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District hopes early buyout attracts teachers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Pioneer Middle School science teacher James Marchio has taught in Plymouth-Canton schools for 37 years, but had no immediate plans to retire — until Wednesday. That's when Superintendent Jim Ryan announced a \$30,000 early severance incentive that could save the district \$7 million over the next eight years. "I still enjoy my job, so I needed an

incentive to decide to retire," said Marchio of the \$30,000 motivation. "If the offer stands, I'll take it." The caveat, according to a Ryan memo to the district's more than 1,000 Plymouth-Canton Education Association members dated April 20, is "a minimum of 70 teachers will need to sign up for this incentive in order for the offer to be officially granted." Marchio — and his wife, Evie, a 37-year educator who teaches fourth grade at Hoben Elementary — will make the leap into retirement should

the required number of teachers step forward. "It's a win-win situation. We get bonuses, they save a ton of money," said Marchio. "It's purely an economic issue." Ryan indicated the incentive will be paid over two years. The first payment of \$20,000 will be paid in January 2006, with the rest paid a year later. The offer is expected to go into effect Monday, with teachers having until June 8 to accept. A seven-day revocation period for teachers to

back out will last until June 15. According to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services, the savings for the district will kick in for the 2005-06 budget. "With 70 people leaving at the top of the wage and benefit scale, and 70 people rehired at the first wage step, the wages and benefits saved would equal \$2.1 million," Brand said. "The payment in January will cost \$1.4 million, so the net impact will be a \$700,000 reduction in expenses." Brand said the following year, the

net impact on the 2006-07 budget would be \$445,000. "When you look out from that point forward, you save in excess of \$800,000 a year, because it will take a fair amount of time for the new hires to get to the top wage scale," she said. "In the end, over an eight-year time period, the district should be about \$7 million ahead." Plymouth-Canton Schools has had five buyouts since 1992. According to

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A real 'survivor'

Local woman bucks cancer, walks to help others

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

As Joyce Hansen makes her way around the track, she looks as if she's working on keeping her heart healthy and keeping her body more fit. It's hard to tell that at one time she made the laps around the track because she was running for her life. Hansen, a 20-year Canton resident, is a three-time survivor of cancer, and is training to participate in the Relay for Life of Canton fund-raiser in May. "At the beginning of the relay the survivors walk the first lap," Hansen said of the beginning of Canton's seventh annual relay, which will be May 14-15. "It's bittersweet because on the one hand, you're there to walk that lap. You've made it another year. And you see all the other survivors from 5 years old to 70 and 80 years old, but you also see the people who aren't there, the people who didn't make it."

NOT A NEWCOMER

Hansen has been involved in Canton's relay for each of its seven years, though it's only been in the last six years that she's helped coordinate the event and has led her team from St. Thomas A Becket church in Canton. By day, she works for an order of priests, and is the

PLEASE SEE RELAY, A5



JOYCE HANSEN, RELAY FOR LIFE CANTON COORDINATOR AND A CANCER SURVIVOR SHOWS HER MEDAL SHE EARNED DURING A PAST RELAY EVENT.



CHRISTINE WOFFORD AND HER DAUGHTER OLIVIA WOFFORD HOLD UP PRAYER BOOKS FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II'S FUNERAL IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE.

Local woman: Pope's funeral steeped in tradition

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that Christine Wofford just couldn't pass up. When she heard the news that Pope John Paul II had died, the devout Catholic immediately made plans to fly to Rome, so she and her 16-year-old daughter Olivia could attend the April 8 funeral. Now that she has been home for more than a week, Wofford has had time to reflect on the life-changing experience. She said she and her daughter have a hundred stories to tell, about the funeral, the pageantry of the Catholic church, and all the wonderful people they met during the trip.

As for the funeral itself, Wofford said it was steeped in "rich tradition." She said the prayers and hymns were in Latin, Italian and some Greek. She said the funeral itself lasted about three hours. "It was very grand, but very simple. He was in a wooden casket. Being able to view his body was very special to us," Christine Wofford said. "It was very sad, but wonderful at the same time." The Woffords cherish the prayer books they received at the funeral, one of which they donated to the library at Dearborn Divine Child High School, where Olivia, 16, is a junior. "It is the same prayer book that was given to President Bush, who also attended the

funeral," Wofford said. Actually this wasn't the first time the two had been to the Vatican. The last time they visited was under happier circumstances, when Olivia received her first Holy Communion from the late pope when she was 6. Wofford firmly believes the Catholic church will name the former pope a saint some day, so she said it was worth waiting in line and fighting the elements most of the previous night to attend the funeral. "We waited in line in the street for hours. It was really cold, but it was definitely worth it. And we met some really nice Americans," she said. "We attended the funeral of a saint. What more can you ask?"

Teen brothers attacked by gang wielding brass knuckles

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Bad blood between neighbors turned into a physical attack, which sent two victims — 14-year-old and 17-year-old brothers — to the hospital. According to Canton police reports, officers responded just before 11 p.m. April 15 to a call from a home in the area of Palmer and Lilley roads. On arrival, officers found the two injured brothers, who said they had been assaulted. Multiple witnesses on scene said several big men, armed with baseball bats and brass

knuckles, approached the victims' residence and attacked the teens in front of their house. Both victims were transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with head injuries. "There was bad blood between the victims and suspects, and there had been talk throughout the day via cell phones," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "They live in the same subdivision and have known each other for years. They just don't get along, and this is what culminated." Two of the men — age 17 and 18 — the brothers said attacked them were neighbors they had known for years. Officers found them that evening at a

nearby residence. They were arrested, then charged Sunday with felonious assault and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. The brothers were later discharged from the hospital. The two teens, who pleaded not guilty to the charges, will appear at the 35th District Court in Plymouth April 29 for a preliminary examination. If found guilty, they face up to two years in prison for felonious assault and up to 10 years for assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

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Coming Sunday in PINK

Scholarship winners

Canton resident Benjamin Cote, a ninth-grader at Plymouth High, was recently awarded a scholarship by the United States Achievement Academy for his achievements in history.

The son of Deanna and Serge Cote, Benjamin has a 4.0 grade point average, and has a special interest in military history, but also enjoys French and math. He was nominated for the award by his teacher, Ann Hiram.

Cote

"Throughout my academic career I am hoping to graduate college in architecture or engineering. I believe architecture suits me because of my desire to build things," Benjamin wrote on his application.

Alyssa Waszczuk, a senior in supply chain management at Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, has just been awarded the prestigious R. Gene Richter Scholarship. Waszczuk has an overall grade point average of 3.86 out of 4.0. Recently Waszczuk had an opportunity to meet with Nancy Richter, a Canton native and the widow of the procurement industry leader in whose honor the scholarship was given.

The goal of the R. Gene Richter Scholarship Program is to identify a high-potential, next-generation leader in the procurement field and fast-track that individual into the profession. For more on the scholarship, go to <http://www.richterfoundation.org/id18.html>. In addition to tuition assistance of \$5,000, Richter Scholars are enrolled in an industry mentoring pro-

gram and attend the annual ISM (Institute for Supply Management) conference in early May. Next year, following Waszczuk's graduation, she will be invited to attend the ISM Power Conference, an exclusive gathering for chief procurement officers from across the nation.

Waszczuk, whose permanent address is in Plymouth, is an executive board member for the Broad School's Supply Chain Association, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Business Fraternity and a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan.

CCW class

The Canton Police Department's training division is hosting a carrying concealed weapons (CCW) permit class Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Canton Police Training Range, located at 5646 S. Lilley (just north of Van Born).

The cost of the class is \$125 and the class size is limited to 14 Canton residents only. Participants must bring their own unloaded pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition. In addition, a holster, eye and ear protection, and a locking device are highly recommended.

The class will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Pre-registration is recommended. For additional information or to register, call (734) 394-5451.

Prayer observance

Residents of Canton will be participating in the annual "Meet at City Hall" on May 5 to observe the National Day of Prayer, and to pray for a moral rebirth of America.

All are welcome to meet at the war memorial directly behind the administration

building to pray for 20 minutes, beginning at 12:20 p.m. The building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

For more information, call (734) 981-3442.

Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district director will hold office hours for all Van Buren Township residents, and any other interested constituents of State Senate District 7, on Monday, April 25, 2005, from 11-1 p.m., in the Van Buren-Denton Room of the Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road.

Please contact Patterson's Lansing office at (517) 373-7350, or (866) 262-7307, if you believe you will be stopping by.

Village improv show

On Thursday, April 21 at 8 p.m., the Totally Unrehearsed Theatre comedy improv show will come to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The five Detroit natives that make up the group are distinguished veterans of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. Their high-energy shows, which contain adult material, are never the same.

Tickets are \$10, and a cash bar is available. Tickets may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., will also be open two hours prior to each performance. For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Alzheimer's gala

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter will be holding its annual gala, on April 28 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. This year's gala, entitled "Living Longer and Loving It II", will feature Dr. Terri Orbuch, who is locally known as "The Love Doctor." The event will also feature 23



Come and get it!

Members of the Canton Lion's Club hand out ice cream bars to students at Tyler Elementary in Van Buren Township recently. The ice cream was a reward for the students, because they, along with students at Rawsonville Elementary, collected the most used eyeglasses. According to Lion's president Charlie Mott, the glasses are refurbished and sent to third world countries, particularly in Latin America.

exclusive businesses from the local area, and music from the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society. State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, will also be a featured speaker.

Hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, free goodie bags and a cash bar will be available. The event is open to the public on a first-come first-serve basis by pre-registering with Renee Merckx at (734) 658-4317. There is a \$5 fee to pre-register or \$10 at the door.

Grief workshop

The L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton will be hosting a spring grief workshop at 7 p.m. on April 26.

The workshop, which is intended to help people cope after the death of a loved one, will be led by Cathy Clough and the staff of New Hope Center for Grief Support and will provide you with an opportunity to explore your own individual grief and face the future.

To register for the workshop, call the funeral home at (734) 981-1700. The funeral home is located at 42600 Ford Road,

one block west of Lilley in Canton.

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 per-

cussion 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.

Go fly a kite

Join Canton Leisure Services for Family Fun Day in Heritage Park on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

Day camp

The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registrations for its summer day camp sessions, scheduled June 20-July 15 and July 21-Aug. 19 at the Salvation Army building on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road.

Cost is \$200 per child, per session, with a limited number of scholarships available for low-income families. Pre-care and after-care are available at an additional cost to children of working parents. The camps are geared for children 6- to 12-years-old.

Registration day is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, with ongoing registration available Monday-Friday beginning May 2. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

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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A new Country Day school to open in Canton next year

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A Canton Montessori school will bank on a borrowed name and a demand for private education options when it opens its doors next year.

Schoolhouse Montessori of Canton will ask the township for special land use approval to build Canton Country Day School on Warren between Beck and North Ridge.

"Our hope is that we will be open in the fall of 2006," said Kari Diehl, school director.

The Montessori, which has programs for approximately 170 preschoolers, is currently located on Canton Center near Hanford. The new school will be able to accommodate up to 300 students, preschool through grade five, in 16 classrooms.

"We're limited at our current site. The facility we have is inadequate to offer elementary programs. We're maxed out here," Diehl said. But the demand for private, non-parochial education alternatives is strong in Canton, she said.

"We all know what's happening with public schools and the cutbacks, and it's a growing concern. We're happy to offer parents another choice," Diehl said.

Diehl admitted the school is borrowing the name of an already well-known Oakland

County private school, Detroit Country Day.

"There is no copy right on the name, and there are several schools and preschools in southeast Michigan that have similar names," Diehl said. "But I want to make it clear that we are not affiliated with Detroit Country Day, but from a marketing perspective it's good for us. When people are looking for a premiere education we hope to set the precedent."

There is a huge base of families looking for schools that are private but not religious, Diehl said.

The new school will be a Montessori school. One of the cornerstones of Montessori is a non-competitive setting, she said. Children in grades 1-3 are grouped together in the classroom, as are fourth and fifth graders, she said.

"It benefits children in a number of ways. From the social dynamics there is a tremendous opportunity for social growth. The competitive edge is removed. In multi-age classrooms children don't judge themselves against their peers," Diehl said.

Schoolhouse Montessori also operates a school in Troy and is building Schoolhouse Montessori of Lakeside in Macomb County, which is scheduled to open in the fall.

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Smoking ban doesn't generate much fire

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission passed a smoking regulation that some critics say will be too difficult to enforce, allows for too many exceptions and doesn't provide for union exceptions.

Wayne County passed a workplace smoking ban in March that covers all employers with at least one employee. Exceptions are bars, restaurants, bingo halls, tobacco specialty stores, casinos, race-tracks and the city of Detroit.

The voluntary regulation allows employers to maintain designated smoking rooms, as long as non-smoking employees do not have to enter the room to access other workplace amenities.

Wayne County's Clean Indoor Air Regulation smoking ban is to take effect June 15, but employers must provide employees with no-smoking policies by May 25 — three weeks before the ban takes effect.

This means that "no smoking" signs must be posted in conspicuous areas and ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia need to be removed. Smokers will also be prohibited from smoking within six feet of building entrances, windows and ventilation systems.

The Wayne County Health Department will be responsible for enforcement. Because the regulation is voluntary, individuals or businesses must initiate action. A couple of ways businesses can do this are by requesting smoking rooms be inspected to ensure proper ventilation and by lodging complaints about smoking scofflaws.

Fines for non-compliance by individuals will range from \$100 for first offenses to \$500 for second and subsequent offenses.

Complaints from employees about businesses not following the regulation could invite an inspection by the health department.

Sharon Banks, spokes-

woman for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, said no additional health department staff will be hired.

REGULATION VOLUNTARY

Instead, the county will educate businesses about how to properly designate smoking rooms and how employees can be encouraged to quit smoking.

"(The smoking regulation) is voluntary and based on complaints received from the workplace," Banks said.

The United Auto Workers, which represents 1.2 million active and retired workers nationally and 107,000 in Wayne County, supports the ban.

"The UAW's position is that we are in support of the concept of the smoking ban, if it is done in a way to respect collective bargaining agreements," said Roger Kerson, UAW spokesman.

"We think it is a sound concept," he added.

The UAW has not yet reviewed the regulation's language.

Washtenaw County adopted a smoking ban in 2002.

Ingham and Genesee counties also have smoking bans, which the respective automotive plants have reportedly upheld.

County Commissioner Kay Beard favored the smoking ban though, as a former smoker, she realizes how tough it is to quit. She noticed that quitting smoking caused the birth rates of three of her five children to be about two pounds heavier than with her first- and second-born children.

"This really is a health problem," she said, referring to the hazards of secondhand smoke.

Originally, the county's smoking ban was in the form of an ordinance, which was vetoed by Ficano in 2004.

Reworking the smoking ordi-

nance into a regulation meant that it could be more quickly implemented, Beard said.

Most of the comments Beard has received from constituents have been positive.

"I haven't heard other than a few people say anything negative about it," she said. "An awful lot of people were pleased about it."

Ficano said his main objections with the original ordinance were in giving "police powers" to people running businesses. The regulation, however, is not without its potential problems.

"Overall, the basic situation is that (the smoking regulation) does not apply to the city of Detroit," Ficano said. "That's a pretty big hole in the doughnut."

A statewide regulation would make more sense than a countywide regulation with separate rules between two segments of the population, he added.

About 35,000-40,000 people in the United States die annually from illnesses related to breathing secondhand smoke, according to the American Cancer Society. In addition, more than 60 compounds in secondhand tobacco smoke are known or are suspected to cause cancer.

MOST FAVOR BAN

County Commissioner John Sullivan said he received 1,000 e-mails from constituents on the subject — with only three of those being against the ban. This weighed heavily on his decision to vote in favor of the regulation, he said.

Sullivan said he replied to all three of those e-mails personally, mostly allaying concerns from smokers who feared they wouldn't be allowed to smoke.

"People still have the right to smoke — you can smoke all you want," Sullivan said,

describing his response to the e-mails against the ban.

Most importantly, Sullivan said, is that most businesses seem to have a smoking policy already.

Not all commissioners supported the measure. Laura Cox, whose 10th district includes Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a portion of Livonia, cited a number of concerns with the regulation.

For one, an informal study by a chamber of commerce in her district showed that about 80 percent of businesses already have smoking restrictions in place.

Secondly, there are too many exceptions.

"A large portion of the county is not even included in the regulation," Cox said.

"Government is picking and choosing who they're going to regulate. (Smoking) really and truly is a health issue.

(Restrictions) should be done statewide — they should not be done county by county. It causes confusion."

Enforcement of the regulation may be too difficult, she added.

Smoking has become an incendiary issue, with some employers, including Weyco Inc. in Okemos, ordering its employees to quit smoking at work and at home — or be fired.

State Sen. Virg Bernero (D-Lansing) introduced a bill this week that will, if passed, ban this practice. The Employee Privacy Protection Act targets companies that attempt to regulate legal activities during non-working hours.

"A vast majority of employers respect their employees' privacy," said Randy Hannan, Bernero's chief of staff. "But some want to push that too far."

MDOT starts I-275 ramp work

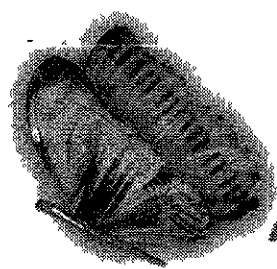
The Michigan Department of Transportation has rolled out the orange barrels for a \$1.2 million safety improvement project on the southbound I-275 ramp at Ford Road. The project began earlier this week and will continue through the end of June.

The first stage of the project is to construct an additional outside lane to provide space for drivers exiting the southbound freeway at Ford Road. The ramp will then be reconfigured to allow for dual left turn lanes heading east and

dual right turn lanes to the west. Minor concrete patching repairs will also be completed.

The next stage of the project will begin on May 11. The north side of Ford between Haggerty and Lilley will get a new exclusive right turn lane. The addition of the lane will help drivers heading west on Ford to turn safely and will help reduce congestion. An exclusive right turn lane will also be constructed for traffic heading east on Ford and entering southbound I-275 in front of White Castle.

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Schoolcraft flag flap just a brief mistake

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Some people mourning the death of Pope John Paul II were disturbed to see the American flag flying at the top of the flagpole on the campus of Schoolcraft College on Friday, April 8 – just hours after the pontiff’s funeral and contrary to a gubernatorial order.

College officials acknowledged they received some calls from those inquiring about the flag’s position, but they said it was a mistake that was corrected in about an hour.

On the day of the pope’s death, President George W. Bush ordered all federal buildings to lower flags to half-staff until sunset on the day of the pope’s funeral. Gov. Jennifer Granholm repeated the order for state buildings in Michigan.

Schoolcraft spokesman Marty Heator said the public institution complied with the order and flew its flag at half-staff until Friday afternoon when a custodial worker mistakenly raised the flag at about 3 p.m.

Novi resident Rosemarie Zwiller Denton was driving on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile on Friday afternoon when she noticed the campus flag was flying at full-staff. She pulled over and questioned a Schoolcraft College police officer about the position of the flag.

“The three-hour Latin Mass was the most-attended and widely watched funeral in history and there were 170 heads of state and political leaders present,” Denton said. “Even the New York Stock Exchange stopped for a minute of silence on Friday morning in honor of our beloved Pope John Paul II.”

Heator said after college administrators were notified of the flag’s position, they made sure the flag was lowered to half-staff.

“It was lowered at about 4 p.m.,” Heator said. “It flew at half-staff until dusk, in accordance with the governor’s order. That was our intention all along.”

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Jim Rubin of Virginia keeps his Abe Lincoln persona as he inspects members of the Michigan 17th Infantry outside of the Plymouth Historical Society Museum.

Wall-to-wall Lincolns

Convention teams ‘Honest Abes’ with museum’s Lincoln collection

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical Museum has the largest collection of Abraham Lincoln artifacts in the state of Michigan.

On Friday, the museum had the largest collection of Lincolns in the state. Nearly 75 Honest Abes, members of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, held their annual convention in Detroit.

Among their stops, a visit to admire the Lincoln memorabilia at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

“I’ve had this beard since 1972,” said Eugene Sliter, 75, a retired farmer from Fayette, Iowa. “I’m the dressed-up Lincoln because I’m wearing tails instead of a long coat. I also drive a 2003 Lincoln Continental.”

Fred Priebe of Belleville, a retired school teacher, works full-time as a Lincoln presenter, appearing many times at the Logan County Courthouse at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. He also volunteers at the Historical Museum on the Lincoln collection.

“I like his integrity, his



Dave Tennes of Canton reads some biographical background as he portrays Michigan Senator Jacob Howard, author of the 13th amendment to the Constitution.

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Eugene Sliter
Lincoln presenter from Iowa

honesty and ability to see the bigger picture,” said Priebe of Lincoln. “He didn’t have to have his ego fed, like a lot of politicians.”

Master of Ceremonies at the museum was 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, who sported his beard and Lincoln attire, just like he does for school children in

the Plymouth-Canton school district.

“I do this because it’s a great, powerful teaching tool for young people,” said Lowe. “You take a person whose got all those lessons of character, plus a person who had a passion for law that I share with him, and if I can inspire people to have that kind of character and learn more about Lincoln, we can’t be harmed by any of that.”

Cheryl Deep of Northville Township was visiting the Historical Museum with her husband and three children when all the Abes showed up.

“This feels very surreal,” said Deep. “For a moment, I felt like I was traveling back in time.”

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RELAY

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coordinator of youth and young adult ministry, but come spring, she turns into a part-time athlete to prepare for the 24-hour relay.

After that first year, when rain and cold kept Hansen from doing much more than supplying camping equipment and stopping in to check on her teammates, she was hooked. This year, nothing could tear her away from the track. Her husband of 28 years, 21-year-old daughter and 20-year-old son, have also become involved in the relay.

Hansen feels supported on a personal level by the relay. She first was diagnosed with cervical cancer nine years ago. All was fine until two years when the cancer came back.

"And when we finished treating that and found out I had cancerous cysts," Hansen said. She's fine now, but never forgets how lucky she is to be a survivor, she said.

It's probably the luminary ceremony at dusk on Saturday that moves Hansen the most.

"The luminary ceremony is just indescribable. The whole area is totally lit with bags, either in memory of someone's life, or for someone who survived. It's amazing," she said.

The relay is a test of endurance on many levels, Hansen said. Because she's charged with the financial record keeping and with set-up, she will arrive at the track in Heritage Park at about 7 a.m., and she'll start setting up tables, chairs and the team's tent, which will hold team members from St. Thomas A Becket and St. John Neumann church.

HARD AT WORK

Right around the time the

tent is set up, Hansen and other survivors register and prepare to take the first lap around the track, then head to a special survivor's luncheon.

"Then my job starts. There are four different times we turn in money. At 10 a.m. Sunday we have a grand total," she said. This year, the event will have collected more than \$1 million since it began.

The relay is not always easy, especially at night.

"There's only one year we didn't have a night that was freezing. One year it got almost to zero. There was ice and everything. A couple of years it rained all night," Hansen said.

"And we usually have 40-50 kids at our tent, so that's always fun," she added with a chuckle.

Sunday morning, the walkers are treated to the smells of a pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. And at 10 a.m., the closing ceremony tops off the event.

"Relay is such a unique event. There are moments when you will be inspired and moments when you will cry. Most of all it is a fun and empowering way to make a difference in the fight against cancer," said Jamie Chapman, community development director, American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Canton will be 10 a.m. May 14 to 10 a.m. May 15 at Heritage Park. There is still room for more teams, and people are always encouraged to make donations. The public is welcome to stop by during the relay to check out the entertainment and fund-raising booths at the track. The next team meeting will be at Canton Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. on April 26. Team mentors will be available to help interested people get teams started.

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Joyce Hansen trains for the upcoming Relay for Life in May at Heritage Park in Canton.

BUYOUT

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PCEA President Chuck Portelli, 13 teachers took a \$30,000 incentive over an 18-month period starting in 1992. In 1995, 66 teachers accepted a \$60,000 buyout over a six-year period. In 1999, another 55 teachers received \$60,000 over six years, with 79 teachers taking the same deal in 2000. In 2003, there were 24 teachers at the top of the wage scale who accepted a \$10,000 lump sum payment to leave.

The Board of Education had reportedly discussed a \$25,000 severance package tied to current contract negotiations; however, the PCEA considered the buyout a separate issue and declined to include it in talks.

Jim Angell, the Michigan Education Association Uniserv director, said several districts are currently negotiating incentives for higher-priced

teachers to leave. While not knowing the financial situation of those districts, Angell did note the \$30,000 offered by Plymouth-Canton Schools is at the low end.

Ryan said the district is attempting to be fiscally responsible, but "we're hoping the two-year payout is just as attractive to them."

Tom Cotner, a high school math teacher who has taught in Plymouth-Canton 34 years, earlier announced his retirement, and will receive the \$30,000 buyout. However, Cotner - who negotiated some of the previous incentives in the district - said the amount being offered probably won't be enough to entice 70 teachers to participate.

"The trick is to have it be sufficient enough to induce people to retire, who wouldn't have retired without it," Cotner said. "If I wasn't already going to retire, I wouldn't be enticed by this package."

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Color Guard holds auditions

Just barely into Spring, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Color Guard — the flag spinning, rifle-toting, saber-slashing arm of the award-winning P-CEP Marching Band — is preparing for its fall season.

The Plymouth High School Cafeteria will be the site for workshops from 5:30-8:30 p.m., May 2-5 and May 9, with auditions at the same times in the cafeteria May 10. All current P-CEP students as well as incoming freshmen are invited to participate.

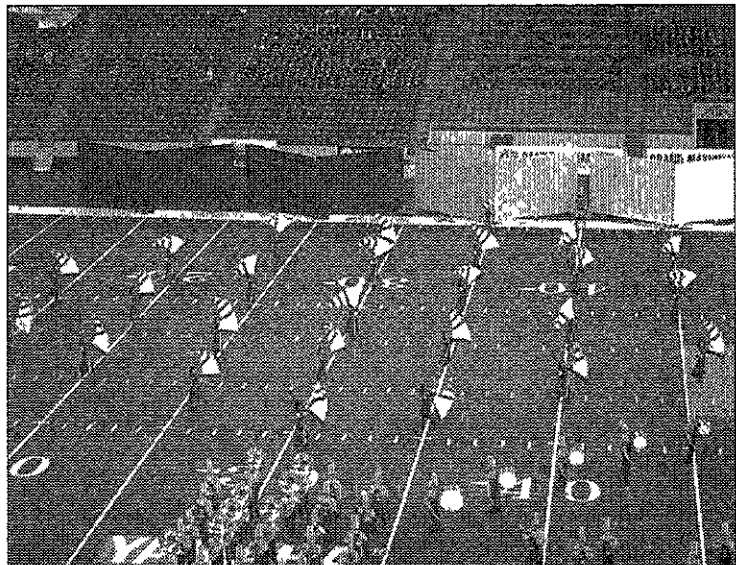
During the summer months, Color Guard members practice weekly and attend local mini-band camps as well as

the traditional six-day Camp Anne Band Camp near Traverse City the third week in August. The start of school marks the beginning of the fall season filled with local, state and regional competitions, culminating with the Bands of America National Championships in Indianapolis in November.

Color Guard is a sport which lives on as the P-CEP Winter Guard between December and April. So popular was the 2004 Color Guard that the 2005 Winter Guard was expanded to include two competition teams and sponsored a junior guard comprised of middle school students.

The Winter Guard competes without the marching band in a combination of music and dance incorporating the spinning, tossing, and twirling of flags, rifles, and sabers. This year it participated in local and state championships and, for the first time at the Winter Guard Regional Competition in Syracuse, N.Y., and the National Championships in Dayton, Ohio. A community performance was well received the evening of March 23.

For additional information regarding the P-CEP Fall Color Guard, send an e-mail to pcmbguard@aol.com or call (734) 582-5666.



The Plymouth-Canton Color Guard, shown here performing with the marching band last season, holds auditions next month for the upcoming fall season.

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In conjunction with the acquisition, Johnson Controls also anticipates receiving a global long-term contract to supply General Motors with original equipment batteries.

The business to be acquired, which has annual consolidated revenues of approximately \$600 million, would include Delphi's battery operations in more than 10 countries, including joint venture interests in China and South Korea. Delphi's U.S. automotive battery manufacturing locations are not included in the

transaction. Delphi will supply batteries from its New Brunswick, New Jersey and Fitzgerald, Ga., operations through a contract manufacturing relationship with Johnson Controls during a transitional period through 2007.

The acquisition enables Johnson Controls to participate in the rapidly-growing Asian automotive battery market, particularly in China. The total vehicle population in China is expected to double in the next five years, with new car production expected to grow at double-digit rates. The business being acquired has a leading position in original equipment batteries in China, as well as a presence in the Chinese aftermarket.

"We expect that this acquisition

will enable us to extend our technology and grow our business globally, develop a leadership position in Asia, and become the primary supplier of original equipment batteries to the world's largest automaker," said Gregg Sherrill, vice president of Johnson Controls' automotive group-battery. "We're very pleased about the potential these opportunities provide, and look forward to delivering our world-class quality and service to General Motors, and new original equipment and aftermarket customers around the world."

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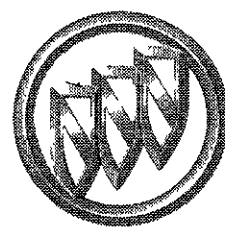
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Becher: Schools need a better funding plan

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Stephen Becher admits that being a Wayne-Westland school board trustee has been a lot more work than he thought it would be. The people who encouraged him to run last June for the remaining year of a term that had been held by the late Mathew McCusker stressed that it was only one meeting a month, he said.

He has discovered that it can be as many as three-five activities a week and that's not even the busiest months of the school year.

But that hasn't discouraged the retired school teacher. He's ready for the opportunity "to become a better board member" during his first four-year term on the board.

"I really have enjoyed my year on the board, I think I bring stability to it," said the Wayne resident who is running unopposed in the Tuesday, May 3, school election. "It's been an exciting year, a learning year."

He has learned a lot more about the district where he spent his entire teaching career which included more than 23 years at Madison Elementary and three years at Marshall Middle School. One thing is that it was easier sitting on the opposite side of the negotiating table.

"It was easier as a union



Becher

said Becher, who served as president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association for three years.

FINANCIAL CUSHION

Becher said Wayne-Westland is "lucky" because it has a financial cushion, money that has helped it weather the state's economic malaise. After four years of no new money for the schools, the state plans to increase the per pupil foundation grant by \$175, but school districts maintain that much of that increase will be eaten up with the increased costs of health care and retirement.

"There's going to be a line drawn in the sand soon, probably with the health care," Becher said. "Teachers can work five years, buy five years and retire with full health care, but the trouble with health care is that it's a negotiated item. One of the bills in the legislature would have them get 3 percent of their insurance for every year they work."

Becher pointed out that the district still offers a full educational program, sports without

pay-to-play and has its superintendent unlike the tiny Vanderbilt district which let its superintendent go to save \$78,500.

"Some school districts will have a problem opening the door next year," said Becher. "The state is going to have to come up with a better way to fund education. It's up to the legislature to come up with a plan. The whole thing comes down to money."

As a school board member, he said he has discovered that there are a lot of great things happening and agrees with Superintendent Greg Baracy that the district has a perception problem.

"We do so much in the of PR for people who are here in the district, but not so for the people coming in," Becher said. "We have people who live in this district who don't think we're all that good."

"When I hired in here in 1972, Wayne-Westland was known as one of the most innovative school districts in the state."

SINGLE SEX CLASSES

He would like to see that innovativeness return with the offering of single sex classes. Becher firmly believes that it would be of benefit to male and female students and would work well in high school and middle school.

"I'd love to see it implement-

ed, even on a voluntary basis," said Becher. "More and more research is coming out that it benefits both sexes."

Becher hasn't been able to get Baracy to budge on the issue. Baracy did look into it has part of the goals set for him by the board, but the investigation didn't change his stand that such classes don't follow federal guidelines for equity in education.

"If we offer the same class for boys and for girls and make it voluntary, I don't think you could call it discrimination," Becher said. "I think the district should give it a shot for physical education, math, science ... the four core areas."

"Just offer one class, one section for boys, one section for girls. If no one signs up, that would be the end of it."

Becher doesn't plan to give up on the idea, but the difference of opinion won't get in the way of the relationship between the two men.

"We don't always agree on stuff, you're not going to," he said.

For now, he is ready for four more years. He is impressed by his colleagues and the working relationship they have.

"We don't always agree, but I think we have an excellent board," he added. "Everyone gets along professionally and personally."

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Taft-Galloway Elementary third-graders perform a medley of *Home on the Range* and *There's No Place Like Home* for Realtors.

Baracy: District as 'good' as others

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Greg Baracy had a message for the more than 100 people in the audience: The Wayne-Westland schools are "as good as any schools in the state."

The message was aimed at the Realtors in the audience and aimed at dispelling the perception that the district is of lesser quality than its neighbors to the north and west.

"I want to share with you that we have outstanding schools," said the Wayne-Westland superintendent. "We're right there at the state average overall, but many of our schools are above state average."

"Our grades are as good as any other school district and that should be shared with parents."

Baracy made his comments during the district's annual Realtors luncheon, held at Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne.

Realtors from throughout the district were invited to Taft-Galloway to see and hear about the Wayne-Westland schools. They also were entertained by a skit, *Our Community*, presented by first-graders, and third-grade musical performance of *Home on the Range*.

While Baracy reported that the state of the school district is "excellent," he expressed disappointment about its perception, noting that school officials over the last several years are hearing from more and more parents about being encouraged by Realtors to send their children to private or charter schools rather than Wayne-Westland schools.

"Children have a great opportunity to excel in Wayne-Westland schools," he said. "We feel Wayne-Westland is a great place to learn, a great place to work and has great home values. Granted we don't have the \$500,000 homes, we don't have that affluence, but we do have good homes with supportive parents."

Baracy provided Realtors with an overview of the district from its finances to its MEAP scores. He pointed out that:

■ Every building has been totally renovated in the last five-six years because of the 1998 bond approved by resi-

dents and that a 10-year \$30 million sinking fund tax is allowing the district to continue improvements.

Baracy added that the district continues to improve its athletic fields and sports stadiums which match up with what's available at a junior college.

■ Every building, classroom and instructional media center is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, "second to none in the state."

■ The district offers a full regular academic program and full extracurricular program. It still has class reduction and Reading Recovery programs in place.

"We don't have any pay-to-play," he said.

■ Every Wayne-Westland school has North Central accreditation, "something we're all proud of and something parents should look for when looking for a home."

■ The district has 12 Golden Apples and a Michigan Blue Ribbon Award. Both awards are state honors recognizing student achievement.

■ Wayne-Westland's MEAP scores are high with several schools exceeding state average. Walker-Winter Elementary, located in Canton Township, "is right at the top" with scores that are 93 percent or higher. The scores also are "above the average of Plymouth-Canton Schools," Baracy said.

"These are solid numbers, from the state," he added.

Noel Dorr agreed with Baracy. While one Realtor told Baracy that it's "about safety and class size, not MEAP scores," she said it is a matter of perception, pointing out that it was one of the top-rated districts in the '70s-early '80s.

"It's a matter of getting the word out that these schools are great and good," said Dorr, a Realtor with Century 21 Dynamic in Westland.

Broker Chris Peterson agrees.

"These are wonderful schools," she said. "Shame on the Realtors who tell people where to buy. They're there to market the home. If a client wants information, they should provide it. What's important to one client isn't important to another."

Nodwell wants chance to tackle issues facing district

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

Ralph Nodwell is proud of his service to the community during his nine years as a member of the Van Buren Board of Education. The Van Buren Township resident is hoping the community is proud of that service too, as he gears up for the May 3 election, which pits him against newcomer Andrew Wrenbeck, also of Van Buren Township.

Nodwell, 71, has been elected twice to the board since being appointed during his first term. In addition to his



Nodwell

work with the school board, he has also been extremely active in the community, and belongs to numerous committees and organizations, including the Environmental Committee, the Belleville Strawberry Festival board, and he is a past president of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce.

"I like being able to make decisions to help students," Nodwell said. "It's an interest-

ing and challenging obligation."

Nodwell, who has lived in Van Buren Township since 1979, said his biggest accomplishment during his tenure on the school board has been "building the confidence of local parent groups."

"I listen and I respond," he said.

Nodwell said there are three main issues facing the school board in the next four years. First and foremost among these challenges is the school budget. The district has been in a financial dilemma the past two years.

"State funding and financing

are very important," Nodwell said. "With the budget, it's day to day."

He said he and the other board members are always trying to "find ways to correct" the budget shortfall within the district.

The second issue Nodwell thinks is important is building a new high school. He said the school was built for 1,400 students and now houses nearly 2,000. He noted that there are also structural issues with the building.

"The new high school has long range potential," Nodwell said. "We've been looking at this for nearly three years."

He pointed out that the board has no rough estimate on how much a new high school would cost.

Raising MEAP scores is the third important issue facing the board, Nodwell said.

"We need to bring MEAP scores up," he said. "But these things take time, we can't wave a magic wand to make improvements."

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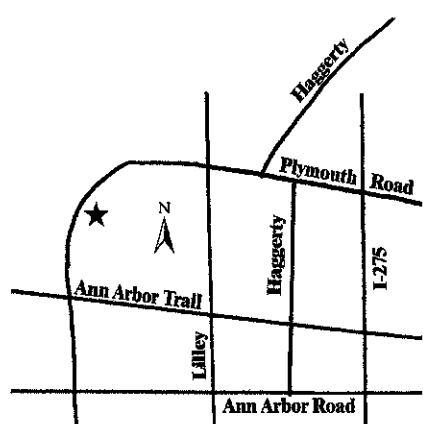
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POLICE CALLS

Thief targets cigarettes

Canton police are looking for a man who robbed a Speedway gas station on April 17.

According to police reports, officers were called to the Speedway gas station on Ford and Canton Center. A clerk told officers that a man came into the store at about 6:10 a.m., poured a cup of coffee and dropped the coffee pot. The pot shattered and coffee spilled on the floor.

The clerk went to the back room to get a mop to clean up the glass and coffee, but when returned, the man approached him from behind, stuck something in his back and told him not to move or he would hurt him.

The man went to the parking lot to his van and returned with a plastic tub, which he loaded with 93 cartons of cigarettes, valued at approximately \$4,900.

Before leaving, the robber used a roll of black duct tape to tie the clerk's hands and tape shut his mouth. He loaded the tub into his van and drove away.

Pitchfork pursuit

An alleged drug deal gone bad led to a chase with a pitchfork at a Canton mobile home park.

According to police reports, the manager of the park on Mott Road called officers on April 16 when he saw a 20-year-old man carrying a pitchfork chasing a 25-year-old man through the neighborhood.

A witness told police that the 20-year-old lives in the park, and had agreed to sell \$200 worth of the drug known as Ecstasy to the 25-year-old man from Ann Arbor. The witness told police that the Ann Arbor man grabbed the drugs and ran away without paying, and the Canton man ran after him.

Police are still investigating the incident.

Child neglect

A Canton mother was tick-

eted after she left her two children - ages 3 and 1 - in a minivan while she shopped.

According to police reports, someone called police on April 15 to report the children were unattended in the van, which was parked outside a strip mall on Ford Road.

The mother admitted to leaving the children in the van for 20 minutes while she shopped, and said she knew what she did was wrong. She was cited for child neglect.

Stolen car

A Canton woman called police on April 18 after someone allegedly stole her car.

According to police reports, she parked at the Summit and went inside. A while later when she finished her workout, she found the \$15,000 Mercedes was gone. Her purse was inside the car as well.

Speakers stolen

An 18-year-old Canton woman called police on April 18 to report someone had stolen \$200 worth of stereo equipment from her car.

The car was parked overnight in front of her home on Bryn Mawr, and she noticed in the morning that there were wires hanging from the rear hatch door of her car. The speakers were missing.

Abandoned home

Canton police were called to investigate a suspicious situation at an abandoned house on Michigan Avenue.

According to police reports, someone called on April 18 to report the house's door was left open. When police arrived, they found the house abandoned and no one was inside.

The roof was caving in, the windows had been broken and the basement was flooded. Police found a license plate from a camper. The plate was issued to a Belleville man. Police will question him about the house, according to reports.

- By Carol Marshall

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Arab American National Museum will open its doors on May 5 at Michigan Avenue and Schaefer in Dearborn.

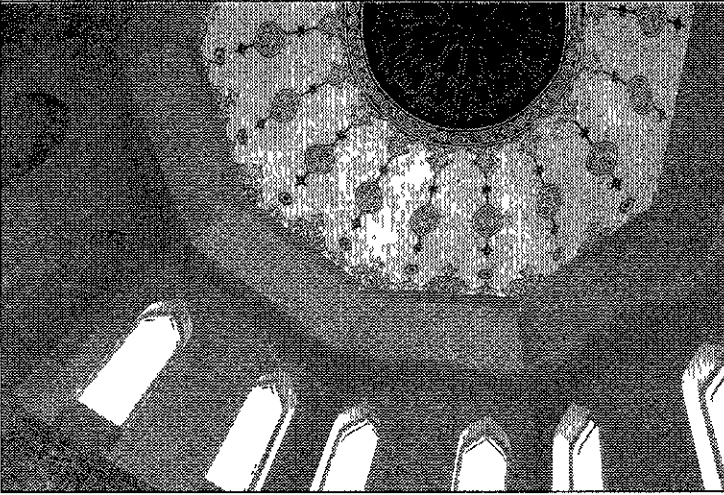
The public is invited Thursday, May 5, for the grand opening of the AANM, beginning at 5 p.m. The event is free, and will feature a night of music and celebration.

"We just want to welcome everyone to come out," said Hannan Deep, director of communications for the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. The new museum is a project of ACCESS, which also offers such services as employment training.

Of the 15,000 major museums in the United States, the AANM is the first to celebrate the Arab-American story.

"This is a first of its kind," Deep said. "We're getting a lot of excitement. It's quite the buzz lately."

She's had a number of media inquiries, and noted the museum has generated attention not only locally but also nationally and internationally. The museum documents,



The Arab American National Museum will open May 5.

preserves, celebrates, and informs the public on the history, life, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. It is a resource to enhance knowledge and understanding about Arab Americans and their presence in the United States.

A 38,500-square-foot space, the museum will function as an educational facility, an institution of preservation, and a community center, with a 158-seat auditorium, classroom space, a library/resource center, and shop. The permanent exhibitions focus on two

themes: the Arab world and the Arab-American experience.

Planning began about five years ago, Deep said, with major work done in the last three years "which is a pretty short amount of time." Fund raising has taken place, with businesses and foundation grants providing support.

The museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., can be reached at (313) 582-AANM or on the Web at www.theaanm.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and

Museum to reveal Arab-American story

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

As the world's 1.1 billion Catholics celebrate the election of the first pope of the third millennium, area religious leaders believe the man who was the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog will be a much different person in his new capacity as the Bishop of Rome.

On Tuesday, the Vatican's College of Cardinals elected German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to be named the 265th pope, now known as Pope Benedict XVI.

Archdiocese of Detroit Moderator for the Curia Monsignor John Zenz described the incoming pontiff as an intellectual giant and one of the last living connections to

the Vatican II council.

"He has always been a brilliant intellectual, probably the best theologian in depth and breadth in the church," he said. "He was a *periti*, an expert adviser to the cardinals at Vatican II. He was 35 at the time."

He said Benedict XVI would most likely reaffirm the teachings of John Paul II and his selection by the cardinals was an indication of their desire for continuity in leadership. Like his predecessor, the new pope understands the importance of every word he says and writes.

"He is a teacher and a writer," Zenz said. "He will be careful in how he nuances things. His words will be carefully chosen and sentences carefully sculpted."

For all the desire for continuity, he said the new pope can't be the same person he was as the dean of the college of cardinals and the dogged head of the Congregational Doctrine of the Faith.

"He will have a new perspective," he said, "He's now more a pastor and more aware of the needs of the church around the world. His perspective won't just be doctrine, he will have to think of the needs of people around the world."

Rabbi Charles Rosenzveig of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills said the former Cardinal Ratzinger might have been a doctrinal hardliner, but Pope Benedict XVI could be a very different person.

"He may have been conservative as a cardinal but as the pope he has to deal with the fact that every word he says will have international implications," Rosenzveig said. "It's

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.
Sunday.

The museum will be closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$6 general, \$3 for students, seniors and children ages 5-12, free for children 5 and younger. Target sponsors free family admission with a child on Sunday.

School and group tours are available and can be arranged by calling the above number.

The first exhibit, "In/Visible," will open May 19. "It's a group of Arab-American artists," she said. "Their art will be showcased."

Also, Multicultural Nights featuring an array of performers will begin in the fall, with Comerica and Ford Motor Co. as sponsors.

A fund-raising gala will be held Saturday, April 23, at the museum. Tickets are \$250 or \$500 (which includes a VIP reception). For more information or to buy tickets for the gala, contact Barbara Logan at blogan@accesscommunity.org or (313) 842-7010. Actor Tony Shalhoub, star of the television series *Monk* will attend, Deep said.



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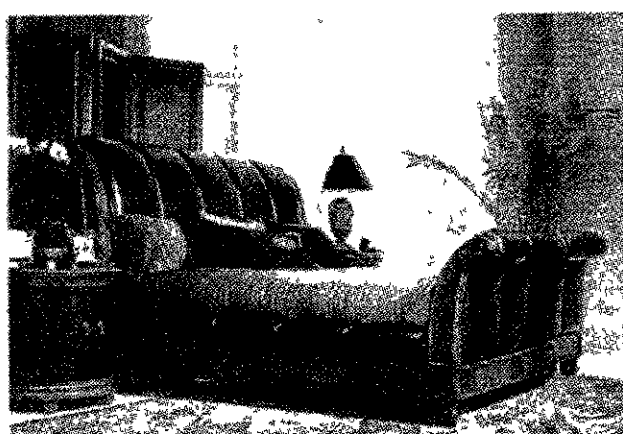
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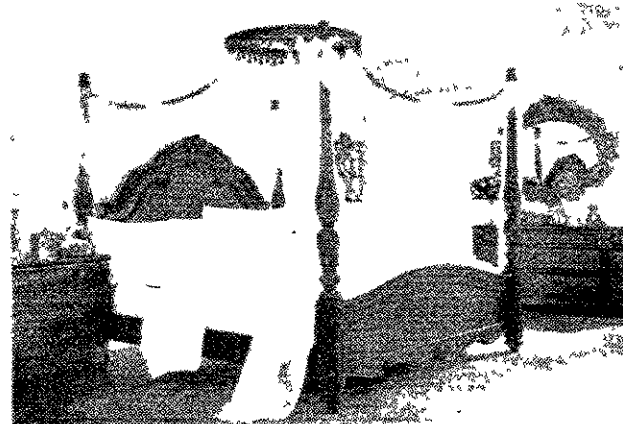


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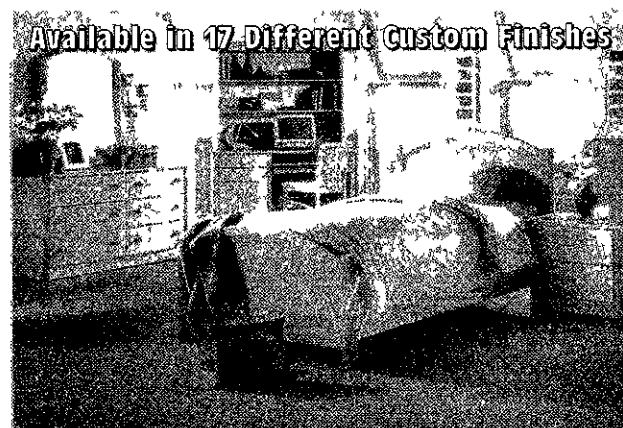
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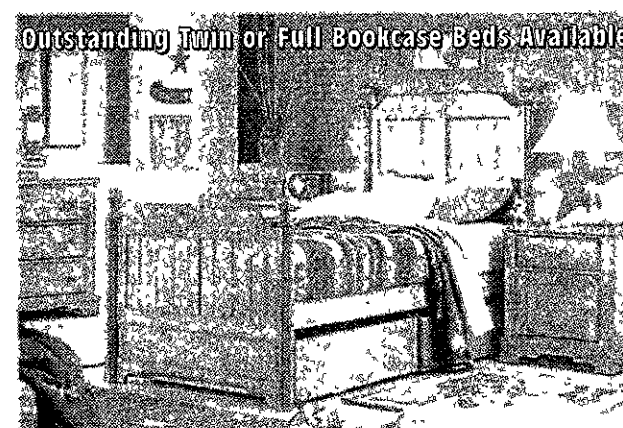
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OUR VIEWS

Publisher, others step to the plate

One frequently hears sports managers and coaches, when discussing dealing with the loss of a key player, say other players must "step up to the plate," a sports idiom meaning the others must accept responsibility for keeping the team afloat.

Plymouth publisher Patrick Olson is proving that axiom isn't appropriate solely in the sports world.

Olson, founder of Hayden-McNeil Publishing Inc., put his Patrick and Patricia Olson Foundation out in front of a month-long book drive aimed at putting 100 books in each of the Plymouth-Canton school district's 350 K-5 classrooms.

That's 35,000 books Olson wants to put in the hands of youngsters across the district. And Olson has pledged to make up any shortfall of books not donated during the book drive.

School district officials figure Olson is putting himself on the hook for anywhere from \$200,000 to \$500,000. He's willing, he said, because so many of the things that compete for our children's attention are unhealthy and, frankly, not useful.

Olson knows getting kids to focus on reading can be tough. It's a habit best acquired early, and if he can help teachers in their efforts to build that habit in children, all the better.

Penny Joy, the district's K-12 curriculum coordinator for language arts and social studies, points out research shows classroom libraries should have 25 books per child. That's 600 books for a classroom with 24 students, a total of 210,000 books for a project this size. This book drive isn't about to hit that figure, but that's not the point.

The point is, the district has a need, and Olson stepped up to help fill it. He recognizes our children are our future. And, speaking of sports, you don't need a scoreboard to see who the winner is — we all our. We should all make such an investment.

We can all support the environment

Friday is Earth Day and no matter what your political preference or religious belief, the environment is an issue we can all support.

We salute the early champions of conservation and the voices who lobbied for clean water and clear air legislation throughout the decades that has improved the quality of life for all.

Local Earth Day events for many years centered around recycling — bottles, cans, plastic and paper.

In our high-tech world, it's also about recycling and reusing the new tools of life in 2005 — cell phones. So don't toss that old phone in the trash.

Earth Day 2005 is the perfect time to start making a difference. Whether you take a walk and enjoy nature, plant a tree, or renew a pledge to reuse and recycle household items — include that old cell phone, too — take time to reflect and enjoy the outdoors and pledge to preserve Mother Earth.

Listen up: Vote is May 3

The first real test of Michigan's election consolidation law is less than two weeks away, and we're hoping for good things.

School districts throughout our *Observer & Eccentric* communities will elect members to their local school boards and some will vote on funding issues May 3 — not in mid-June, as has been the case in years past.

That means time is running short for candidates to get the word out and for responsible citizens to study the candidates and issues. Sure the warmer weather beckons, but we urge residents to check your local cable channels for candidate forums, read your local *O&E* for coverage of candidates and endorsements, and talk to your friends and neighbors. These school board jobs are significant, as board members lead our public school districts — certainly among the key ingredients in the quality of every community.

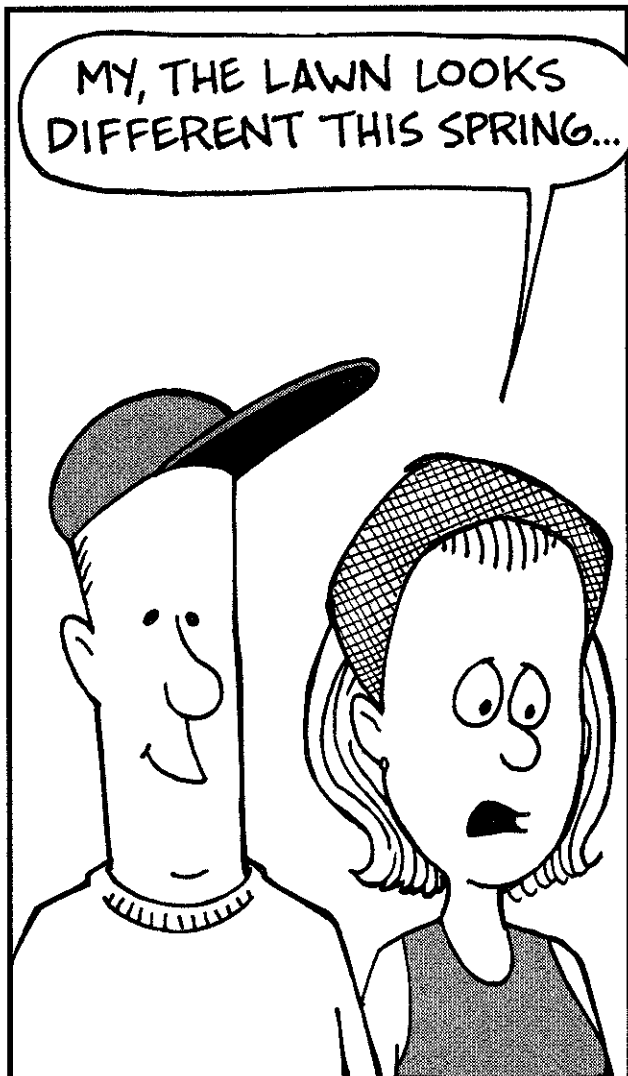
State officials hoped to increase voter turnout by consolidating elections to four set dates every year, while eliminating so-called "stealth" elections when, for instance, only school district supporters would show up to vote. They also moved all election responsibility to local municipalities and standardized voting sites, again to help get more people involved in the process.

The May 3 school board elections — now held before the start of the summer vacation season — will be the first real trial of those theories. And, given the usual single-digit turnout in our towns, we certainly hope voters will be paying attention.

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School uniforms make sense

I am a 12-year-old girl in the sixth grade. I think that kids in public schools should have to wear uniforms. With uniforms you can wake up later because you don't have to pick out your clothes in the morning. And kids can't make fun of you because they will be wearing the same thing. That will end being sent to the principal's office because you are wearing something inappropriate. And your parents will not have to spend so much money on the new fashion trends that everyone in school is wearing.

Jill Sparaschu
Discovery Middle School
Canton

Not my watchdog

Be careful who you put on a pedestal as your "government watchdog." The recent *Observer* front page article, which hails Mr. Alfred Brock as a crusader against government, would lead one to believe that without people like him the township would run amok. While I think there is always room for criticism of public officials when it comes to spending tax dollars, I think that there should be equally as much credit given to them for the positive results of their efforts. Canton Township is an excellent example of visionary, inclusive, progressive leadership.

Having lived here 15 years, I've come to appreciate the changes in Canton over that time period. One of the things I've admired about the leadership in the township is its look to the future attitude while maintaining a basic conservative posture, if that's possible. While the population has been growing at a significant rate, the township's administration and services always seems to be ahead of many of the growing pains of a changing environment. Further, the township's response to quality-of-life issues is very positive and has led to the community being considered a wonderful place to live and raise families. Because of that, it has also become a target for businesses to come and set up shop, i.e., IKEA and others. Because of that, it has also become a target for the folks who contribute very little to its development, who look at its progress as having been too extravagant, but who yet enjoy the benefits of its success.

May you critique how that all came about? Certainly, you may, but in all fairness you also have to acknowledge that the collaborative efforts of government, business and education have created a community to be proud of. The proof is in the positive changes and the entities that want to play a part in them. Those who merely sit back and tear down those efforts are rarely involved in the building of a community like ours, so be careful who you trust to be your "watchdog."

Greg Greene
Canton

Other side of Wendy's story

You placed a comment from a C.A. Martin from Canton in your paper on

March 24 about an incident that happened over a month prior to the letter being printed with negative comments about our Wendy's restaurant.

I would hope you would check for accuracy before printing comments or articles. You do not do your readers justice by printing inaccurate pieces. The harm that can be done to individuals or businesses because of these letters is unwarranted.

I would like to set the record straight on what happened that evening at our Ford Road and Haggerty Road location. C.A. Martin never spoke to a member of our staff. The customers they complained about did come up to our counter to complain to our staff on how rude and mean they had been with their comments that were said loud enough for the couple to hear.

The manager and staff never saw the couple change the baby's diaper. As a parent, I am aware this process only takes a few seconds and can easily go undetected by others. Our staff never knew if or where the child was changed. They were never told specifically what comments were made, just that the couple was extremely rude. This put the manager in a no-win situation.

The customer said the table was never cleaned. It was cleaned. The manager waited until the couple with the rude comments left to avoid a conflict. No one sat at the table prior to it being cleaned. Wendy's takes great pride in its sanitary practices and procedures. We are very aware of what an unsanitary restaurant could mean to Wendy's. When we know a table has been used, we clean the table and chairs with a Proctor & Gamble sanitizer. We also use it to clean all surfaces customers come in contact with while they dine with us.

We do not know what sanitary practices have not been followed by our customers while in our restaurant or before they arrive. Therefore, we do everything we can to ensure our restaurants are kept sanitary.

Randy Israel
Wendy's restaurant

Celebrate Earth Day

The first Earth Day took place in 1970. Now an annual event, this celebration of planet Earth encourages people to appreciate and protect our world. A U.S. senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest honor given to civilians in the United States — for his role as Earth Day founder.

Celebrate the 35th anniversary of Earth Day, which takes place April 22, by getting out and enjoying the great outdoors.

■ Take a walk or enjoy a hike at your local metro or state park. Many offer nature trails. Walk softly and, who knows, you may spot wildlife. Just being out in nature gives you a new appreciation for its beauty and serenity.

■ Take up a new outdoor activity. Mountain biking, wildlife photography,

disc golf and bird watching are just some possible outdoor activities. All get you outside into the great outdoors. "Often, the times I am photographing wildlife are when I am most relaxed. There are very few things one can do to relax more than being in nature," says Michigan professional wildlife photographer and best-selling book author Carl R. Sams II.

■ Designate part of your backyard as natural habitat for wildlife. You don't need a large tract of land to create natural wildlife habitat. A simple 6-foot by 6-foot plot of land will work fine.

Landscaping for wildlife is fun and rewarding. Native plants are best as they require the least amount of care. Birds will scatter seeds and help develop your habitat. For more information, visit the National Wildlife Federation at www.nwf.org and click on "Your Yard."

■ Plant a tree. According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, trees around your home can increase its value up to 15 percent and provide homes for songbirds. Trees also remove carbon dioxide from the air and produce oxygen. For more information on what type of tree to plant and when, visit the National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arbor-day.org. "The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day," according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick
Milford

Good work

Mr. Power: I liked your article "Fairness in journalism on its way to becoming an old idea," (March 17.) I am aware of all the shenanigans that the Bush people are spinning on our country. I also agree with you about "any government that conducts business in secret is a government to be feared." I commend you for your courage to write what you have, however, the Neocons will certainly try to punish you for your candor. Keep up the good work.

Frank Delewsky
Livonia

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"Do we need to be charged with being as efficient and fiscally responsible as possible? You bet. But this community has been defined as a community that believes in what we do and it's our job to deliver the best services possible within the acceptable standards."

— Ann Conklin, Canton's leisure services director, discussing the results of a resident survey on the benefits of the township's recreation programs

Controlling nuisance species needs to be region's top priority

When you look at images of Earth taken from outer space, our Michigan stands out clearly, wrapped entirely in the gorgeous blue of the Great Lakes. They define our state as nothing else. They contain fully one-quarter of all the fresh water in the world. And, I suspect, the resources their water offers holds much of the long-term economic future of our state.

But our entire ecosystem is now being threatened by the introduction of critters like the zebra mussel, the sea lamprey, the spiny water flea and a pest fish called the Eurasian ruffe. To date, there are 162 of these aquatic nuisance species (ANS), with new species being discovered every eight months. Most of them originate elsewhere and are carried to the Great Lakes in the ballast water of ocean-going freighters. Because they originate outside the Great Lakes ecosystem, when they arrive here they find few natural predators, and so they spread like ... well, zebra mussels.

Every serious study has concluded that drastic action must be taken to end these invasions to maintain the health of the lakes and to save the fishery and recreation industries. Sadly, governmental efforts to do so have run the gamut from the laughably ineffective to the scandalously foot-dragging.

The National Invasive Species Act, for example, says ballast exchange or treatment is required before ships enter the Great Lakes. But if the ship captain declares there is no ballast on board, there is no inspection and the ship sails on. Worse, the feds recently turned enforcement over to the Coast Guard, whose first priority is not, by any means, things environmental.

On the state level, Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act gives the Department of Environmental Quality the authority to control pollution of any sort in the Great Lakes. But the DEQ says it can't enforce the act with respect to ballast water because it doesn't have the money and there is no unified basin-wide approach to the regulations.

But there are two recent pieces of good news: Last month, a federal judge in San Francisco ruled the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must regulate discharges from ships' ballast tanks. The lawsuit arose from environmental groups in the area which are dismayed that the bay is being inundated by exotic species from abroad.

Encouragingly, however, attorneys general from all eight Great Lakes states and both political parties also filed supportive friend-of-the-court briefs. Plainly, the ruling also affects shipping in the Great Lakes.

One might have hoped the EPA would promptly have begun figuring out how to make sure ballast tanks are being treated to make sure no living organisms survive after discharge. But no such luck: the EPA says it's studying its options, which means it is likely to appeal the decision.

So while Washington dithers, it makes much more sense to try to move the action to the states that actually know where the Great Lakes are. A sensible and capable state senator, Patty Birkholz (R-Saugatuck), has introduced legislation that would authorize the Michigan DEQ to enter into an agreement with other Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces to create the Great Lakes Aquatic Nuisance Coalition. This group then would be charged with eliminating biological pollution in the Great Lakes.

"Aquatic nuisance species are a major threat to the ecosystem of the Great Lakes and they need to be stopped before they wipe out the native fish and wildlife," Birkholz says.

That coalition then could encourage states throughout the region to adopt uniform laws governing biological pollution. With a uniform standard in place, each state (or Canadian province) could enforce treatment of overseas ballast water without having to depend on the feds.

When I spoke with Birkholz last week, she was pumped up about the possibilities.

"We just had a joint meeting of the relevant House and Senate committees," she said. "Andy Buchsbaum, state head of the National Wildlife Federation, presented compelling evidence of the ANS threat. Both Steve Chester, head of the state DEQ, and Ken DeBeaussart, head of the Office of the Great Lakes, endorsed the legislation. It's great to have both the Legislature and the administration on the same page."

Birkholz is also beating the regional bushes, talking with other Great Lakes basin policy makers: "Everybody I've talked to — legislators, governors, attorneys general, conservation people — likes the idea."

Of course, the big question is where the money to pay for enforcement comes from. Birkholz fears the feds probably won't spring for it, something that is sad, but likely true, given the current priorities in Washington.

So I have a modest suggestion for this active and well-intentioned senator: raise the money by charging a steep duty on contaminated ship ballast. Require shipping companies to pay, say, \$10,000 per vial of water taken from any of their vessels.

Present the evidence of violation to a relevant attorney general — then stand back and watch the fur, or at least ballast water, fly!

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Phil Power

If you seek a fishing hole, look to the Clinton, Rouge

Is it just me, or did winter seem to retreat in an awful hurry this year? No complaints here, because I was definitely ready for it to go. And by the looks of the bustling golf courses and parks and the neighborhoods full of playing children, everyone else was ready for spring as well.

Certainly spring is one of the most lovely times of the year. The snow melts away, the birds begin to sing and the flowers take bloom.

For me, spring also means a new season to pull out the rod and reel, and begin the annual quest to outwit as many fish as possible. The traditional opener for trout fishing begins the last weekend of the April, a symbolic time many anglers like myself have thought about since the state's waters "hardened up" back in December and January.

Come that weekend, there will be a great pilgrimage of anglers, young and mostly old, from south-east Michigan, who will head up to the state's fabled trout waters. Streams like the Au Sable, Manistee, Pere Marquette and Jordan will again beckon familiar anglers with their ancient call. And that is to name just a few. We are fortunate to live in a state with thousands of miles of designated trout water.

In fact, our state offers so much to anglers of all stripes, whether you like to catch brook trout or walleye, bass or crappie, bluegill or pike. Instead of "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you," Michigan's motto could easily be "If you seek a fishing hole, look about you."

Unfortunately, few anglers choose to look close to home. You don't have to travel several hours north to wet a line. In addition to the Detroit River, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and all the wonderful lakes in Oakland County, which certainly see their share of fishing pressure, there are two wonderful resources that are mostly overlooked. I refer to the Clinton and Rouge rivers, which traverse the Detroit area like little freshwater arteries in a suburban landscape.

Regrettably, when most people think of these two rivers, they associate them with pollution and degradation. Yet in the last two decades, the water quality of both rivers has improved considerably, even dramatically. Not only have local municipalities implemented a whole host of projects that have made a positive impact on both rivers, there have also been countless volunteers who have helped pull generations of junk from their waters.

The Clinton watershed, in particular, offers some fine fishing. It still contains plenty of trout-holding tributaries, and there is an ongoing

project to make the mainstream a trout fishery as well. The river is already known as a burgeoning fishery for steelhead, which are oversized rainbow trout prized by anglers as one of the best freshwater game fish. In fact, on Tuesday the state's Department of Natural Resources stocked the river in Shelby Township with thousands of hatchery-bred steelhead, just as it has for the last several years.

The Rouge River, on the other hand, still has a ways to go because of years of degradation. In fact, I can just hear some people chuckling at the notion of fishing the Rouge, which was once one of the most polluted rivers in the country. While the river certainly has its share of obstacles, there are sections of the watershed where fishing can be quite good.

My introduction to this fact took place a couple of summers ago when I was driving along Hines Drive and decided to stop and take a peek at the Middle Rouge. Surprisingly, the water looked inviting, and I just happened to have my fishing gear in the truck. I said, "What the heck, I'll give it a try." Lead a fisherman to water and, I promise, you won't have any problem getting him to fish.

To my great surprise, I caught more fish that day than any angler should be privileged enough to catch in a couple of hours time. Nothing huge, but plenty of fighters, mostly smallmouth bass and rock bass.

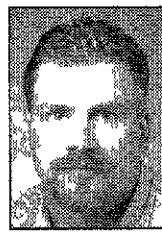
Since that day, I have caught walleye, catfish, crappie, rock bass, pike, freshwater drum and, believe it or not, even rainbow and brown trout in the Rouge and its tributaries. Of course, being a fisherman, I'm not about to spill the beans about the specific places I caught these fish. I have to keep that under lock and key. But the point is, there are fish in the Rouge. You just have to know where to look. A little research and some trial and error go a long way.

If you don't want to take my word for it, go out there and try to wet a line yourself. Even if you don't catch anything, which happens to the best of anglers on occasion, in my mind, there are few better ways to spend a spring day than fishing. So take advantage of this beautiful weather we've been having, and take advantage of Clinton and Rouge rivers.

The more people that use these resources, the more pressure there will be to continue the cleanup that began less than a quarter century ago, which benefits everyone in the region, not just us anglers. Property values will increase, as will other recreational and educational opportunities. Obviously, it will also benefit the fish and other aquatic wildlife that call the rivers home.

And that's where us anglers come into the picture. Ah, I love spring.

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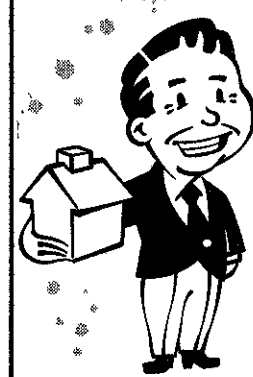
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Here's the dirt

Get your garden ready to plant

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT



The warm weather has finally arrived ... or so we hope. Now's the time to rush to the nursery or garden shop and pick up the flowers and vegetables that will transform our grounds into areas of bountiful beauty.

But wait! If we don't prepare the gardens first, we won't have success with our flowers and vegetables, said Heather DeRuiter, perennial manager at Bordine Nursery in Rochester Hills. Getting your garden ready requires three easy steps: cleaning up, incorporating organic matter into the soil and fertilizing, according to DeRuiter, who earned a bachelor of science degree in horticulture from Michigan State University.

You should not only clean up the dead foliage and leaves, but cut back the stalks on perennial plants and tall grasses to approximately four inches from the ground, DeRuiter said.

"Be careful that you don't cut down or damage the new growth," she said. "And don't cut the short perennial grasses. If you do, they'll look like they have a bad haircut all season."

Instead of disposing of dead foliage, leaves and cuttings, add them to your compost pile or, if you don't have one, these materials can be the start of one, DeRuiter said.

MAKE YOUR OWN COMPOST

Making your own compost is an easy thing to do and provides an environmentally friendly way to nurture your plants and soil, said Jackie Liuzzo, a 23-year Bordine employee and manager of the Rochester Hills garden store.

Liuzzo suggests you check city regulations before starting your compost, which can be made in a bin purchased for just this purpose or one you make yourself. In either case, the bin must provide good aeration to create high-quality compost.

Once you have a bin: Add dead foliage, leaves, garden and grass cuttings - anything that hasn't been treated with weed killer - as well as kitchen wastes, such as fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds and egg shells.

"You can put just about anything in the compost bin with the exception of diseased (such as from fungi) and protein material, such as animal products," said Liuzzo. "Also, do not put pet waste, fats, trash and plastic in your compost."

Mix the compost well every day and each time yard waste and other decomposable materials are added. (Tumbling compost bins are available to make this task easier.)

Check the moisture level. The compost needs to be kept damp, but not soggy.

Following these steps, it will take between three and four weeks to make garden-ready compost.

Now that you've cleaned up your garden and added to or started a compost, the next step is to spread a two-inch layer of top soil, peat, manure or other organic matter, such as compost, on top of your existing soil. This new material can be left on top or, better yet, according to DeRuiter, worked into the top four to six inches of the soil. "This will help nurture existing and new plants, hold moisture better and aerate the soil," she said.

The final step in preparing your garden is adding fertilizer, especially around plants, shrubs and trees. The extra boost of nutrients provided by fertilizers will help produce stronger and more luscious garden stock. It is important, however, to determine how much and what type of fertilizer your garden needs.

SOIL TEST

A soil test, which determines nutrient

PLEASE SEE GARDEN, B3

Best-kept secret: Internet favorite stocks audiobooks

Whether I'm driving 20 minutes across town or 20 hours across the country, I always keep a generous supply of audiobooks in the car.

Back in the day, that meant spending big bucks on cassettes - without even knowing if I'd like the book - or digging through the local library's paltry collection.

Now, thanks to our old friend the Internet, I get audiobooks delivered to my PC, and pay significantly less for the privilege.

The service that makes this possible is Audible.com, one of



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the Web's oldest stores and best-kept secrets.

Launched in 1997, Audible boasts over 34,000 hours' worth of downloadable content - everything from fiction and nonfiction books to radio pro-

grams and even newspapers.

Among the titles currently available: *The Da Vinci Code*, Jane Fonda's new autobiography, loads of Stephen King novels, and one of my personal favorites, the public-radio gem *This American Life* (delivered weekly via subscription).

Most of Audible's books are unabridged, unlike many cassettes and CDs.

And needless to say, the site carries a much larger selection than any bookstore. It's basically the Amazon of audiobooks.

As you've probably surmised,

you needn't be tethered to your PC to listen to your downloads (though that's a desirable option for notebook-carrying travelers). The service supports a wide range of portable devices, including Apple's iPod, and allows you to burn your own CDs.

The latter is a time-consuming and occasionally error-prone process however, especially if you're copying, say, a 12-hour book (which would require roughly 12 blank CDs).

I greatly prefer portable devices. In addition to iPods,

Creative MuVos, Rio Carbons, and other MP3 players, Audible content can play on many PDAs. See the site for a complete list of compatible models.

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PLEASE SEE AUDIOBOOKS, B2

Accents



LISA ABITOL WGBH

Norm Abram created this Adirondack chair featured in the New Yankee Workshop contest.

Win Abram's chair

Ever wonder what happens to those great pieces of furniture that Norm Abram creates on *The New Yankee Workshop*?

Well, now's your chance to win one of those gems.

In response to fans of the popular public television show, Abram, the host of *The New Yankee Workshop* and master carpenter for *This Old House*, has created an Adirondack chair in the workshop and one lucky fan will take it home.

Just enter your name and email address in the contest at www.newyankee.com by June 30. All names will be entered and Norm will pick the winner live on the New Yankee Web camera. If you do happen to enter, be sure to click onto the Yankee Cam feature to see how this cypress Adirondack chair was built.

Preservation Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is seeking submissions to its national online Preservation Month Calendar of Events, from organizations and individuals hosting events and activities to celebrate Preservation Month in May.

Since the National Trust created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight preservation efforts, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities. Due to the celebration's popularity, the National Trust extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month. The theme for Preservation Month echoes the theme of the 2004 National Preservation Conference, *Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads*.

Throughout May, the National Trust will focus on four areas of the preservation movement: Preservation at Home, Historic Travel, Heritage Education, and Diversity of Preservation - and celebrate historic preservation with a wide variety of events. The events will include historic home tours, award receptions, architectural walking tours, family restoration scavenger hunts, home restoration lectures, home and garden shows, and colonial May fairs.

To find out about activities, or to submit activities, events and celebrations to the online calendar, visit the National Trust's Web site, www.nationaltrust.org.

Follow steps to replace ceramic tile

A ceramic tile floor can add beauty and value to your home. Ceramic tiles are easy to care for, and very durable. That is at least until something hard and heavy is dropped on them. If this happens, even the best tiles will likely crack.



Ask Dad
Harry Jachym

Individual ceramic tiles are not as hard to replace as one might think. Most people, even with minimal DIY experience can do it.

The tools you will need for this project are: eye protection (safety goggles), a grout removal tool (also called a grout rake or a grout saw, which can be rented or purchased where tile supplies are sold), hammer, narrow (1/4-inch to 3/8-inch) cold chisel, an electric (corded or cordless) drill with a 1/16- to 1/4-inch masonry bit, trowel with 1/4-inch notches (optional), and grout float (optional).

The materials you need are tile (which can match existing tile or you can contrast it), thinset mortar and matching grout. (If you don't have any replacement tiles in your home, try a large tile supply for a match or purchase a contrasting tile to add interest to

the room. You may want to replace several tiles to make the contrasting tile look like it was planned.)

The first, and most important step in replacing a broken ceramic tile, is to put on safety glasses. During most steps you will be creating flying pieces of tile and grout. A pair of leather work gloves should also be considered.

Scrape the grout away from the joints surrounding the broken tile using the grout saw. The grout saw has a carbide tipped blade and will easily scratch the surface of adjacent tiles, so be careful not to scratch them. Covering the adjacent tiles with masking tape or duct tape will be help protect the surface of the good tiles during this process, and following steps.

Drill several holes into the broken tile using the masonry bit. This will make the broken tile pieces easier to remove.

Remove the broken pieces from the substrate using gentle taps from the hammer on the chisel. Work from the center toward the edges. In a pinch, a screwdriver can be used instead of a chisel, but be very careful not to break the handle of the screwdriver. Start the chisel by holding it at about a 90-degree angle to the floor until you break through the glazing then hold it at about a 45-degree angle to the floor to remove the tile pieces.

When the tile pieces are removed, use a putty knife or

wide chisel to clean all to mortar or adhesive from the substrate. Vacuum all the debris from the area.

Put a small amount of thin-set mortar on the substrate and the back of replacement tile using the notched trowel. If you are replacing a very small tile, just put the thin set on the tile. You can fabricate a notched trowel by cutting or filing grooves in a putty knife, a piece of plastic or something similar. Press the piece of tile in place, level it to the surrounding pieces and adjust the spacing to be equal all around.

The mortar will set in a couple of hours, but it's best to wait overnight before placing the grout. Mix the grout according to manufacturer specifications and work into the joints with the grout float or other tool. For a small job, even your finger will work. Let the grout harden for about 15 to 30 minutes. Wipe off the excess with a damp sponge.

After several hours, buff the grout haze off the tiles with a dry cloth. Don't walk on the area for at least 24 hours.

Now you've got new tile.

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

GARDEN

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levels already in your soil, is the best way to learn what your garden or lawn needs. Over-application of fertilizer can pollute water resources, ruin plants and waste money.

Now through April 23, Bordine Nursery is offering soil testing kits through the MSU Extension Service. A kit with instructions is available at the Rochester Hills and Clarkston stores for \$13. The price includes delivery of your soil sample to the MSU soil-testing laboratory. Test results will be returned in time for gardening activities.

For a list of other participating retailers, call Oakland MSU Extension at (248) 858-0880; Wayne MSU Extension at (313) 833-3275, or SOCWA at (248) 288-5150.

DeRuiter said that after completing the three steps for getting your garden ready this spring, you shouldn't rush to plant your flowers and vegetables. "To assure that the ground is ready and there's less of a chance of frost, we recommend waiting until May 20 to plant your garden," she said.

Alyce Humphrey of Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth Township said that Memorial Day is an even safer marker for planting. "By waiting until then you can be assured that the weather won't damage your plants," Humphrey said. "For those eager to begin their gardens, or those who are worried that the plants they want will be out-of-stock, they can begin their gardens earlier in pots." Humphrey plants her own garden stock in pots on her

patio inside a frame of chicken wire and plastic. If frost is predicted, she covers the top with plastic.

READY TO REPLACE

Humphrey, whose father started the greenhouse at the corner of Joy and Lilley roads almost 50 years ago (her mother, Sylvia Graye, age 89, continues to aid in the operation when her health permits), added that it's important to leave some of the plants in pots when you plant your garden. This provides replacement plants if needed.

"If your dog digs up your garden, or if something else destroys your plants throughout the growing season, you'll have plants of the same size to make repairs," Humphrey said.

She added that potted flowers can provide a good solution in areas where it is impossible to grow anything. "You can still have the flowers and the colors you want in those areas with potted plants."

Humphrey offered another solution for areas that are difficult to grow plants in, such as those with above-ground trees roots, bumps or poor soil. She suggested filling garbage bags with dirt and poking holes in the bottom for drainage. Poke holes in the top and plant flowers in these holes.

To water the flowers, cut the bottom off an empty two-liter pop bottle to make a funnel. Stick the top of the bottle into a hole in the bag and pour in water. "It doesn't take long for the flowers to expand and cover the bag," Humphrey said.

She added that the beauty of this growing method is that the bag can be shaped to fit the area.

SOME AREA NURSERIES AND GREENHOUSES:

English Gardens, 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500, and 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506

Goldner Walsh Nursery & Garden Center, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, (248) 332-6430

Graye's Greenhouse, 8820 Lilley in Plymouth Township, (734) 453-1220

Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center, 9900 Ann Arbor-Plymouth Road, Superior Township, (734) 453-5500

Steinkopf's Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-2925

Tellys Greenhouse and Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, (248) 689-6036.

Another of her suggestions is when purchasing planting stock, don't think big. "Most times when the flowers or plants you buy are big, they're at their peak. It's only downhill from there."

Buy smaller plants and with patience and observation, you can appreciate all the moments and changing appearance of your garden as it grows."

Sandra Dalka-Prysbay writes freelance articles for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Sense of humus

Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority master composter volunteers will present Secrets of the Soil - With a Sense of Humus 10-11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Shades of Green Nursery, 496 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills. The workshop is free. For more information, call Shades of Green at (248) 651-1620. Topics will include healthy soils, soil nutrient testing for Rouge water quality, making compost the easy way, and using compost for a beautiful garden.

Pruning, fertilizing

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating spring with a series of free programs open to the public. Each presentation will last about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a filer. Pruning and Fertilizing of Roses, a popular hands-on demonstration in the display garden of Great Lakes Roses, will take place rain or shine 1 p.m. Sunday, April 24 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, April 25 and May 2, and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1).

Common sense lawn

The city of Westland will sponsor a free program, The Common Sense Lawn and Landscape, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 25, at the Westland Friendship Center, 119 N. Newburgh. Tom Smith, director of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, will speak on learning from nature, Rouge-friendly lawn care, managing weeds without pesticides, and native wildflowers for tough spots.

To register, call (734) 467-3198 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Iris Club of Southeast Michigan

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center (phone (248) 246-3900), 3500 Marais, three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile Road.

The program will be Create Your Own Garden Plaque, with Paula Kraus. Cost is \$9 for members, \$18 for non-members.

Reservations are needed so enough clay will be provided; contact Margaret Perdue at (248) 547-4380, margretperdue@yahoo.com.

Bring your imagination and a design (an 8-by-10-inch drawing, photo or picture) to create your own terra-cotta garden plaque or bird feeder. Past participants have brought coloring book pages, or blown-up copies of a plaque design found in a book, magazine or garden art catalog, as well as their own designs. You will use this design to transfer the image to clay in proportion to the slab size. Most people trace the outline of the image on the clay.

You may also want to bring any open-top cookie cutters, rubber stamps (some don't work), textured fabric or found objects to imprint a design into the clay, which will enhance your design. Dress to play.

For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Practical gardening

An overview of the what, why and how of gardening procedures - a must for the beginning gardener - will be featured in Practical Gardening Tips, a class scheduled Thursday, April 28, at The Community House in Birmingham.

Fee is \$22.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-house.com.

The class will cover planting, watering, weeding, mulching, deadheading, transplanting, staking, cutting back and winterizing.

Instructor Gail Morrell, a past president of the Troy Garden Club, has been head gardener for several estates in Bloomfield Hills. She has been an instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since 1999.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester. Mary Jo Grohs will speak on What's New in Annuals and Perennials. Carol Lenchek, Oakland County education coordinator of the Michigan State Extension Master Gardener Program, will also speak. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 299-3948, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Native naturescaping

A healthy lawns and gardens program, Naturescaping with Native Trees and Shrubs, will take place 9-11:15 a.m. Saturday, April 30, in the Lathrup Village Community Room, 27400 Southfield Road.

The \$5 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and all materials. Advance registration, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays, or e-mail to LFDean@aol.com. Irene Cahill, city of Lansing arborist, will speak on using bare root trees, ecology and tree selection, natural mulches and compost, habitat considerations, and storm water infiltration for water quality.

At 11:30 a.m., Global ReLeaf of Michigan will demonstrate how to plant bare root trees. Trees and shrubs will be available for purchase at \$28 each.

The program is sponsored by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities.

Herb study group

The friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 2, in Room 125 at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

The public may attend. Members and guests are encouraged to bring recipes combining herbs and chocolate. Samples are encouraged, but aren't required.

For more information, call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061, or e-mail Angela Frederick at Angcfred@yahoo.com.

Get a good grip on glove purchases

Finding a favorite glove for garden work is about as difficult as choosing a favorite plant in that might take a little time, but it will be time well spent.

There is a large selection from which to choose.

Some manufacturers have several gloves for specific jobs, such as waterproof gloves with an extra long cuff to be worn when working around ponds. Other gloves have reinforced fingers, for longer life and/or reinforced palms.

Rosarians use special gloves to protect from sharp thorns, while other designs are made of soft material especially useful when working with houseplants.

VISIBLE COLORS

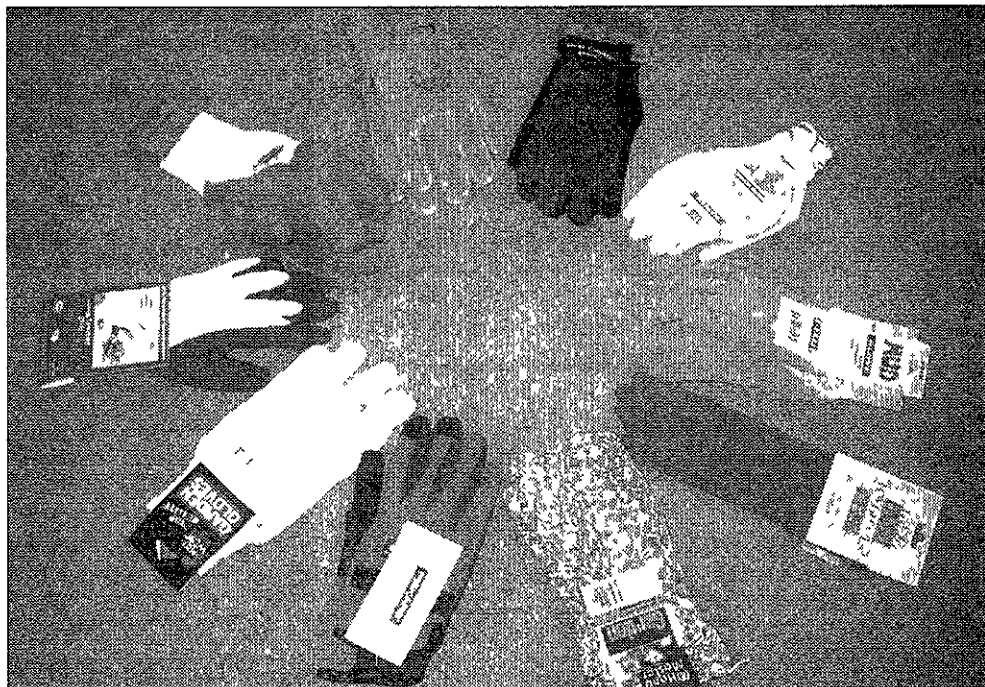
Gloves run the gamut of colors which makes them more visible when left in the garden. Choose red, yellow, blue, purple, green, aqua and black; two-toned or a single color. When you do find a favorite pair, you won't want to lose them. Yes, manufacturers take their cues from sales and what consumers select.

There are several important considerations when shopping for gloves. Don't be timid about trying on each pair (try them on both hands). Check on how well the gloves fit. Be sure the fingers are long enough, although not too long as to leave a floppy little end of the finger to impede your work. Push the gloves gently up on your hand and see that the fingers of the glove reach the point where your fingers extend from the palm. Bend your hand to be sure the glove does not bind.

Choosing a glove is a personal thing. Here are a few to start you on your search (see related photo). At the one o'clock position in the photo, this dark blue pair is a set of West County work gloves. They feature reinforced work points, resistance to snags, a padded palm and a terry cloth brow wipe. Manufactured from man-made materials, this no-nonsense glove also has an adjustable cuff. Their new Grip gloves feature finger and palm grips for abrasive work and non-slip holding power. For information, call (800) 475-0567.

Continuing "clockwise" the pale neon green ultra light Potter's glove is made of micro-filament nylon with a polyurethane coating. It's suitable for delicate chores such as potting and transplanting, weeding and handling small items. It is a good greenhouse glove. Call (888) 967-5549.

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Gloves, gloves; it's hard to choose a favorite.

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LONG AND PROTECTIVE

Foxgloves are extra long for added protection. Made of Lycra spandex, they are comfortable and durable. The original design is still available; the newer design is named Foxgloves Grips. Still made of the same fabric, the new gloves are covered with nonslip nubs on the palm area to insure a good grip. Call (845) 831-7300.

Magid Handmaster gloves remind one of the first garden gloves many of us probably wore. They are 100 percent woven cotton and have a natural comfortable fit, and pretty to wear when gathering flowers. Call (773) 384-2070.

You won't misplace Fiskars gloves because the bright orange color really stands out which is paired with dark charcoal. Made of a blend of nylon, polyurethane suregrip and spandex, they are tough gloves for heavier jobs. The ends of the fingers are padded as are the palms for better gripping. Call (800) 500-4849.

Another floral glove is by Mid West Quality gloves. It's made of 100 percent cotton with plastic dot palm for better grip. Call (660) 646-2165.

Tool Grip and Tough Gardening Gloves are thorn resistant. The backs are soft woven fabric which keeps hands cool and dry and allows dexterity. The fingers and palms are rubber coated for good traction. Offered by Garden

Works (425) 455-0568.

Thorn-resistant gloves by Smith & Hawken have a textured surface that deters punctures, from rose thorn and bramble, and provides a sure grip when weeding, replanting pots and heavier work. For a catalog, call (800) 776-3336.

Last, but not least is the leather Womanswork glove, designed especially for women and sized for them. These will tackle tough jobs. The leather becomes softer the more they are used. Call (800) 639-2709.

While doing research for this article, I found that Gloversville, a small town in upstate New York, was named for the glove industry, and was once the glove manufacturing capital of the world.

Gloves are still produced there in a number of small factories; many of the employees are women who work from their homes. A glove museum is located in an "old creaky" house near Gloversville, in eastern New York, fifty miles northwest of Albany. It might be fun to visit someday.

GOOD GARDEN TIP: A sweet little book *My Mother's Garden*, (Chamberlain Bros., the Penguin Group, \$14.50 paperback) will please any woman. This collection of essays and stories about love, flowers, and family will touch the heart of the reader. Contributors include Dominique Browning, Jamaica Kincaid, Patricia Lanza, and Sharon Lovejoy.

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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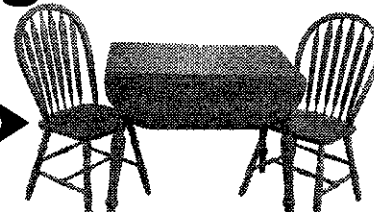


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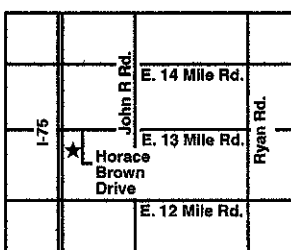
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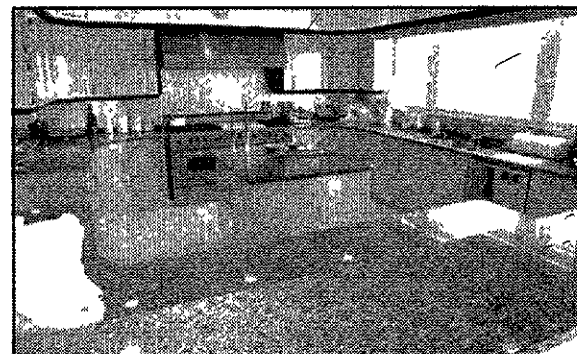
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HOME CALENDAR

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 www.art-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), Hersch'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 pow-drblu. Attendees will be able to shop an assortment of furnishings, art work and collectibles, including art glass, jewelry, sculpture, lamps and vintage clothing.

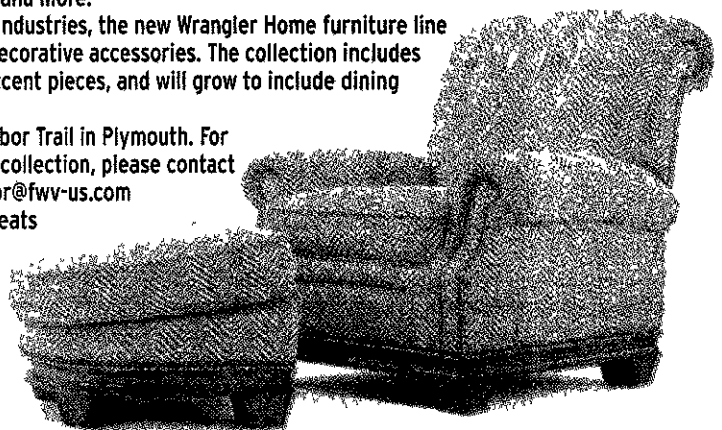
The Michigan Modernism Exposition, a display and sale of items of 20th century design, will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 23-24, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, on Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile Road). ArtServe Michigan is a nonprofit, statewide organization that builds support 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.

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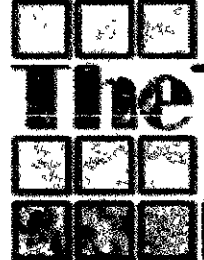

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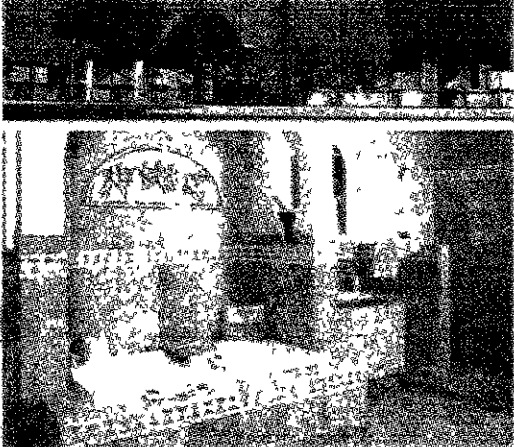
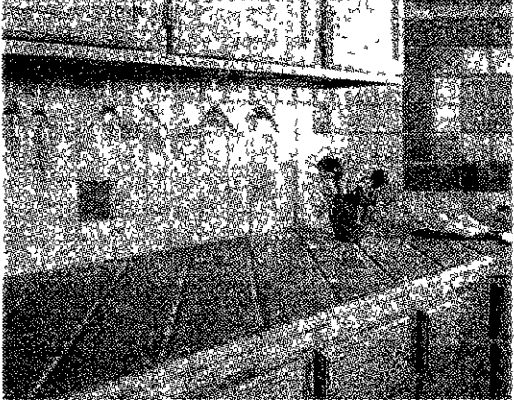
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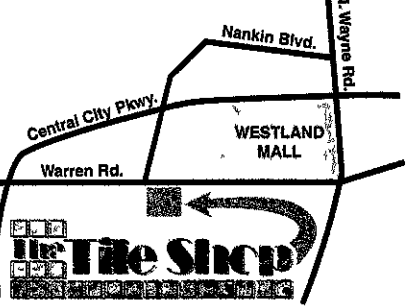
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Savoring tradition

Floreen Halpern, owner of Amayllis Catering in Birmingham, attributes her love of cooking to her parents - Sam "the shopper" and Gertie "the cook."

In honoring and recognizing their contribution to her passion and her profession, Halpern has added a new division to her creative catering business which she named Sam and Gertie's Real Good Food.

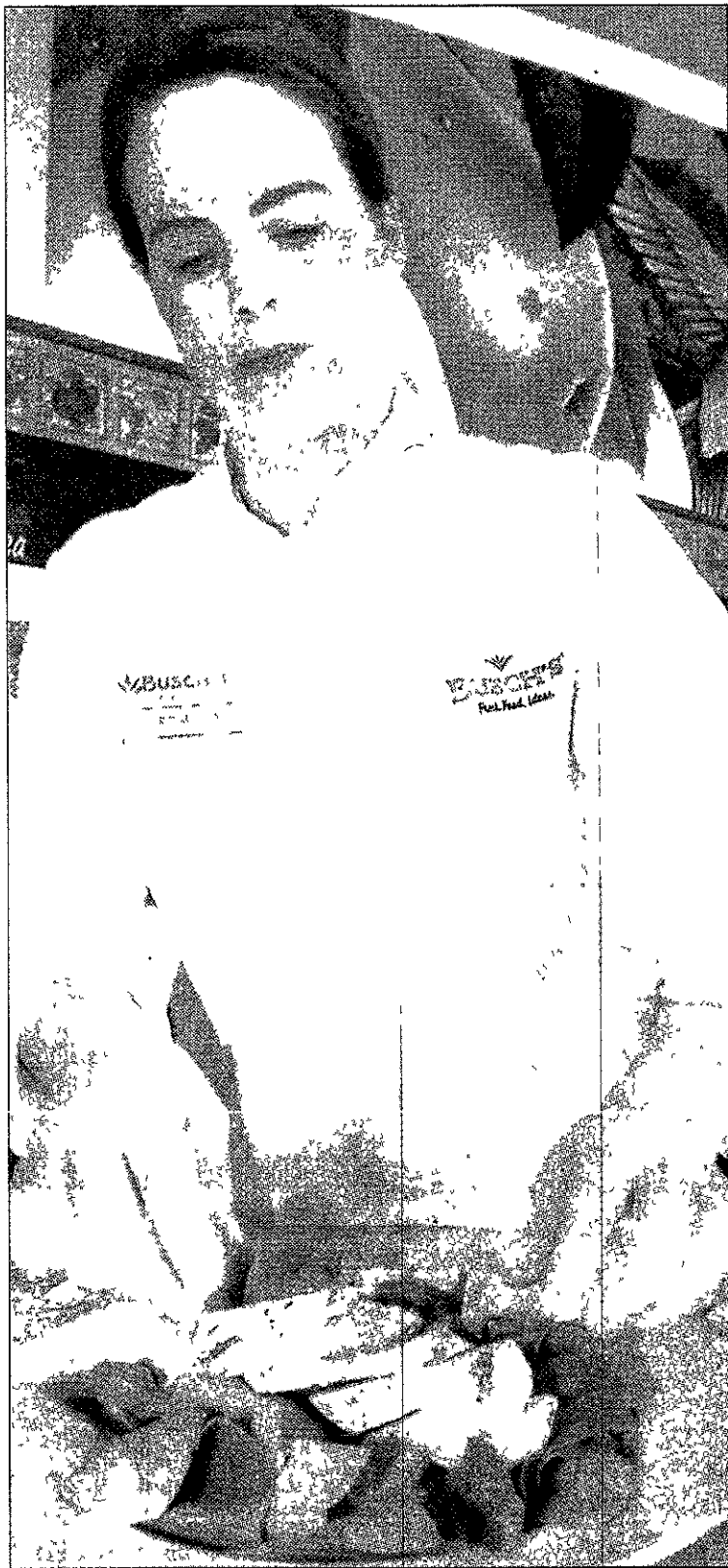
The menu offers all kinds of traditional specialties, such as Gertie's Beef Brisket, Caramelized Onions, Elaine's Chicken Soup, and Razel's Roasted Chicken. Most of the Jewish style selections are named after their creator so the menu is sprinkled with the names of many relatives and friends who have proudly shared their family favorites and secrets over the years.

Launching this new division is timely with the upcoming celebration of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Passover, which brings a message of freedom, is a perfect time to link to the traditions of the past.

Amayllis Catering now offers "party ready" baskets and trays that feed from 10 to 250. Contact Floreen Halpern at (248) 645-1770 for more information.

Lighten up

Salads balance the party menu



Rebecca Miller, Meal Solutions chef at Busch's Market in Livonia, puts together a Mandarin chicken salad.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The springtime forsythia, tulips and daffodils are blooming. Soon the parties begin. It's time for spring baby and bridal showers, graduations and company picnics.

You may feel like grabbing a few just-picked vegetables, but the trouble is your garden probably won't be ready for that for a while. In April, we still rely on fresh produce from Florida and California.

The spring weather has prepared you for the lighter fare, limited only by your imagination in green and fruit salads.

"We always carry fresh mesclun (assorted baby greens) by the pound," said Peggy de Parry, director of perishable operations for Busch's, which has stores in Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington Hills. "Busch's mesclun mix is a mixture of tiny greens that may include arugula, chervil, oak leaf, radicchio and other greens."

"We also enjoy baby greens such as spinach and romaine." Other lettuces available include butter, lettuce trio and Lollo Rossa live lettuces.

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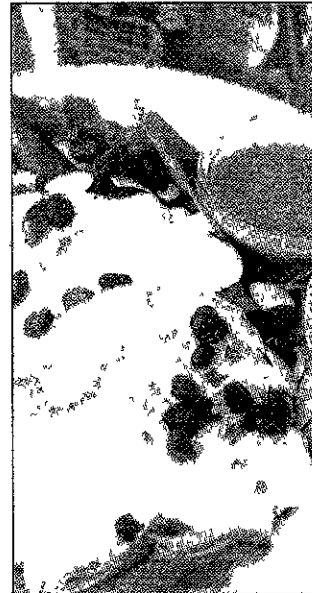
The best gauge of freshness when choosing greens is how they look and smell, de Parry said. They should be "very fresh with good color and no tough or thick stems," de Parry said. "They should not show excessive ripping or insect damage."

"Weight is another clue when choosing greens: the heavier the head or bunch the tighter, firmer and fuller the leaves. Greens are almost all water - if they feel light, they are drying out."

Darker green lettuces (like romaine, bibb and Boston, and leafy greens such as spinach, chard, collards, watercress and arugula) generally contain about twice as much folate and two to 10 times as much beta-carotene as iceberg lettuce. Iceberg lettuce has fewer nutrients.

Leafy greens also contain higher levels of other carotenoids, vitamin C and other substances. For color and taste as well as crunch, a red bell pepper, tomatoes and thinly sliced green onions add not only color and taste, but also bring nutrition and health-protective phytochemicals to your diet. For the most nutritious salads, concentrate on the darker leafy greens, along with other vegetables and fruits.

Raw spinach is a good source of vitamin



Enjoy the sweet flavors of Mandarin chicken salad with raspberry vinaigrette.

MANDARIN CHICKEN SALAD

4 cups baby spinach
4 grilled chicken breast halves, chilled
1 (11 ounce) can Mandarin oranges, drained
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted
Your favorite bottled salad dressing (we prefer Annie's Gingerly Vinaigrette or Ken's Raspberry-Walnut Dressing)

Wash spinach and spin dry. Place in a large salad bowl or on individual plates.

Slice chicken diagonally into long slices. Fan sliced chicken across the center of the spinach.

Arrange Mandarin oranges to the left side of the chicken.

Sprinkle cranberries to the right side of the chicken.

Sprinkle almonds along the right side of the cranberries. Serve the dressing on the side. Yields about four main course servings.

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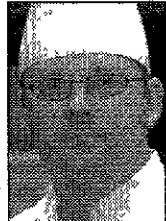
Prepare morels soon after picking them

Years ago, I first learned about morel mushrooms. I remember the disbelief upon my discovery that the morel didn't look like a button mushroom.

How could this be? Back then, I thought that all mushrooms were created equal and lacked flavor.

Well, it's a good thing that this is not true. We are blessed with some of the best mushrooms on the planet and Michigan is one of the best places to pick them.

For a few weeks in May, mushroom hunters and gatherers come out of their winter hibernation and seek the "King of Mushrooms," the morel. Most of the gathering happens up north in Boyne Country, but I



Chef's Table

Michael Trombley

know of people that can find them locally, too. (Of course I am not that lucky, and I usually have to buy them.)

When picking morels, be sure that what you are going to eat is in fact a true morel. This is when the head or top of the morel is attached and does not separate easily. Always eat them fresh and not old and slimy. There are a couple of books you can use for reference, one is the *Field Hunters Guide* and one is *The*

Great Encyclopedia of Mushrooms if you are so inclined to hit the woods and look for them.

After you have gathered your morels, you should process them quickly. Some like to just cook them with the dirt on, but I just can't get used to that flavor so I start by peeling any heavy soil from the bottom of the stem. If they are large, I might cut them in half and check for debris. They do grow in the wild, so some of the "wild" may be attached.

I fill up a container full of cold water and place the mushrooms in a strainer, then drop them in for a half of a second agitating as I do so. When I pull them up, I shake all the water off and towel dry. It is best if you are not serv-

ing these right away to cook them in a little butter and shallots, then cool and freeze them in small bags. You will be able to enjoy these for several months this way.

Good luck and happy morel hunting.

Michael Trombley, certified executive chef at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, writes a monthly column for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. You can write him care of Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com.

MOREL FETTUCCHINE WITH CHEVRE CHEESE

2 cups cleaned, halved, uncooked morels
2 ounces whole butter
4 cups cooked egg fettuccine
1 tablespoon fine minced shallot or red onion
1/2 cup peeled, seeded and chopped tomato
4 ounces crumbled fresh chevre cheese
2 ounces medium body chardonnay
Chives for garnish
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat a medium-sized saute pan on high until hot, turn down to medium heat. Add butter and shallots and saute over low heat until translucent, then add morels.

Cook morels until soft and add fettuccine that has been warmed so not to shock the saute pan.

Add tomatoes, your favorite herbs and white wine and toss all together. Season with salt and pepper.

Plate using a swirling motion to create height, and garnish with the chevre cheese. Serves two.

Indian flavors marry in spice and rice dish

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Indian cooks are experts at pleasing our senses and filling our stomachs while also encouraging good health. They are especially skilled at including enough poultry, meat, or seafood to satisfy our palates in dishes that actually emphasize whole grains, fruits and vegetables in the most enticing way.

Chicken Biryani (sometimes spelled "Biryani," and pronounced bir-ree-YAH-nee) is a perfect example of this talent. This lavish Moghul specialty from northern India is traditionally a combination of chicken simmered in a creamy sauce rich with spices, then layered with fragrant rice, raisins and other ingredients, and garnished with nuts. It is often served as a banquet dish on special occasions such as weddings and, in the ultimate extravagance, may be finished with a breathtaking garnish of silver or gold leaf.

Although reserved for festive occasions in India, most Indian restaurants in America feature biryanis as a permanent part of their menu. Usually listed under rice dishes because aromatic basmati rice is a key element, biryanis are, in fact, hugely popular in this country. We enjoy them so much because a good biryani is hearty yet light, and highly fla-

vored yet comfortably spicy.

Luckily, making chicken biryani at home is as simple as boiling rice and sautéing chicken. Without taking time for the grinding of whole spices, and without the vast amount of butter often used by Indian cooks, you can make one that may actually be healthier than the version served at local restaurants.

The version below is made with brown basmati rice and is ready to serve in 30 minutes. The Indian spice mix called garam masala is commercially available, or you can prepare your own version. Instead of ghee, the melted butter used by Indian cooks, this recipe calls for a mere tablespoon of butter. The modest amount of reduced-fat coconut milk used gives the biryani a rich creaminess.

CHICKEN BIRYANI

2 tablespoons canola oil
1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
1 tablespoon garam masala prepared or homemade*
3/4 pound skinless and boneless chicken breast, cut in bite-size pieces
3 cups hot, cooked brown basmati rice
2/3 cup frozen baby green peas, defrosted and at room temperature
1/4 cup golden raisins
2 tablespoons sweet mango

chutney or Major Grey's
1/3 cup lite coconut milk
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted, for garnish (optional)

Heat oil in a deep, medium non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and sauté until translucent, about 4 minutes. Mix in garlic and garam masala. Reduce heat to medium and cook until onions are very soft, 3 to 4 minutes. Add chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until it loses raw color, about 5 minutes.

Add hot rice, peas, raisins, chutney, and coconut milk. Mix to blend, and cook until peas and rice are heated through, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Turn onto a serving dish, garnish with the almonds (if using) and serve.

*To make your own garam masala, combine 2 tsp. each ground cardamom, coriander and cumin, 1 tsp. each ground cinnamon and black pepper, 1/2 tsp. each ground cloves and nutmeg. Unused garam masala keeps 1 week, tightly covered. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 300 calories, 8 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 37 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 115 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of The Joy of Soy.



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For baked beans, both great northern beans and tiny navy beans work well. Using good-quality ketchup is important.

Try quick, semi-homemade baked beans

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Today, we appreciate classic regional American dishes as much as fancy European creations or exotic Asian cuisine.

Thanks to television chefs, cookbooks and the Internet, we have learned to make many of them, so we can enjoy authentic Cajun gumbo and North Carolina barbecue, for example, without having to go on the road.

Because of our growing taste for spicy food, one region tends to get lost in the culinary shuffle. New England clambakes are romanticized, and fiddlehead ferns show up in a growing number of supermarkets each spring, but most cooks prefer to serve baked beans from a can than to even consider making them from scratch.

If you even own a bean pot, the chunky earthenware container New Englanders have used since before Boston became known as "Beantown," it probably holds African violets or is covered in dust in a closet. Canned baked beans taste nothing like homemade ones. But making authentic baked beans takes a day-plus of precious time whereas, in our hurried, harried world, opening a can takes just seconds – and so no contest for most folks.

But there is a delicious alternative, one that takes a mere

30 minutes and tastes nearly as good as the old-fashioned way of baking dried beans for hours. All you have to do is buy good-quality canned white beans and simmer them with the ingredients that give slow-baked beans their mellow and zesty flavor.

Good-quality canned beans are clean-tasting and firm. They remain whole during cooking without turning mushy. If you are concerned about your sodium intake, keep in mind that organic brands usually contain far less sodium compared to conventional ones. In any case, all canned beans should be rinsed and drained before using.

For baked beans, both great northern beans and tiny navy beans work well. In the following recipe, using good-quality ketchup is important. Grade B maple syrup, the least expensive kind, adds depth to the final taste. Although traditional recipes call for bacon or salt pork to achieve a smoky flavor, Spanish paprika, which has a slightly smoky flavor as well, is a far more healthful option. Sold at some supermarkets and specialty stores, it is also easy to find on the Web.

SKILLET BAKED BEANS

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves finely chopped

2 cans (15 oz. each) great northern or navy beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons brown mustard
1 teaspoon smoked or sweet paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
Pinch of ground clove
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 tablespoon unsulfured molasses
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until soft and translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until soft, 1 minute longer.

Add the beans, ketchup, mustard, paprika, ginger, clove, maple syrup and molasses. Stir in 1 cup water and mix ingredients to combine well. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer gently until the liquid thickens and the beans resemble baked beans, about 15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and serve.

Makes 4 servings. (3 1/2 cups)

Per serving: 354 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 64 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 11 g. dietary fiber, 317 mg. sodium.

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SALADS

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A as well as lutein and other carotenoids linked to eye health. Both romaine and spinach are good sources of folate. A cup of Boston or bibb lettuce provides three times as much vitamin A as iceberg. Loose leaf lettuce is even richer in nutrients, offering six times the vitamin A of iceberg lettuce and a fair supply of vitamin C.

GET THE PARTY STARTED

Honey Longo, owner of How's About Lunch in Birmingham, has served her share of celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Joan Rivers. She's also served many a company function and get-together in her 15 years of business on Woodward Avenue.

"In Michigan, when the weather gets warm, people get together with friends and celebrate life," Longo said.

Longo sees customers ordering dishes for convenience. "They want something that's labor intensive," Longo said, like fruit salad or Waldorf salad. They may have a barbecue or ham, and they want us



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Balance your meals with a few greens this spring: a head of Boston Bibb lettuce, bowl of mixed baby greens and a head of redleaf lettuce.

to fill in the menu with potato salad, pasta salad or fruit salad."

Longo also sees more vegetarian dishes. "We'll a chickpea medley salad or Armenian bean salad. We always have at least two vegetarian dishes every day. To satisfy a sweet tooth, we have a Traverse City salad with chopped romaine

lettuce, dried cherries, chopped pecans and raspberry vinaigrette," Longo said.

Company and family picnics are a great opportunity to relax. "These events show people can take the time to enjoy their families and nature," Longo said. "And anytime we see a family enjoying each other's compa-

ny, it's fun for us."

(For more on How's About Lunch, turn to next week's Taste section. Information from the American Institute for Cancer Research was included in this story. See related recipes inside Taste.)

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ARUGULA SALAD WITH EDAMAME, ORANGES AND ASPARAGUS

Edamame is the Japanese name for fresh soybeans. Edamame are a lovely green color and are occasionally available fresh. Frozen beans, shelled or in the pod, are delicious and more readily available. Mixed baby greens, such as mesclun, may be substituted.

- 1 teaspoon minced shallots
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 5 tablespoons walnut oil
- 1½ teaspoons minced orange zest
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup shelled frozen edamame
- 18 thin asparagus spears, ends snapped
- 4 cups arugula, washed and spun dry
- 2 cups red leaf lettuce, washed and spun dry
- 2 navel oranges, peeled and sectioned (zest used above)

Soak shallots in vinegar for 30 minutes.

Whisk together oil, orange zest and shallot mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Let stand an additional 30 minutes.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook edamame about 5 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon; rinse under cold water and set aside. Add asparagus to water, cook 3 minutes or until just tender. Remove and immediately immerse in ice-cold water. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, arrange arugula and lettuce on a large platter or individual plates. Arrange asparagus and orange wedges over greens. Drizzle with dressing, sprinkle edamame over salad and serve.

Lighten Up: Use less dressing and squeeze a little juice from an

extra orange over the salad.

Meal Solution Tip: Make extra dressing and use it to marinate boneless, skinless chicken breasts for grilling. Serve the salad on the side or slice the tuna or chicken and incorporate it as part of the composed salad. Yields 6 servings.

BABY SPINACH SALAD WITH FENNEL & WALNUTS

Try garnishing this delicious salad with fresh blueberries for flavor, good health and color.

- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh tarragon (or a pinch of dry tarragon)
- 1 small bulb fennel, remove core and slice paper thin
- 3 scallions, chopped
- 1 package (10 ounces) baby spinach, washed and spun dry
- Kosher salt & freshly ground pepper
- ¾ cup walnuts, toasted

In a salad bowl, make a vinaigrette by whisking together the oil, vinegar, Dijon and tarragon. Combine with scallions and fennel (this can be made several hours in advance.) Add more tarragon if desired.

Before serving, toss dressing and vegetables with spinach.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with toasted walnuts and serve. Yield: About 4-6 servings

VINAIGRETTE BASICS

Good, basic vinaigrettes follow a loose rule-of-thumb: 1 part acid to 3 parts oil and

kosher salt-to-taste. After that, the recipe can be adjusted to taste. Vary your choice of acid, oil and added flavors to complement your salad ingredients or reflect the character of accompanying dishes.

For acid, use any good-quality vinegar: balsamic, red or white wine, sherry, champagne, rice or even cider for some recipes. Citrus juices may also be used and you can experiment with such things as pickle, caper or tomato juice. Some vinegars, such as balsamic, are more intense than others, and citrus is somewhat higher in acid so you'll need a greater proportion of oil.

Mustard is often part of the acid in a vinaigrette. Start with a small amount and balance to taste with vinegar or lemon juice.

Choose your oil for depth of flavor and character or for personal health concerns. Good quality, fruity extra-virgin olive oil is generally an oil of choice but nearly any oil can be used. Vegetable and seed oils as well as nut oils all work well with the right salad. Be cautious with the amount of stronger-flavored oils, such as dark sesame oil.

Often a salad is perfect with

just lemon juice and oil, other times you'll want to add a little flavor flourish. Mix and match the following: chopped herbs; minced garlic, shallots or onion; minced ginger; spices, such as cumin or mustard seed, curry and chili powders; heat, such as black or white pepper, hot sauce, cayenne or wasabi; and honey or other sweeteners.

WALNUT OIL VINAIGRETTE

Serve with mesclun, blue cheese, toasted walnuts, dried cranberries

2-3 tablespoons white wine vinegar

- 1 teaspoon minced shallot
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- ½ cup walnut oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Place vinegar, shallot and thyme in a small bowl. Whisk to combine. Slowly add oils, whisking continuously. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Recipes and information courtesy of Peggy de Parry, director of perishable operations for Busch's.

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MOREL AND WILD LEEK LASAGNA

2 cups cleaned, halved, uncooked morels
12 whole wild leeks
½ cup fried julienne leek
½ cup veal jus or reduced beef stock
1 cup good red wine, preferably a Pinot Noir
4 ounces whole butter
6 slices of cooked potato (see recipe)*
1 tablespoon fine minced shallot or red onion
Balsamic vinegar for garnish
Salt and pepper, to taste

Take an Idaho potato, peel and square it off so you can slice it easily into sheets like pasta. Warm some salted water to a boil, turn down heat and add potato slices. Cook through, being sure to rotate sides and reserve.

Reduce the red wine to 2 tablespoons and add veal jus. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper if needed. Add leeks and 2 ounces of

whole butter to a heated sauce pan with 2 ounces of white wine and sweat wild leeks on low until soft.

Heat a medium-sized saute pan on high until hot, turn down to medium heat. Add 2 ounces whole butter and shallots, sweat until translucent, then add morels. Cook morels until soft and add cooked, whole wild leeks.

Season with salt and pepper and reserve.

Layer starting with the potato then some morels and leeks on top. Repeat this one more time and have the last layer have some of the morels and leeks to top.

Drizzle veal jus on and around and add a splash of balsamic vinegar. Top with fried leeks.

Serves two.

Recipe courtesy of **Mike Trombley**, certified executive chef at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

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Betting on ranch dressing

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Do friends think your home-made salad dressing could make you a millionaire if you bottled and sold it? They could be right. That is how ranch dressing, which for years has been the most popular flavor in the United States, started out.

Steve Henson, a plumbing contractor in Alaska and a cook as well, created this hyper-garlic cream dressing to give his work crew something hearty for salads. When he and his family relocated to Santa Barbara, Calif., and bought a dude ranch called Hidden Valley, they dubbed his blend of mayonnaise, buttermilk and seasonings Ranch Dressing.

Guests were so crazy for it that Hensen developed a dry mix they could take home and enjoy by adding their own fresh ingredients. Seeing a bigger opportunity, he also made and bottled a ready-to-serve version for supermarkets. Both the bottled and dry mix dressings did so well that eventually the formula and Hidden Valley name was bought by a large corporation that then proceeded to make ranch dressing even more popular.

These days, ranch dressing is a whole category, with flavor spin-offs featuring black pepper, Parmesan cheese, and even a "barbecue" version, not to mention low-fat and fat-free choices.

Trouble is, they all have that faintly chemical taste inevitable in bottle dressings. I prefer to make my own, more healthful, ranch dressing. In addition to tasting fresh and having the appealing pale green color of the original, which is lost in commercial production, my low-fat ranch



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Try this dressing over a salad of baby spinach, romaine lettuce, sliced cucumber and radishes, topped with red pepper rings, and you can easily enjoy four of the six daily servings of vegetables recommended in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Dietary Guidelines.

dressing is all natural. Use it liberally and often – it is also good as a dip and sandwich spread. And making it from scratch will save you money, too.

Try this dressing over a salad of baby spinach, romaine lettuce, sliced cucumber and radishes, topped with red pepper rings, and you can easily enjoy four of the six daily servings of vegetables recommended in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Dietary Guidelines. It is also lean enough that you can lavish it on and benefit by adding a half-serving of your dairy requirement.

RANCH DRESSING

- 1 medium garlic clove, finely minced*
- 2 tablespoons finely snipped chives
- 1 tablespoon finely snipped flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon reduced-fat mayonnaise

- 2 tablespoons low-fat (2 percent) small curd cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup fat-free or low-fat buttermilk
- Salt and white pepper, to taste

In a blender or food processor, purée the garlic, chives, parsley and vinegar. Gradually add, continuing to purée, the mayonnaise, cottage cheese and buttermilk until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Use immediately.

*The garlic flavor intensifies and, after 2 hours, will be highly dominant. To avoid this, garlic can be mixed into the dressing about 5 minutes before serving.

Makes 3/4 cup dressing. Per each 2-tablespoon serving: 22 calories, 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 2 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 0 g. dietary fiber, 58 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of The Joy of Soy.

CALENDAR

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2005 Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Track Meet

Familiar finish

Salem girls and Canton boys retain city track crowns

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was debatable what was hotter Tuesday afternoon: the 80-plus degree temperatures or the bottom of the Canton boys' and Salem girls' track shoes.

Considering it's only mid-April, all three were unseasonably steaming for the annual Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Track Meet, which pitted the six city track-and-field teams — both boys and girls — against one another in an early-season battle of P-CEP neighbors.

Both the Canton boys (92 points) and the Salem girls (98 points) defended their crowns handily. Salem (43) finished second in the boys' meet, just ahead of Plymouth (40). In the girls competition, Canton (43) was the runner-up over the third-place Wildcats (34).

"Based on our scouting reports on Salem and Plymouth's times, we knew we could score a lot of points today," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Everyone put forth a great effort — they simply didn't want to lose. This team has a lot of heart, and it showed today."

"We had a lot of kids do things today that a few weeks ago they probably thought they'd never be able to do. Some kids added two feet to their personal records in the field events while others cut 12 to 15 seconds off their best times in the distance events."

Richardson shed extra praise on the performances of Rodney Preston, David Calille and Derek Reeves. Preston crossed the line first in both the 300 and 110 hurdles races, Calille won the 200-meter



Canton's Rodney Preston finished first in the 110 high hurdles at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Track Meet at the P-CEP track. Preston's winning time was 14.89, almost a second faster than runner-up Nate Gholston of Plymouth.



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Pictured is the opening heat of the girls 100-meter dash at Tuesday's Bolger/Mangan Memorial City Track Meet. Salem successfully defended its title by racking up 98 points, 55 more than runner-up Canton.

PLEASE SEE **TRACK, C3**.

Canton hands Franklin its first setback

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton girls soccer team is finding its groove following a so-so early season performance.

The Chiefs improved to 2-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Monday afternoon with a narrow 2-1 victory over previously unbeaten Livonia Franklin. The Patriots slipped to 5-1 and 1-1.

"Franklin has a good, athletic team, so it was a nice win for us," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "The girl who scored their goal, Renee Farrell, is a dynamite player. She kept us out of their end for the most part."

"The good news is we got a big win and we're unbeaten in the conference."

Lisa Ealy was the offensive star for the Chiefs. The junior accounted for both Canton goals — the first coming in the final minute of the first half and the second 16:45 after the intermission. Andrea Johnson and Katie Raker racked up assists on Ealy's goals.

Farrell cut the Patriots' deficit to 2-1 when she converted a pass from Meghan Horgan with 8:07 left. Cassie LaPrairie barely missed tying the game with two minutes to play when her shot from 20 yards out went just wide.

"It was a hard-fought game for us," said Franklin coach Jen Barker. "It was the first real test we were going to face and I think we were a bit unsure to start. Once we got our composure, it was just a matter of getting in behind their backs, but Andrea Johnson did a good job of keeping us out of there."

Boys net teams open with mixed results

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The opening week of the boys high school tennis season had about as many highs and lows as an overhead lob for the three local teams.

Canton split a pair of matches with Walled Lake Western (a 6-2 loss) and Walled Lake Central (an 8-0 victory). The Chiefs' No. 3 singles player Eric Szydlowski and No. 3 doubles tandem of Nimit Defai and Mike Palmer remained unbeaten following the two matches. Szydlowski has won four of the five sets he has played in thus far.

The Chiefs failed to lose a single set in their white-washing of the out-

manned Vikings.

After winning its first two matches, the Rocks tumbled, 5-3, against Livonia Churchill on Monday afternoon. The Rocks were tied, 2-2, after the singles matches thanks to victories by Rob Wallen at No. 2 and freshman Lawrence Washington at No. 3, however, the Chargers put a stranglehold on the victory when they won three of the four doubles contests. Churchill is off to a surging 4-1 overall start. The Chargers stand 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Plymouth opened its conference slate with an impressive 8-0 pasting of Westland John Glenn. The

Wildcats' No. 1 singles player Luc Lucaj earned his team some much-needed, early momentum when he took care of Michael Galunas, 6-2, 6-3. Plymouth's Don Zhang, Kevin Welch and Clint Korpalski followed with singles triumphs to help secure the win.

In doubles actions, Plymouth's duos of Doug Eggleston-Brad Yergensen, Dave Snyder-Brett Kavulich, Erik Korpalski-Dan Jeong and Nick Mazzocco-Anoop Gopal were all victorious.

The winless Rockets are struggling, having lost their opening five matches.

For complete results on these matches, please see page C.

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Comeback kids

Salem erases deficit, comes back for win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem only led for a heartbeat in Monday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association opener against visiting Walled Lake Central.

Fortunately for the Rocks, it was the game's final heartbeat.

Salem overcame an early 3-0 deficit to upend the Vikings, 4-3, on a one-out, walk-off sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh inning by Scott Holka. The victory boosted the Rocks' overall mark to 3-2 and their WLAA record to 1-0. Central slipped to 4-3 (0-1).

Speaking of heart, the Rocks showed a lot of it in the bottom of the seventh when they manufactured the winning run. With the game tied at 3-3, Salem catcher Andy Psilis led off with a scorching single down the right-field line. Ryan Rowe pinch-ran for Psilis and immediately stole second base. Jimmy

Sroka followed with an infield single to put runners on first and third.

Central coach Mike Roffi elected to intentionally walk the next batter, Steve Myers, to load the bases for Ciantar, who delivered the game-winning drive to deep left-center field.

"This is a senior group of kids and they all know that there's no clock in this game, so as long as you have a swing left, you have a chance," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, referring to his team's gutsy comeback. "This is one of my favorite teams I've coached because they all believe in themselves and they all support one another."

Both teams' starting senior pitchers — Salem's Nic England and Central's Justin Goltz — threw solid, complete games. England yielded eight hits and struck out six, while Goltz gave up just seven hits and racked up four K's.

PLEASE SEE **COMEBACK C2**



Salem senior pitcher Nic England earned his second win of the season Monday when he tossed a complete game against visiting Walled Lake Central.

Sidelines

Canton's Williams vaults to 2nd

Canton High School graduate J.Q. Williams, a freshman pole vaulter at Albion College, broke her own one-week school record by clearing the bar at 9 feet, 11 3/4 inches, which was good enough for a second-place finish in the University Outdoor Invitational meet held Saturday in Anderson, Ind.

Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth High School Saberettes are hosting a pompon clinic for kids from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. The clinic will be held in the Plymouth High School cafeteria and is open for girls in third through eighth grades.

All participants will learn a pom routine with the Saberettes, receive a T-shirt and a snack for \$35.

They will also be invited to perform in the Saberette Variety Show scheduled for May 6-7.

Registration is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 25, in the Plymouth High School Athletic Wing.

The variety show is set for 7 p.m. May 6 and 7 at the Salem Logan Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.

Par-tee golf league

The Par-tee Girls Golf League, which plays on Thursdays mornings at 8 a.m. at Canton's Hickory Creek Golf Course, is looking for new members.

The nine-hole league is set to begin May 5 and run through Aug. 19. Hickory Creek is located at Ford and Napier roads in Canton.

For more information, call Susan Moorman at (734) 414-9941.

Brockert honored

Madonna University junior Erin Brockert was named both Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player- and Pitcher-of-the-Week.

The Dayton, Ohio native hit .571 (12-for-21) in six wins for the Crusaders, including three homers, one being a walk-off 2-run shot to beat Cornerstone in extra innings, 8-6.

Brockert also had a double and 10 RBI with a 1.048 slugging percentage.

On the mound, she finished 4-0 with 22 strikeouts in 26 innings, allowing just four runs for an earned run average of 1.08.

Gerou runs Boston

Canton resident Thomas Gerou, 47, completed the Boston Marathon Monday afternoon in 3:02:33, which was good enough for 159th place in his age division and 767 overall.

Gerou's pace was 6:58 per mile.



Area gymnasts vault to excellence

FIRST TEAM
Andrea Pisani, Livonia Unified: The Livonia Churchill sophomore excelled in every event particularly the floor exercise and balance beam. She placed fourth in the Division I all-around and also earned All-State (top 10) honors in three events including floor, beam and bars. "Andrea always finished in the top 10 for us this season," said Livonia Unified coach Christa Hinderliter. "You could always count on her to give a great performance."
Lindsey Reed, Livonia Unified: Reed, a senior at Livonia Stevenson, is a Level 10 club gymnast for the EuroStars. She was selected to compete for a team of Michigan gymnasts who will travel to Florida in May for an elite national competition. Reed, who received a 9.8 on the beam in a meet earlier this year, may walk-on at Central Michigan University in the fall. Hinderliter said of the Division I state floor exercise champion (9.65). She also took ninth in the all-around. "Lindsey is an extremely hard-working girl who has been a valuable member of this team over the past couple of years," Hinderliter said. "I am in awe of her gymnastics ability."
Alyssa Supplee, Livonia Unified: A junior at Livonia Franklin, Supplee is consistently strong in all of the events and will serve as a captain for the team next season. She placed seventh in the Division II all-around and also earned All-State honors in the vault and on the floor. "Alyssa was successful in every meet she competed in this season," Hinderliter said. "She has put in a lot of time and hard work to become the all-around performer that she is."
Paige Albers, Livonia Unified: The junior excelled in the beam and floor events for Livonia Unified this season. At the Division II state meet, Albers placed sixth on vault. "She was at her best in the conference meet this season," Hinderliter said. "I'm looking forward to coaching her next season. She should be a big contributor to our team."
Megan Chappo, Canton: The senior captain — an All-American on the bars and the beam — was voted Senior Gymnast of the Year by the Coaches and Judges Association. She fought hard to recover from a pre-season ankle operation and finished eighth on the beam in Division I (9.5) and was the bars champion at the Division I regional meet. "Megan was a terrific team leader and inspired the team to work harder and succeed," said Canton coach John Cunningham.
Alyssa Kelley, Canton: Only a sophomore, Kelley earned All-American recognition in all five categories. She was voted the team's most valuable gymnast and went undefeated in the vault until the state meet where she finished third. Kelley was the all-around medalist at the regional meet and the vault champion at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. "Alyssa was definitely our team leader and most valuable gymnast," said Cunningham. "Last Year's injury-plagued season was but a distant memory."
Kara Ahern, Canton: A junior, Ahern earned All-American accolades on the beam and floor and she was the WLAA Division I champion in the floor exercise event. She was the regional champion on the floor (9.5) and was fourth all-around in Division I. She recorded a 36.65 all-around against Wayne-Westland. "Kara was one of our hardest-working gymnasts, improving her routines dramatically with such tricks as a back walkover, back tuck on beam," Cunningham said.
Jessie Murray, Canton: The freshman was an All-American in the vault, bars, beam, floor and all-around, and she tied a 10-year-old school record with a 9.65 on the beam. She placed 10th on the vault at the Division I state meet and earned the team's "Rookie of the Year" award. "Jessie was a joy to have on the team," Cunningham said. "Miss Sunshine was a terrific first-year gymnast."
Kaitlyn Burns, Canton: A sophomore, Burns earned All-American status for her floor routine. She was 10th on the floor in the state meet, third in the regional meet and she scored a 9.45 on the floor in the Traverse City Quad Meet. "Kaitlyn was a pleasure to watch with her exceptional flexibility and tumbling," Cunningham said. "Her accomplishments with injured ankles and wrists were admirable."
Ashley Aquinto, Salem: The senior finished third in all-around in Division II at the state meet, second at the regional competition and first at the WLAA meet. Aquinto was a four-year varsity performer and served as a captain her senior season. "Ashley had an all-around good year," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "She was very consistent and worked extremely hard."
Elena Gueorguiev, Salem: The talented senior finished first in the bars in Division II at the state meet and fourth all-around. "Elena was a huge asset to our team this year," said Driscoll. "She performed well all season, especially towards the end of the year."
Sara Bugosh, Salem: Only a sophomore, Bugosh was voted by her teammates to serve as a captain for next year's team. She finished seventh on the beam at the conference meet and ninth all-around. "Sara had a good season," Driscoll said. "She was sick a lot in the beginning of the year, but still worked hard. Once Sara started feeling better, she did wonderful."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 21
Agape at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Bethesda Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Salem at Southgate Anderson (DH), 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 21
Agape at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Zoe Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 21
Salem at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 22
Salem at Harrison Hawks Relays, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 21
W.L. Northern at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Salem at W. Bloomfield Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Chelsea Relays, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 21
Southfield Christian at PCA
Friday, April 22
Saginaw Heritage at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Canton at Troy Athens, 11 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, April 22
Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Salem at Monroe Invite, 9 a.m.
Canton Varsity Invitational, 8 a.m.
Plymouth at Don Zielinski Invite, TBA
GIRLS GOLF
Friday, April 22
Salem at Hartland Invite
at Dunham Hills 9 a.m.
Canton at Hartland Tourney, 7 a.m.
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth
at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Friday, April 22
PCS at Troy, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers unless noted)
Friday, April 22
Rochester at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 23
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech
at Livonia Ladywood H.S. 1 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced

COMEBACK

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After England walked Central's Neil Mitchell to lead off the sixth, Rumberger visited the mound and was close to bringing in a reliever until the senior hurler convinced his coach to let him try to weather the storm. "Whenever I go out to the mound, I usually take the pitcher out," Rumberger said. "But Nic, who is a three-year varsity player, asked me to let him stay in to try and get out of it. I figured that after all he has done for this team over the past three years he deserved the opportunity, and he ended up getting out of it." The Vikings bolted to a 1-0 first-inning lead when Torey Stimson singled, advanced to second on Aaron Hakola's single, stole third and scored on an error. Central expanded its lead to 3-0 in the top of the third on RBI singles from Hakola and Mitchell. The Rocks started chipping away at their deficit in their half of the third when Sroka led off with a double, advanced to third on Myers' long flyout to right and scored on a Ciantar sacrifice fly. There was nothing chippy about Salem's next run — a sizzling line-drive home run over the left-field fence off the bat of right fielder Mitch Hosch to make it 3-2. The Rocks knotted the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth when — with two outs — designated hitter Bill Leddy doubled and scored when Kenny Warren followed with a clutch single to right, setting the stage for the seventh-inning rally. "It's always a barn-burner when we play Salem," said Central coach Mike Roffi. "Last year, the games were 10-8 and 1-0. I think both programs have mutual respect for one another, and it shows."

Salem made several noteworthy defensive plays to prevent Central from adding to their cushion. In the fourth, Ciantar went horizontal to snare a rope off the bat of Tom Cross. Myers, Ciantar and first baseman Bill Horgan also turned slick 4-6-3 double plays in both the sixth and seventh innings to thwart two potential Viking rallies. "We worked on our defense a lot during our spring trip to Florida a couple of weeks ago," Rumberger said. "With Steve, Andy and Dave Cardenas (who is currently injured), we have some very talented middle infielders." Sroka proved to be a spark-plug for the Rocks' offense all afternoon as he reached base in all four of his at-bats (two hits, a walk and a hit batsman) and scored two runs. Hakola finished with three hits for the Vikings. **W.L. Western 11, Plymouth 1:** The Warriors struck for eight runs in the opening frame on the way to a convincing victory in the WLAA opener for both squads. Western's first seven batters reached base via a walk, hit batsman or hit. Michael Walsh contributed the lone RBI for the Wildcats, who fell to 0-4-1. Plymouth's Bryan Stotz relieved starter Alex Harvey in the first and stymied Western in the second and third innings before they manufactured a single, double and pair of triples into three more runs. "It was not a good way to start the conference schedule," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We keep digging ourselves in these large, early inning holes, which makes it tough to come back from." "At times, we are capable of playing good, solid baseball, but what we are lacking right now is consistency throughout an entire game."

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Hinderliter builds winning tradition

BY ED WRIGHT
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Since Christa Hinderliter took over the reins of the Livonia Unified girls gymnastics team five years ago, things have become predictable for the squad that is made up of students from all three of the city's high schools. Predictably excellent, that is. Under Hinderliter's guidance, Livonia finished second in the state this past season behind only Farmington Unified. Her efforts earned the Livonia Public Schools physi-



Hinderliter

cal education and health teacher the Observerland Coach of the Year honor. "We finished third last year and second this year, so everyone is saying next year is our year to finish first," quipped Hinderliter, who has doubled as a club gymnastics coach for several years. "This year's team was special because we lost quite a few girls from last year's team to graduation,

so there were some big shoes to fill. But the girls we needed to step up did it and really led us to a great season. "We've built a good program here, so the new girls who join the team every year know what to expect. We have a strong work ethic, which is probably the number-one reason for our success." Hinderliter, who graduated from Okemos High School and Western Michigan University, said coaching a team consisting of athletes from different schools was challenging initially, but is

now smooth sailing. "The first year was difficult because the girls had to come together from the different schools to form one team," she said. "But now I can't imagine the girls being separated. They have become extremely close and they do a lot of things together outside of gymnastics. They have forged a lot of close relationships that will last a lifetime." Livonia Unified was led by senior Lindsay Reed, juniors Paige Albers and Alyssa Supplee, and sophomore Andrea Pisani.



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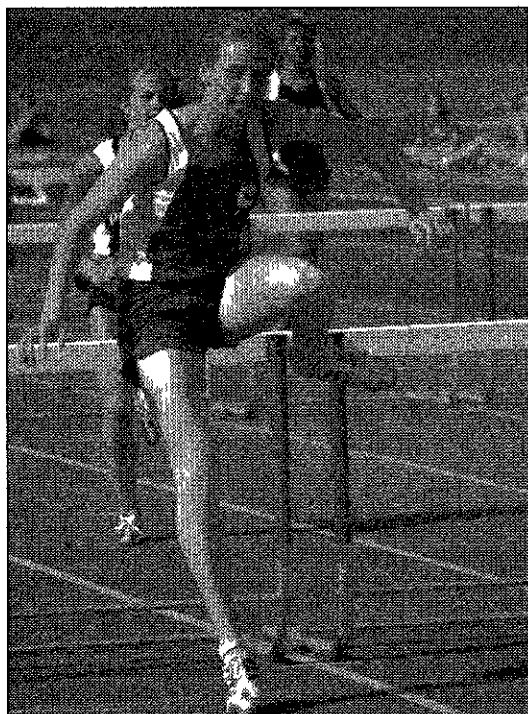
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TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 SALEM 3
April 18 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Trevor Kogut (LC) defeated Chris Treadwell, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 2:** Rob Wallen (S) def. Glenn Wozniak, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Lawrence Washington (S) def. Nick Payne, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 4:** Peter Bartlett (S) def. Mike Han, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Evan Be-Mike Layne (LC) def. Blake Foster-Neil Bakshi, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 2:** Casey Green-Pete Schrader (LC) def. Alex Gut-Paul Kargol, 6-2, 7-6 (12-10); **No. 3:** Rich Simkov-Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Dave Geich-Dave Jung, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** Taylor Frangie-Jay Cunningham (LC) def. Cam Loftus-Brian Lent, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2.
Dual meet record: Churchill, 4-1 overall, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Salem, 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA.

CANTON 8, W.L. CENTRAL 0
April 18 at Canton
No. 1 singles: Zach Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Clay Bartlett, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Yale Miller (C) def. Benji Dell, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Eric Szydlowski (C) def. Eric Hammon, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 4:** Tom Williams (C) def. Casey Johnson, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 10-8.
No. 1 doubles: Alex Marinica-Alex Fabiszewicz (C) def. Josh Kay/Jack Oliver, 7-5, 7-6 (7-2); **No. 2:** Duke Kapelanski-Greg Warnecke (C) def. Ryan Bean-Bryan Hurd, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Nimit Defai-Mike Palmer (C) def. Aki Fukuta/Pat Founogian, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Nathan Larimore-Nirusan Loganathan (C) def. Yoshi Takeoka/Yoshi Hirahoshi, 6-3, 6-3.
Dual meet record: Canton 1-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
April 18 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Luc Lucacj (P) defeated Michael Galunas, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Don Zhang (P) def. Nikhil Kalothia, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kevin Welch (P) def. Nolen Langlois, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Clint Korpalski (P) def. Galen Murphy-Fahlgren, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Doug Eggleston-Brad Yergensen (P) def. Jake Delpiano-Bruce Green, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Dave Snyder-Brett Kavulich (P) def. James Fisher-Brandon Nikula, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 3:** Erik Korpalski-Dan Jeong (P) def. Jacory Frowner-Josh Vovles, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Nick Mazzocco-Anoop Gopal (P) won by default.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-1 overall, 1-0 WLAA; John Glenn, 0-5 overall, 0-2 WLAA.



Salem's Andrea Lang finished first in the 100-meter high hurdles at Tuesday's city track meet. Lang crossed the line in 17.01 seconds.

TRACK

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dash and was a key component on two first-place relay teams, and Reeves posted a personal-best pole-vault height of 12-10.

Salem girls coach Kevin Conte said he was pleased with his team's championship effort.

"I thought the meet went pretty smoothly," Conte said. "I was impressed with a lot of the times we put up. Several girls had personal records. I thought one of the highlights tonight was Lauren Kane's late kick in the 3,200 when she barely edged out Hannah Cavicchio. That was a perfect example of a senior giving it everything she had."

First-year Canton girls coach Tracy Himmelpach said she was satisfied with the second-place showing.

"I knew Salem was going to be extremely tough to beat," she said. "I thought our sprinters really stepped up and Mina Pirzadeh had a great meet with a personal record in the 300 hurdles and in the pole vault."

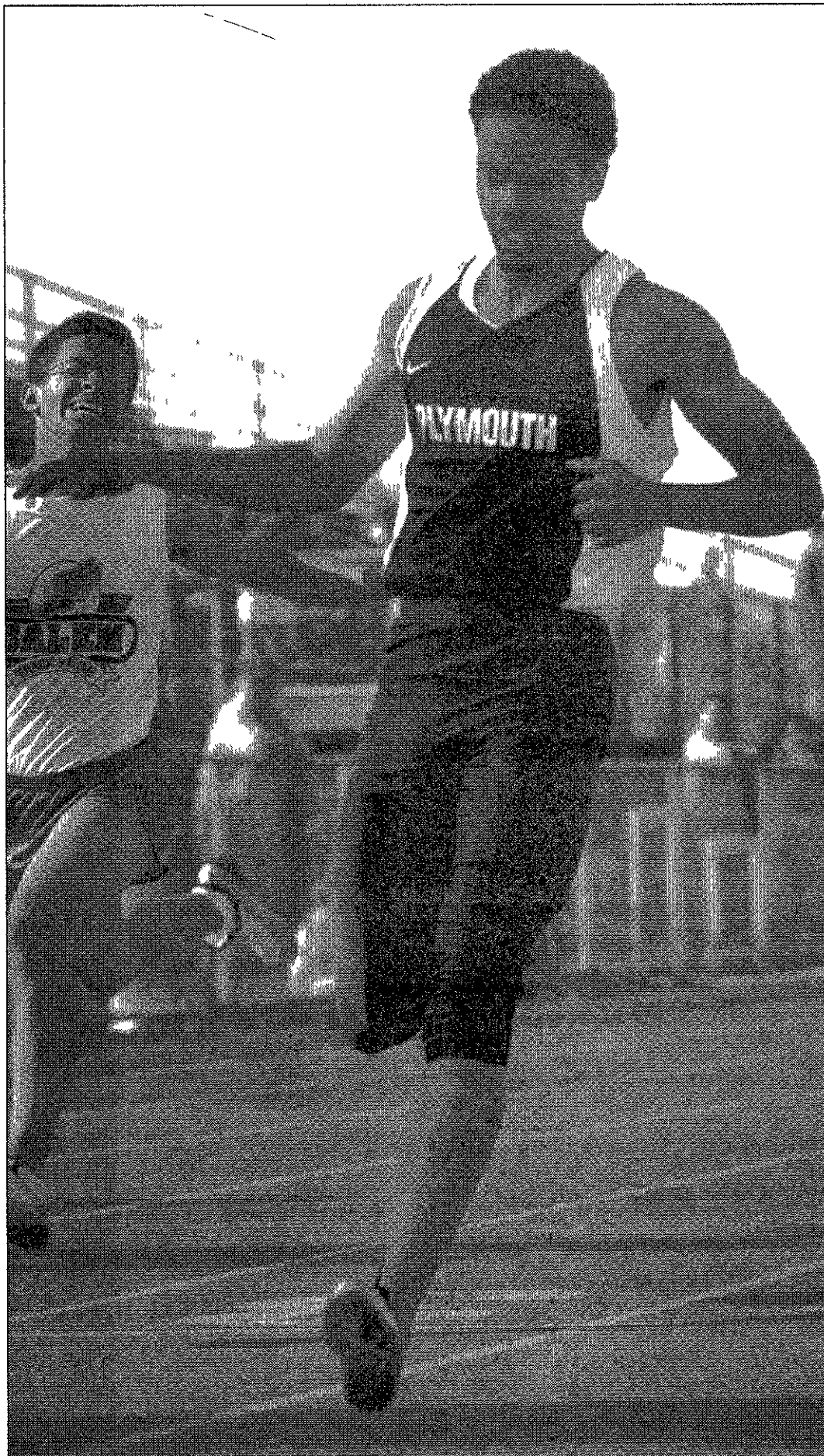
Salem boys coach Geoff Baker said he saw some good things come out of Tuesday's competition.

"Jon Marsh turned in a personal-best in the discus and I thought Dan Kapadia ran well in the mile," Baker assessed. "I was happy with all of our field-event athletes and our distance team ran well."

Despite finishing third, Plymouth boys coach James Hall was optimistic about his team's continual growth.

"I'm pleased because the guys are gaining an understanding of the track-and-field game," Hall said. "They're starting to understand the importance of conditioning and that what you put into something is what you're going to get out of it."

The meet was named in memory of the late Mark Bolger and Jeff Mangan, both of whom were former outstanding student/athletes at Salem.



Plymouth's D.J. Coleman finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.3 seconds.

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TRACK RESULTS

BOLGER/MANGAN MEMORIAL CITY TRACK MEET April 19 at P-CEP Track

BOYS RESULTS

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1 Canton 92, 2 Salem 43, 3 Plymouth 40

Pole Vault: 1 Reeves (C), 12-10; 2 Sherwood (P), 11-0; 3 Hyde (S), 10-0; 4 Stewart (P), 9-6.

Shot put: 1 Jonik (C), 44-4; 2 Marsh (S), 43-1; 3 Bailey (P), 39-2; 4 James (C), 39-1.

Discus: 1 Marsh (S), 141-5; 2 Paye (C), 129-1; Kaptur (S), 124-9; 4 Zugaj (C), 118-9.

High Jump: 1 Scharzburg (P), 5-10; 2 Rossow (C), 5-10; 3 McClellan (C), 5-10; 4 Page (C), 5-8.

Long Jump: 1 Rumao (S), 20-8.75; 2 Coleman (P), 20-1; 3 Piowar (C), 19-6.25; 4 Preston (C), 18-8.

4x800 relay: 1 Canton, 8:37; 2 Salem, 8:44; 3 Plymouth, 9:26.

110 hurdles: 1 Preston (C), 14:89; 2 Gholston (P), 15:67; 3 McClellan (C), 17:01; 4 Belcher (C), 17:31.

100 dash: 1 Piowar (C), 11.28; 2 Coleman (P), 11.3; 3 Rumao (S), 11.65; 4 Walser (C), 11.84.

4x200 relay: 1 Canton, 1:33.4; 2 Plymouth, 1:36.7; 3 Salem, 1:40.2.

1,600 run: 1 Kapadia (S), 4:42; 2 Lumley (S), 4:43; 3 Zech (C), 4:48; 4 Scataro (P), 4:50.

4x100 relay: 1 Canton, 44.48; 2 Plymouth, 45.1; 3 Salem, 47.49.

400 dash: 1 Azizi (C), 51.36; 2 Rossow (C), 51.99; 3 Dillon (P), 52.9; 4 Sokolowski (S), 53.0.

300 hurdles: 1 Fisher (C), 41:00; 2 Gholston (P), 41.69; 3 Boucher (C), 44.68; 4 Turner (C), 44.77.

800 run: 1 Whitlock (C), 2:09; 2 Zech (C), 2:11; 3 Wallath (P), 2:12; 4 Kosteva (S), 2:13.

200 dash: 1 Calille (C), 23.01; 2 Coleman (P), 23.04; 3 Piowar (C), 23.27; 4 Burdette (C), 24.18.

3,200 run: 1 Walsh (S), 10:25; 2 Kapadia (S), 10:29.1; 3 Scaparo (P), 10:29.8; 4 Slavens (P), 10:49.

4x400 relay: 1 Canton, 3:32; 2 Salem, 3:39; 3 Plymouth, 3:41.

GIRLS RESULTS

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1 Salem, 98; Canton, 43; 3 Plymouth 34

Pole vault: 1 Pirzadeh (C), 9-6; 2 Vraniak (S), 9-0; 3 Mack (P), 7-0; 4 Hale (P), 6-6.

Shot put: 1 Fisher (S), 32-11; 2 Wilson (S), 32-7.5; 3 Pitts (C), 28-8.5; 4 Guyton (P), 27-9.

Discus: 1 Wilson (S), 107-4; 2 Fisher (S), 87-8; 3 Hanchett (P), 80-9; 4 Janson (S), 70-9.

High Jump: 1 Petty (P), 5-1; 2 Paszkowska (C), 4-9; 3 Gault (S), 4-9; 4 Miles (S), 4-4.

Long Jump: 1 Lockhart (S), 15-8.25; 2 Lang (S), 15-1; 3 Joyner (C), 14-9.5; 4 Powell (P), 14-6.5.

4x800 relay: 1 Salem, 10:14; 2 Plymouth, 10:35; 3 Canton, 10:38.

100 hurdles: 1 Lang (S), 17.01; 2 Eldred (S), 17.09; 3 Pirzadeh (C), 17.7; 4 Petty (P), 17.9.

100 dash: 1 Wallace (P), 13.87; 2 Shull (S), 14.1; 3 Lee (C), 14.23; 4 Byers (C), 14.32.

4x200 relay: 1 Canton, 1:49.7; 2 Salem, 1:49.8; 3 Plymouth, 1:55.

1,600 run: 1 Kane (S), 5:32; 2 Cavicchio (S), 5:39; 3 McCormack (C), 5:44; 4 Sherwood (P), 5:49.

4x100 relay: 1 Plymouth, 53.74; 2 Canton, 53.79; 3 Salem, 54.5.

400 dash: 1 Lockhart (S), 1:00.8; 2 Vraniak (S), 1:02.6; 3 Miles (S), 1:03.2; 4 Lager (C), 1:04.7.


300 hurdles: 1 Lang (S), 49.55; 2 Petty (P), 51.86; 3 Pirzadeh (C), 51.87; 4 Eldred (S), 52.84.

800 run: 1 Friedman (S), 2:22; 2 Bargowski (C), 2:31; 3 Shull (S), 2:33; 4 Janda (S), 2:34.

200 dash: 1 Pitts (C), 27.78; 2 Joyner (C), 27.79; 3 Lockhart (S), 27.81; 4 Gault (S), 27.86.

3,200 run: 1 Kane (S), 12:01; 2 Cavicchio (S), 12:01.5; 3 McCormack (C), 12:33; 4 Ostrowski (P), 12:59.

4x400 relay: 1 Salem, 4:15; 2 Plymouth, 4:22; Canton, 4:35.



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Canton pitcher one pitch away from perfect game

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOFTBALL

Perfection barely eluded the grasp of Canton pitcher Sarah Anthony Monday afternoon. But the sophomore hurler kept a firm hold on a victory. Anthony was nearly flawless in her season debut on the mound as she no-hit Wayne Memorial, 5-0, in the Western Lakes Activities

Association opener for both teams. The first-year varsity player had dynamic command of her pitches, striking out 13 without walking a batter. With the victory, Canton improved to 5-0 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA. The lone Zebra (2-5 and 0-1) to reach

base was hit by a pitch in the third inning. "A change-up slipped out of Sarah's hand and it hit the batter, otherwise she would have had a perfect game," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "Sarah did a great job, but so did (catcher) Molly Przybylski, who called a good game. Sarah was hitting her spots and mixing up her drop ball with her other pitches."

Wayne coach Wayne Woodard agreed with Arnold's assessment of the winning battery's performance. "(Anthony) did a good job of keeping our girls off balance," said Woodard. "We actually played one of our better games this season against Canton, but we couldn't hit. Defensively, we had one bad inning (the fourth) when we misplayed a couple of balls."

Canton, which finished with eight hits, scored a single run in the second and four in the fourth off Wayne pitcher Nikki Little (0-2).

Rachel Ward (2-for-4, one RBI), Rachel Beaudoin (2-for-2) and Anthony (1-for-3, two RBI) led a balanced offensive attack for the Chiefs.

W.L. Central 3, Salem 2: Trailing 3-0 the Rocks mounted a serious rally in the top of the seventh inning Monday afternoon but their comeback fell just short. The loss dropped Salem to 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the WLAA.

The Vikings secured a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the third when they strung together three of their seven hits against Salem starting pitcher Courtney Davis.

The never-say-die Rocks scored both their runs in the final frame when Amy Caves ripped a base hit to right. She was eliminated at when the next hitter Kait McKinley hit into a fielder's choice. Ali Proddan then delivered a hit sending McKinley to third. McKinley eventually scored on a wild pitch as did Liz Thomas

who was pinch-running for Proddan. With two outs Kelly Behr ripped a single putting the tying run at first. However Viking starting pitcher Sarah Burkhardt finished off her complete game by recording her 11th strikeout of the contest. Burkhardt allowed just four hits and one walk.

"It was a close game but we needed to start hitting a little earlier than we did," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. On Saturday Salem went 2-1 in the Taylor Invitational Softball Tournament. In the opener the Rocks derailed Gibraltar Carson 6-2. Davis was brilliant on the mound yielding just five hits and one walk to go along with two strikeouts. Offensively, Caves led the way with three hits and two RBI. Also shining at the plate for the Rocks were McKinley (RBI triple), Laura Kordick, Kait Downey, Crystal Rohn, Kelly Behr and Deanna Szawara. Salem outlasted Carson, 10-5.

Salem blasted Wyandotte 14-0 in the second game.

"The girls woke up for this game," Southerland said. "The bats were hot and it just kept coming."

Crystal Rohn shone on the mound for the Rocks, tossing a one-hitter while striking out five.

Offensively the Rocks clubbed a pair of grand slams - one each by McKinley and Kordick - both in the second inning. Not to be outdone Caves slammed a three-run homer in the third. In the fourth the Rocks ripped seven hits and sent 14 batters to the plate. Kordick finished with five RBI and McKinley chipped in with four.

In Saturday's third game, Salem fell to Taylor Kennedy 6-1. Kennedy scored two runs in the first and four in the fifth. Salem had six hits - all singles - from Caves Behr, Melissa Plante, Szawara, Sniegowski and McKinley.

All in all the girls played well and if they can just keep the bats going like they

did in the Wyandotte game, I think we'll be okay," Southerland said.

W.L. Western 6, Plymouth 2: The Warriors plated four runs in the top of the ninth inning to knock off the Wildcats in the WLAA opener for both teams. The victory improved Western to 3-2 overall while the 'Cat slipped to 2-1.

Plymouth trailed 2-0 in the bottom of the sixth when Claire Ostrowski ripped a two-run double that scored Lauren Stemberger and Kim Klonowski, both of whom had singled.

"Once Western scored their first run in the ninth to take the lead, we kind of got down on ourselves," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Our lack of experience and not having any seniors hurt us in the end. We only made two errors, so we didn't play a bad game."

The game was the Wildcats' first action since April 5.

"I don't think the layoff hurt us," Canfield admitted. "What hurt us the most was our bunt defense. That's something we need to work on."

Despite suffering the loss, Ostrowski struck out 12 Warriors.

Amy Bondy contributed two hits for the Wildcats.

Canton Agape 20, Taylor Baptist Park 8: The Wolverines improved their record to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with Tuesday's high-scoring victory.

Julie Schultz did it all for Agape, earning the pitching victory while going 2-for-4 with four RBI at the plate. Caroline Jungquist also had a productive game, finishing 1-for-3 with three runs and three steals. Lindsay Gant chipped in with three runs and three steals.

"We've already equaled our win total from last year, so I'm pleased with the way things are going," said Agape coach Bobby Stockman.

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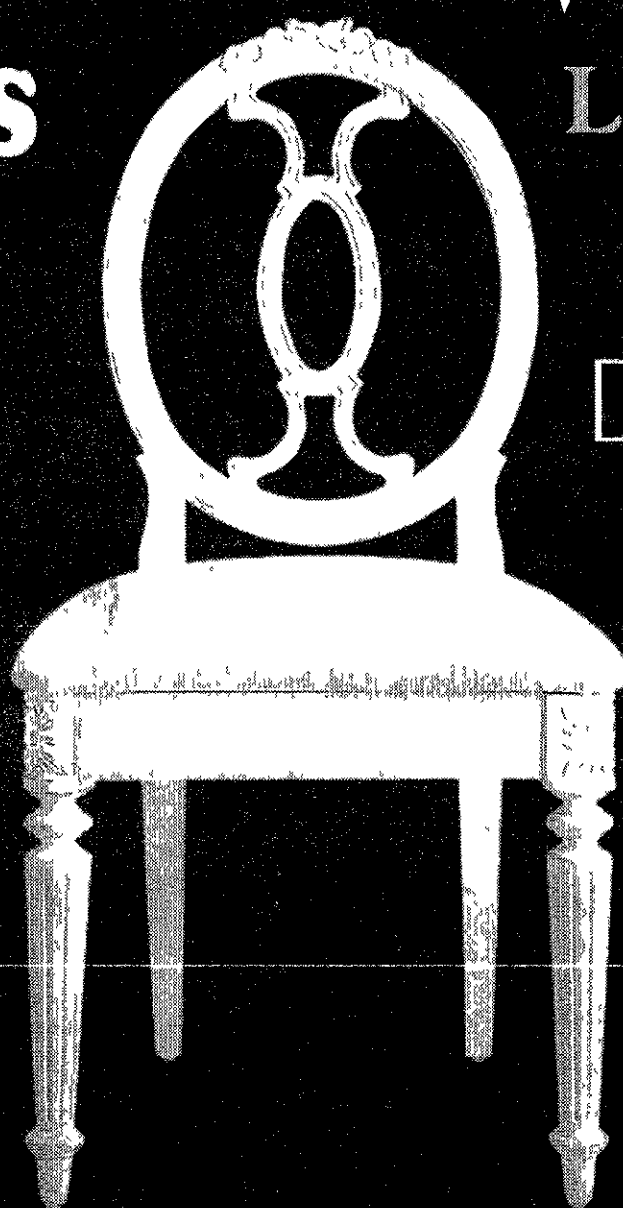
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Agape surprises unbeaten PCA, 8-6

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The final results of Monday afternoon's high school baseball game between Plymouth Christian Academy and Canton Agape Christian were about as improbable as a 75-degree, sunny April day in Michigan.

With the weather conditions closer to those expected in southeast Florida than south-east Michigan in early spring, the winless Wolverines stunned the undefeated Eagles, 8-6, Monday, at Griffin Park in Canton. Entering the contest, PCA owned the better record and a truckload of momentum after recording a pair of mercy-rule-shortened victories in Saturday's Franklin Road Invitational.

But that didn't faze Agape, which unloaded for five runs in the second inning and never looked back.

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"Give Agape credit -- we hit the ball hard, but they made the plays," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston, whose team slipped to 7-1. The Wolverines improved to 1-4 with the victory.

Freshman righthander Jared Miller earned the win for Agape. He completed five-and-two-thirds innings before giving way to his older brother, Kyle, who was effective over the final inning-and-a-third to pick up the save.

Both teams collected eight hits. The Molnar brothers -- Gabe and Matt -- both went 2-for-3 for Agape, which also received a pair of hits from Kyle Miller.

Senior catcher Aaron Ciborowski paced PCA's offensive attack with two hits, including a home run. Jordan Johnston and Andrew Shumaker chipped in with a

pair of hits each.

PCA mounted a serious seventh-inning threat when it loaded the bases with two outs, however, Kyle Miller worked out of the jam to preserve his team's first 2005 victory.

Eagles win tourney

PCA captured the Warriors Invitational Saturday afternoon when it mercied Ypsilanti Calvary Christian and host Novi Franklin Road, 14-2 and 16-0, respectively.

Senior righthander Stephen Sumner tossed a four-inning one-hitter in the opener, striking out six. Sumner also shined at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a double, triple, home run and seven RBI.

With the game tied at 1-1, the Eagles erupted for five in the second and eight in the fourth to advance to the final game of the four-team tournament.

Senior pitcher Andrew

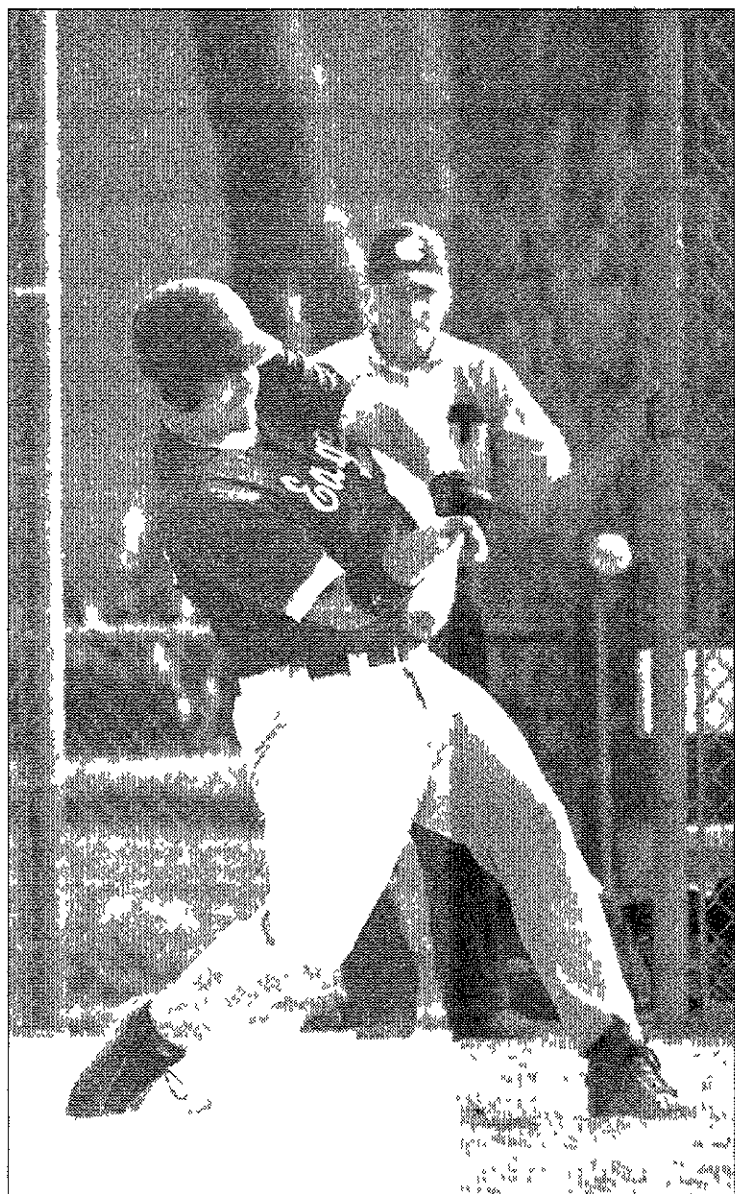
Shumaker was the star in the championship game, as he improved his record to 2-0 by limiting Franklin Road to three hits in three innings of work. Offensively, PCA was led by Bob Unis (3-for-4, two runs, four RBI), Eric Immerfall (3-for-3, three RBI), Ciborowski (2-for-3, home run, two RBI) and Nathan Bixler, who contributed a pair of hits.

PCA outthrew Franklin Road, 14-4. The Eagles tallied six in the first, five in the second, three in the third and a pair of runs in the final frame.

PCA 15, Oakland Christian 9: The Eagles (8-1 overall, 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) broke open a close game Tuesday afternoon with three runs in the third, four in the fourth and five in the fifth.

Andrew Shumaker upped his record to 3-0 with three-and-two-thirds innings of stellar relief pitching.

Eric Immerfall (3-for-4, home run), Stephen Sumner (home run, double, triple) Nathan Bixler (2-for-3, three runs, four stolen bases) and Aaron Ciborowski (2-for-3 two RBI) led the Eagles' offensive attack.



ROB CIBOROWSKI

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Coach Tom Wakefield was waiting for his bats to wake up, and it happened Tuesday as his Wayne Memorial baseball team unloaded for 14 hits in an 11-1, six-inning mercy-rule win over visiting Canton.

It was the opener for both teams as Wayne won its fifth straight to improve to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We've been scratching together runs so far this season and our pitching has been holding us in," Wakefield said. "So it was nice for a change to get a comfortable lead early and relieve our pitching staff so they can just go out there and throw. Today we were hit-

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ting the ball all over the place and that was a good sign."

Earl Martin led the Wayne hit parade, going 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBI. Andrew Kaleto added two hits, including a double and three RBI, while Justin Schofield and Justin Collop also contributing two hits apiece (including doubles).

Winning pitcher Dave Clendenning went all six innings, allowing just two hits and two walks while striking out eight.

Justin Latin had a double for the Chiefs, while Tarik Khasawneh singled.

Brian Whiting, who went the first three innings, took the loss for Canton. He was followed by Jake Powers and Shawn Ruman.

On Saturday, Wayne avenged last year's Division I regional semifinal setback by sweeping host Allen Park in a twinbill, 3-2 and 5-1.

Martin's two-out, 2-run double in the top of the seventh gave Wayne the victory in the first game.

Martin, Danny Walsh and Kaleto each had two hits in the win.

Clendenning went the first five innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits. He struck out six and walked only one. Collop, who earned the

victory in relief, pitched two scoreless innings, fanning four and allowing three hits.

Brady Cooper and Kevin Robson each collected two hits for the Jaguars.

Reliever Ricky Simms took the loss.

Clint Served batted in two runs, while, Jeremy Jamnick, Martin and Walsh added one RBI apiece in the second game.

Jamnick, the winning pitcher, went four innings, allowing just three hits and one earned run. Collop went the final three innings in relief, allowing just one hit and two walks. He struck out three.

Anthony Savone took the loss for Allen Park.

GOLF RESULTS

CANTON 228, JOHN GLENN 250

April 19 at the Woodlands

Canton scorers: Natalie Slupek, 48; Katie Hoeksema, 54; Camal Millwood, 61; Emily Kenny, 65

John Glenn scorers: Jessie Beltr, 49; Carrie Kilikowski, 54; Jessica Riggs, 56; Taylor Morgan, 71

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA

SALEM 173

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April 18 at Whispering Willows

Salem scorers: Ashley Smith, 40; Anna Ross, 44; Jamie Siedlaczek, 41; Katelyn Rzelemy, 48; Alyssa Mastic, 56; Christine Mastic, 56; Christine Garland, 59

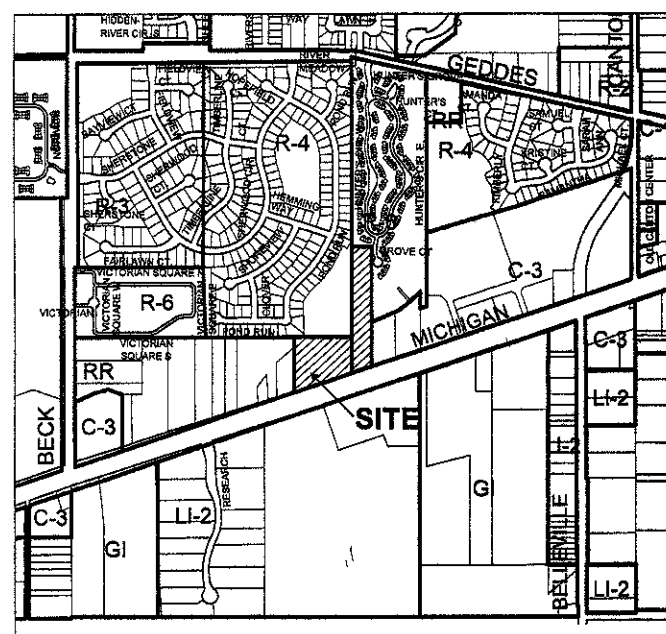
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 37 (medalist); Ashley Bint, 44; Sarah Walls, 46; Stacey Lewandowski, 57; Theresa Nutton, 62; Amanda Dobos, 65

Dual meet records: Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 2, 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:

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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 28, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, MAY 3, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, MAY 3, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
20	Township Fire Station #1	1100 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
26, 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N.
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Rd.
35	Canton Human Service Center	50430 School House Rd.
38	Cherry Hill Methodist Church	321 Ridge Rd.
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, APRIL 30, 2005 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, MAY 2, 2005, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, MAY 3, 2005. All absentee ballots that are returned in person, **must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. MAY 3, 2005.**

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5121.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There will be elected one (1) member to the Board of Education to a four (4) year term ending June 30, 2009.

EMILY L. FLORENCE
THOMAS J.P. WY SOCKI

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There will be elected two (2) members to the Board of Trustees to six (6) year terms ending June 30, 2011.

GREGORY J. STEMPIEN
PATRICIA L. WATSON

And there will be elected one (1) member to the Board of Trustees to a four (4) year term ending June 30, 2009.

PHILIP N. CASCADE

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2005.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL

Shall the previous voted 2.00 mill increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth which has been reduced by the required Headlee Amendment rollback to 1.6348 mills be renewed at 1.6348 mills and increased 0.3652 (overriding the Headlee rollback) mills for a total of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2006 through 2025, inclusive and the funds thereby derived to be used for police and fire services for the Charter Township of Plymouth, thereby raising in the first year \$3,756,613.

Yes _____ No _____

All polling locations in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped.

Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1	Farrand School	41400 Greenbriar Ln
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft Rd
Precinct 3	Allen School	11100 Haggerty Rd
Precinct 4	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Rd
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Tr
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N. Territorial Rd
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Rd
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Rd
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial Rd
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 14	Isbister School	9300 N. Canton Center Rd
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Rd
Precinct 17	North Ridge Church	49555 N. Territorial Rd

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Salem kickers rebound in big way, 8-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Forty-eight hours after laying an offensive egg against Saline, the Salem girls soccer team made up for it with an 8-0 victory over Westland John Glenn Monday evening at the P-CEP soccer field. Six different players scored for the victorious Rocks, who improved their record to 2-4 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Finding the net for Salem were Katie Welch, Kristin March, Kathryn Wheatley, Kelly Adsit (two), Erica Arndt and Amy Gizicki. March (three), Andrea Gasparotto and Gizicki all recorded assists for the winners.

Salem goalies Alyssa Guerin and Jill Slabley both played a half to record the Rocks' first

shutout of the season.

"Even though she lost 8-0, their goalie — Melissa Farr — had a tremendous game," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She must have had 25 saves."

On Saturday, the Rocks dropped a thrilling 1-0 decision to Saline. The game's only goal came at the 24:10 mark of the second half when Katie Bianchi slid the ball past Slabley.

"That goal was a microcosm of the entire game," Nora said. "We had three players go after the ball, it went over their heads and (Bianchi) was wide open in front of the net. Our goalie didn't stand a chance."

"Saline was the more aggressive team today. They won most of the 50-50's and they seemed to want it more. I thought they played very well and we were a little flat, a little

tentative."

The Hornets improved to 3-1 with the victory.

"We love playing against the Plymouth teams because you know you're going to be playing against the top teams in the state," said Saline coach David Tapping. "We developed a good rivalry with Salem over the past few years."

"I thought we put a lot of good pressure on them in the first half, but we weren't getting the ball to space."

The Hornets suffered a setback with five minutes left in the first half when Alison Berger was transported by ambulance to the hospital after suffering an apparent head injury.

"It's always tough when you lose a player of Alison's ability early in the game, but the other girls stepped up and did

a nice job," Tapping said.

Guerin played and the first half in goal for Salem before being relieved by Slabley in the second. Guerin made a couple of stellar saves, the best coming four minutes into the game when she stuffed a point-blank shot by Robyn Busha.

Adsit almost tied the game with 3:17 left, but her break-away effort from 20 yards out flew just wide of the net.

Redford Thurston 3, Belleville 0: The Tigers dropped to 0-2 as Thurston's Tara Novak, Bernadette Fisher and Kelley Murphy scored goals for the Eagles (4-1-1). Alyssa Cooke recorded the shutout, stopping two Belleville shots.

Livonia Clarenceville 3, Canton Agape Christian 1: The Wolverines fell to 1-4 as the Trojans' Lisa Rotenhber recorded a hat-trick.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

Registration for spring T-ball for children 4 and 5 years old, coach pitch for 6- and 7-year-old kids, and machine-pitch for kids between the ages of 8 and 10 are currently being accepted by the Plymouth Family YMCA. For more registration information, call (734) 453-2904.

T-BALL LEAGUE

The City of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its Summer 2005 T-Ball league. All games will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Central Middle School. Practice days will be determined by each team's coach.

Games begin the week of

June 20 and will run through Aug. 5.

The fee for Plymouth residents is \$55; the non-resident fee is \$75. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parks & Recreation Dept., located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

YMCA OFFERINGS

The Plymouth YMCA is currently accepting registrations for youth flag football (ages 8-12) and spring soccer (ages 4-10).

Both leagues will begin in April with one practice and one game per week. Call (734) 453-2904 for more information.

Charter Township of Canton Public Notice of Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerks Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. The test will take place on Wednesday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerks Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact Clerks Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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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 **Canton High School Media Center Renovations & Computer Lab**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE: Canton Media Center Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2748. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, 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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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
Notice of Election to the Electors
To be held on May 3, 2005
**PLYMOUTH CANTON
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**
Wayne County, Michigan

Please Take Notice that the election of the Plymouth Canton Community School District and Schoolcraft Community College District will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2005. THE POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 8:00 PM.**

At the **Plymouth/Canton Community School District** election there will be elected **one (1) member** to the Board of Education for a full term of **four (4) years** ending 2009.

The following persons have been nominated:

Emily L. Florence
Thomas J. P. Wysocki

Write-in candidates must file an Application of Intent on or before 4:00 PM on Friday, April 29, 2005.

At the **Schoolcraft Community College District** election there will be elected **three (3) Trustee** positions for the College Board for the following terms: **One (1) four (4) year term** ending 2009 and **two (2) six (6) year terms** ending 2011.

The following persons have been nominated:

Philip N. Cascade (4 year term)
Gregory J. Stempien (6 year term)
Patricia L. Watson (6 year term)

Write-in candidates must file an Application of Intent on or before 4:00 PM on Friday, April 29, 2005.

POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION:
CITY PRECINCT #1, #2 AND #4

Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, Michigan
PRECINCT #3
Central Middle School, 650 West Church Street, Plymouth, Michigan

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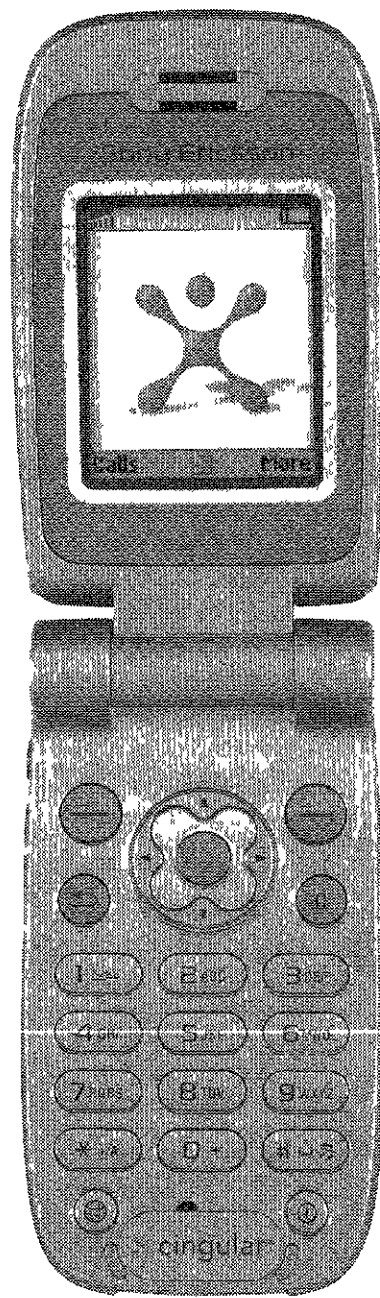
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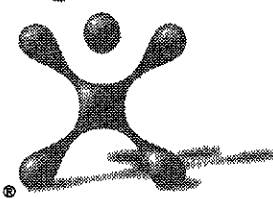


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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-April 12, 2005

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:35 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation. Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Santomauro Closed session adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 12, 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, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Jeff Goulet, Planning **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the amended Regular Board Minutes of March 22, 2005 with Citizen's Non Agenda Item comments regarding Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro comments striking everything after the first sentence ending with growth. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of March 29, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of April 5, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** Bob Brown, Interim Executive Director, Senior Alliance, stated that the Senior Alliance has an objective to do outreach **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for April 12, 2005** General Fund 101 \$656,599.64, Fire Fund 206 453,704.78, Police Fund 207 177,589.92, Summit Operating 208 113,426.59, Street Lighting 219 18,511.39, Cable TV Fund 230 2,757.24, E-911 Utility 261 593.54, Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 11,165.98, Auto Theft Grant 289 1,854.24, Downtown Dev. Auth 294 1,127.44, Cap Proj-Bldg. Const 402 74,061.37, Golf Fund 584 75,208.13, Water & Sewer Fund 592 555,150.59, Trust & Agency Fund 701 5,994.00, Construction Escrows 702 286,021.35, Post Employ. Benefits 736 33,982.71, Saltz Road Paving 803 152.50, **Total - All Fund 2,467,901.41** **RECOGNITION: 1. RECOGNITION OF DAVID GRIFFIN AND DAVE KHOURY FOR SERVICE TO THE DDA BOARD. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVE WESTERN WAYNE CO. FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION DUES. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to pay the Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Associations dues in the amount of \$6108.40 from Fire Fund Account #206-336-950-0000, Contributions Mutual Aid. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR NEW HOPE CHURCH'S FUNFEST. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (two (2) 4 x 8 signs at the site and removed promptly after the event) for New Hope Church's Funfest on June 4, 2005 located at 44815 Cherry Hill Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (placed at major intersections on April 17th and removed promptly after the event) for Tri-City Christian MOPS Mom to Mom Sale on April 23, 2005, Tri-City Christian Center, located at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried unanimously **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER LIVONIA BUILDERS REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Livonia Builders from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Livonia Builders WHEREAS**, the petitioner has requested approximately 13.68 acres of land located south of Saltz Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single-Family District; and, **WHEREAS**, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan, and **WHEREAS**, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP #s 063-99-0004-702, 063-99-0005-000, 063-99-0010-000 and 063-99-0012-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential District. **Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE ESTABLISHMENT AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ZAP ZONE RETAIL CENTER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the amended resolution for special land use for a Coin Operated Amusement Device Establishment (Arcade) and Site Plan Approval for the redevelopment of the Zap Zone Retail Center. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use for a Coin Operated Amusement Device Establishment (Arcade) and Site Plan Approval for the Redevelopment of the Zap Zone Retail Center WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use approval for a coin operated amusement device establishment (arcade) and site plan approval for redevelopment of the retail center, located south of Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads (Tax EDP # 053-99-0012-703); and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission found the proposed special land use and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, **WHEREAS**, the Board has requested the project sponsor to meet the requirements for family friendly and young teens for the arcade games; and, **WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use and site plan approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use approval for a coin operated amusement device establishment (arcade) and the site plan for redevelopment of the retail center, located south of Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads (Tax EDP # 053-99-0012-703); and subject to Chapter 10, Article III of the Code of Ordinances and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 3. CONSIDER IKEA FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND SITE PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for IKEA Final Planned Development District and IKEA Site Plan. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON IKEA Final Planned Development District WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has proposed the development of a commercial Planned Development District to be known as IKEA PDD, located on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads (Tax ID #s 044-99-0022001, 044-99-0017-706, 047-99-0010-000, 047-99-0012-000 and 047-99-0014-003); and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission, at a public hearing, reviewed the proposed Final Planned Development District concept plans and agreement, and recommended APPROVAL of IKEA Final Planned Development District, conditioned upon receipt of the final fiscal impact and market needs analyses and easement agreements, revision of the plans to correct the inconsistencies on the landscape plan and showing the final design of the DDA improvements along Haggerty Road, and based on the following findings of fact: o The layout of the project is in keeping with the Community's goals and objectives for the Ford Road corridor. The design of the project demonstrates sensitivity to the preservation and enhancement of an existing tree line which provides a natural buffer along the residential neighborhood to the north of the site. o The project provides definite benefit to the community by creating economic opportunities and benefits that no other business in the community could. IKEA will employ approximately 300 employees at the Canton store. Additional jobs may be created in other community businesses as a result of Canton becoming a regional shopping destination. Visitors to IKEA will likely patronize shops, restaurants, gas stations, theatres, recreation facilities and hotels in the community. IKEA's presence will enhance the sustainability of our local businesses and contribute to the community's continuing viability. o The design demonstrates consistency with the spirit and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and Master Land Use Plan in the development of the project as a PDD, creating a higher quality project than might be possible under standard zoning requirements. o The proposal is in general compliance with Township regulations. Requested modifications have been outlined in an attachment to the PDD agreement. o The traffic study indicates that a number of road improvements may be necessary to Ford Road, Haggerty Road and the I-275 off-ramps. MDOT may require IKEA to participate in or fully fund such improvements as they determine to be necessary. The signalized intersections along Ford Road currently operate at poor levels of service and will operate at this level or worse, given the anticipated peak hour traffic levels. o The project has demonstrated that it meets the open space requirements of the PDD regulations. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does APPROVE the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to grant approval of the IKEA Final Planned Development District, conditioned upon receipt of the easement agreements, revision of the plans to correct the inconsistencies on the landscape plan, and to show the final design of the DDA improvements along Haggerty Road to be funded by IKEA, and any road or signalization improvements required by MDOT to be funded by IKEA, and further, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON IKEA Site Plan WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested site plan approval for IKEA, to be located on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads (Tax ID #s 044-99-0022001, 044-99-0017-706, 047-99-0010-000, 047-99-0012-000 and 047-99-0014-003); and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does APPROVE the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to approve the site plan for the proposed IKEA, conditioned upon revision of the plans to correct the inconsistencies on the landscape plan and showing the final design of the DDA improvements along Haggerty Road, and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 4. CONSIDER BLOCK REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution rezoning request of Joe Bloch. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of Joe Bloch WHEREAS**, the petitioner has requested approximately 4.77 acres located on the east side of Lilley Road between Joy and Warren Roads be rezoned from LI-2, Light Industrial 2 District to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District; and, **WHEREAS**, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and **WHEREAS**, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 008-99-0001-707 to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential District. **Item 5. CONSIDER EXPANSION OF THE HOME DEPOT GARDEN CENTER - MICHIGAN AVENUE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Home Depot Garden Center Expansion - Michigan Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Home Depot Garden Center Expansion - Michigan Avenue WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Burton Welte, has requested site plan approval for the proposed Home Depot Garden Center Expansion to be located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Canton Center Road (Tax ID #129-99-0001-701) and, **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Burton Welte, to approve the site plan for the proposed Home Depot Garden Center Expansion, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE PAVING OF LOTZ ROAD (FORD TO WARREN). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Lotz Road paving (Ford Road to Warren). Motion carried unanimously. **Whereas**, the Charter TOWNSHIP of CANTON believes quality roads are a vital part of any community, and **Whereas**, certain improvements are necessary to Lotz Road to increase [traffic safety] and to encourage economic development, and **Whereas**, Wayne County has committed to Lotz Road in an area generally described as Lotz Road from Ford Rd. (M-153) to Warren Rd., and the TOWNSHIP will assist financially in the resurfacing of said road, and **Whereas**, CANTON TOWNSHIP will provide payment to the County of Wayne in the amount of twenty percent (20%) (as found in Exhibit A to this Agreement) of the total cost of Part A of the project; and 100% of Part B; and **Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the Charter TOWNSHIP of CANTON Board of Trustees does hereby approve the proposed Agreement between the TOWNSHIP and County of Wayne for the pavement of Lotz Road from Ford Road (M-153) to Warren Road, and **Be it further resolved**, that the [Supervisor and Clerk] are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Charter TOWNSHIP of CANTON. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter TOWNSHIP of CANTON, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a meeting held on April 12, 2005. **WHEREAS**, the County of Wayne acting through its County Commission at the request of the County Executive Officer has adopted a five (5) year Capital

Improvement Program which provides for the improvement of certain roads located within the County of Wayne and the financing thereof. **WHEREAS**, the five (5) year Capital Improvement Program included the paving of Lotz Road from Ford Road (M-153) to Warren Road and was included in the annual budget for FY 2000-2001 adopted by this Commission. **NOW THEREFORE, be it: RESOLVED**, by the Wayne County Commission this 12th day of April, 2005 that approval be, and is hereby, granted authorizing an Agreement between the County of Wayne and the Township of Canton to provide for cost sharing in the paving of Lotz Road from Ford Road (M-153) to Warren Road, as recommended by the Chief Executive Officer, the costs for which are estimated at \$1,061,197 (which will be adjusted to reflect actual costs), and which shall be expended from Account 201.44908.818080, 201.44908.700000/714000/725000; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Township of Canton will provide payment to the County of Wayne in the amount of \$164,647, which represents 20% of the estimated construction costs of Part A and \$118,412 which represents 100% of Part B (as found in Exhibit A to this Agreement) which shall be deposited in Account No. 201.44905.583340; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Chief Executive Officer be, and is hereby duly authorized to execute the aforementioned contract on behalf of the County of Wayne. **Item 7. DUMP BOX REPLACEMENT - FLEET SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to utilize Contract Welding & Fabricating, Inc. to replace the dump box of Public Works unit #119101 at a cost of \$9,075.00 (account # 592-000-142-0000) Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A WASTEWATER DISCHARGE ORDINANCE DELEGATION AGREEMENT WITH YCUA. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the wastewater discharge ordinance delegation agreement with YCUA and; further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of Canton. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES. UTILITIES - ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 74-316, PROHIBITED CONCENTRATIONS OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS; MERCURY REDUCTION PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to introduce the first reading of the amendments to the Utilities Ordinance, Article IV, Chapter 74-316 "Prohibited Concentrations of Certain Pollutants; Mercury Reduction Plan" with a publication date of April 21, 2005 and table for a second reading on April 26, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION #74-316** A revision to the current Utility ordinance to amend Section #74-316 of Canton's Code of Ordinances "Prohibited concentrations of certain pollutants; mercury reduction plan". New language is shown in bold text, deleted language is shown in strike-out. **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** that Section 316 (b) and (c) of Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances shall be revised to read as follows: Sec. 74-316 (b) No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample shall exceed the following limits is **at or above the following surcharge threshold**, except as otherwise permitted in writing by the Director and on payment of a surcharge, and no person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample exceeds the following upper limits, with respect to the following compatible pollutants: COMPATIBLES:

Surcharge Threshold	Upper Limits	Pollutant
300 mg/l	756 mg/l	BOD(Biochemical Oxygen Demand)
350 mg/l	2,366 mg/l	Total SS (Suspended Solids)
600 mg/l	1,530 mg/l	COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)
13 mg/l	63 mg/l	Total Phosphorus
25-40 mg/l	452 mg/l	TKN Ammonia-Nitrogen

(c) No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample shall exceed the following limits with respect to the following inorganic or organic pollutants or phenolic compounds. **INORGANICS:**

Limit	Pollutant
1.0 mg/l	Arsenic
0.0017-0.005 mg/l	Beryllium
0-100 mg/l	Cadmium
4.0 mg/	Chromium (Total)
3.0 mg/l	Copper
1.0 mg/l	Cyanides
0.3 mg/l	Lead
Nondetectable	Mercury (see subsection (f) of this section)
3.0 mg/l	Nickel
0.12 mg/l	Silver
3.0 mg/l	Zinc

ORGANICS

Limit	Pollutant
1.10 mg/l	Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate
0.55 mg/l	Total Phenols
Nondetectable	PCB - Polychlorinated biphenyls (Nondetectable per U.S. EPA method 608. Any detectable sample exceeds this limit.)

Item 10. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF COMPUTER MONITOR MOUNTING BRACKET SYSTEM FOR DISPATCH. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following Budget amendment to create a new Police Capital Line item for the purchase of computer monitor mounting bracket system for the dispatch center from Thomas Shelby & Company Inc, 309 S. Park Dr. St. Mary's, OH 45885 for an amount of \$4197.00. Motion carried unanimously. Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #207-000-699-0000 \$4197.00 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$4197.00 **Item 11. PURCHASE OF 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA FOR FIRE. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 2005 Ford Crown Victoria from Signature Ford, of Perry, MI for a total cost of \$20,646 through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Program. Account #206-336-977-0000 Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. RETAIN DOTSON ELECTRIC OF INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR IN PUBLIC SAFETY. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid from Dotson Electric, of South Rockwood, Michigan to for the purchase and installation of an emergency diesel generator for the Public Safety building for an amount of \$95,955 plus a contingency of \$10,000 for a total cost of \$111,655 through the Department of Homeland Security Grant, FY2005, Acct. No. 101-Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. PURCHASE OF TWO 2005 FORD EXPEDITIONS AND THREE 2005 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS ASSIGNED TO PATROL IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the budget amendment to create a new line item for the purchase of a 2005 Ford Interceptor from Signature Ford, of Perry, MI for a cost of \$20,338. Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #207-000-699-0000 \$20,338 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$20,338 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of two (2) 2005 Ford 4-door 4x4 Expeditions; three 2005 Ford Police Interceptors; from Signature Ford, of Perry, MI for a total cost of \$112,932 (Capital Outlay Equipment, #207. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVAL TO SELL OUT-OF SERVICE RESCUE SQUADS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the sale of the following out-of service rescue squads to George Ocegura, 5232 Guzman, Tamazula, Jalisco Mexico 49650 in the amount of \$7500 including taxes. Proceeds to be placed in General Fire Revenue Account #206-000-673-0000 Sale of Fixed Assets. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 15. AWARD BID FOR THE 2005, CANTON LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the 2005 Liberty Fest fireworks display to Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc., 205 West Seidlers Road, Kawkawlin, MI 48631 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 and charge the expense to the Recreation Budget - Contracted Services Special Events Account #101-691-818-4000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 16. UPGRADE OF SECURITY SYSTEM. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the bid procedure and approve the purchase of security system components for Pheasant Run Golf Club and Summit on the Park from Advanced Satellite Communications, 9282 General Drive, Suite 110, Plymouth, MI 48170 in the amount of \$39,991 from the Community Improvement Fund account #246-750-818-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 17. AWARD BID FOR LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE. (LDS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the 2005 Lawn and Maintenance bid to Metro Tech Landscaping, 6851 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174 in the amount of \$49,290. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 18. AWARD BID FOR THE 2005 CANTON LEISURE SERVICES INFLATABLE ATTRACTIONS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for inflatable attractions to Chris Nordman Associates, Inc., 4632 Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328 in an amount not to exceed \$22,050 to be paid from the Recreation Budget Contracted Services account #101-691-818-4000, Special Events (\$15,150), account #101-691-818-3000, Youth Development (\$4,900) and Canton Sports Center-Program and Activities account #101-755-742-0000 (\$2,000). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 19. AWARD BID FOR GOOSE CONTROL AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB AND HERITAGE PARK. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for goose control management of Pheasant Run and Heritage Park to Gooseworks, 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI in the amount of \$14,250 to be paid from Pheasant Run account #584-756-818-0000 (\$10,250) and Parks Division account #101-270-818-0000 (\$4,000). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 20. APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT PHEASANT RUN. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve an incentive-based pay contract with Greg Bores, as Golf Professional, with a base salary not to exceed \$34,440 and an additional incentive not to exceed \$50,000 (Golf Course Fund - Part-Time/Seasonal Salaries Account # 584-756-706-0000.) (Incentive based pay is paid as a percentage of new revenue that Canton Township will receive.) Motion carried unanimously. **Item 21. AMEND AGREEMENT WITH SMART FOR NEW VAN. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Amendment to Specialized Services Vehicle Agreement with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a new Aerotech E-350, twenty-one foot diesel van. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 22. MOBILE HOME PARK COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize submission of a grant application to the Office of Drug Control Policy for \$31,500 (Account #207-000-505-1000, Federal Grants-Community Policing Strategies) for Year Four of the assignment of a Police Officer to Wagon Wheel, College Park and Holiday Estates mobile home parks; and further authorize a 60 percent match from Canton Township of \$47,254 towards the grant award, for a project total of \$78,754. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 23. CANTON TOWNSHIP AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION. (TODD CACCAMO)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to adopt the resolution to proclaim April, Autism Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

WHEREAS, Autism is a severely incapacitating, lifelong developmental disability, resulting in significant impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication; and, **WHEREAS**, Autism is the third most common developmental disability, affecting 1,500,000 individuals' nationwide and at least 25,000 individuals in this state; and, **WHEREAS**, Autism is the result of a neurological disorder affecting the functioning of the brain, but few members of the general public understand this complex syndrome; and, **WHEREAS**, although a cure for Autism has not been found, persons with Autism can be helped to reach their greatest potential. Accurate, early diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and, **WHEREAS**, Support groups, such as the Michigan Chapter of the Autism Society of America, and the Plymouth-Canton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with Autism; and, **WHEREAS**, These groups remain committed to their cause and to educating families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disability; and, **WHEREAS**, Autism is a complex disability that requires increased research to one day find a cure and prevention; and greater recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals with Autism living in Canton Township, and all other Americans with Autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Canton Board of Trustees locally and formally recognize April as National Autism Awareness Month and to develop concrete plans to improve the Township Volunteer Network to include specific needs related to residents with Autism. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan McCausland spoke of issues related to the Central Business Overlay. Bob McCausland spoke related to support of Board Member Reports. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session on Goals and Objectives on April 19, 2005, 1150 Canton Center South, Administration Building, First Floor. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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STATE RANKINGS

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will publish state rankings when space permits. Coaches can forward lists to Daniel Stickradt by e-mail at dstickradt@oe.hometownlife.com, or fax to (2498) 651-9080.

Girls Soccer
(By the coaches association)

Division 1 – 1. Northville, 2. Novi, 3. Troy Athens; 4. Rochester; 5. Troy; 6. Grand Blanc; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 8. Traverse City Central, 9. Portage Central, 10. East Kentwood

Honorable Mention – Saginaw Heritage, Grosse Pointe South, Brighton, Lake Orion.

Division 2 – 1. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 2. Bloomfield Hills Lasher, 3. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 4. Birmingham Marian; 5. Rochester Stoney Creek; 6. Mason, 7. Petoskey, 8. Portage Northern, 9. Birmingham Groves; 10. Auburn Hills Avondale.

Honorable Mention – Lowell, Royal Oak Dondero, East Lansing, Royal Oak Kimball.

Division 3 – 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Hudsonville Unity Christian, 3. Jackson Lumen Christi, 4. Plainwell; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; 6. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 7. Frankenmuth 8. Flint Powers Catholic, 9. Williamston

Division 4 – 1. Kalamazoo Christian; 2. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic, 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; 5. Muskegon Western Michigan Christian; 6. Lansing Christian; 7. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 8. Royal Oak Shrine, 9. Clawson, 10. Birmingham Roeper.

Girls Golf
(By the coaches association)

Division 1 – 1. Grand Blanc, 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3. Rochester; 4. Traverse City Central; 5. Lake Orion; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 7. Plymouth Salem, 8. Northville, 9. Ann Arbor Huron, 10. Clarkston; 11. Grand Ledge, 12. Holland West Ottawa

Division 2 – 1. Dexter, 2. Birmingham Seaholm; 3. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 4. Marshall; 5. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 6. Swartz Creek, 7. Okemos, 8. Greenville, 9. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 10. Coldwater, 11. Livonia Ladywood, 12. East Lansing

Division 3 – 1. Flint Powers Catholic; 2. DeWitt, 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 4. Grand Rapids South Christian, 5. Alma; 6. Grosse Ile, 7. Macomb Lutheran North; 8. Ithaca; 9. Wyoming Godwin Heights, 10. Jackson Lumen Christi, 11. Hillsdale, 12. Ann Arbor Greenhills

Boys Tennis
(By the coaches association)

Division 1 – 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2. Redford-Detroit Catholic Central; 3. Birmingham Brother Rice; 3. West Bloomfield; 5. Ann Arbor Huron; 6. Port Huron Northern; 7. Troy; 8. Grosse Pointe South; 9. Novi, 10. Brighton

Division 2 – 1. Birmingham Groves; 2. Okemos; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 4. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 5. North Farmington; 6. Grosse Pointe North; 7. Portage Central; 8. Rochester Stoney Creek; 9. Midland Dow; 10. Holly

Division 3 – 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Bloomfield Hills Andover; 3. East Grand Rapids, 4. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 6. St. Joseph, 7. Battle Creek Lakeview, 8. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 9. Holland Christian, 10. (tie) Allegan, Sturgis

Division 4 – 1. Grosse Ile, 2. Whitehall, 3. Grandville Calvin Christian, 4. Lansing Catholic Central, 5. Saginaw Nouvel Catholic, 6. Parchment, 7. Portland, 8. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic, 9. Buchanan, 10. (tie) Almont, Armada

Baseball
(By the coaches association)

Division 1 – 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2. Redford-Detroit Catholic Central, 3. Farmington; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 5. Rockford, 6. Grand Ledge, 7. Romeo, 8. Rochester; 9. Northville, 10. Lake Orion.

Division 2 – 1. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 2. Lapeer West, 3. Dearborn Divine Child, 4. Midland Bullock Creek, 5. Battle Creek Lakeview, 6. Flint Powers Catholic, 7. Holland Christian, 8. Orchard Lake St. Mary's; 9. Essexville-Garber; 10. Linden

Division 3 – 1. Homer; 2. Shelby, 3. Three Oaks River Valley; 4. Hemlock, 5. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central; 6. Shepherd, 7. St. Louis, 8. Edwardsburg, 9. Hudson, 10. Armada

Division 4 – 1. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest; 2. Bellaire, 3. Coleman, 4. St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran, 5. Centerline St. Clement, 6. Climax-Scotts, 7. Bay City All Saints, 8. Fulton-Middleton; 9. Muskegon Catholic Central, 10. Beal City

Softball
(By the coaches association)

Division 1 – 1. Harper Woods Regina; 2. Troy; 3. White Lake Lakefield, 4. Jenison, 5. Lake Orion; 6. Brighton; 7. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 8. Macomb L'Anse Cruise North, 9. East Kentwood, 10. Hartland

Honorable Mention – Alpena, Portage Central, Milford, Hudsonville, Bay City Central, Plymouth Canton

Division 2 – 1. St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, 2. Wyoming Rogers, 3. Escanaba; 4. Lapeer West, 5. Petoskey, 6. Goodrich; 7. Dowagiac Union, 8. Ortonville-Brandon, 9. Richmond; 10. St. Joseph

Honorable Mention – Tecumseh Chelsea, Portland, Marine City, St. Clair

Division 3 – 1. Gladstone, 2. Unionville-Sebewaing; 3. Kalamazoo Christian, 4. Hemlock, 5. Marlette, 6. Reese; 7. Niles Brandywine; 8. Saginaw Swan Valley, 9. Freeland, 10. Clinton

Honorable Mention – Lansing Catholic Central, Morenci, Maple City-Glen Lake, Watervliet, Lake Fenton, LeRoy-Pine River, Elk Rapids

Division 4 – 1. Rogers City; 2. Coleman; 3. Custer-Mason County Eastern; 4. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, 5. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; 6. Center Line St. Clement; 7. Lake Leelanau St. Mary's, 8. Bay City All Saints, 9. Mackinaw City; 10. Frankfort

Honorable Mention – Gaylord St. Mary's, Merrill, St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic, Vandercook Lake, Ellsworth Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, Posen

Crusader softball team maintains hot pace

Madonna University's women's softball team swept a pair of weekend doubleheaders, with pitcher Erin Brockert winning three of the games and continuing her hot hitting at the plate.

Brockert twirled a three-hit 4-0 shutout in the first game Saturday against host Concordia University, striking out 10 Cardinals in the process.

She relieved Liz Ballinger in the second game, going the final four innings, allowing just one hit and fanning four as the Crusaders won, 5-2.

The pair of losses dropped Concordia's record to 8-22 and 2-10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Brockert kept up her dominance with a one-hit blanketing Sunday of visiting St. Francis University (Ind.), improving to 13-2 on the season as the Crusaders cruised to a 10-0 romp. The

Dayton, Ohio native got things going at the plate, too, with a 3-for-3 performance, including a home run. Heather Richardson also enjoyed a big game, going 3-for-3 with a run scored and two RBI.

Madonna (21-10, 9-3 in the WHAC) finished the sweep of the Cougars (7-20) with a 7-0 triumph, behind the two-hit pitching of Shannon Noder.

In the nightcap, Brockert continued her hitting prowess, going 3-for-3 with a double, homer and four RBI.

Outfielder Mary Warchuck went 2-for-3 with a double and outfielder Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) singled in two.

In the sweep of Concordia, Richardson ripped three hits and four others contributed two, including Krystal Shina, Livonia Ladywood's Kathy Day, Stacey Sexsmith and Garden City graduate Lynzee Smith.

MU baseball squad tops Marian in pair

The Madonna University baseball team swept a pair of games against visiting Marian (Ind.) College Tuesday afternoon, 13-1 and 7-6.

The first game was shortened to five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. The Crusaders then needed eight innings to knock off the Knights in the nightcap.

The sweep left the 18th-ranked Crusaders with a 29-10 mark. Marian slipped to 24-17.

Madonna pushed across eight runs in the first inning in the game-one triumph. Joe Greene slugged a three-run home run and Todd Kalmbach added a solo blast to support the strong mound work of Will Kennedy, who earned the win.

Jason Barbeau proved to be a catalyst for the Crusaders, going 3-for-3 with two runs and a pair of RBI. Catcher Justin Fabian went 3-for-3

MU, shutting out Marian on five hits in four innings of work.

MU led 1-0 until the top of the fifth when the visitors plated a couple of runs to make it 2-1. Marian expanded its cushion to 5-1 in the seventh before the Crusaders responded with a four-spot to tie the game at 5-5.

Jason Barbeau and Kyle Fedorka both contributed two hits and two RBI for MU.

MADONNA 11-5, URBANA (OHIO) 6-3: The Crusaders captured a pair of non-conference games Sunday at Urbana University (Ohio).

Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) had three hits and four RBI in the opener, while Joe Green added two hits and three RBI in an 11-6 triumph.

MU reliever Ryan Bardonni went the final 42 innings to pick up the win in relief of starter Mike Orehek.

In the second game, Bob Houchins picked up his first pitching win of the season in a 5-3 triumph. He worked four innings, allowing just one earned run. Mike Jacques (two innings) and Kyle Fedorka (one inning) finished up.

Greene had two hits and two RBI, while Todd Kalmbach added two hits.

Urbana falls to 6-39.

MADONNA 8-3, TAYLOR (IND.) 1-3: In a non-conference pair Saturday in Upland, Ind., the Crusaders rolled to an 8-1 victory in the nightcap after losing the opener, 3-2.

Joe Greene went 3-for-4, including a homer and four RBI to lead a 10-hit attack in the second game. Dan Valente and Kyle Fedorka added two RBI to support the eight-hit pitching of Adam Kline (5-2) and reliever Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn).

Kline went the first five innings, allowing one run on six hits. Kennedy came on a kept Taylor off the board over the final two.

Taylor scored twice in the bottom of the seventh as Geoff Kerns scored on wild pitch by Kennedy after Kerns delivered the game-tying RBI single off Scott Miller, who took the loss.

Derek Dufrane went the first six innings for MU, allowing one run on six hits. He struck out 10 and walked only one.

Taylor starter Michael Bentley, who allowed just three hits in 62 innings, got the victory. Chris Nycz got Matt Gorske on a line-out to first to end the game and pick up the save. Valente had a 2-run homer in the top of the fifth to give MU a 2-1 lead.

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Rabbi Peter Gluck and Robin Liberatore lead the Children's Seder on Sunday, April 17 in Canton.

Passover celebration to unite family and friends

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

True to the name of their synagogue, congregants of Bet Chaverim in Canton are inviting the community to share their Seder feast 6 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.

Passover traditionally unites family and friends in remembrance of the liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery around 1280 B.C.E. after Moses asked Pharaoh to "let my people go." This year's holiday runs from sundown Saturday, April 23, to sundown Sunday, May 1 with the traditional Seder meal occurring on April 23 and 24.

"Bet Chaverim, loosely translated means gathering of friends," said Jerry Kaplan, a Canton resident who will begin Passover on Saturday, April 23, in his uncle's home in Oakland County. Amongst the nearly 40 guests will be Kaplan's children Kyle, 19 and Shelby, 17.

"It's always fun to get together," said Kaplan, one of the founders of Bet Chaverim. "Sometimes you don't see your family over the year. We hold the service while eating dinner. The second day Seder is a retelling of the story of how the Jews finally left bondage, left Egypt and learned quite a bit while they were in the desert."

While the April 24 Seder is open to the public, anyone interested in attending should call Barbara Buchalter at (734) 459-6931 so there's enough food to eat. There is no charge, but donations are requested to cover the cost of the Seder.

Amongst the guests Ray Buchalter is expecting are members of Cherry Hill

United Methodist Church. Bet Chaverim began holding its services at the Canton church about seven years ago. Bet Chaverim was established in 1994 after the founders determined the need for a Jewish community in western Wayne County.

"The principle behind the Seder is to open our doors to those who may not have a Seder to go to," said Ray Buchalter, president of the congregation and a Canton resident. "It's a time of gathering. We're inviting people from the church to join us."

Rabbi Peter Gluck says the practice is indicative of a changing America. He expects the friends of his children Maleah, a 21-year old Michigan State University student, and Adam, 13, to join him and wife Diane for the family Seder in their Ann Arbor home on April 23.

"We open our doors to all who are hungry to come and eat," said Rabbi Gluck. "We are commanded to share our food with those less fortunate. In a country where we have so much food, sometimes we've invited non-Jewish friends to come and join in this joyous moment. One of the names for Passover is the "Time of our Freedom." This matches up very well with the freedom in America. That's why we feel comfortable sharing it with neighbors and friends."

Rabbi Gluck will lead the Seder after the remembrance during which the book called the Haggadah is read.

"The central story from the book of Exodus is about the liberation from slavery of the ancient Hebrew people," said Gluck. "The most important thing that it teaches is this is the story of the birth of the Jewish people. We're instructed to teach our children that

even though the event happened many hundreds of years ago, that it's as if they too are going free from Egypt today."

Since it's Buchalter's responsibility as a parent to make sure his children hear and understand the story, he and wife Barbara attended the Children's Seder with daughter Amanda, 9, on Sunday, April 17, at their synagogue in Canton. "Much of the Seder is sung, some folk melodies. It's easy and fun for kids to sing," said Ray Buchalter, whose 19-year old son, Joe, a student at Schoolcraft College, joins them for the family Seder on April 23.

"It's a pretty important part because kids like to sing."

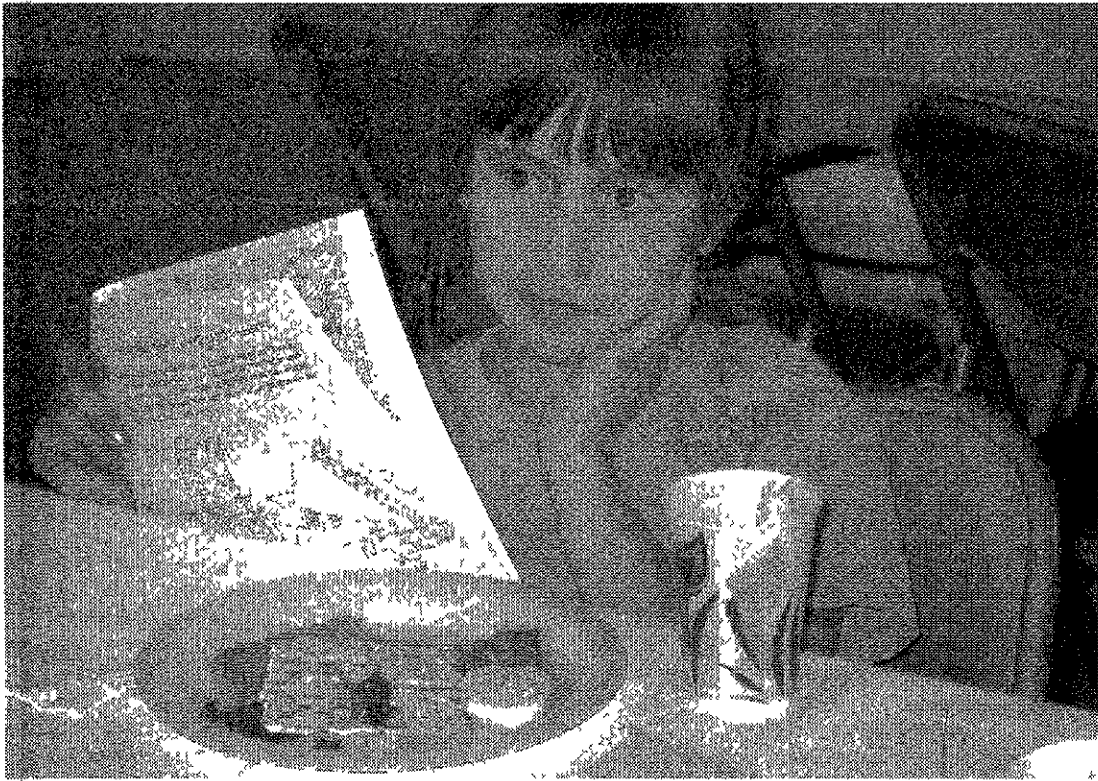
Amanda, a student at Tonda Elementary in Canton, especially enjoyed the songs.

"It was fun," said Amanda. "The Seder teaches me that we should feel bad and good that we are free and we should feel bad about the slaves."

The ritual of eating matzah or unleavened bread reminds the Jews of the story that the slaves left Egypt so quickly they did not have time to let their bread rise in the ovens. Each aspect of the Seder plate is replete with meaning from the Maror or bitter herb that brings tears to the eyes to recall the suffering of the slaves, to the Haroset, a mixture of nuts, apples, brown sugar and wine that symbolizes the mortar used between the bricks the Jews produced while slaves in Egypt.

"Passover is a celebration of freedom, a connection of past to present," said Barbara Buchalter, who's bringing the Matzah ball soup and items for the Seder plate including the parsley and celery, a symbol of spring and rebirth.

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Amanda Buchalter reads the Haggadah which tells the story of Passover. Before her is a Seder plate that reminds Jews of their liberation from Egyptian slavery.

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APRIL

Faith Community Presbyterian

The Men's Group meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, features guest speaker from Gleaners Organization, Sunday, April 27, the children will be receiving their First Communion along with the adult members, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West 10 Mile, Novi, Call (248) 349-2345. Artist Ed King will be presenting his gift of several original oil paintings at 12:30 on Sunday, April 27th. Ten senior high youth will be attending the Pittsburgh Project April 28-30, 2005, to help rebuild homes in the area. Christa Grix (harpist) and the Jazz Trio will be performing 7 p.m. May 22. Tickets available. All are invited to worship at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is offered at both services for children from pre-school through 12th grade.

Spring Retreat

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit <http://holycrosslivonia.org>. Cost is \$8 per person. Visitors welcome. Rickey Amstutz will recount her path from Judaism to Christianity. Her story is fascinating and bridges the gap between Jewish traditions and Christian beliefs. This program is open to men, women, and children age 12 and over. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Phone church for reservations.

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Tom and Tina Dunckel offer an inspirational glimpse into the world of Bible translation 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park, Livonia. For reservations and complimentary tickets, call Mary Mercer at (248) 375-5162.

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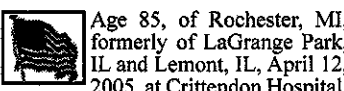


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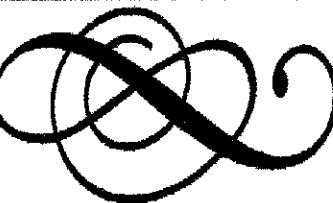
VAL W. BARAN



Age 85, of Rochester, MI, formerly of LaGrange Park, IL and Lemont, IL, April 12, 2005, at Crittendon Hospital, Rochester Hills, MI. born Valentine Wallace Baranowski in Lemont on Jan. 31, 1920. Employed by Jack Haines Co., retiring as Vice-President of Sales and Engineering. Veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Survived by his wife, Flora, nee Phelps; his children, Dr. Gregory (Tina Calnan) Baran of Groton, MA, Roger Baran of Royal Oak, MI, Valerie (Paul) Kruger of Omaha, NE, Beverly (Tim) Cooney of Fort Mill, SC, and Nancy of Allen of Orange Park, FL; a daughter in-law, Phyllis Marcus of Milford, MI; twelve grandchildren, Brittany (Jody) Beaulac, Brad Baran, Michael (Ann) Kaplan, Jennifer Baran, Emily Baran, Michele Kruger, Tia (Danny) Marousek, Lori Kruger, Stephen Cooney, Elizabeth Cooney, Matt (Priscilla) Allen, and Luke Allen; two great grandchildren, Xavier Beaulac and Elijah Kaplan; two sisters, Irene Hiene and Lillian Jans; a sister-in-law, Florde Baranowski; and numerous nieces and nephews and dear friends. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Sophie, nee Sierzchula Baranowski; and a brother, George Baranowski. Visitation Friday, 4-6 p.m. at the Markiewicz Funeral Home, 108 Illinois St., Lemont IL. Funeral services Saturday, April 23, 2005, 10:30 a.m. to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, for Mass at 11 a.m. Interment parish cemetery. Markiewicz Funeral Home, Lemont 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

DANIEL W. MEYKA

Suddenly, April 19, 2005. Age 56 of Canton. Loving husband of Donna. Beloved father of Danielle and Kristy (Paul Overs). Dear son-in-law of Lorene Sumner. Brother of Brianna Toller. Funeral service Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). Visitation Thursday 2-9PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. To leave a message of condolence log on vermeulenfuneralhome.com



JULIE OTTER PEARCE

Of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died Thursday, April 14, 2005. Born on August 2, 1932 in Bloomfield Hills, MI, she lived in New York and Chestertown, Maryland before moving to Palm Beach Gardens. Besides her husband, Louis Elston Pearce, she is survived by her sister, Phoebe Otter Matthews and her nephew and niece, Michael and Holly Pearce and her great nephew, Thomas D. Pearce and great niece, Heidi Louise Pearce. Memorial services were held Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Palm Beach. In lieu of flowers donations to any animal welfare organizations would be appreciated. Further information, Wm. R. Hamilton Co. 1-248-644-6000

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Age 93, died April 18, 2005. Beloved husband of Colette (nee: Gerstbauer). Loving father of Thomas (Susan) of Birmingham; Carolyn Wenner of Royal Oak; Jerry (Barbara) of Highland; Robert (Cathy) of Sterling Hts; Christine (Jim) Russo of Ann Arbor; Kenneth (Donna) of Florida; Ronald (Cindy) of Midland; Theodore of AZ. Mary (Kevin) Noel of AZ, & Jean (Brent) Starr of AZ. Dear Brother of Isabelle Seymour of IN. 30 grandchildren & 28 great grandchildren. Retired accountant from Chrysler Corp in 1977. Visitation Thurs. 2-9p.m. Scripture service Thurs. 7 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile (4 Blks. E. of Woodward) Royal Oak. In State Friday Noon until time of mass 12:30 p.m. at St. Dennis Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Burial White Chapel Cemetery, Troy

ANN L. MUCKEY

Age 77, April 16, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Donald F. Loving mother of Beth Dextrom, Dear grandmother of Lindsey, Kurt, Stacie & Becky. Sister-in-law of Bethany Seiwert and Skip Knerr of Milwaukee, WI. A memorial Service will be held at a later date. Ann and Floyd...together again, at last. Cremation Society of Michigan (313) 839-4100 in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guest book at www.cremationmichigan.com

PHYLLIS ANN "PAT" WHITTON

April 16, 2005, age 81, of Canton, formerly of Livonia Beloved wife of George. Dear mother of Donna Miller, George (Stephanie), James (Donna) and Denise (Dave) Culp. Grandmother of 12, great grandmother of 9. Also survived by sisters-in-law, Mabel (Joe) Schaffer, Hazel Bertram, Myrtle Sebastian and Evelyn Waltz. Dear friend and political cohort of Carolyn Forrest. Services were held Tuesday at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

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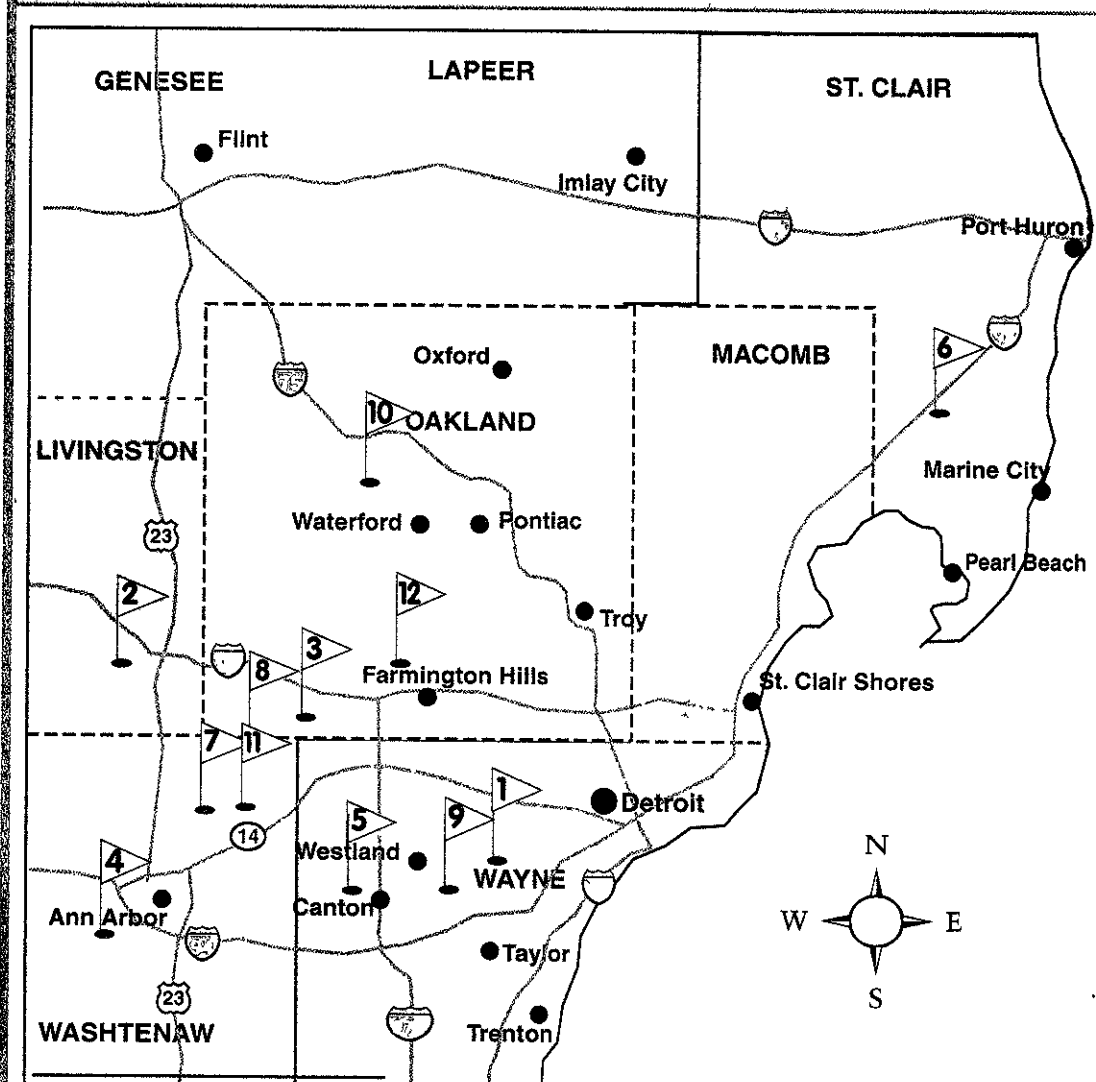
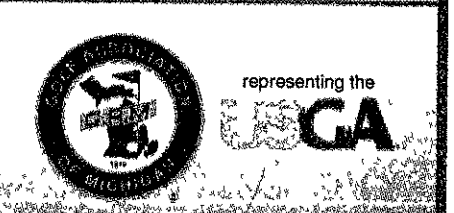
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Pool rules may violate federal act

Our condo has a rule banning children under the age of 18 from using its main swimming pool with certain exceptions during the summer months. The association's rationale is that adult residents like using the pool for lap walking and water walking and prefer tranquility to the presence of active and noisy children. Do you think there is a violation of the Fair Housing Act?

Based on a recent case out of California, on similar facts, the courts ruled that the association's rule violated federal fair housing laws because it limited the use of the pool by families with children. The court indicated in that case that the association's rule was no better than a rule banning women or people from Iraq from using the pool. Finally, the court said that the association could still implement other reasonable, age-neutral rules, such as banning all members from screaming, running, or roughhousing at the pool. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney to review all of your rules.

Our association is contemplating changing their documents to limit the association's insurance liabilities to the co-owners. Is there anything that you can recommend to look out for?

While it is understandable that the association may wish to limit its insurance exposure and liability because of an increase in premiums and potential claims, the association should be clear in letting its members know that they will have to increase their own insurance coverage on their units to the extent that the association abdicates responsibility for maintenance and repair of any common elements that may be within the condominium unit. The co-owner should not be left hanging without any insurance coverage because of the change in the documents which may well be in the best interest of the association but which may leave the co-owners without any reasonable coverage if they are not diligent. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

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Buying a fixer-upper has its rewards, pitfalls

BY AMANDA KNOLES
CORRESPONDENT

Buying a fixer-upper and turning it into a dream home is the fantasy of many potential homebuyers.

In reality, there's a lot more to achieving the dream than you usually see on popular television home improvement shows. Many rundown homes have been on the market for a long time and they are priced for a quick sale "as is."

Whether you should pounce on the deal or pass depends mostly on whether the house is structurally sound and if it needs major repairs. If it only needs cosmetic work like paint, new carpeting and landscaping, you might be getting a really good deal.

Buying a home in need of repair can be a smart investment if you choose a neighborhood where home values are increasing. Many smart business people have made a career of buying homes no one else wants, making improvements and reselling the property for a handsome profit.

It is extremely important to have the home inspected by a professional to determine if only cosmetic changes are necessary, or if there are structural problems such as broken plumbing, a faulty electrical system or an unstable foundation.

When you have the home inspected, plan to be there and walk through the home

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Before you take on a fixer-upper, you also need to decide if you can do some of the work yourself or if you will need to hire contractors.

so you learn firsthand what needs to be done. Make a list of repairs that need to be made immediately and get cost estimates.

Then make a list of improvements that can be made over time. If you buy a home for \$200,000 and spend \$125,000 in cosmetic and structural improvements, is it feasible that you could sell the property for \$325,000 or \$400,000?

The sticky part comes when you are trying to get a loan. The lender may be hesitant to grant a loan on a house in serious disrepair.

To gain approval for a loan you need an appraiser who will appraise the property "as is." If there are defects that could affect the marketability of the house, you may have to make some repairs and have the home reappraised before you will be granted the loan you need.

You should inform the lender of the repairs needed and tell him or her if you plan to hire contractors to do the work or do it yourself.

installing new floors, painting interior walls and trim or replacing outdated kitchen cabinets and light fixtures.

Sometimes it makes sense to turn a repair into a remodeling feature that will enhance the value of the home. For example, if a wall with a small window needs replacing, it may be worth spending extra money to add a picture window.

Depending on its condition, a fixer-upper could sell for 20 percent below its market price. But it could also require an investment of \$10,000-\$20,000 to repair and remodel it. Painting a house inside and out is one of the least expensive and most profitable investments you can make.

Other improvements that can make a significant difference in resale value include new carpeting, landscaping, and new kitchen flooring, cabinetry and appliances.

One advantage to buying fixer-uppers is that many of them stay on the market for a long period of time and it is often easier to negotiate a lower price because there are fewer people bidding for the property. Look for homes that are vacant and that have been on the market for three months or longer.

And take the time to get pre-approved for a loan so you will have an edge over other bidders.

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Timely actions avert disaster

The familiar term "behind the power curve" refers to a hazardous aviation situation in which pilots may rapidly approach a stall. Once there, the doomed airplane continues to slow down even after adding full power.

To preclude disaster, a skilled pilot recognizes the situation before it becomes dangerous and avoids it. Unwary pilots who find themselves in this flight domain have no choice but to descend to save themselves. With luck, they have altitude to do so.

Borrowers continuously seek to better their mortgage interest rates to reduce their overall debt burden. A very large number refinance their homes to restructure debt by paying off high-interest debts with a lower-interest tax-deductible mortgage. (I provide my debt-laden mortgage clients a before/after cash flow analysis to help them determine if this is the course they should take.)

Lately, I've handled a rash of calls from consumers who have waited too long to restructure their debt load. They let their debts get out of control before they acted, and were not able to land the most favorable interest rates and terms. They got behind the power curve.

Allowing consumer debt to pile up results in reduced credit scores. Lower scores make it tougher to refinance to a lower payment. Operating with higher payments makes it tougher to reduce credit account balances.

It becomes a vicious, downward spiral. Debt's slippery slope gets slicker the longer you wait.

The best way to handle consumer debt is to avoid it. As a rule, if you use your credit accounts out of necessity instead of for your convenience, you would be well served to start cutting spending right away.

If you have already cut back the best you can and feel like you are on the brink of getting behind on any of your monthly payments, especially your mortgage, then you should consider consolidating debt immediately.

Today's TIMBIT: Like flying, try to stay ahead of the power curve by restructuring your debts before they get out of control, and before your credit scores drop. Waiting too long could really place you in jeopardy. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516.

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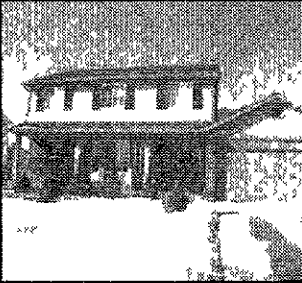
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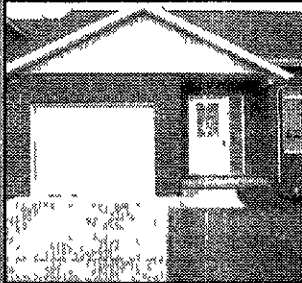
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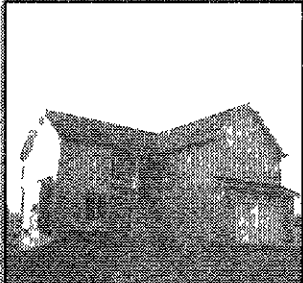
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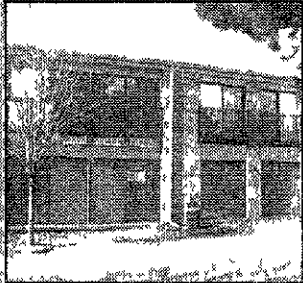
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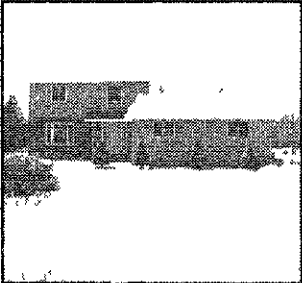
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**LIVONIA** \$164,900

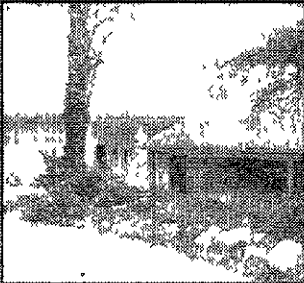
3BR 1.5BA w/fin bsmt. Newer Apps. Pool windows, updated kitchen and bath. Hot tub included. 2 car gar. Newer C/A, work area & wet bar in bsmt. Lrg fenced yard w/ built in bbq. Florida room Livonia Schools! (OEL12HAL) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA** \$162,500

Spectacular 2BR 2BA condo lower unit located in Livonia's Laurel Woods Condos. Nice kitchen. Beautiful heated Florida room. Attached garage. Great location within walking distance to Laurel Park Mall. Inc all app (OEP51UNI) 734-453-6800

**LYONS** \$214,000

Motivated seller. Just reduced. Spacious colonial with large private yard. Newer hardwood floors in dining area. Family room has woodburner. Great location, easy expressway access. Close to parks and shopping (OESLY35SOU) 248-437-4500

**MILFORD** \$329,900

Completely Remodeled Cathedral Ceilings T/O Open Kit Secluded Lot W/woods New Mstr Ste W/ Bath & French Doors To Patio Formal Lr W/grand Stairway Great Home For Entertaining Upstairs Bedroom Has Deck (OEL23CHA) 734-591-0333

**NORTHVILLE** \$824,900

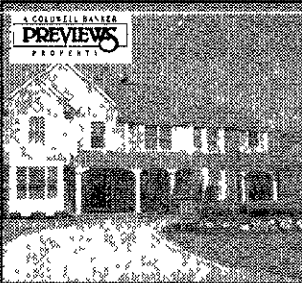
Transferee Perfect W/immediate Occupancy! Custom Maple Cabinets W/ granite T/O, 2-story Foyer, 2-story Gr W/2-way Fp To Kitchen, Ceramic Tile In Foyer & Kit, dramatic Balcony Overlooking Gr W/ Wall of Windows. (OEN64MER) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$525,000

Upgrades Galore! Imm Occ On This Impeccable Churchill Crossing Colonial W/commons-like Backyard. Upgraded 9 Ceilings On 1st Flr. upgraded Railings, oak Lined Staircase, upgraded Lighting & Plumbing fixtures. (OEN91CAV) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$224,000

Enjoy backyard view of protected wetlands behind this 3 bedroom home in Novi. Newly remodeled kitchen and baths, tiered deck, fenced yard. Security system and lots of updates. Home warranty, too! (OESLY00CHE) 248-437-4500

**PLYMOUTH** \$664,900

4BR, 4 full & 2 lav executive lot. Court setting w/mature trees. Cute updated kitchen. Oversized family room. Large master bedroom w/master bath. 1st floor laundry w/newer washer & dryer. Finished lower level (OEP56ASH) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$354,000

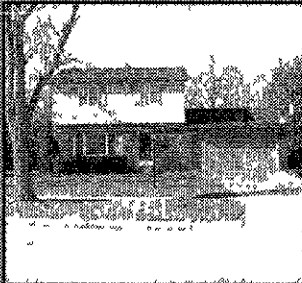
Nature lovers dream! French country quad on 1 acre wooded lot (\$100,000 in incsprng), HDWD flrs to updated kit w/new floor, Bl micro & oven Florida rm w/hot tub. Putting green in yard w/gazebo, decks & boardwalks (OEP66BEE) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$349,500

3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath cape cod. Great price! Lux 1st floor master w/cath ceiling. Open great room w/fireplace & soaring ceilings. Spacious kitchen & nook. Formal dining room. 1st floor study. Neutral Master suite! (OEP93PLY) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$300,000

Dream Home in Downtown Ply. Renovated in 1987. 4 Br, 3 Full Bths, Nwr Wndws, Roof, Furn, Siding & Doors Mstr Bd, W/wic, Pergo Flrs On 1st Flr, Nwr Oak Kit, 2 Bth Updated & Lg Bay Wdw In Mstr & Lv Rm. Open Floorplan (OEL73HAR) 734-591-0333

**PLYMOUTH** \$242,000

If You Like To Entertain This Is For You! Hw Flrs under Carpet. Open Any Flr W/window Seat, Ent Center & FP Foyer. Ceramic Tile Leads To Kit W/garden Window Large Loft Fin Built in Pool. Bsmt Custom Built Bar! (OEL00931) 734-591-0333

**PLYMOUTH** \$239,900

Sharp Plymouth Ranch, Family Rm W/gas Frl, Finished Basement W/full Bath, Recently Updated Kitchen & Main Bath, New Half Bath, Roof, Furnace, Ac, Hwh, Newer Windows (OEN45RUS) 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$233,750

Walk to town ranch w/many updates. Wndws, vinyl siding & gutters, kit & DR flr, gar roof (04), gar door (01), furnace & AC(99) & more! Ext curb appeal w/many perennials. Crown mlds, formal DR, lg kit w/tons of cbnts (OEP69KAR) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$219,900

3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on oversized lot w/mature trees. Cute updated kitchen. Oversized family room. Large master bedroom w/master bath. 1st floor laundry w/newer washer & dryer. Newer windows. Must see! (OEP49LAK) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$199,900

Wow! Charming 3BR, 1.1BA home recently remodeled. Newer kit w/HDWD flrs & oak cbnts. Newer carpet & blinds. w/Updated bathroom, newer vinyl siding, driveway & oversized 2 car garage. Close to downtown Plymouth! (OEP47BUT) 734-453-6800

**REDFORD** \$154,900

Nice Home On Dead End Street-vinyl Windows. New Kit floor, new Interior Doors-new Storm Door To Sun Room-doorwell To 11x19 Sun Room W/electric Heat & Separate A/c-15x23 Family Rm. Lower Level-updated Furnace 02 (OEL41SEM) 734-591-0333

**SALEM** \$799,900

Incredible Price For This Paradise On 4.42 Secluded Acres & Backing To Salem Farms Golf Course! Dryvitt Exterior W/high-end Quality T/O, 2-story Foyer, gourmet Kitchen W/42" Maple Cabs & New Granite Counters(04) (OEN57BEA) 248-347-3050

**SOUTH LYON** \$234,000

Very well maintained spacious colonial located on a cul-de-sac on the edge of town. Beautiful stone fireplace in family room, finished basement with tons of storage. Move right in! (OESLY10EAG) 248-437-4500

**SOUTH LYON** \$129,000

Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor condo. Neutral decor, new carpet throughout. Updated kitchen. All appliances included. Master suite with private bath. Fenced patio. Common pool. Pets allowed. (OESLY23GRE) 248-437-4500

**SUMPTER** \$239,900

9 Br Home, New Hdwd Flrs In FR 02 Nat Flr, Newer Furn & Hwh. Updated bath '03, Cab '01, Newer Wallside Wndws. 2.5 Car Gar Deck Extra Lot. For Sale w/240 Ft Frontage & 3.7 Acres, Or Buy Whole Package For \$345,000 (OEL60WIL) 734-591-0333

**TAYLOR** \$208,900

New Midtown Community Townhome Living At Its Best! Upgrades Galore. 3 Gigantic Bedrooms, Vaulted Ceilings. Plush Carpeting End Unit, Fireplace. Recessed Lighting, Upgraded Kit Cabinets, Durastone counter top (OEN70GOD) 248-347-3050

**WATERFORD** \$217,900

Best lake front location in complex. Closest distance to club house, pool, and boat slip which is included. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage and fireplace. Open floor plan great for entertaining. Move-in condition! (OESLY40ADA) 248-437-4500

**WAYNE** \$159,900

Charming bungalow in quiet neighborhood, close to schools & shopping. Lg LR & DR, fin bsmt, 3BR, 2 full BA. Mstr BA w/vanity & soaking tub. Kit w/dbl oven, new SS fridge & sink. Lg island for eating area & storage (OEP99ELM) 734-453-6800

**WESTLAND** \$184,000

WOW! Super location w/ig fenced yard & brick paver patio. Many updates-furnace, tile, ext paint, & fab granite counters. Lt oak cabinets in kit w/appliances. Great open floor plan has cathedral ceiling t/o (OEN90STO) 248-347-3050

**WESTLAND** \$157,000

Beautiful ranch! Great location! 3 BR 2 full baths, large kit. Nicely decorated home! Fin bsmt features 4th possible BR, FR, office & plenty of storage. Deck in backyard overlooks beautifully landscaped perennials Livonia Schools! A lot of home for the price! (OEL52MAC) 248-347-3050

**WESTLAND** \$135,000

WOW! Open floor plan Ranch Condo w/cathedral ceilings & skylight. Full basement, private entry, covered parking & deck. Fresh paint, newer carpet, new fixtures. Private setting & priced to sell now! Hurry! (OEN20WOC) 248-347-3050

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■ **Minimizing the mess:** Bathe and brush your pets regularly to minimize the amount of pet hair and dander and to help eliminate odors. Keep a lint brush or damp sponge handy.

■ **Removing pet hair:** On carpeting, use

a vacuum with a good beater brush or brush roll to remove pet hair. On upholstery, use velour brushes, tape rollers or even the rubber bottom of a clean tennis shoe and remove fur using light strokes.

■ **Lifting stains:** Dilute spots using a damp cloth, then clean the area with one quart of water mixed with one teaspoon white vinegar. Cleaning solutions from your local pet store or supermarket also work well in lifting stains and odors.



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Canton - Curtis built 2-story condo with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. 1st floor laundry, master suite with WIC & bath. Basement, garage, fenced yard, stove & frig stay, gas fireplace in living room, neutral decor Morgan Creek is a newer sub of only 88 units with a 20 acre nature preserve! \$219,900 (63CON)



Livonia - Well maintained 3-bedroom brick ranch on quiet cul-de-sac location. Basement, garage, underground sprinklers, new windows, furnace & HWH. Updated kit opens to generous FR w/gas fireplace. Doorwall to deck w/retractable awning, newer Berber carpeting. Never appls stay \$249,000 (99BAI)



Livonia - Very clean 3-bedroom ranch for under \$160,000! Appliances stay newer shingles on 2 car garage & Florida room. Vinyl double clad windows & pull down stairs for extra storage, immediate occupancy, newer HWH, dining nook off living room. \$159,900 (66GRD)



Livonia - 4 bedroom colonial with a finished basement. Newer roof, windows and doorwall. Master bedroom has cathedral ceilings with 2 skylights and large closets. 6 panel doors, large corner lot, new HWH, basement w/lav & 2nd floor laundry, play area, apps are negotiable. \$324,900 (95JAM)



Plymouth Township - Completely updated 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial close to schools, x-ways & historical downtown. 2 car gar, bsmt, natural brick fireplace in FR, brand new carpeting & flooring thru-out, beautifully landscaped yard w/sprinklers. \$359,900 Ask for Kelly Chelton @ 248-930-1936 (KC29CAN)



Redford - Sharp 3-bedroom brick ranch with 2 full baths. Finished basement with fireplace, refinished hardwood floors, 2.5 car garage. Updated electrical, newer roof and oak kitchen with ceramic floor, huge fenced yard. Hurry! Call Jim & Rebecca Mariani @ 734-709-7777 (JM010LY)



Taylor - Sharp 3-bed ranch with a 2 story heated shed. Fenced yard, newer HWH, newer kitchen, master bedroom has walk in closet. Roof shingles only 5 years old, 1500+ sq ft, living room and family room. Home is clean! \$134,900 (90LIN)



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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 3 - 7, 2005, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills		31242 Berryhill	\$260,000	882 Sebek	\$195,000	1494 Crimmon	\$147,000
2319 Hempstead	\$172,000	33700 Bostwick	\$210,000	1782 Wooley	\$240,000	7106 Farmingdale	\$169,000
806 Huntclub	\$215,000	23941 Brookplace	\$216,000	Rochester		11104 Farmingdale	\$174,000
187 Jotham	\$169,000	33610 Colfax	\$220,000	1645 Boulder	\$372,000	11107 Farmingdale	\$175,000
3554 Lexington	\$276,000	2114 Collingham	\$162,000	1976 Flagstone	\$176,000	11201 Farmingdale	\$160,000
868 Polo	\$249,000	31143 Country Bluff	\$165,000	1163 Krista	\$447,000	11202 Farmingdale	\$168,000
Beverly Hills		29451 Cove Creek	\$271,000	1258 Putnam	\$360,000	11203 Farmingdale	\$178,000
16925 Buckingham	\$233,000	32263 Craftsbury	\$208,000	1216 Rock Valley	\$334,000	11208 Farmingdale	\$171,000
31060 E Rutland	\$198,000	27415 Engleside	\$276,000	Rochester Hills		11209 Farmingdale	\$185,000
22076 W Valley Woods	\$410,000	38416 Evonshire	\$219,000	1690 Arcadian	\$141,000	2120 Hidden Meadows	\$150,000
Birmingham		28328 Farmington	\$210,000	1150 Bloomer	\$253,000	2599 Kingstowne	\$131,000
1523 Chapin	\$242,000	37111 Fox Chase	\$330,000	1637 Crossbow	\$530,000	1465 N Pontiac	\$180,000
2260 Derby	\$240,000	38313 Golfview	\$350,000	966 Grovercrest	\$342,000	389 Neptune	\$120,000
384 Ferndale	\$425,000	26254 Greythorne	\$250,000	3288 Hedgewood	\$615,000	1881 Plumridge	\$338,000
622 Graefield	\$154,000	23038 Haynes	\$206,000	2454 Hessel	\$170,000	1109 Superior	\$218,000
1533 Holland	\$530,000	33511 Heritage Hills	\$265,000	342 Jonathan	\$365,000	1898 W Ridge	\$282,000
1948 Maryland	\$483,000	29241 Laurel	\$187,000	1771 Lincolnshire	\$750,000	Waterford	
761 N Old Woodward	\$250,000	29090 Oak Point	\$359,000	1934 Lincolnshire	\$200,000	1333 Bamford	\$181,000
567 Oakland	\$699,000	26517 Old Homestead	\$350,000	1863 Meadow Dale	\$146,000	6093 Barker	\$187,000
662 Purdy	\$235,000	27701 Orchard Lake	\$350,000	972 Pine Trail	\$340,000	7711 Bridge	\$175,000
662 Purdy	\$275,000	28040 Peppermill	\$205,000	2705 Powderhorn Rdg	\$264,000	3778 Brookdale	\$150,000
1708 S Bates	\$333,000	23045 Purdue	\$173,000	138 Regal	\$256,000	7018 Colonial Oaks	\$135,000
1241 Smith	\$630,000	21124 Randall	\$161,000	2227 Rochelle Park	\$218,000	1461 Dundee	\$145,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township		27971 Rollicrest	\$127,000	2803 S Christian Hills	\$344,000	6348 Grace K	\$177,000
1970 Cedar Hill	\$395,000	21651 Roosevelt	\$180,000	3848 Samuel	\$192,000	6386 Hatcherly	\$117,000
340 Concord	\$105,000	30182 S Stockton	\$165,000	90 Stark	\$210,000	1338 Hendricks	\$142,000
360 Concord	\$109,000	38289 Saratoga	\$227,000	136 Stonetree	\$275,000	1138 Irwin	\$170,000
2000 Eagle Pointe	\$249,000	30703 Shawwassee	\$103,000	1336 Tranquility	\$630,000	1064 La Salle	\$128,000
2183 Kemp	\$373,000	29870 W 12 Mile	\$122,000	Southfield		77 Leota	\$305,000
4115 Orchard	\$243,000	32125 W Nine Mile	\$12,000	28479 Aberdeen	\$147,000	3540 Lincolnshire	\$108,000
1915 Raymond	\$310,000	27201 W Skye	\$280,000	15842 Addison	\$181,000	447 Lochaven	\$156,000
1859 Spring Grove	\$260,000	28101 Wellington	\$296,000	23410 Almira	\$133,000	6800 Longworth	\$296,000
5159 Woodlands	\$281,000	27748 Westcott	\$215,000	18655 Autumn	\$235,000	7122 Magnolia	\$167,000
42160 Woodward	\$150,000	Lake Orion		21204 Berg	\$68,000	6660 Manson	\$155,000
Clarkston		461 Ambsbury	\$407,000	29355 Candlewood	\$118,000	3631 Mariner	\$164,000
5366 Bristol Park	\$590,000	2844 Browning	\$189,000	16220 Crescent	\$238,000	434 Pine Creek	\$238,000
7027 Deerhill	\$385,000	852 Dollar Bay	\$161,000	23610 Edinburg	\$225,000	2409 Pine Orchard	\$172,000
3294 Genoa	\$145,000	400 Gan Eden	\$255,000	28562 Fairfax	\$90,000	2874 Riverside	\$197,000
5109 Iroquois	\$228,000	4615 Homesite	\$197,000	22332 Fairway	\$136,000	4676 Riverview	\$149,000
5100 Oak Park	\$164,000	3972 Joslyn	\$170,000	26643 Franklin Pointe	\$141,000	6380 Saline	\$137,000
6950 S Bluewater	\$170,000	3737 Mill Creek	\$438,000	21440 Glenmorra	\$230,000	6608 Saline	\$139,000
5881 Windward	\$151,000	40 N Washington	\$236,000	19771 Hickory Leaf	\$220,000	2934 Shawnee	\$330,000
5739 Woodland	\$170,000	305 Park	\$258,000	22102 Ivanhoe	\$247,000	4985 Sherwell	\$146,000
Commerce Township		1389 Paul	\$171,000	28641 Lowell	\$126,000	2889 Silverstone	\$193,000
131 Anisson Dr	\$138,000	993 Ridgeview	\$300,000	29640 Marimoor	\$256,000	5984 Strathdon	\$171,000
5251 Bridge	\$387,000	3226 Sandoval	\$195,000	28776 Marshall	\$129,000	493 Timor	\$141,000
3477 Car	\$320,000	Lathrup Village		19760 Midway	\$255,000	3051 Tina Marie	\$213,000
9355 Commerce	\$145,000	18797 Wilshire	\$197,000	26944 N Monroe	\$79,000	3445 Watkins Lake	\$145,000
8625 Golfane	\$185,000	Novi		21703 Nequaunee	\$125,000	4283 Woodstock	\$180,000
3129 Ivy Hill	\$90,000	45515 Addington	\$460,000	28048 Pierce	\$159,000	West Bloomfield	
1954 Jason	\$365,000	24317 Bashian	\$130,000	25701 Ravine	\$110,000	5279 Coldspring	\$273,000
9681 Listeria	\$187,000	24419 Bramblewood	\$315,000	28829 Red Leaf	\$163,000	4954 Countryside	\$457,000
4139 Mallard	\$442,000	41337 Carriage Hill	\$409,000	28673 Regent	\$107,000	7310 Devonshire	\$178,000
4523 Racewood	\$372,000	31096 Columbia	\$205,000	29228 Rock Creek	\$165,000	7363 Devonshire	\$168,000
2657 Red Arrow	\$219,000	43024 Emerson	\$332,000	30248 Southfield	\$104,000	4326 Foxpointe	\$255,000
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5033 Wexdon Woods	\$284,000	25781 Glamorgan	\$220,000	17330 Sunnybrook	\$140,000	6028 Jennifer	\$354,000
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6572 Arrowhead	\$73,000	24332 Hampton Hill	\$206,000	19760 Villa	\$154,000	5350 Midchester	\$385,000
11613 Shaffer	\$259,000	39560 Kartar	\$173,000	24501 W 10 Mile	\$126,000	4014 Orchard Crest	\$254,000
9296 Sherwood	\$230,000	44927 Lindeberg	\$120,000	20300 Westhampton	\$133,000	5877 Perrytown	\$352,000
Farmington		41103 N McMahon	\$175,000	Troy		5405 Raintree	\$335,000
23091 Farmington	\$238,000	1533 Paramount	\$308,000	1968 Axtell	\$118,000	2025 Rosedale	\$220,000
31751 Folkstone	\$163,000	41778 Primrose	\$218,000	881 Brooklawn	\$205,000	5850 Vassar	\$162,000
23350 Woodhaven	\$398,000	45284 Roundview	\$333,000	2088 Columbia	\$225,000	7287 Village Square	\$548,000
Farmington Hills		30220 Sterling	\$441,000	5880 Houghton	\$165,000	7409 Village Square	\$560,000
25143 Appleton	\$273,000	21534 Sunrise	\$296,000	1760 Langford	\$258,000	7694 Willow	\$180,000
29153 Aranel	\$201,000	42575 Whitman	\$331,000	3871 Mark	\$250,000	5827 Windrift	\$127,000
27046 Arden Park	\$234,000	Oakland Township		260 Miracle	\$271,000	White Lake	
22165 Averhill	\$300,000	5085 Abbey	\$2,000,000	3866 Old Creek	\$160,000	9353 Beechcrest	\$160,000
Farmington Hills		1950 Rochester	\$200,000	2906 Sarasota	\$209,000	8149 Carpathian S	\$100,000
Farmington Hills		2674 Spayglass	\$165,000	480 Serenity	\$289,000	520 Concord	\$263,000
Farmington Hills		5671 Stonehaven	\$264,000	6887 Vermnor	\$275,000	9489 Portage	\$115,000
Farmington Hills		3728 Woodmonte	\$517,000	1336 Wapcon	\$144,000	160 Tower	\$120,000
Farmington Hills		Oxford		3215 Witherbee	\$320,000	Wolverine Lake	
Farmington Hills		535 First	\$180,000	10104 Chesapeake	\$174,000	393 Penny Lake	\$195,000
Farmington Hills		1121 Cross	\$265,000	Walled Lake		2103 S Commerce	\$163,000
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Super location! Sought after Mayflower subdivision. Lovely 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Williamsburg colonial with Family Room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Private treed yard with huge gazebo.

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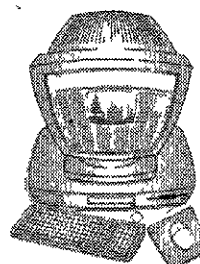
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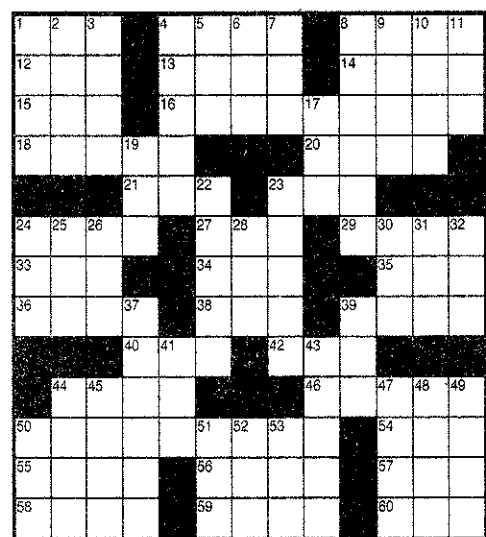
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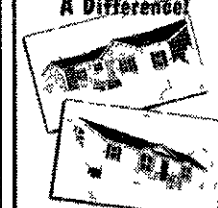
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Singh Management Company is seeking to fill immediate Full Time positions in the Canton area. Must be able to work weekends. We offer competitive wages, commissions, health, and dental insurance. EOE. Email resumes to resume@SinghMail.com

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Has opening for experienced electrical/mechanical assembler. Must have knowledge of control panel building. Some tools required. Full-Time with progressive benefits. Apply at: 34318 Glendale Ave., W. of Stark, Livonia

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For large apt. community in Livonia. References, experience. Excellent salary and benefits. Please fax resume 248-477-4996

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Cashland is seeking a full time manager for our Ypsilanti location. Candidate must possess excellent customer service skills, money-handling capabilities, dependable, flexible, and able to work evenings & weekends. We offer an excellent work environment, hands-on training, health & dental insurance. Fax resume (734) 721-9806 or stop in and pick up an application at 2221 S. Wayne Rd., Westland

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Part time & full time. Busy Livonia OB/GYN office. Call 248-615-1234

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS/ Independent Contractors
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Seasonal outdoor work, with concrete small projects. Competitive hourly rate. 248-626-7700

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Looking for professional experienced painters or will train. Excellent pay and opportunity. Call 734-748-0267

PARKING BOOTH ATTENDANT WANTED - Retirees welcomed. Call Mon. or Tues. 9am-3pm 248-642-6259.

PARTS DEPARTMENT
Lawn & Garden store, experience preferred. Apply at 32098 Plymouth Rd., Livonia or call 734-525-0980

PHOTOGRAPHERS Wanted to photograph youth sports programs. Will train Photography students, serious amateurs. All equipment supplied. Call Jim: 734-416-1516

PHOTOGRAPHER
Part-time afternoons. Photo exp. required. Visual Sports Network. Email resume: vsmichigan@aol.com

PLUMBERS
Exp. Licensed Journeymen & Exp. Apprentices. Exp. in Commercial/Industrial. Fax resume to: (734) 729-2055

PRE-SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR
Canton Township is accepting applications for Pre-School Instructor \$8.24-\$11.33 per hr. Minimum 2-3 yrs of experience working in related field. Ability to work days, evenings, weekends, and holidays, or flexible schedule. Applications available at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org

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Part time, for busy salon in Downtown Northville. Must be mature, energetic, personable, well-spoken, w/previous cash drawer exp., & be available Eves & Sat. Apply Matthew Thomas Salon, 330 N. Center St. or fax: 248-449-4059

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Part-time needed for small Berkley Apt. Community. Housing included. Please fax resume or letter of interest to (248) 352-6737 ATTN: Mike

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GARDEN CITY Move Right In!
Recently remodeled brick Ranch. New tear-off roof this March. Newer furnace, updated electrical, copper plumbing & windows. Finished basement with 1/2 bath. Newer kitchen, hardwood floors & fresh paint.

(E68LEO) 734-455-5600 \$149,900




REDFORD Welcome Mat's Out
Three bedroom brick Bungalow offers newer kitchen with abundant cabinets, Pergo flooring, built-in microwave & dishwasher. Updated bath, finished basement with glass block windows plus a garage.

(E16WOO) 734-455-5600 \$128,700



HOWELL Charming Euro-Style Complex
2003 private entrance, attached garage approximately 1,540 square feet, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, cathedral ceiling. Pool club house, bike/walking paths. Close to expressway, shopping & dining.

(E49HAM) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



SOUTH LYON Colonial Acres
Walk-out Ranch Condo. Large family room & patio. Extra sink/vanity in master dressing area. Bright kitchen with sky light. Clean and neutral. All appliances stay. Great pond view.

(E07JEF) 248-349-5600 \$90,000




REDFORD Large Brick Bungalow
3 BR, 1.5 BA home on large lot. Complete roof tear off-02. Wallsida windows-00, copper plumbing, updated electrical. Hardwood t/o, 2 car garage - great for the mechanic.

(E21CRO) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



CANTON Great Location
Two bedroom end Ranch unit. Crown molding, neutral colors, open floor plan, part finished basement, large rooms with a lot of closet space. This unit was the original model. Complex offers club house, pool & more.

(E30SOU) 734-455-5600 \$128,900



PLYMOUTH Estate Sized Ranch
Sitting on approximately 1 acre offering updated Menilat cabinets, Andersen windows, hardwood floors, newer roof & furnace. Family room with extra high ceilings, full length windows and 4 car tandem garage.

(E295MI) 734-455-5600 \$349,000



REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home
Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Ranch with 2 car garage. Finished basement, newer windows, furnace & central air. Large kitchen with oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood floors, all sitting on a dead end street.

(E32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



NORTHVILLE Walking Distance To Town
Contemporary Condo with many upgrades. Hardwood floors, heated floor in master bath. Large walk-in closet, finished lower level walk-out. Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on a wooded setting. All appliances. Large deck off dining room.

(E00MOU) 248-349-5600 \$329,000




NORTHVILLE Location, Location
Great family home w/room to spare. Spacious LR w/vaulted ceilings & skylights. Family room w/cozy fireplace. Large deck off dining room. Updated kitchen, turn HWH, windows, carpet & paint. Just a short walk to downtown. Hurry won't last long.

(E13ELY) 248-349-5600 \$287,900



BELLEVILLE Awesome Bi-Level
Water view, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with open floor plan, oak kitchen with vaulted ceilings & master suite. Two car attached garage + play scape and much more.

(E35VIC) 734-455-5600 \$189,900




BELLEVILLE Gorgeous Ranch With Walk-Out
Three bedroom, 3 bath home with finished basement with full bath & office, 2-tiered deck with pond view. Cathedral ceiling, 2 car attached garage, ceramic tile, wood floors, 4 sky lights, eat-in kitchen, master bath. Ample storage. Built in 1997.

(E79THO) 734-455-5600 \$219,900




BELLEVILLE Fantastic Buy
Approximately 1,664 square foot 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on approximately 1/4 acre, built in 1999 offering 2 car attached garage, fireplace in great room, upgraded kitchen cabinets, circular drive & kitchen appliances.

(E50WIL) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



CANTON Ranch End Unit
Great location! Newer windows, carpet, neutral throughout. Spacious living room, children's play area. Plymouth Canton schools. Why pay rent, when you can own. A must see.

(E38ORC) 248-349-5600 \$98,000




TAYLOR Why Update?
New construction 3 BR, 2 BA ranch on approx 1/2 acre lot w/super mstr ste w/ceramic bath, jet tub & WIC. Large LR w/vaulted stonem tile. Ceramic floor island kitchen w/oak cabinets & recessed lights. FFL 2 car garage. Central air.

(E21HAM) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



ROYAL OAK Two Bedroom Condo!
A cut above the rest! So cozy. Hardwood floors, crown moldings, French doors, newer kitchen counters & fixtures, ceramic floor in kitchen. Seller motivated! A must see!

(E39MAN) 734-455-5600 \$87,000




PLYMOUTH This Home Is Spotless
Move right into this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial with 2 car attached garage, part finished basement, family room with fireplace, updated kitchen, furnace AC, hardwood floors & glass block windows. Beautiful back yard with perennials.

(E64HAR) 734-455-5600 \$289,900




GROSSE ILE Elegance At It's Best
Spacious custom built 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial on approximately 1/2 an acre lot, offers 2 car attached garage & finished basement with bar & bath. Updated kitchen with Corian counter tops, furnace, central air & roof. Plus all appliances.

(E66MAN) 734-455-5600 \$369,900



PLYMOUTH Walk To Town
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath Condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doorwall to deck. All appliances stay.

(E52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



CANTON Light, Bright Colonial
An open flowing floor plan w/windows galore highlights this 3 BR Colonial. Updated kitchen, family room w/natural flr. finished lower level, patio & deck for entertaining.

(E62HER) 248-349-5600 \$199,500



INKSTER This One's For You
Charming 2 bedroom brick Ranch overlooking the park offers updated windows, refinished hardwood floors, doors & woodwork, updated bath & cozy breakfast room. Two car attached garage & full basement.

(E86BLA) 734-455-5600 \$94,000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Perfection Plus
Great location for this 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Condo backing to Hines Park. Open floor plan, second floor laundry, deck off kitchen, full basement and 2 car attached garage.

(E12LEG) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



NOVI Absolutely Stunning Ranch
Circle drive, open foyer to great room w/fireplace, vaulted ceiling, newer hardwood floor. Library has built-in desk, newer kitchen cabinets, ceramic floor, counter & appliances. Dimensional roof, never vinyl siding, first floor laundry & paver patio.

(E11SIE) 734-455-5600 \$329,000



LIVONIA Awesome Townhouse Condo
Features newer carpet, an updated kitchen, updated bath, a 1 1/2 car attached garage. Two doorways lead to a private deck, finished basement, custom drapery and neutral decor throughout. Indoor pool at club house. A must see.

(E50UNI) 248-349-5600 \$178,900



WAYNE Updates Galore - Must See
Numerous updates in this charming 3 BR bungalow incl. kit, BA, carpet windows, HWH, driveway, paint & more. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Close to community center. Across from park. Immediate occupancy. Not a drive-by.

(E60JOH) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



CANTON Elegance At It's Best
Two story foyer, hardwood floor in foyer, hall & powder room, high ceilings on main level, cathedral ceiling in MBR w/separate library w/custom shelves & desk. Basement w/full kitchen & bath. Backs to commons + paver patio. Four BRs, 3 1/2 BAs.

(E01PAR) 734-455-5600 \$449,900




PLYMOUTH Fabulously Renovated
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in "Old Village" just a short walk to downtown offers first floor master suite, second floor family room with fireplace, first floor fireplace in living room, finished basement, 2 car garage with opener and kitchen appliances.

(E61ADA) 734-455-5600 \$299,500



LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch
Beautifully decorated & immaculately clean home with a huge fenced-in yard. Home boasts hardwood floors, coed ceilings, custom window treatments, newer bath, large updated kitchen. Newer windows and roof.

(E91FLO) 248-349-5600 \$136,500



FARMINGTON HILLS Updated Ranch
If you are looking for a newly updated home on a great lot, your search is over. Three bedroom, 2 updated baths, 2 car attached garage, fireplace, newer roof, large utility room. Turn-key condition. Farmington schools.

(E00CAR) 248-349-5600 \$194,900



WESTLAND Top Notch Remodel '04
Spacious 3 BR brick ranch re-done top to bottom. Updates include kit & BA w/marble, stone tile, new appliances & more. Newer carpet, fixtures, ext doors, roof on gar, HWH & fresh paint t/o. Great covered patio & deck. A10+.

(E54JOH) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



CANTON This One Is A Beauty!
Charming 2 bedroom end unit Condo with hardwood foyer, doorwall to balcony, attached garage, open kitchen with oak cabinets, all appliances & a ton of storage.

(E38BER) 734-455-5600 \$162,500



LIVONIA Lovely Newer Ranch
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick Ranch with 2 car attached garage, part finished basement, circle drive, great room with fireplace, open floor plan, large deck, bow windows, Oak kitchen with dining area. Home warranty.

(E88MER) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Great Townhouse
Two BR, 1 1/2 BA Condo w/private entry. Light oak KIT cabinets, Pergo floor in KIT & 1/2 BA '03, newer Berber thruout '03, roof & BA sky light '03, FP in LR, vaulted ceiling in LR & BRs. Fin basement w/garage. Fenced court yard w/deck.

(E23COU) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



NOVI Immaculate Colonial
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with updated kitchen, brick scape patio. Newer windows, garage door, roof & sprinkler. Natural fireplace, park-like back yard. Walk to schools & historical downtown. One year home warranty.

(E81NCEN) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



NOVI Entertain In Style
Elegant 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA colonial w/formal LR & DR, open floor plan w/land kitchen open to FR w/flpc, den, prof fin LL. 1st floor laundry, sidewalks in sub & Novi schools.

(E11MUL) 248-349-5600 \$429,900



ROCKWOOD Palatial Beauty
Brick 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with full basement, master with walk-in closet, bath & cathedral ceiling, dual staircase, attached 2 car garage, 2 story ceramic foyer, sprinkler system, glass block windows in basement, first floor laundry & large lot. Desirable area.

(E79HER) 734-455-5600 \$299,900




LIVONIA This One Has It All!
n oversized lot, a 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Bungalow with 4 car attached garage, updated basement, refinished hardwood, ceramic floors thruout. Updated ceramic tile in bath & kitchen with counters & floors, newer lighting & electric panel.

(E26SHA) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



LIVONIA Don't Pass By
This beautiful '01-built Livonia Condo is better than new & loaded with upgrades. From the cherry wood cabinets in the kitchen to the premium hardwood flooring, you'll be pleased at every turn. Come take a look - hurry.

(E60FAR) 248-349-5600 \$229,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept
Spectacular - one of the best "premium" lots in Chelsea Park. Formal living room & dining room. Two story family room with 2-way fireplace. A cook's delight kitchen. Grand master suite, princess suite and Jack & Jill bath.

(E49CHE) 248-349-5600 \$710,000



LIVONIA An Absolute Must See
This ranch offers so much. You'll love the many updates including fantastic kit w/oak cabinets & premium flooring. Updated paint, carpet, interior & exterior doors & more. FR w/ice & doorwall to deck. Finished bsmt & garage.

(E51ROY) 248-349-5600 \$214,900



REDFORD Great Home, Great Price
Three bedroom all brick updated Ranch offers full basement, garage and is priced to move. Located in great location. Don't miss this one, it will go fast.

(E90LEV) 734-455-5600 \$134,900



NOVI Well Maintained Condo
Upper carriage nit is very neutral and updated. All major appliances stay. Very clean private entry and attached garage.

(E29ROC) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



WIXOM Want To Save Money?
Cute and cozy 2 bedroom co-op Ranch home. Clean and move-in ready. Finished basement with work shop and laundry. Sun porch with patio, open floor plan, walk to shops. Club house and pool. Adult 55+.

(E20HEL) 248-349-5600 \$55,000



DEARBORN HTS. Like New Ranch
Must see this updated 3 BR ranch w/newer Pergo floors, kitchen, HWH, appliances, siding, gutters, paint. Newer roof, bath, vinyl windows. Detached garage & great location.

(E74CLC) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



WESTLAND Absolute Cream Puff
Wow, you won't believe your eyes when you step into this awesome 3 BR ranch. New dream oak kitchen in '04, most of interior painted, carpeted and ceramic flooring in '04, upgrade windows, CA 2 tiered deck, loaded.

(E66SOM) 248-349-5600 \$117,900



PLYMOUTH Perfect Private Tired Setting
In-ground pool, newer floor in hall, kitchen & dining. Corian counter, family room w/fireplace & hearth. Newer carpet, loads of newer windows & newer doorwall to yard. 1/2 bath with pedestal sink, finished lower level with rec light, 2 car attached garage.

(E57HAC) 734-455-5600 \$232,000



ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful
Three bedroom Ranch with part finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage, updated windows, roof, furnace & more. Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home.

(E32BAR) 734-455-5600 \$128,500



NORTHVILLE Kings Mill Condo
Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath co-op with LR, DR, basement, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors & carpet. Monthly fee includes gas, water, taxes, inside/outside maint, garbage pick-up, stove, refrigerator, furnace, HWH replacement. Move-in condition.

(E25JAM) 248-349-5600 \$99,900



COMMERCE Lovely Home
You'll love coming home to this beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath w/first floor MBR & FFL. Stainless steel appliances. Large yard w/professional landscaping. Fireplace in living room. 2 car garage & full basement.

(E65COOM) 248-349-5600 \$298,000



ORCHARD LAKE Small Home With...
Lake privileges. Nothing fancy, but you'll love the fun in "all sports". Upper Strata lake privileges. Boat & dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for large custom home.

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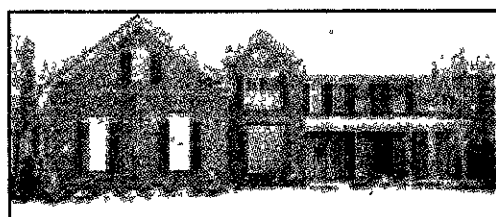


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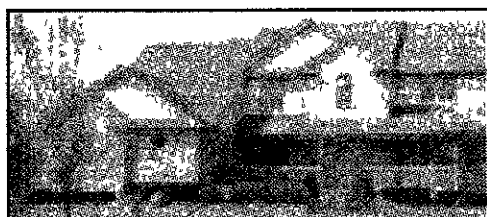
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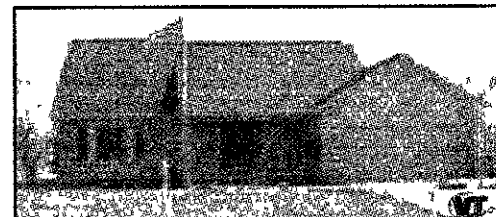
NOVI 248-348-6430
A "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL" DESIGN Magnificent home, elegant LR, DR, gorgeous kit & brkfst area w/great views of the woods, lib, spacious FR, 4 lg BRs, charming mstr suite. 349-6200 (25025016) \$600,000



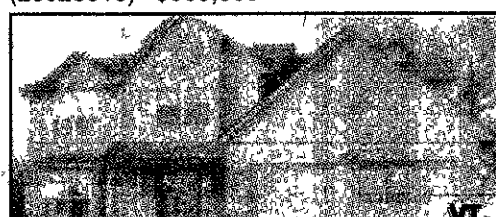
CANTON 734-455-7000
HERITAGE FARMS OF CANTON! Beautiful 4 BR Colonial. Professionally finished bsmt, 3 car garage, family room w/fireplace, gourmet kitchen, formal dining & living room, library & 1st flr Indry. (2307421) \$419,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2983 SF. Hampton model. Lndscp, sprinkler, paver patio. Huge mstr suite & bath. Quick close. (23G2588) \$394,999



NOVI 248-348-6430
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN NOVI! Cozy contemporary w/many updates! Newer kit cab, wndws, crpt & paint! Updated baths, fin bsmt w/lav, fin'd loft w/200 add'l sq ft. Gorgeous views. 349-6200 (25031525) \$345,000



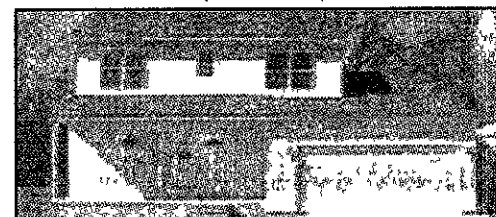
COMMERCE TWP 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS COLONIAL You'll be impressed w/the size of the rooms thru-out! 4 BRs, 3.5 baths, fin bsmt. Home generator. Vaulted ceilings, open hdwd foyer. Island kit. 349-6200 (25031036) \$309,900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDATED HOME IN GREAT LOCATION Quiet street w/sidewalks. Near schools & town. New wndw, beautiful red oak flrs. Updates galore. New baths, lg BRs, FR w/fireplace, private yard. 349-6200 (24142068) \$299,500



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Charming 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch hideaway. 2 car attached garage, 2,026 sq ft, 1st floor laundry, hardwood floors, slate foyer, large 20x21 deck & more. (25036460) \$249,900



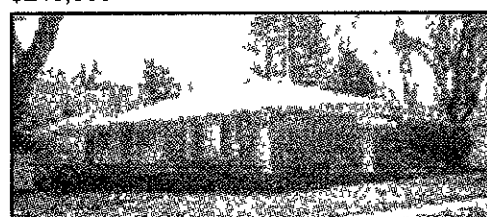
GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION is this 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath, 2 story Garden City Colonial. Feat a full basement, great room, kitchen with island, and 2 car attached garage. (M288) \$239,900



NOVI 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL NOVI RANCH!! Sharp 3 BR/2 bath home! 2 frplcs! Super sunroom! Newer roof, furnace, CA! Over 1/2 acre lot, 2+car gar! Novi schools! Quiet street. You will be pleased! 349-6200 (25012019) \$224,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
IN THE CITY, BUT OUT OF THIS WORLD is this 4 BR, 2 bath Colonial w/remolded dream kit w/island counter & built-ins, fireplace, 2 full baths, MBR w/WI shower & jetted tub, att 2 car gar, above grnd pool. (B314) \$219,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
This is the one you've been waiting for. Well maintained ranch in West Lake Sub. Spacious corner lot with brick paver patio. Updts galore. Refinished hardwood floors. You'll love it (25038970) \$199,900



NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
LOVELY CONDO/COVES OF NORTHVILLE Contemp 2 BR, 2.5 bath w/views of pond. Huge GR w/frplc, opens to deck. All appliances incl. Direct access to 2 car garage w/lots of storage. 349-6200 (25009365) \$199,900



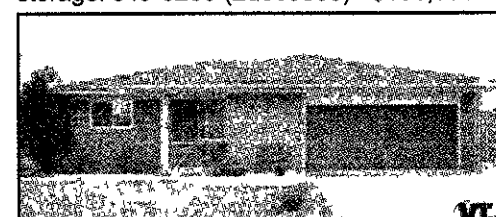
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
WOODED SURROUNDINGS Set off this 2 BR, 2 1/2 bath Westland condo w/full bsmt, fireplace, 2 car attached garage, deck, 1st floor laundry & immediate occupancy. What more can you ask? (C330) \$189,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Spotless ranch w/Crestwood Schools. 3 BR, 1.5 BA with fully finished bsmt. 2 car garage & Florida room. Way too many updates to list. Hot tub incl. Appl's Negotiable. (25037992) \$184,900



DEARBORN 734-591-9200
Charming 3 bedroom brick Cape Cod on a double lot! 1,226 sq ft, basement & garage. Updtd kit, bath, roof & windows. Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25032488) \$179,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Nice, open floor plan with large sunny kitchen in this 3 BR brick ranch w/newer doors, wndws, roof, gutters, furn & A/C, HWH & updated baths. Deck, large fenced yrd. (25037625) \$175,000



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
EASY TO ENJOY 3 bedroom brick ranch, with newer windows, partially finished bsmt, large kitchen, 2 car garage, in great sub. (M340) \$159,900



SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
BRIGHT & CHEERY RANCH Neat & Tidy brick ranch with a white picket fence. Frplc in fam rm. Finished basement w/tons of storage. Many updates. Excellent location! 349-6200 (25006348) \$149,900



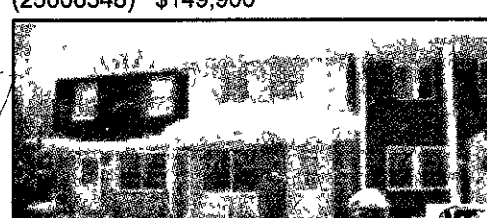
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Winding brk paver pathways flow thru a wooded 1/2 acre that surrounds this 2000 SF ranch w/3 BR, 2.5 BAs, hdwd flr, rec rm, granite & tile accents. A must see! (25003630) \$384,900

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RANCH Over 2060 SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit, DR, FR w/FP & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fenced yard w/cement patio, gar & shed. Numerous recent updates! 349-6200 (25016599) \$324,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Livonia Stevenson High School. Burton Hollow sub with a wooded ravine lot. 4 BR, 2 Full BA home has so much to offer. (25008905) \$279,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
New carpeting & hdwd flrs t/o. 3 BR, 2 BA open ranch w/cath cells, skylight, wet bar, FP, huge part fin bsmt & 2 car att gar. www.allthehouses.net PC070402 (24111744) \$229,900

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LIVONIA 2 Families Misc 32472 Maryland, N of Joy, W of Hubbard Fri & Sat Apr 22-23, 9-4pm

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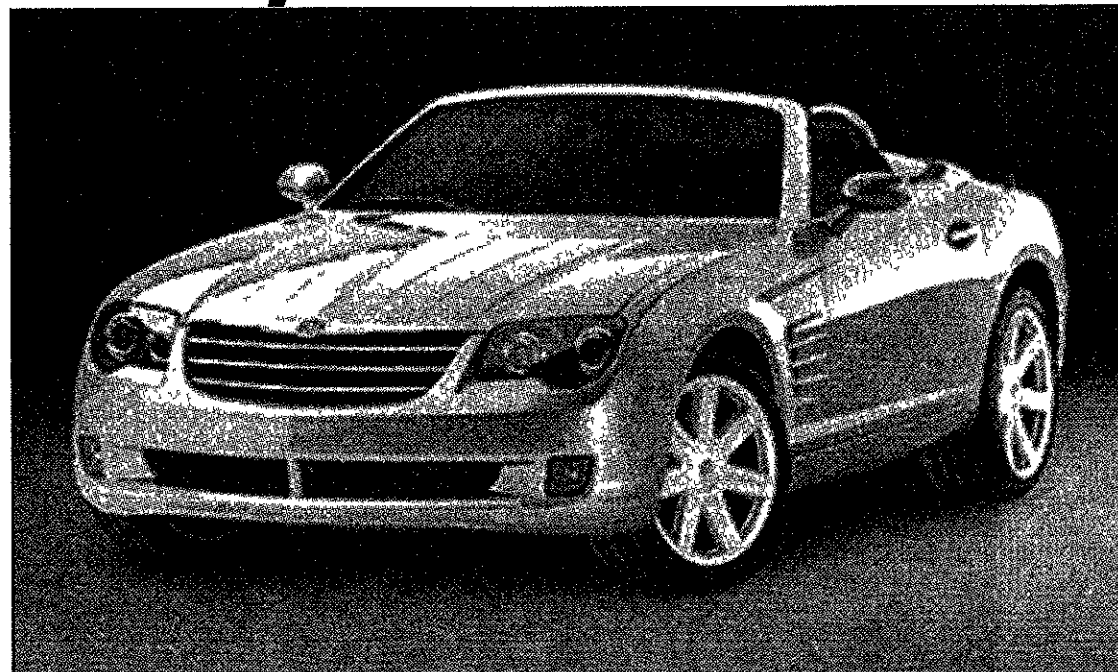
BY DALE BUSS

When you get right down to it, what are the two most important things about a car? I'm talking about factors beyond the obvious: that it gets us where we want to go and doesn't break down. Nearly every car, van, truck and SUV does that. Functionality is very important, of course, depending on what you're buying the vehicle for. And you could probably also argue, especially these days, that fuel economy should be right up there as a purchase criterion. But to you as a buyer, what things really differentiate a vehicle in your mind? What compels you to select one over another when they seem to match up on your checklist? I think it's how a car looks and how a car drives. Both of these arenas comprise emotional responses that ultimately decide how we feel about a vehicle, whether we're buying, leasing or just owning it.

And by those standards, I'd submit, the Chrysler Crossfire convertible is a nearly perfect automobile. You can't help but love its severely rounded design and its aggressive visual posture. And after spending a week driving a 2005 Crossfire Roadster in a variety of situations, I was really loathe to let this one go back to the media pool - I enjoyed driving it that much.

Yes, by the other practical measures of what's important in a vehicle, Crossfire may not measure up. At around \$35,000 retail for the version I drove, this two-seater can't be considered anything other than a toy, such are the limitations of its practicality. And at 17 miles a gallon in city driving and 25 on the highway, you can certainly find many other small vehicles that post better fuel economy.

But what car-driving experience could compare with tooling down I-75 on a late-weekday-evening drive back home from Metro Airport, with WNIC-FM blasting out oldies from Crossfire's primo sound sys-



The 2005 Chrysler Crossfire is very agile and quick in and out of corners.

tem, the cool wind practically tearing at the few remaining hairs on my head? And Crossfire blowing the doors off dawdlers (all traveling, ahem, well below the speed limit, mind you) and swallowing up the annoying surface irregularities of I-94 construction like some minor pebbles in the road. Like so much of what it is doing these days, Chrysler really got the design right with this vehicle. Other roadsters, notably the highly rounded Audi TT, have eye-catching designs as well. But there's something powerful about the coiled look of the Crossfire that signals firepower. Perhaps it's the way the roof swoops back and curls under the tail, a design cue that is reminiscent of one of those old pearl-handled revolvers that they used to use in duels. I also love the wide stance, which shouts stability and again separates it from competing coupes.

So much of the credit for the driveability of Crossfire goes to its German-engineered components, many of which it shares with the Mercedes-Benz SLK, including the V6 engine, multilink suspension, and steering. Crossfire's performance is magical, starting with its 215-horsepower engine that accelerates from 0 to 60 mph in 6.5 seconds. Its torquiness makes Crossfire fun off the line, and I'd argue that it has a

greater ability to throw you back in your seat than most of its competition, despite its relative lack of horsepower per se.

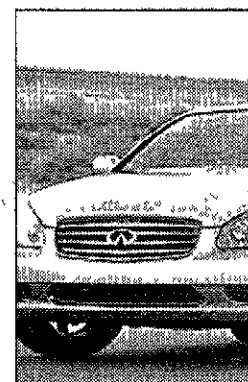
Handling-wise, too, the Germans got it just right: Crossfire is very agile and quick in and out of corners. Downshifting into, and then accelerating hard out of, corners are where you want power and handling, and that's where the wide-bodied Crossfire and its six-speed transmission demonstrate their mettle. I found the transmission initially a little bit balkier than in some other coupes in the lower gears, but nothing that I couldn't learn my way out of. Amenities include a boffo sound system and interior lighting (over the dashboard) that was extremely bright and thorough, which I appreciated when I needed it. But I couldn't find a cup holder, and I just don't like how Chrysler is designing many of its vehicles these days with the cruise control lever attached to and above left the steering-wheel column -- right in the way of the driver when he wants to use the turn signal just below. Again, you can learn your way around this, but you shouldn't have to.

All in all, however, if you want something that's great to look at and fun to drive, 2005 Crossfire Roadster is your car.

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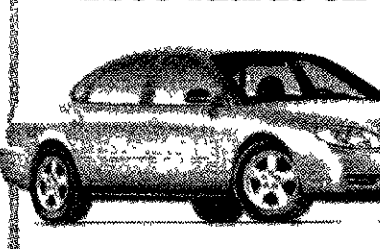


Take a look at these features... Preferred equipment package 664A, edge trim, MP3 CD/cassette, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, five-speed automatic overdrive transmission, P255 OWL all terrain tires, 4.10 ratio regular axle, 5140 GVWR, sliding rear window privacy glass, P235 all-season spare, power windows, power locks, remote keyless entry. [Stk #51321] WAS \$26,475

A-PLAN \$17,823^{30*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$174.16** per mo.	\$109.70** per mo.	
\$417.61 AMOUNT DUE	\$1939.28 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan



Take a look at these features... CFC-free air conditioning, 200hp restraints sys-pass a bag, dual pwr mirror, 3.0L 2V 6 cyl flex fuel eng auto O/D trans, P215/60R16 all season tire SE pref equip pkg 5 spk painted alum wheels, rear spoiler, pwr driver seat w/lumbar, 60/40 split/fold rear seat, AM/FM stereo, cass [Stk #53048] WAS \$22,775

A-PLAN \$13,119^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$197.89** per mo.	\$135.24** per mo.	
\$562.76 AMOUNT DUE	\$2086.35 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT



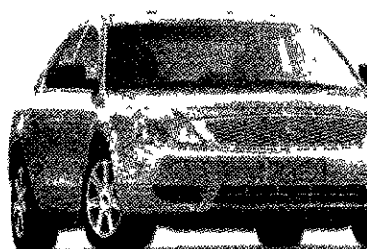
Take a look at these features... Cloth captain's preferred equipment pkg 507A 5.4L EFI V8 electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive 3.73 ratio limited slip axle 6950# GVWR package tow and go sliding rear window, premium 6-CD w/MP3, keyless entry key pad, deluxe mirrors, heated mirrors elec rear view mirror [Stk #50885] WAS \$30,395

A-PLAN \$19,913^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$211.60** per mo.	\$101.35** per mo.	
\$487.30 AMOUNT DUE	\$2020.43 AMOUNT DUE	

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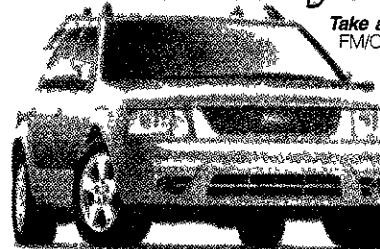


Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio, 17" x 7" 5 spoke aluminum with lug nuts fog lamps message center steering wheel audio controls Optional Equip 3.0L 4V duratec engine automatic transmission 6-speed P215/60R17 BSW tires traction control [Stock #52779] WAS \$25,045

A-PLAN \$20,556^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$285.95** per mo.	\$222.53** per mo.	
\$386.09 AMOUNT DUE	\$1908.88 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL

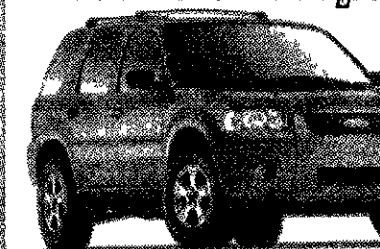


Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio, anti-lock brakes mess center 17x7 5-spk bright alum wheel, string wrl audio controls fog lamps Optional Equipment 3.0L 4V Duratec engine 6-speed automatic trans P215/65R17 BSW tires, 5.19 ratio regular axle 50/50 split seat trac control, 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row [Stk #52648] WAS \$27,165

A-PLAN \$22,449^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$264.33** per mo.	\$201.68** per mo.	
\$363.19 AMOUNT DUE	\$1886.78 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD



Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group, power driver's seat, speed control air conditioning Duratec 30-3.0L V-6 engine four speed automatic transmission and more [Stock #51873] WAS \$25,385

A-PLAN \$18,658^{58*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$243.68** per mo.	\$177.06** per mo.	
\$491.30 AMOUNT DUE	\$2010.68 AMOUNT DUE	

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2005 Explorer XLT Sport



Take a look at these features... Advance trac w/ RSC, convenience group, P245/65R17 A/T OWL tires 17" bright alum wheels tire press monitoring system 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine, 5-spd auto O/D trans, 3.73 ratio reg axle regl sport sun sound pkg, XLT sport sun sound pkg, power moonroof, audiophile AM/FM 6-CD in-dash, trailer tow pkg, cargo area cover, black roof rail w/cross bars [Stock #53142] WAS \$35,925

A-PLAN \$24,441^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$262.51** per mo.	\$198.05** per mo.	
\$671.26 AMOUNT DUE	\$2092.93 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Focus ZX4 SES 4 Door

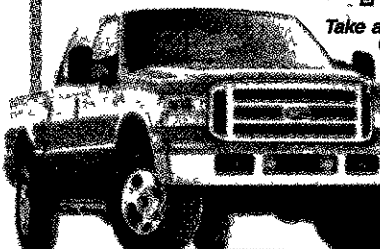


Take a look at these features... Integrated fog lamps, leather wrapped steering wheel, speed control, air conditioning 16 alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC eng, automatic trans axle, P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stk #51242] WAS \$17,790

A-PLAN \$12,754^{58*}

24 MONTH LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$226.92** per mo.	\$204.97** per mo.	
\$432.44 AMOUNT DUE	\$939.17 AMOUNT DUE	

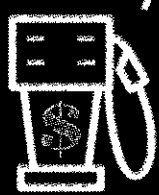
2005 F-250 Super Duty SE 4x4



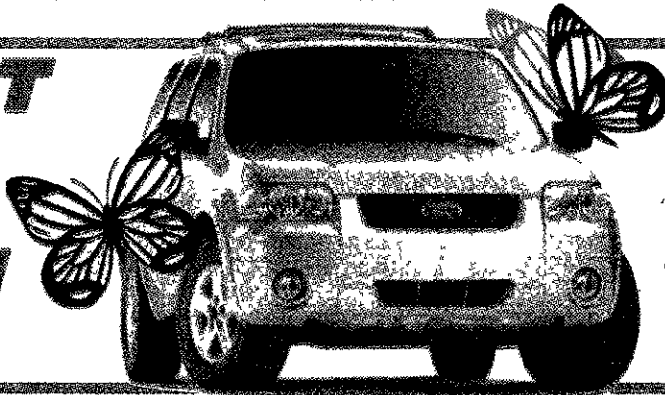
Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM CD/clock, Pref eqp pkg 607A, pass airbag, air, 5.4L EFI V8 eng, 5-spd auto, LT265/70R17E OWL A/T, 3.73 ratio 1m slip axle, XLT sport pkg, sliding rear windows, fog lamps, privacy glass, body-side moldings, 9200 GVWR pkg, trail hitch rec 12.5k forged alum whls elec shift-on-the-fly, FX4 pkg, prem elec AM/FM stereo/6-disc CD, & too much to list [Stock #50485] WAS \$37,530

A-PLAN \$26,922^{84*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$271.23** per mo.	\$204.15** per mo.	
\$550.50 AMOUNT DUE	\$2069.40 AMOUNT DUE	



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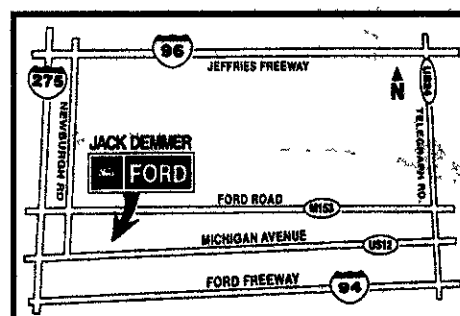


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