year ice cold (3-21) get just warm enough to make a spirited run at the postseason — which is what professional players at any level live for.

"It's been fun, these guys (the NHLers) are great in the room," Burton said. "And ... I've played a long time and you kind of still marvel at some of the plays they make. Plus we're winning, so it's been a lot more fun to come to the rink."

Also OK with him is Wasczenski's ongoing push to bring varsity hockey to Garden City High School.

"When I was growing up, I wasn't sure what I was doing," Burton continued. "I don't know

if I would have played (at GC) or not. A lot of guys kind of go the junior route, but high school hockey has been getting a lot better."

Burton said he would even consider helping coach a high school program once his career ends. But he still would like to play another year for the Mechanics, if they'll bring him back.

The team might be building something worth sticking around for.

"If I play again, 90 percent it will be here," he said, "because my family is rooted here and that was the main reason I came back this season."

Joe, his wife Julie and their two children are living in the same Garden City home he grew up in. That family connection is palpable even at Fraser's Great Lakes Sports City.

Following the Mechanics' 10-2 thrashing Saturday of Richmond, in which Burton scored a pair of third-period goals, among those greeting him in the corridor were his two boys, ages 5 and 3. Also there were his dad, sister and other friends who made the 40-mile trip from Garden City.



DAVID BIRDSORG

Motor City Mechanics forward Joe Burton, a 1985 graduate of Garden City, is wrapping up a successful comeback this season with the United Hockey League's expansion Motor City Mechanics.

PERHAPS SOMEDAY

Burton's family values and low-key persona are just a couple of reasons why Wasczenski — who learned the sport from Burton's dad as a youngster — thinks he would be ideal to help out any future high school team, or to coach in the GCYA if he wants to.

"Last year, when Joe returned to Michigan, he came out to a few practices and helped out with drills for our team," said Wasczenski, coach of the

Garden City Goldwings. "I spoke to him about a week ago about coming back out again and orchestrating some practices. (And) Joe would be a great fit for the high school program."

Because of the uncertainty of his own situation and that of the plan to bring varsity hockey to Garden City, there is no rush for Burton to commit one way or another.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-March 29, 2005

A Study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. 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, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (arrived at 7.18 p.m.) Staff Present: Director Conklin, Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Sean Fletcher, Brad Sharpe, Greg Hohenberger, John LaFever, Director Faas, Tom Casari, Bob Belair Others Present: Aaron Sprauge, WTUA, Doug Dail, Wade Trim, Kelly McRob-Ackland, Wade Trim, Steve Kalimowski, Wade Trim

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:**

Item 1. ADDENDUM TO OFFER TO PURCHASE MICHIGAN AVENUE - CANTON CENTER PROPERTY, 6.72 ACRES - TAX IDENTIFICATION #71-134-99-0014-000 (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the addendum to the Offer to Purchase Real Estate, consisting of approximately 6.72 acres, located at Michigan Avenue-Canton Center Road, Tax Identification #71-134-99-0014-000 Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: Item 1. COMMUNITY ROAD MAINTENANCE JURISDICTION MAP.** At the November 23, 2004 Township Board Meeting, questions were asked regarding who had what responsibility for road maintenance on the roads within the Township. As a follow-up to those questions, Planning and Engineering prepared a map showing the various maintenance jurisdictions. In addition, information is also attached showing the miles of roadway by classification. **Item 2. SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE.** Presentation of findings for the final reports prepared on our sanitary sewer system capacity study. The presentation focused on a brief recap of historical events, an explanation of our findings, a description of alternatives and a discussion of funding options and sources. Objective to solicit input on the alternatives and receive direction on proceeding with requests for proposals for the design of a portion of the Alternative "B" local improvements, the land acquisition and design of the regional system improvements. **Item 3. LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE. BRIEF SYNOPSIS OR OUTLINE OF DISCUSSION:** 1. Resident Survey - Presentation of preliminary results of the resident survey 2. Teen Center - Discussion on developing a teen center at Michigan/Sheldon building 3. Cost Recovery Guidelines - Presentation of method used to price programs **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated that the next study session will be April 5, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at 1150 Canton Center S. 1st floor, Administration Building with Public Safety **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA April 14, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, April 14, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188 The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Fred and Andrea Fisher, 43590 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187 for property located at 43590 Hanford Road, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance Chapter 78, Article V, Section 78-131, 4, b, regarding requirements on a corner lot Zone R-5 Parcel 037-02-0304-000 (Building)
2. Bryan L. Amann of Brashear, Tangora, Gallagher, Creighton & Amann, LLP, 355 North Canton Center, Canton, MI 48187 representing Salvatore Cristarella of Italian Marble & Granite, 21015 John R, Hazel Park, MI 48030, for property located west side of Canton Center Road between Hanford and Ford Road, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4.00, Section 4.01, d, 4, width requirements and Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00, Section 26.03, sideyard setback Zone C-2. Parcel 036-99-0004-704 (Planning)
3. Stephen B. Kissinger of Stephen B. Kissinger, Architect, 23201 Lawrence, Dearborn, MI 48128 representing Gjeeto Ljuovic of L George's Coney Island, 31230 Applewood Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, for property located at 43711 Michigan Avenue, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 5.00, Section 5.03, berm requirements. Zone C-2. Parcels 133-01-0022-001 133-01-0024-001 133-01-0025-001 133-01-0026-001 133-01-0027-001 (Planning)

Approval of February 10, 2005 Minutes

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CONSTRUCTION OF DPW STORAGE FACILITY

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished in the Specification Book, in a sealed envelope, endorsed with the name of the item(s) bid; corporate information of the bidder, and the date and time of bid opening.

Bid documents are available after 1:00 P.M., Thursday, April 7, 2005 at the Offices of George J. Hartman Architects, P.C. (248-258-5811) located at 6905 Telegraph Road, Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301. Contractors are requested to call ahead to ensure plan availability. A non-refundable charge of sixty five dollars (\$65.00) will be charged with each bid packet.

Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township Engineering, FW Dodge, CAM, Construction Market Data, and the Construction News Service of Michigan.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site on April 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. A bid bond is required.

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 accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed in the best interests of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Requested Approval of the Planned Unit Development Option

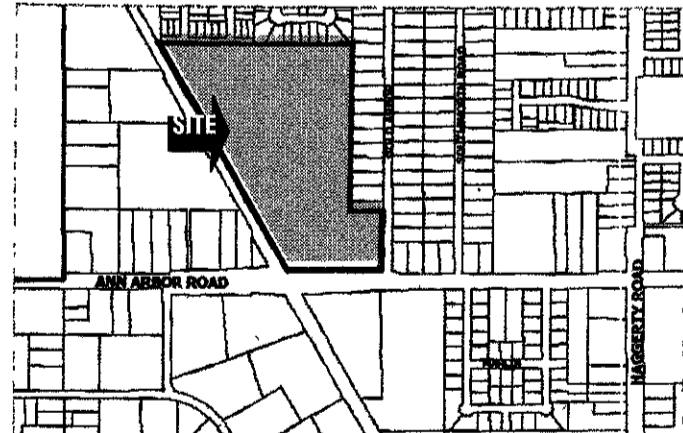
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 20, 2005

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting the approval of the **Planned Unit Development Option** pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 99. The subject property is located, north of Ann Arbor Road, east of CSX Railroad, south of Firwood, and west of Golf Arbor, Tax ID Nos. R-78-060-02-0078-002; R-78-060-99-0002-701, R-78-060-99-0002-702, R-78-060-99-0003-000; R-78-060-99-0008-000; R-78-060-99-0009-000, and R-78-060-02-0081-000

Application 1869. Applicant, Phoenix Acquisitions, L.L.C.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-060-02-0078-002; R-78-060-99-0002-701; R-78-060-99-0002-702; R-78-060-99-0003-000; R-78-060-99-0008-000; R-78-060-99-0009-000; and R-78-060-02-0081-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-453-8540. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

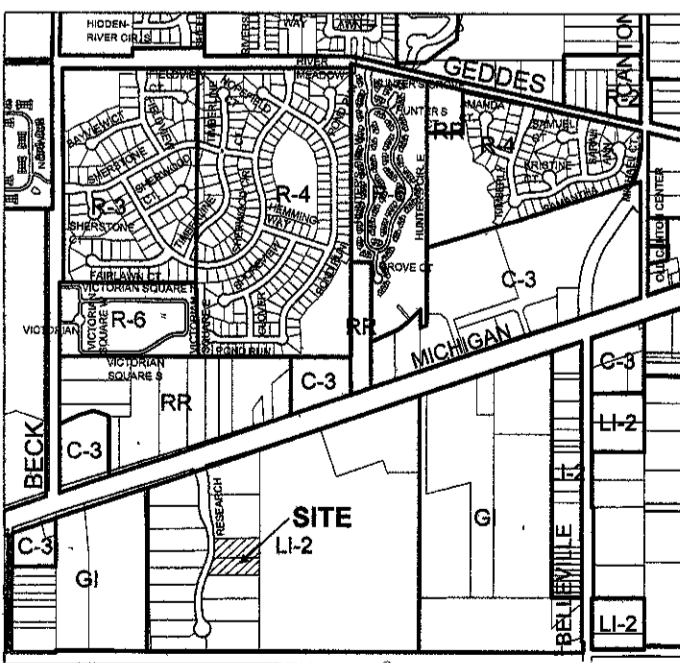
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 18, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

PS ENTERPRISES SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PRIVATE INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B6 FOR PARCEL NOS. 131 01 0013 000 AND 131 01 0014 000. Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road.



SECTION 33

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 14, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

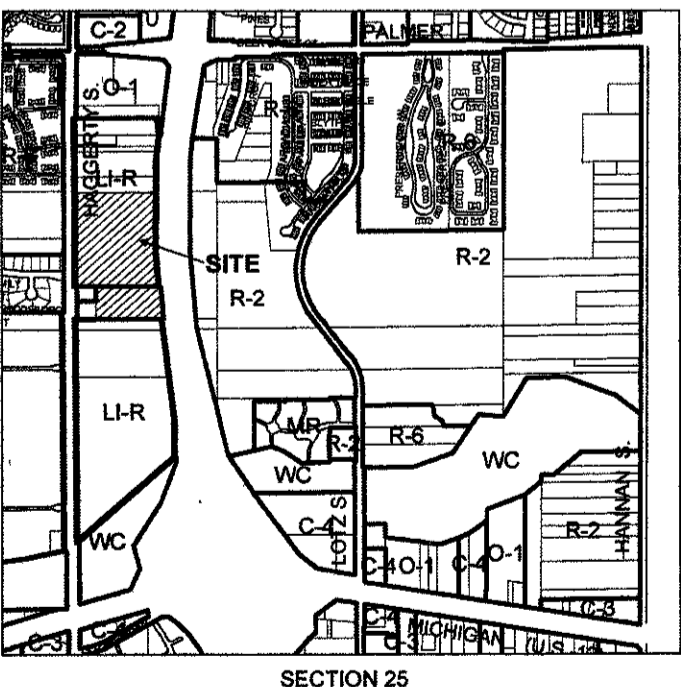
Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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SECTION 25

NATIONAL PARTS DEPOT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A WAREHOUSE AND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION FOR 21a.02B.5 ON PART OF PARCEL NO. 098 99 0028 001. Property is located east of Haggerty between Palmer and Michigan Avenue.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 14, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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APRIL

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday

Musical revue

The Edge, the teen performing arts groups of Hope Lutheran Church, present *On the Edge: The Life of a Teenage Christian* 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 13, the revue contains original drama and song, at the church, 39200 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. For more information, call (248) 553-7170

Rummage/bake sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Proceeds will help fund missionary work within the community. Sale items include children's clothing (infant to 6X), toys, household and kitchen items, knick knacks, books, sporting goods, electronics, televisions, tools, furniture and baked goods. For more information, call (734) 422-1470

Women's Retreat

Women of Livonia and other communities are invited to this annual event co-sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, begins with registration and a continental breakfast 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. For reservations, call (734) 422-0494.

Spring Fling

Card party, games, salad dinner and dessert, door prizes 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at St. Sabina Church, Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Inkster roads, Dearborn Heights. Donation is \$7. For tickets, call (313) 561-1977.

Concert

Featuring Captive Free, a group of young adults sponsored by Youth Encounter of Minneapolis/St. Paul, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584

Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Purpose Driven Life

9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sundays, April 10 to May 22, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584. Childcare available for those who indicate a need in advance.

The Papacy

A special one hour presentation on why church authority established by Jesus is so important to us today, follows the 11:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 10, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Holocaust remembrance

The Ecumenical Institute of Southfield and St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill in Farmington Hills, invite the community to the annual interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10. For more information, call (248) 557-4522 or (248) 474-0584.

Benefit concert

A benefit handbell concert by Classical Bells for the rehabilitation and physical therapy of Laura Jackson 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile at Inkster, Livonia. Jackson hit her hand while trying out for cheer-leading in May 2003, causing a crushing injury to her spine. As a result, she is a quadriplegic and needs assistance to breathe. Tickets are a \$10 suggested donation, \$8 for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its annual series of Vesper services at area Orthodox churches beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at SS. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-9651, and April 17, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 476-3432. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians are invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Timothy Barna, COCC president at (313) 937-2120 or ttim@twmi.r.com, or the Very Rev. Michael Arbanas, secretary at (313) 271-3110, or father.michael@stclementchurch.net. For information about COCC, call (313) 937-2120.

Open house

For all those interested in an outstanding Christian school for grades K-4 through 12 Agape Christian Academy is having an open house 7 p.m. Monday, April 11, at 45081 Geddes Road in Canton. Please contact the school office at (734) 394-0357 if you have any questions. Agape features a well-rounded academic program which is based on the Abeka curriculum, and supplemented with art, music and sports to give students a balanced program of study. Established in 1982 as a ministry of Agape Family Worship Center, it is fully accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association. You and your prospective students are invited to the open house to receive enrollment information, tour the facility, and meet with teachers, staff and some students as well.

Aglow International

A community lighthouse for women, 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Call (248) 207-1877

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 15 (\$2 bag sale after 4 p.m.), all large items will go for \$2 after 4 p.m.), at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Call (734) 722-1343

Rummage/bake sale

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 15, and \$5 bag sale 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile and Farmington road,

Farmington Hills. Entrance is through the back door. Donations are needed and may be dropped off at the church during the week of April 11-14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call (248) 626-7906. Annie Gailup concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 (7:15 p.m. open mic), at Mama's Coffeehouse in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 North Woodward, near corner of Lone Pine Road. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors and under age 16. Call (248) 569-0965 To reserve an open mic slot, call (248) 626-4650.

Holocaust Memorial Center

An interfaith tour of the new facility 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, followed by a talk by Goldie Kalib, a hidden child and Holocaust survivor. No charge. For reservations, call (248) 557-4522 by April 13

Musicians wanted

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is looking for people who can sing and plan an instrument for a one time (maybe), off the cuff praise and worship service 5 p.m. Sunday, April 17, come and play music to worship God, at the church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Call (734) 721-4801. We will stop when we get tired or around 6:30 p.m.. We are hoping for people of all age to join us to sing old hymns, new contemporary and everything in between. This is all for God and for fun. This is not a dinner or concert. You can even be a bad singer. We welcome you to join us and pray and worship with music and song. Teach us your favorite songs or learn some.

Conferece

With Daniel Taylor on *How Tolerant is Jesus?* The Call for tolerance and the Community of Shalom 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Newburgh and Farmington roads, Livonia. Cost is \$12. Call (734) 425-2800. Taylor preaches on *The Purpose of All Things: Reflections on Shalom* at 10:45 a.m. April 24.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Taking registrations for fall of 2005 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211 for more information. There are still openings for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon 4-year old class and Tuesday-Thursday morning and afternoon 3-year old classes.

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UPCOMING

Rummage sale

5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 admission \$2 per adult. Big sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7, admission free. Saturday everything is half price, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

ONGOING

Jesus & Java

Small group informal Bible study continues 9:30 a.m. Mondays to April 25, at St. Paul's Presbyterian church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. For more information, call (248) 626-7606

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office (313) 937-1199.

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 east Lincoln. Brinkman wrote the book *The Word of God: Jesus Christ. Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA.*

Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470

Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton, Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition - 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) on Sunday, Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the East drive. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Ave., Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled "Orthodoxy 101." It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The course is open to the public, and there is no cost involved. The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion. Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel, "Come and see." If you have any additional questions, call Beth at (248) 348-8631.

Support group

Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 1400 Englewood, Rochester. For information, call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

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 No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Geri (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled *Grace Under Pressure* 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

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JOYCE R. BOYD-JAEGER

Age 75, March 28, 2005. Loving mother of Bernard (Sandra) and Gary Jaeger. Cherished grandmother of Dustin, Dear sister of Gary, Bob, Dale, Alan Boyd and the late Walter Norm. Memorial Service on April 9, 2005 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Visitation 1 PM until 2 PM service

MARJORIE BLAKE

Age 85, April 1, 2005 Resident of Farmington Hills for 44 years Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Gail Edgren, Gary (Sheila) Page, Karen (Chris) Landace, and Kristin Blake. Cherished grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 10. Funeral services were held at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association and the Michigan Humane Society

MICHELLE SWANDERSKI

Age 53, April 3, 2005 Resident of Farmington Hills Beloved Wife of Carl for 17 years. Loving Mother of Chelsea and Step-mother of Stacy and Alison (and her husband Shane) Grandmother of Gavin. Cherished Daughter of Norm and Jo Potts Dear Sister of Maureen (Ed) Forsyth and John Potts. Aunt of Terry and Colleen Dwyer. Funeral Thursday, 1 PM (in state 12 Noon) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Memorial Contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or the Michigan Humane Society Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

SANDRA MARIE BARR

April 3, 2005. Age 65. Beloved wife of Gatskill Spayd. Dear mother of Brendy Pas (John), Christy Harris (Steve) and Suzy Brown (R.J.). Grandmother of Madison, Chandler, Jack and Cameron. Daughter of Norma Beaudoin. Sister of Sharon Butler (Tod) and Michael Beaudoin (Sue) Former owner of the Village Barn in Franklin. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Wednesday 5-8pm and Thursday 3-8pm Funeral service Friday 11:00am at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin Interment Franklin Cemetery Memorial tributes to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 51 Locust Ave., Ste 201, New Canaan, CT 06840 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

VERN DALE LINDSTROM

Died March 31, 2005, at the age of 85. Born in Watertown, S.D. to Walter and Julia (Anderson) Lindstrom. Mr. Lindstrom retired from a field management position with Temperature Engineering in the Detroit, Michigan area, where he worked for over 40 years. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jessie. He is also survived by his son, David (Bonnie) and daughter, Linda Morris (Michael) and four grandchildren: Scott Lindstrom, Heather McGough (Kevin), Ryan Morris, and Justin Morris. He is predeceased by five sisters: Mabel, Helen, Lillian, Florence, and Ethel; and four brothers: Al, Chester, Andrew, and Lyle, as well as several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Hiers-Baxley Funeral Home in Lady Lake on Saturday, April 9, 2005, immediately followed by a memorial service at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Alzheimer's Association or Hospice at Summerfield Suites, 17421 SE 109th Terrace Road, Summerfield, Florida.

ROBERT JOHN LAIBLE

Age 66, longtime resident of Plymouth, died April 2, 2005. He was born December 7, 1938, in Detroit. He attended Stetson University in Florida, and in 1957, he graduated from Staunton Military Academy in Virginia. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as a hospital administrator at Sinai Hospital and Redford Community Hospital. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. His family was of utmost importance to him, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his children, Sarah (Chris) Hopkins of New Jersey, Robert John Jr. (Julie) of Florida, Patricia (Kris) Peters of Newport, MI, Charles (fiancee Kristie) of Livonia, and John Laible of Westland; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and his brother, Graham (Bea) Laible. A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, April 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice or The Henry Ford/ Greenfield Village. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734)453-3333.

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JOHN F. LUBIG

Age 82, passed away April 4, 2005. He was born April 20, 1922 in Detroit, MI, the son of Joseph and Clara (Erhard) Lubig. On December 9, 1943 in Detroit, MI, John married Elizabeth, she precedes him in death. He was employed as a mechanic for Burroughs/Unisys before his retirement. John lived in Plymouth for 48 years before relocating to Pinckney. Survivors include children: Linda (John) Salamone, Susan (Thomas) Bender, Jacqueline Beal and James (Pam Lucas) Lubig; six grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren, brother, Lloyd Lubig and sister, Louise Cicirelli. Graveside service will be held at noon on Friday, April 8, 2005 at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. A luncheon will follow at 12:30 PM at the V.F.W. Hall on Mill St in Plymouth. Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel

IRENE CHARLOTTE NYGREN

Age 91, went to be with the Lord on April 4, 2005. Born June 11, 1913 in Ishpeming, MI. Mrs. Nygren was preceded in death by her husband, Sixten (1982). Surviving are: daughter, Susan Tenny of Lansing, son, Dennis Nygren of Plymouth, sister, Jeanette Westrom. Graveside services will be held Thursday, April 7, 1:00 PM in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan. A memorial service will be Thursday, April 7, 2:30 PM at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Those desiring, may make contributions to Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Hills, MI or Ele's Place, 1145 W. Oakland, Lansing, MI 48915 in memory of Mrs. Nygren. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Lansing, Chapel, Lansing, MI. 517-482-1533

ROBERT A. HARRIS

Age 66, Died April 1, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Mr. Harris was born June 2, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan. Lived in Gladwin County since 2000. Previously resided in Farmington. Mr. Harris retired from Takata Inc., Auburn Hills, Michigan from the Maintenance department. He also served in the U. S. Army and was a member of the Second Lake Eagles 4121, Redford Elks Lodge 2097, American Legion-Lansing and the Harrison Moose Lodge. Mr. Harris is survived by his wife Mary Lou (McIntyre) who has been married to since February 12, 1977. Also survived by his Daughter: Beverly (Bob) Craggs, Farmington Hills, MI. Darcy Harris, Westland, MI. Step Daughter & Step s.i.l.: Connie (Ron) Gray, Royal Oak, MI. Step Son: Mark Williams, Jackson, MI. Grandchildren: Culton & Cameron Craggs, Farmington Hills, MI, Joshua Williams, Jackson MI, Brother and Sister in law: Clifford (Peggy) Harris, West Bloomfield, MI, Sister & Brother in law: Evelyn (Neil) Stevenson, Sterling Heights, MI. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 11:00am. at Hall Funeral Home, 440 East Cedar Ave., Gladwin, Michigan, 48624, 989-426-7651. Place of burial was at Colfax Cemetery, Bad Axe, Michigan. Memorial Contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice.

ERSKINE WILKINS EVANS

Age 87. Died Thursday, March 31, 2005 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Mr. Evans was born January 15, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan. He had been a resident of Birmingham since the Early 1940's moving to West Bloomfield in 1978, and then to Henry Ford Village in 1996. Mr. Evans, was a Commercial Artist with the Ford Motor Company working at Ford Tractor in Birmingham as Director of Art and at Ford Motor in Dearborn. He graduated from Lake Orion High School in 1936 and Hillsdale College in 1943. He was preceded in death by his wife Breta L. Evans. He is survived by two daughters; Carol (Warren) Risk of Richland, Michigan and Nancy (Timothy) Cash of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He is also survived by 5 Grandchildren; Loree, Wendy, Lisa, Amy and Douglas and 5 Great Grandchildren; Tristan, Savannah, Haelee, Elizabeth and Cameron. Funeral Services were at Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Funeral Home on Tuesday April 5, 2005. Interment is at White Chapel, memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Family suggests tributes to Alzheimer's Association, Detroit area chapter, 17220 West 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076 (In memory of his wife Breta) or to the Disabled American Veterans P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250

VIRGINIA J. LILLIE

Died April 4, 2005. Beloved wife of the late James Dear mother of Karen (Robert) Douglas and Scott (Donna) Lillie. Loving Grandmother of Christopher, Daniel, Elizabeth and Amanda. Funeral Friday at 12 Noon from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt (at Ann Arbor Trl.) Family to receive visitors Thursday 1 to 9 p.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneral-home.com



LEON T. GOONIS

Born August 31, 1931. Died April 5, 2005. Age 73. Beloved husband of Patricia for more than 49 years. Dear father of Daniel (Esther), Linda (Dave) Williams and Sabrina (Ed) Queen. Grandfather of Jason, Jeremy, Jeffery, Danielle, Kendel, Jordan, Miranda and Spencer. Great-grandfather of Kyr. Sister of Bessie Kemp. Mr. Goonis attended Green Barber College in Detroit at the age of 22. He enjoyed 55 years of Barbering in local communities including; Berkley, Wayne, Westland, Detroit and in the 70's at Metro Place Mall in Wayne & Hair Sublime in Westland. He served as Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America for more than 25 years. Visitation Thursday 1 to 9 p.m., with an evening Rosary at the John N. Santelii & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) In state 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Mass at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belmont (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Road).



WILBUR "BILL" L. SMEDLEY

Born February 27, 1918, died March 27, 2005. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Bill Smedley died the evening of March 27, 2005 at Botsford Hospital after entering into an unresponsive state on Friday. Visitation was held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 30, and interment at Byron Cemetery in Byron, MI on March 31. Born to Porter and Ina Smedley in 1918 he was raised on a small farm in Genesee County and moved to Farmington permanently in 1941. Bill was a multi-faceted and multi-talented man, whose interests ranged from fishing to gardening to photography to woodworking. Bill was well loved by all who knew him, and his generosity to his friends and family was unmatched. He was idealistic in how he thought the world should be, realistic in dealing with everyday problems, and innovative when presented with difficult situations. He was always willing to discuss topics ranging from economics to world events over a beer. As a craftsman, he leaves a legacy of furniture, toys, clocks, and cabinets that will be treasured for generations. As a grandfather he is remembered for what he taught his grandsons, Ronald Jr. & Matthew, and granddaughter, Rebecca. As a father, he is remembered for his selfless dedication to his son, Ronald. As a husband, he is remembered for providing 62 years of love, caring, and devotion to his wife, Jessie. As a couple, they traveled throughout the U.S. with their son and grandsons, and to Europe, Australia, Hawaii, and Alaska with each other. Over the last few years, Parkinson's Disease had taken its toll on his mobility, but he still managed to get around the house on his scooter, until his last few days. A prolific gardener, he grew all sorts of produce in the backyard. As an avid outdoorsman and sportsman- he spent lots of time in the woods of Michigan and Pennsylvania. We wish him well on his next adventure.

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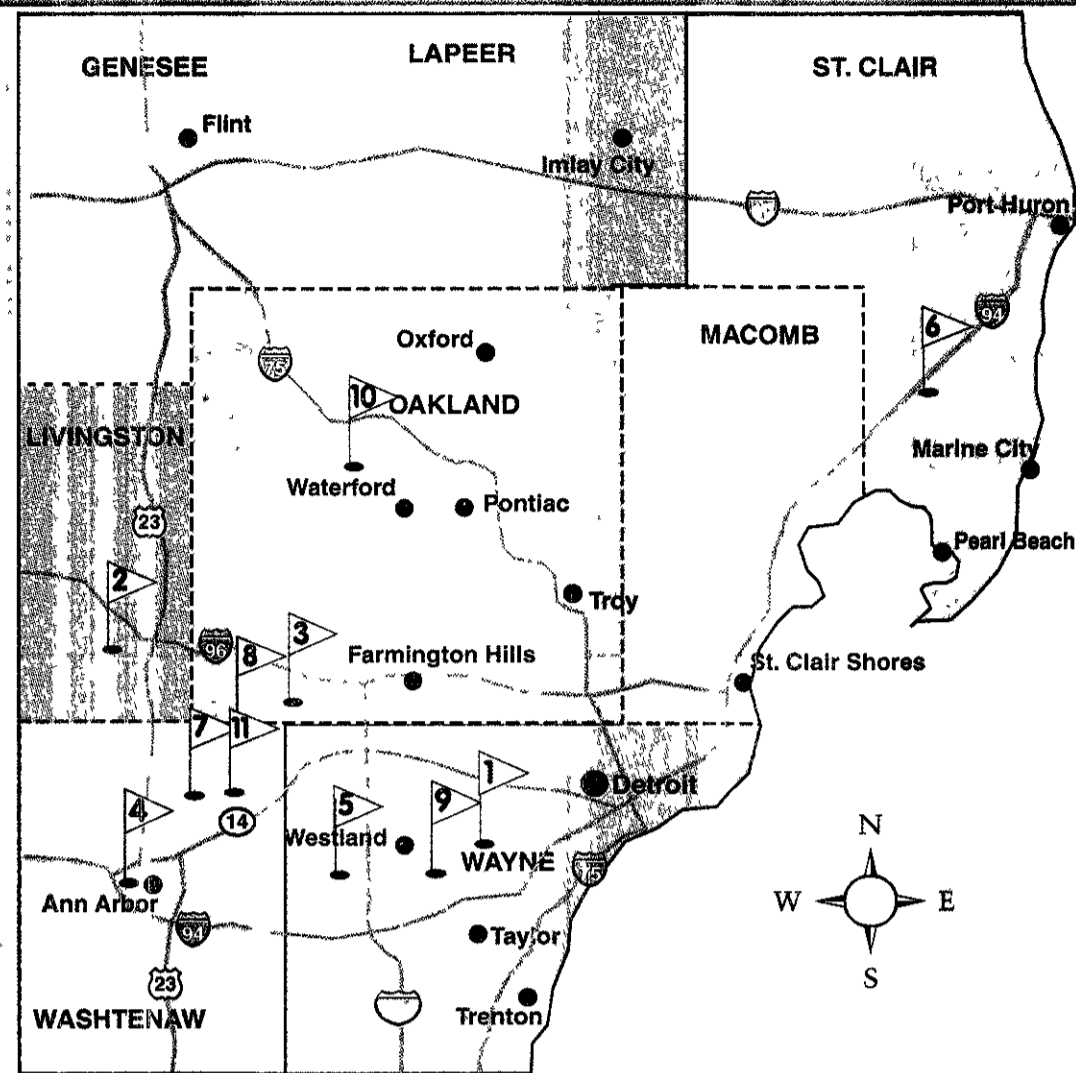
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www.jackalgolfclub.com
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6700
Manager: Rob Bruhn
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Novi, MI 48374
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South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.3355
www.tanglewoodthelion.com
No. of Holes: 27 Par: 36 Yards: 3636
Manager: Ann Lewis
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Take steps to avoid home fraud

I own a house in Detroit and one day found out that someone had forged my deed and sold the property to someone else who now seeks to evict me. What can I do?

As a case evaluator in Wayne County, I am finding too many lawsuits having to be brought by someone whose title to the property has been fraudulently transferred to someone else and then there is a new mortgage placed on the property and/or a fire and a claim for insurance proceeds. This scam must be avoided.

You are best advised, at all times, to ensure that you hold the title to the property and that when you purchase property, you do a thorough title check and have gotten title insurance to ensure you will get good title from your seller. It is another example of the need to get good legal representation before you sign a purchase agreement.

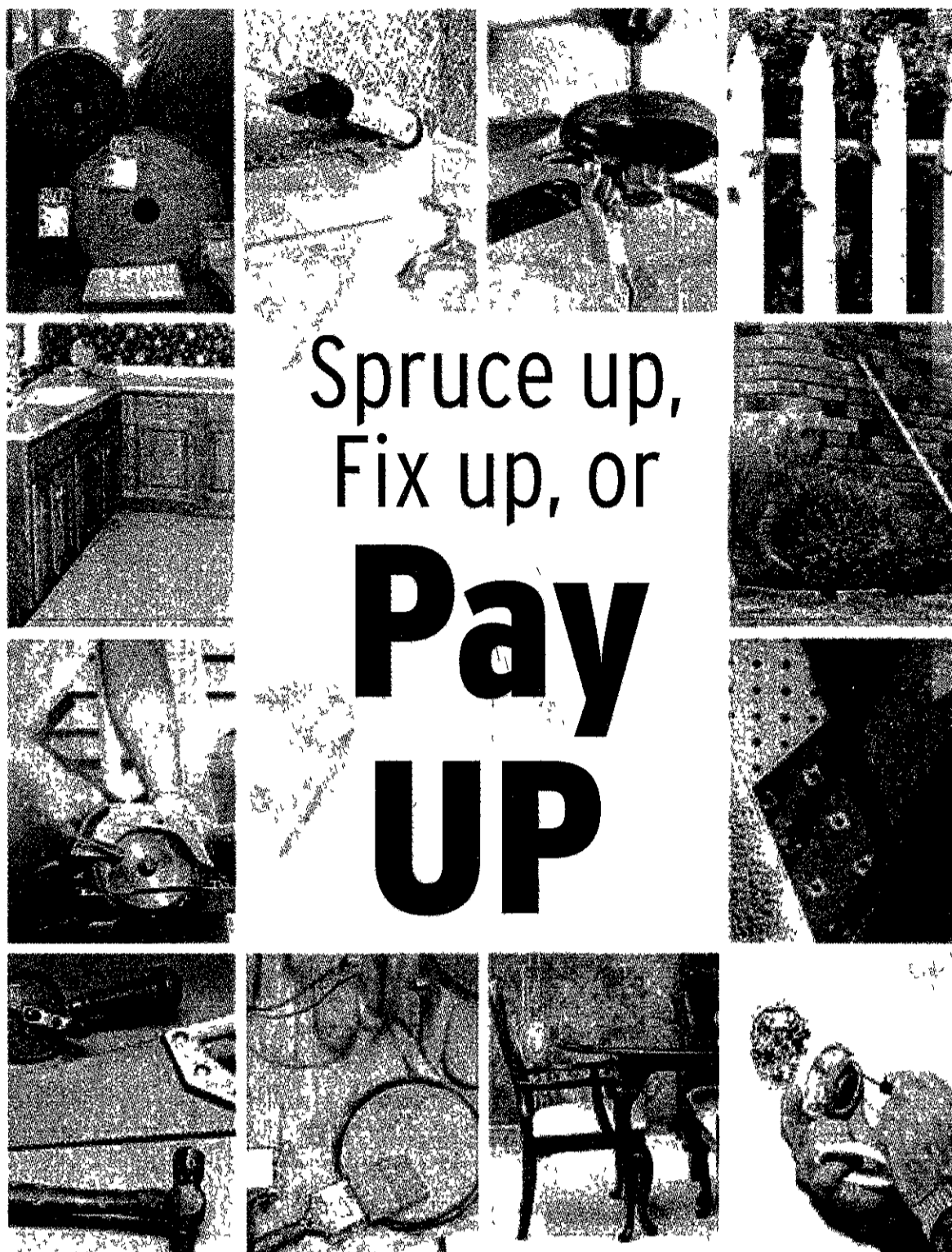
I saw the movie *Sideways* and am wondering what it is like to resettle in the area of Solvang and/or Los Olivos, Calif., in terms of the real estate market conditions?

As in most spots in California, real estate is expensive and in demand. The areas in question are composed of a great deal of vineyards, farmland and ranches. However, there are, of course, mountainside homes and oceanview villas which cost in the millions and, indeed, there are high-end real estate companies offering properties in this area in the mega-millions. There are, as you would expect, a number of real estate companies offering opportunities for investment and you are best advised to canvas the area before making any decisions.

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Spruce up, Fix up, or Pay UP

Home renovations key to selling success

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

"Yes, I know I could get more money. But I don't want to do the work." How many times has broker Richard Halmekangas heard a homeowner tell him that in his 38 years of selling real estate? "I'd go into a home and say, 'If you'd put \$10,000 into repairs and improvements, you could get \$20,000 back,' and the owner would say no."

So then, Halmekangas said, he'd try to explain home-pricing facts of life to the seller: If you don't spend the 10 to get the 20, he'd say, you might have to reduce your original listing price by the 10 the buyer will anticipate spending.

But at the same time, he said, the buyer will want an additional discount because the house looks needy.

Halmekangas said he thought about this dilemma for 10 years and then, 10 years ago, decided to solve it. He's the owner of One Way Realty in Livonia.

"What we started doing as a company is going in and making a proposal that if they didn't want to do the work, we'd do it for them and then add it to our commission." He said he doesn't know if other brokers are offering a similar service, but believes "it's the coming thing."

If the homeowner doesn't want to spend the money, "we'd say we'd do this repair or that repair — maybe the kitchen counter top or whatever — and you don't pay us until closing and then instead of 6 percent, you give us a larger percentage of the selling price to cover our expenses."

The risk, Halmekangas said, is all his: "If the house doesn't sell within the six-month option I take, I'm out the money."

The owner, on the other hand, obviously retains the improvements, which might help lead to a sale later on.

When homes aren't selling as fast as in other times, improvements and repairs are vital, he said: "The market is so slow. And people aren't buying the squatty houses."

Halmekangas said he first agrees with the sellers on the prices they will get from

BROKEN DOORS, OTHER EYESORES

Renovations and repairs are about "value added," said Brenda Davis, a sales agent with Century 21 Town & County in Birmingham.

The home seller's question is constant: How much must I spend and how much can I get back in a resulting higher selling price?

"Depending on the price range of the home, it could be better to leave it for the new owner," Davis said.

Davis said sellers should deal with things a buyer would see and be concerned about. For example, "wallpaper that's an eyesore."

Look for things that could be "a quick fix," such as a broken door or peeling paint, or anything else "that could slap you right in the face as you enter a room."

houses where he invests in the repairs.

"We give them a printout showing what it's worth and what it could be worth with the improvements," he said. "A recent home seller said, 'I know that if I fixed it up I could get \$250,000 for it, but I only paid \$100,000 for it, so I'll take \$200,000. I'll double my money and be happy.'"

"So we sign a contract with them to pay \$200,000 and anything over it, we get."

The amount and type of work to be done is measured house-by-house, he said. It might be replacing a damaged kitchen counter or a scratched floor. Maybe the tile in the entryway is cracked.

The goal, he said, is to make the house

sellable and at the best price possible for the seller and for his own business goals. He recalled a house he did near Laurel Park. Because of a growing family's needs, the living room had been turned into a fourth bedroom.

"We had to tear out a wall, recarpet, repaint," he said. "The owner was dancing, clicking her heels. She got her money."

Halmekangas said he recommends that sellers "have us walk through and start with the basics: electrical, plumbing, heating and structural."

"How old is the roof? Roof life used to be 25 years, now 15. An older furnace will be reflected in the pricing of the home."

And there's a difference, he said, between necessary repairs and useful improvements and those remodeling adventures that homeowners sometimes go on. "I have a theory that the moving van arrives two years after the remodeling truck leaves."

"You look at the addition you built and say, 'Isn't that nice?' But if it's not on the right lot or in the neighborhood you want, you're going to move anyway."

Deal first, he said, with safety issues: Is everything in the home operating properly? Then, deal with visual issues: For example, how do the kitchen and bathroom look? Lastly, deal with functional issues: insulation, storm windows, electrical service.

"Make sure your house is inviting," he said, recalling a woman whose home had been on the market longer than seemed reasonable.

"Your basement is like a dungeon," he told her. "Dark and cluttered." After a cleanup, painting in a light color and a supply of brighter bulbs, the house sold.

And don't forget about the wallpaper, he said: "Get all the wallpaper out."

"I don't care if it's grandma's favorite or your kids' favorite with moons and stars, it connotes you to the buyers and keeps them from seeing themselves in the house." It would be, he said, like picturing themselves wearing your clothing.

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Builders, sellers can help borrowers

Since there seems to be more "for sale" signs out right now than home seekers, I thought I would pitch in to help sellers and builders move their properties more easily.

Home sellers and builders have much to gain by making their homes available to the largest number of potential borrowers. A bigger pool of eligible buyers, of course, means a better chance of selling these properties at the asking price and before other similar properties.

Sellers normally expect their buyers to fully fund their purchase at closing. However, when the sellers do not want or need the full price for their home right away, the situation presents wonderful opportunities for both parties.

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Depending on the strength of the buyers, the mortgage company may allow 100 percent combined financing, that is, a zero-down purchase for the buyers.

The sellers may charge a much higher interest rate to the buyers for this benefit and will usually offer a shorter loan term. This financing arrangement results in a very nice monthly income for the sellers, and there is relatively little seller risk because the loan is attached to the subject property.

After a year or two, the buyers usually want to refinance their home to get a better overall interest rate, at which time they will normally pay off the bank's first mortgage and the seller's second mortgage. When they do, the sellers receive a check for the entire balance of the loan they offered the buyers in the beginning.

By using this creative financing method, builders and sellers alike can get a distinct marketing edge and benefit financially by helping prospective buyers purchase their new home.

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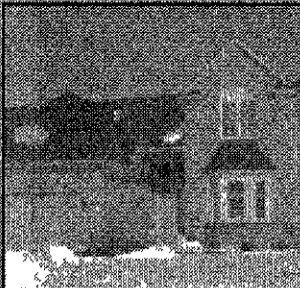
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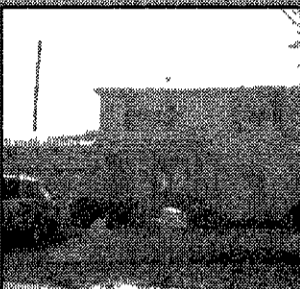
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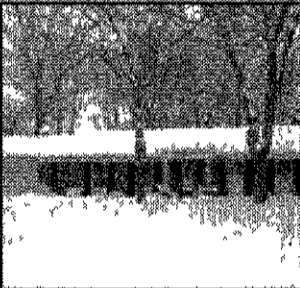
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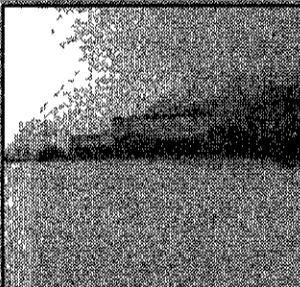
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Stunning 2 Story Contemporary Sits On 1.62 Acres Backs To Woods 4 Bed, 3.5 Baths, & 1st Fl Mstr Ste W/sky Lights & Plenty Of Privacy. Fin Bsmt Providing An Adtl 1,400 Sq Ft. One Showing Is All That's Needed! (OEL67HER) 734-591-0333



NEW HUDSON \$224,900
Pella windows, 96% Furn, Recessed & indirect lighting in great rm. Wood laminate floor in kitchen & DR. Merrilait cabinets. Separate shower & tub in master 6 panel doors, wood blinds 2 car gar. w/2car sized workshop (OESLY57CAS) 248-437-4500



NORTHFIELD \$399,900
Beautiful solid brick ranch on over 5 acres. Handcrafted cabinets hardwood flooring, great room with vaulted ceilings and brick wall fireplace, 6 panel doors, trac lighting, finish walkout. (OESLY85AIN) 248-437-4500



NORTHVILLE \$367,900
Immaculate 2000 sq ft 3BR, 2.5BA ranch. Recessed lts, vld clngs, some new Pella wndws, sprmtrs, lg deck w/power awning, new roof, 1st flr lndry, new driveway. Full bsmt could be converted to daylight or walkout. (OEP71MAP) 734-453-6800



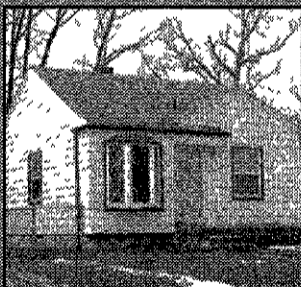
PLYMOUTH \$699,900
Clean, sharp & neutral 5BR, 4 full & 2 lav "Strathmore" colonial on private setting backing to mature woods Large gourmet kitchen-nook Master w/sitting area. Guest suite. Finished W/O w/2nd kitchen & much more! (OEP41FEL) 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$209,000
Quiet location in Smith Elm district! Brick ranch w/HDWD flrs, 1st flr cer bath Updated kit w/oak cbnts, stove, fridge, washer & dryer stay. Crpt & wndws are newer. Part fin bsmt w/half bath, newer fur, hum & AC. (OEP40BYR) 734-453-6800



REDFORD \$154,900
Sharp, clean 3BR, 1.5BA brick ranch Cute kitchen w/oak cbnts & new ceramic flr. Spacious LR w/bay wndw & newer carpet Updated bath. Fin basement w/replace and french door leading to beautiful landscaped yard. (OEP93CAT) 734-453-6800



REDFORD \$138,900
A Nice Ranch On A Double Lot. The Kitchen & Bath Updated '98 Furnace & A/C Replaced '98. Roof Has Been Replaced Dishwasher & Glass Block Windows '99. Bsmt Has A Bonus 4th Bedroom & Full Bath - Large Family Room. (OEL97WAK) 734-591-0333



REDFORD \$110,000
Quality, Style, Value! Must See Inside To Appreciate This Totally Updated 3 Bdrm Ranch Spacious Kitchen W/oak Cabinets, New Flr, eat-in Nook, Living Rm W/celling Fan, Mstr Br W/corner Windows For Added Light. (OEN20KIN) 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON \$393,500
Spectacular newer 3228 sq ft colonial on double lot! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bth, Gourmet island kit w/corlan counters. 2 story great rm w/nat fireplace. Dual zone heating and AC. Split staircase. Cathedral ceiling in mstr ste. (OESLY01HOR) 248-437-4500



SOUTH LYON \$199,900
Mint condition! Updated kit separate eating are w/slider to 20X14 deck overlooking your backyard loaded w/parentials. New A/C, H2O heater and ducts cleaned in 2004. LL has fam room, full bath, workshop & storage area. (OESLY79STA) 248-437-4500



SOUTHFIELD \$150,000
1993 Ranch W/ Brick Paver Walk & Deck To Fenced Yard Furn - 00, A/C - 99, Newer Hwh, Stove, Wash, Dry & Gar Door. Newer Oak Kit. Bath W/ Dbl Sinks Hwd Flrs In LR, DR & Hall. Kit Appliances Wash & Dry Staying. (OEL94BER) 734-591-0333



UNADILLA \$442,500
Bring your horses or bring your toys! 1st flr mstr, 2nd mstr on 2nd level, fin bsmt w/kit, BR w/jacuzzi tub, FP in GR & LL. Splits are available w/4 percs on record. Laundry on 1st level & bsmt. Exceptional value! (OEP50DEX) 734-453-6800



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$409,750
Custom colonial in much sought after Franklin River Valley sub w/Birm Schools Freshly painted in warm neutral tones, new crpt & retin HDWD flr in kit & study. Newer AC & HWH Lg 3 car side entry gar Warranty inc. (OEP32CON) 734-453-6800



WESTLAND \$275,000
Beautifully Decorated 4br, 2 1/2 Bath Brick Colonial. Huge Mstr Ste W/Lg WIC & Mstr Bath. FR w Nat FP & Wiring For Surround Sound & Ceiling Fan. Includes Stove, Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Microwave, Washer & Dryer. (OEL86ETH) 734-591-0333



WESTLAND \$184,000
WOW! Super location w/lg fenced yard & bnck paver patio Many updates-furnace, lt fixture, ext. paint, & lab. granite counters. Lt oak cabinets in kit w/applicances. Great open floor plan has cathedral ceiling t/o. (OEN90STO) 248-347-3050



WESTLAND \$172,900
Gorgeous Inside! Beautifully Updated 4 Bdrm, 2 Ba Colonial, Livonia schools. Updates Include: Furn, C/A, Windows, Carpet, Landscaping, Entry Doors, Lrg Bedrooms W/walk In Closets, Oak Kit W/ HW Flrs. Huge ackyard. (OEL13JOY) 734-591-0333



WESTLAND \$135,000
WOW! Open floor plan Ranch Condo w/cathedral ceilings & skylight. Full pasement, private entry, covered parking & deck. Fresh paint, newer carpet, new fixtures. Private setting & orced to sell now! Hurry! (OEN20WOO) 248-347-3050

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

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Canton	Garden City	Livonia	Plymouth	Redford	Westland
41420 Alleghany \$177,000	31507 Balmoral \$134,000	14946 Alexander \$129,000	368 Ann Arbor \$172,000	48769 Quail Run \$380,000	37430 Barkridge \$91,000
2019 Bellingham \$190,000	32990 Barton \$151,000	36755 Angeline \$156,000	9396 Baywood \$256,000	1415 Ross \$180,000	201 Bedford \$215,000
45120 Brunswick \$260,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$295,000	33312 Belding \$93,000
48922 Castleside \$457,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$182,000	37263 Booth \$183,000
1440 Centennial \$490,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$182,000	7708 Burkland \$271,000
44741 Cherry Hill \$315,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$175,000	38346 Carlson \$112,000
636 Cherry Orchard \$240,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$333,000	6630 Central City \$195,000
7045 Clampton \$200,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$165,000	32768 Glen \$149,000
580 Concord \$205,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$195,000	31301 Grandview \$139,000
487 Cornell \$268,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$163,000	29477 Hanover \$110,000
39910 Coronation \$170,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$182,000	33554 Harvard \$233,000
43905 Cranford \$210,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$159,000	34800 Hunter \$162,000
1844 Crowndate \$445,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$380,000	6633 N Hix \$257,000
44217 Dartmouth \$275,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$165,000	5960 N Karle \$230,000
525 Delaford \$440,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$124,000	5855 N Lintville \$143,000
45026 Fox Pointe \$325,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$179,000	7364 N Venoy \$155,000
6266 Guilford \$220,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$308,000	39155 Palmer \$250,000
1250 Heritage \$197,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$152,000	38306 Rickham \$172,000
1498 Heritage \$204,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$172,000	2145 S John Hix \$201,000
2224 Hogan \$297,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$172,000	34111 Standish \$156,000
7914 Kaiser \$190,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$152,000	14174 San Jose \$165,000
41351 N Maplewood \$239,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$171,000	11329 Sarasota \$168,000
41556 Northwind \$130,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$85,000	17272 Sumner \$127,000
1979 Pearce \$122,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$280,000	20054 Woodworth \$115,000
46534 Polo \$300,000	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$164,000	
	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$465,000	
	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$122,000	
	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$131,000	
	29947 Beechwood \$149,000	19305 Antago \$170,000	628 Blunk \$149,000	\$713,000	

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Basement remodeling class
An all-day seminar on remodeling your basement is being offered through the Oakland Builders Institute in conjunction with Farmington Community Education. The eight-hour seminars will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, April 23 and April 30, at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee in Farmington. The seminars are designed to help people make better use of space in their homes by improving their basements. Topics to be covered include space planning, meeting building codes and other requirements, estimating materials cost and the basics of construction. Pre-registration with payment of \$105 is due no later than April 21. For more information, call (248) 489-3333.


Home buyer seminars

Two free seminars geared toward the first-time home buyer are being offered by RE/MAX offices in Livonia. The first is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at RE/MAX Alliance on Five Mile. Reservations are required by calling Faye Rasey at (734) 462-3600. The second is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 12 at 1st Michigan Title on Six Mile and will be hosted by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. Topics include the advantages of getting pre-approved financing, the various types of mortgages, the benefits of having a home inspection and how to get sellers' concessions. Reservations are available by calling (734) 420-6000 or on line at info@firestone-team.com.


Skanska promotion
Southfield-based Skanska U.S.A. Building Inc. has

named Donald Rogers as project executive. Rogers, who has been with Skanska for 10 years, most recently worked as senior project manager, focusing on clients in the education and healthcare industries. Rogers, a Farmington Hills resident, holds a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Lawrence Technological University.

Friedman appointment
Friedman Real Estate Group of Farmington Hills named Doug Kingsbury as an associate Broker in its office and hi-tech division. Kingsbury came from ABC Radio Group-Detroit, where he held the position of account executive. He was a member of the Bowling Green State University football team, prior to receiving his bachelor's degree in communications and general business from Eastern Michigan University.



WESTLAND - A LOT OF HOUSE FOR THE MONEY! See this very nice 3 bedroom brick ranch w/finished bsmt. Bsmnt has a kitchen w/2 extra bedrooms & full bath. Walkout deck from kitchen. This is truly a must see home! \$159,900 (D3GJoh)



CANTON - ELEGANT & CHARMING new 3500 sq. ft. 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial boasting expansive mstr ste w/WIC's. Two story family rm w/see-through frplc to lg kit w/granite isle & dual access stairs, pristine hrdwd flrs, lib, mud rm, alarm sys, 3 car att'd gar, all on 1/2 acre site! \$535,775 (D27Oxd)

LIVONIA - STUNNING end unit condo in prestigious Greenfield Villas. Has private courtyard entrance & vaulted ceilings in great rm w/open staircase & 2-story windows. Large gourmet kitchen w/island provides superior layout for entertaining, excellent condition w/neutral decor throughout. Walk to the movies, shopping & restaurants! \$299,900 (L76Lau)

LIVONIA - COMPLETELY REBUILT! Everything is new in this 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath ranch w/cathedral ceilings throughout, oak kit w/granite counters, new ceramic baths, jet tub, granite vanity tops, fin'd bsmt w/dry wall, carpet, full bath w/ceramic shower & day light windows, hrdwd flrs in living rm, kitchen & hall, etc., etc.! \$189,900 (L14Maj)

COMMERCE TWP - SHARP 3 bdrm ranch home incl formal living & dining rooms, master bdrm w/full bath, large deck overlooks private yard. Fin'd lower level w/frplc, family rm, wet bar. Oversized heated garage w/workshop. Updates inc: new carpet, Pergo flooring, kit, baths, C/A, windows \$224,900 (L85Jen)

WIXOM - FALL IN LOVE with this beautiful 5 bdrm Tudor set on gorgeous 2.2 acre wooded lot which can be split. Updates galore: lovely gourmet kitchen, updated master & 2nd floor bath, Pella windows & oak trim throughout, 9 ceiling in basement, etc. Don't miss this home, truly a beauty! \$549,900 (L07Pot)

WALLED LAKE - READY & WAITING! Updated two bdrm upper condo with private entry facing park-like setting, large living room, master bedroom with walk-in closet, kitchen with plenty of cabinets, attached garage & huge 20x12 porch. Updates include windows & carpet. Close to walking paths around Walled Lake! A must see! \$125,500 (L73Lak)

CANTON - READY & WAITING! This freshly painted 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath colonial offers many newer items incl: C/A, kitchen cabinets, H2O heater, Wallside windows, roof, sprinkling system, gar dr, dishwasher, living rm, dining rm & starway carpet. Beautifully landscaped ravine lot! Home Warranty incl. \$224,900 (L84Geo)

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 <p>PRETTY AS A PICTURE. Canton colonial with all the comforts you desire and more! Lg. family rm. w/fireplace, charming oak kitchen w/nook, formal living & dining plus a 3 season sunroom and a finished basement! \$289,900 (P-522AA)</p>	 <p>WARM AND WELCOMING. Charming ranch w/3 bedrooms, newer roof, windows & furnace. Oak kitchen, open floor plan, natural decor, formal dining, lighted crown moldings, 1st floor laundry, sprinkler system, deck and more. Walk to Livonia Rec Center. \$164,900 (P-040AR)</p>	 <p>BETTER THAN NEW. Great 2 bedroom condo with a large floor plan, finished basement, 1.5 baths and a nice kitchen. Appliances remain. Great location close to the pool. \$177,500 (C-306TW)</p>	 <p>EXCEPTIONAL FEATURES. Formal living & dining, cherry kitchen w/Pergo, nook, den, family room w/fireplace, sunroom with cathedral ceilings & a nice view of the back yard w/mature trees, a finished basement and handsome exterior make this an irresistible choice. \$379,900 (C-925AC)</p>	 <p>TENANTS SPECIAL. Traditional colonial with Northville schools. 3300 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a screened porch for all seasons. Dual staircase, soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen, a fabulous master and beautiful landscaping. \$2,850 per month (P-319BA)</p>	 <p>POPULAR TRAILWOOD. Spacious 4 bedroom colonial with many updates: windows, flooring, furnace and air. Huge family room w/fireplace, doorwall to deck & hot tub, sprinkler system and paver walk. Private study & 1st floor laundry. \$357,900 (P-055CA)</p>	 <p>AWESOME QUAD. Numerous updates incl: furnace, ca, roof, carpet, landscaping and most windows. Spacious kit and dining w/ceramic floors, brick fireplace, serene yard w/waterfall & pool. Come take a look! \$349,900 (C-648CO)</p>
 <p>GREAT INVESTMENT. Lake frontage on Little Square Lake! Fenced for safety of pets and kids. Needs updating and minor repairs. Currently a rental property. One year home warranty included. Priced to sell. \$292,900 (P-507JO)</p>	 <p>REAL COUNTRY LIVING. Let your horses run free on 7.5 acres of wonderful country. Custom ranch w/many updates: ceramic, marble & hardwood floors, appliances and more. A rare find. \$264,900 (C-200KA)</p>	 <p>FOX RUN SUBDIVISION. Beautifully decorated & well maintained. Oak kit w/island, hwd entry, fp in fam rm, updates throughout, custom light fixtures, hwh, side entry gar, beautifully landscaped w/paver walks, patio, outside lights & deck. \$372,900 (P-172ME)</p>	 <p>SPACE & BEAUTY. The custom kitchen will entice the chef in you! Freshly painted and new lighting throughout. 3 season room, remodeled bath, newer patio, shingles, furnace and much, much more. \$260,000 (C-407NA)</p>	 <p>LUXURY HOME. French architectural design w/unique floor plan & quality amenities: dual staircase, hearth room, 4 fireplaces, dramatic ceilings, a study, Murano glass fixtures, central vac, finished walkout & 3 car garage. 1.98 acres. \$1,239,900 (P-740RI)</p>	 <p>BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED. 4 bedroom colonial with 2.5 baths, neutral decor, new windows, family rm. w/cathedral ceiling, a triple wide doorwall and a gorgeous brick fireplace, newer carpet & hardwood floors, many updates and appliances. \$369,900 (P-412ST)</p>	 <p>TRANQUIL POND SETTING. Bright and airy with spacious rooms, bay windows, a fantastic master w/dual walk in closets, vaulted ceilings, oversized garage and a gigantic kitchen. Great location. A must see. \$259,900 (C-967WI)</p>
 <p>IMMACULATE END UNIT. Neutral and updated with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths in a great Canton location. Ranch floor plan with updated kitchen including a pantry & appliances, finished basement, a huge deck, attached garage, pool & clubhouse. \$155,900 (P-682BE)</p>	 <p>SAY HELLO TO A GOOD BUY! Totally updated Dearborn Heights brick ranch. 3 beds, 2 baths, attached garage, deck and a beautiful Fieldstone fireplace. Updates include: kitchen, baths, roof, furnace and central air system. \$164,900 (C-244BE)</p>	 <p>TURN KEY RANCH. Nice open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, beautiful remodeled kitchen, finished basement and attached garage. All neutral decor, newer windows, updated bath and fast occupancy. \$138,500 (P-606BE)</p>	 <p>EXCEPTIONAL 2-STORY. Great price on this Canton home with 3 beds, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, wonderful great room floor plan with a nice master and a beautifully finished basement. Fenced yard and immediate occupancy. \$234,900 (P-283CR)</p>	 <p>OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Great buy on this brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a finished basement with rec room. Updated kitchen, vinyl windows, doorwall to the deck, Pergo floor, skylights and more. Call today. \$134,900 (C-812DE)</p>	 <p>COME ON IN! To this beautiful 4 bedroom home blocks away from downtown Belleville. Very well cared for and offering all appliances, huge newer garage, basement and formal dining. \$179,900 (C-035HE)</p>	 <p>ENCHANTING RANCH. Imagine huge picture windows overlooking a park, professional landscaping front & back, remodeled kitchen and baths, ceramic floors, a cozy fireplace and a top of the line composite deck. It could be yours for only \$199,900. (P-560LO)</p>
 <p>COZY & COMFORTABLE. 3 bedroom ranch with a full length sliding door to the deck, 2 car garage plus a carport and covered walk, partially finished basement and more. Owner says, bring an offer. \$143,000 (P-012PA)</p>	 <p>DISTINCTIVE CHARM. S. Redford ranch with 3 beds, 1.5 baths. Renovated hickory kitchen w/granite counters & ceramic floor, covered ceilings & natural woodwork, fin. basement w/bar, garage, patio and privacy fence. \$174,900 (P-939RO)</p>	 <p>YOU'LL LOVETHIS! Cute newer condo with a huge great room & fireplace. Finished basement, gourmet kitchen, large master w/full bath, garage and an excellent location. \$194,900 (P-315WY)</p>	 <p>ALLEN PARK STARTER. Full brick ranch with coved ceilings and hardwood floors. Updates include oak kitchen, windows, roof, hwh, electrical & front doors. Great yard & a garage all on a cul-de-sac. \$119,900 (C-353RO)</p>	 <p>BRICK BEAUTY. Large 3BR/2.5BA bungalow with updated windows, plumbing, electrical, carpet, furnace and air - WOW! Mechanic's garage with 8ft doors & master suite with balcony. Call to see this one today! \$164,900 (C-937CA)</p>	 <p>UPDATES GALORE. This one has all of the updates! Newer furnace, hot water heater, carpeting, fixtures, electrical, roof, and an awesome new kitchen with ceramic floor. Heated sunroom, 3 beds, 1 bath. \$89,900 (C-100ST)</p>	 <p>LIVONIA RANCH. Newer ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a fabulous great room floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, deck with hot tub, kitchen with nook and a very desirable location. \$229,500 (P-412GR)</p>

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Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK

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Canton - Curtis built 2-story w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 car att-garage, bsmt, stove & frig included, gas fireplace in LR, neutral decor. Morgan creek is a newer subdivision of only 68 units with a 20 acre nature preserve! \$219,900 (63CON)

Dearborn - Very clean 2-family colonial. Upper rents for \$595, lower unit rents for \$695, 1.5 car garage rents for \$40 per month. Both units have stove & frig, newer furnace in 2003, newer windows & driveway, 2 HWH's, fenced yard and a large covered porch. \$149,900 (\$100L)

Livonia - Very clean 3-bedroom ranch for under \$160,000! Coved ceilings in living room, dining nook off living room, C/A, newer HWH, newer shingles on Florida room & garage. Vinyl double clad windows and pull down stairs for extra storage. Immediate occupancy! \$159,900 (66GR0)

Livonia - Great opportunity! Commercial building on land which could be for a business or possible building of 4 new homes. Building sits on 5 lots, splits available. Existing building is currently used as VWV Hall and all inventory to stay or be removed, buyers choice. \$229,900 (55GRA)

Westland - Cute and clean 3-bed ranch w/Livonia Schools. Finished basement, open kitchen w/eat-in dining room, C/A, doorwall that leads to 16 x16 deck. Andersen windows, 2 car garage, lots of perennials planted all around the home. Must see! \$162,900 (39FRE)

Novi - Sharp 4 bed colonial. Newer roof, new HWH, windows and doorwall in 2000. Cathedral ceilings in master bedroom w/2 skylights and large closets. 6 panel doors, large corner lot, fin bsmt w/lav and 2nd floor laundry. Appliances, play, stags, garage, sprinklers. \$324,900 (95JAM)

Taylor - Over 1500 sq ft ranch with 3 bedrooms. Living room, family room & newer kitchen. Master bedroom has WIC. roof shingles only 5 years old, 2 story heated shed. Newer HWH, fenced yard, home is clean! \$134,900 (90LIN)

Canton - CANTON NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDOS! 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, basement, garage, sprinklers. Jacobson brothers have put their superior quality into these affordable condos. Great location, close to everything! Pick your selections! Call Jim or Rebecca Marian today @ 734-709-7778

Vigilance needed in fight against mold at home

The growth of mold in your home not only can promote health-related problems, it also can require expensive home repairs.

Mold can damage your furnishings, cabinets and even the structural elements in your home. Some homeowners who discover mold in their homes find that the only way to remedy the problem is to remove and replace the walls and ceilings where the growth was found.

Mold can grow when its food sources - such as building materials, furniture, wallpaper and fabrics - are exposed to high levels of moisture.

The National Concrete Masonry Association suggests taking the following precautionary steps to avoid mold growth.

- Look for visible signs of moisture and eliminate the source.
- Regularly maintain roofs, walls and openings. Replace caulking and repaint as needed.
- Keep the maximum relative humidity levels in your home at about 40 percent during the heating season and below 60 percent during the cooling system, as recommended by the National Association of Home Builders.
- Install bath and kitchen fans and vent fans to the outside of your home.

Regularly maintain roofs, walls and openings. Replace caulking and repaint as needed.

Seal all outlets, sill plates and through-wall penetrations, including doors and windows, to minimize uncontrolled air infiltration.

Regularly inspect and clean the condensation drain line for central air-conditioning units.

Inspect the roof, windows and siding after storms to identify missing shingles, damaged flashing and visible water leaks.

Materials that are lighter in weight, which are used in many new homes, provide more food sources for mold. Alternatively, walls built with concrete masonry will not decay or rot when exposed to moisture or mold. When infected by mold, wood and drywall most likely will require complete removal; concrete masonry can be cleaned.

For more information about mold and cleaning concrete masonry, visit www.ncma.org.

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City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Auburn Hills	2311 Richwood	\$155,000	Novi	24304 Bashian	\$143,000
Beverly Hills	2436 Richwood	\$135,000	Novi	28089 Carlton	\$205,000
Birmingham	15692 Buckingham	\$221,000	Novi	25936 Clark	\$262,000
Birmingham	1023 Bannville	\$380,000	Novi	48648 Grand River	\$255,000
Birmingham	1064 Wimbledon	\$281,000	Novi	41495 Mitchell	\$235,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	4121 Golf Ridge	\$850,000	Novi	23629 N Rockledge	\$119,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	1989 Klingensmith	\$125,000	Novi	29260 Weston	\$293,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	528 Newburne Pointe	\$230,000	Novi	22582 Winfield	\$182,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	1142 Norminster End	\$840,000	Novi	22582 Winfield	\$219,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	1085 Waddington	\$1,195,000	Oakland Township	5564 Carrollton	\$920,000
Clarkston	9201 Allen	\$295,000	Oakland Township	3818 Fawn	\$474,000
Clarkston	5171 Greenview	\$275,000	Oakland Township	3852 Fawn	\$899,000
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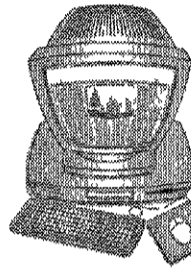
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<p>REDFORD Clean Ranch 3 bedroom home freshly painted, neutral decor, newer windows, steel entry doors & flooring. Some appliances, ceiling fans. Nice floor plan. Screened porch & a 1 year home warranty.</p> <p>(E46CEN) 734-455-5600 \$108,900</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON Location! Location! Pretty treed setting on large corner lot! Clean neutral decor for 4 bedroom, 2 bath b-level! Newer hardwood flooring in LR & DR. Kitchen w/ceramic tile. Appliances, LL, walkout w/gas fireplace & storage + 2 car att gar.</p> <p>(E74PEP) 734-455-5600 \$224,900</p>	<p>WALLED LAKE Lakefront Property Overlooking quiet yard. Boat docking available. Pets ok. In-unit laundry. Garage with opener. All sports lake. Freshly painted. 04. All appliances stay. Low association. Deck, neutral decor, beach, fishing, jet ski.</p> <p>(E95PON) 248-349-5600 \$109,900</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON Tanglewood Golf Community Proudly presents this magnificent custom home w/exceptional quality. T/O Grand foyer w/limestone floor. T/O Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cab-granite. GR-DR w/hwdw floors. FF master suite. A must see.</p> <p>(E46DOR) 248-349-5600 \$729,900</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful Wood Creek Farms 1.5 story cape on 1+ acre wooded lot. Additions: in-home prof office, studio, poss in-law ste w/sep entry, 3 car mech gar, oak frs, FF master w/WIC & BA, DR & LR, FR w/frp/c, full fin bsmt, 2 furn, C/A, warr & city water.</p> <p>(E11VIL) 248-349-5600 \$489,000</p>

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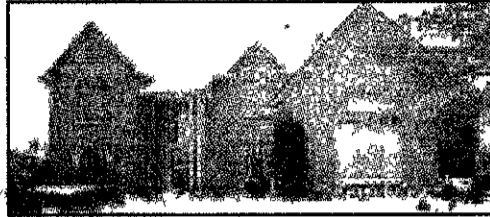
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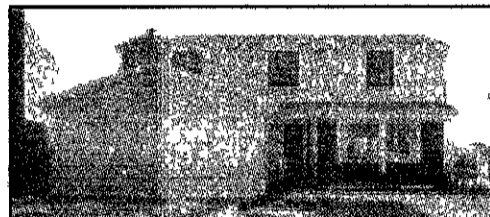
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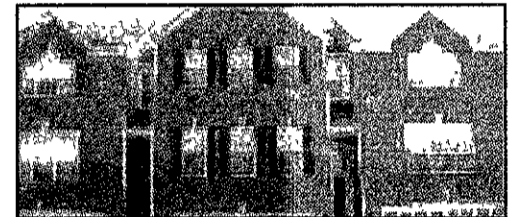
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3 BR RANCH IN LIVONIA Beautiful mstr suite w/full bath, lg LR w/frplc overlooking 3/4 acre lot. Finished bsmt w/4th BR. 349-6200 (25035180) \$250,000



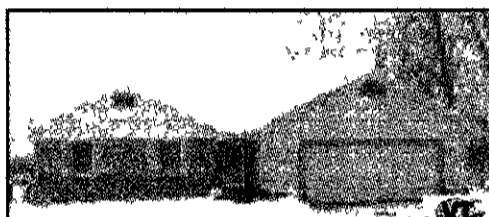
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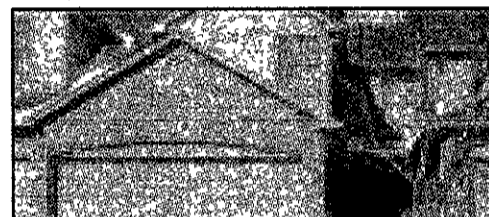
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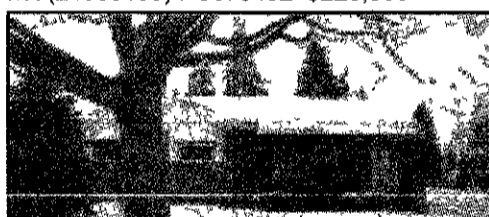
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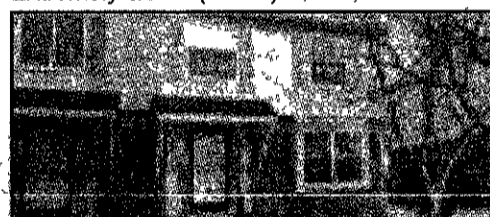
CANTON 734-591-9200
2 bedrooms, 2.5 bath dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceiling w/fan & FP MBR has 2 WIC. Bright kit has new flr & drwall to patio, appls stay, 1st flr Indry. 2 car gar & bsmt. (25009266) \$184,900



COMMERCE 734-326-2000
3 bedroom bungalow 2 car garage on lovely 1/2 acre. Across the street from & with lake privileges on Fox lake, large living rm w/fireplace, some newer windows (C345) \$169,900



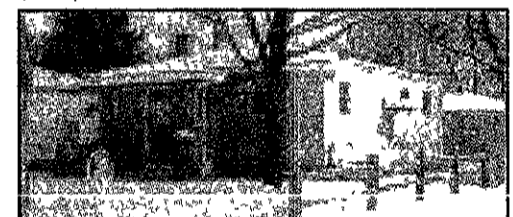
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
EASY TO ENJOY This 3 bedroom brick ranch, with newer windows, partially finished bsmt, large kitchen, 2 car garage, in great sub. (M340) \$162,900



NOVI 248-348-6430
FRESHLY PAINTED END UNIT TOWNHOUSE Lg mstr BR w/separate bath, LR w/bay wndw, updated kit, comfortable FR w/drwl to patio, part fin bsmt, home protection plan offered. 349-6200. (25028790) \$159,900



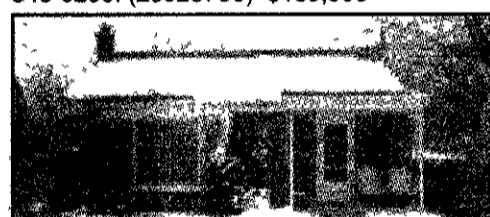
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3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow comes with 1588 sq ft, 3 car (30x24) attached garage, finished basement, wood deck and updates. Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25032293) \$142,900



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GARDEN CITY 248-349-6200
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LIVONIA 248-348-6430
Traditional Colonial w/3 lg BRs, 1.5 baths. Lg FR w/gas flrc. Newer crptng and roof. Formal dining room. Part fin bsmt. Home warranty. 349-6200 (25026543) \$230,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Large country lot, 0.45 acre holds this 2 BR updated ranch. Kit, bath, wndws, roof, furn & air with in last 6 years. (25023369) \$125,000

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NOVI 248-348-6430
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NOVI 248-348-6430
IMMACULATE 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial! Open flr plan, lg great rm w/frplc, neutral decor. Updates incl: wndws, shingles, crpt, flrng and more. 349-6200 (25028771) \$290,000

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REDFORD 734-326-2000
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WAYNE 734-591-9200
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WESTLAND 734-326-2000
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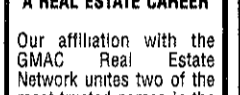
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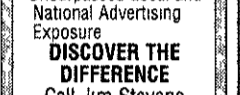
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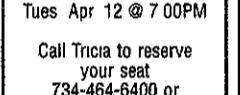
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The 2005 Honda Pilot

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BY DALE BUSS

Given the number and variety of niches in the American automotive market these days, of course it's impossible to anoint any one vehicle as perfect or nearly ideal. But when you narrow the field a bit to a certain segment, it's somewhat easier to attempt that exercise.

And when you try to come up with the ideal sport-utility vehicle, you'd be hard-pressed to produce a more "perfect" entry than the 2005 Honda Pilot. It's not for everyone, of course, but to me, Pilot represents an almost ideal balance among the major factors that are relevant to driving and owning an SUV: power; handling; dependability; cargo area; comfort; and, perhaps, that intangible confidence that can be so important when you're driving a big vehicle.

Honda keeps improving Pilot, its primary entry in the mainstream of the SUV market, and the 2005 model is no exception. It's got a new engine, for example, providing a significant boost in power (by 15 horsepower) for this model year. Other improvements include the addition of a tire-pressure monitor and a slight increase in fuel-tank capacity, to 20.4 gallons from 19.2.

But those specifics improvements are insignificant next to the overall robustness of this vehicle. Consider, first of all, some comparisons: Pilot is larger overall than a Toyota Highlander and Nissan Murano; it's wider than a Ford Explorer and it offers more cargo space. Not only that, but while seating as many as eight people, Pilot bests the seven-passenger capacity of the costlier MDX at Honda's upscale Acura division, with which Pilot shares its basic chassis and powertrain. Not only that, but Pilot has 8.8 cubic feet more cargo volume than MDX.

Pilot isn't much to look at on the outside, being



The Honda Pilot gets 17 mpg in the city and 22 mpg on the highway.

as it is a leading exemplar of Honda's functional and rather minimalist design. In other words, it looks rather like what you would expect as a generic illustration next to the entry "sport utility vehicle" or "SUV" in the dictionary. But that isn't to say that the 2005 Pilot is without its charming styling cues. For example, its grille and headlights are a precise enlargement of the wraparound face of Honda's smaller CR-V. And there's a definite limit on the matte-black plastic body cladding that you find on many SUVs.

All Pilots come with the new V6 engine I mentioned, which provides perfect doses of power in all typical driving situations, and a five-speed automatic transmission, which dispenses nearly seamless transitions. In all, Pilot's plant is a great illustration of why Honda is still the king of the hill when it comes to powertrains. Even with ample power pulling a reasonably sized vehicle, Honda also is able to achieve reasonable gas mileage with the new Pilot: 17 mpg in the city and 22 on the highway.

Likewise, Pilot provides an ideal balance of the hefty feeling and the road presence of a truck with the maneuverability and crisp handling of a more car-like vehicle. It's very easy to forget, while driving a Pilot, that you're carrying around

an ample amount of human or inanimate cargo because its frotting is so dependable. Again, that's something for which Honda is known, and the company's engineers haven't disappointed with this version of the Pilot.

Inside the vehicle, Honda's consistency continues. Seating for as many as eight is a real advantage for Pilot because in human-cargo capacity, it's really only rivaled by much bigger machines such as Lincoln Navigator and the Chevrolet Tahoe. However, while the second row of seating provides plenty of space for three adults, the third row gets a bit tight and probably should be left for the kids.

In terms of interior amenities, Pilot isn't a world-beater but Honda wisely loaded it with kid-friendly features, including a cupholder for every seat and pockets on the seatbacks of the first two rows. In the EX version, there's a second-row fold-down activity tray with more cupholders and spaces for pocket-sized electronic games or fast food - even including a little spot that's just the right size for sauce containers.

It's difficult to call any vehicle "perfect," but the 2005 Pilot represents an almost ideal solution for the need for a family-sized SUV, nicely equipped for around \$30,000. Leave it to Honda.

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