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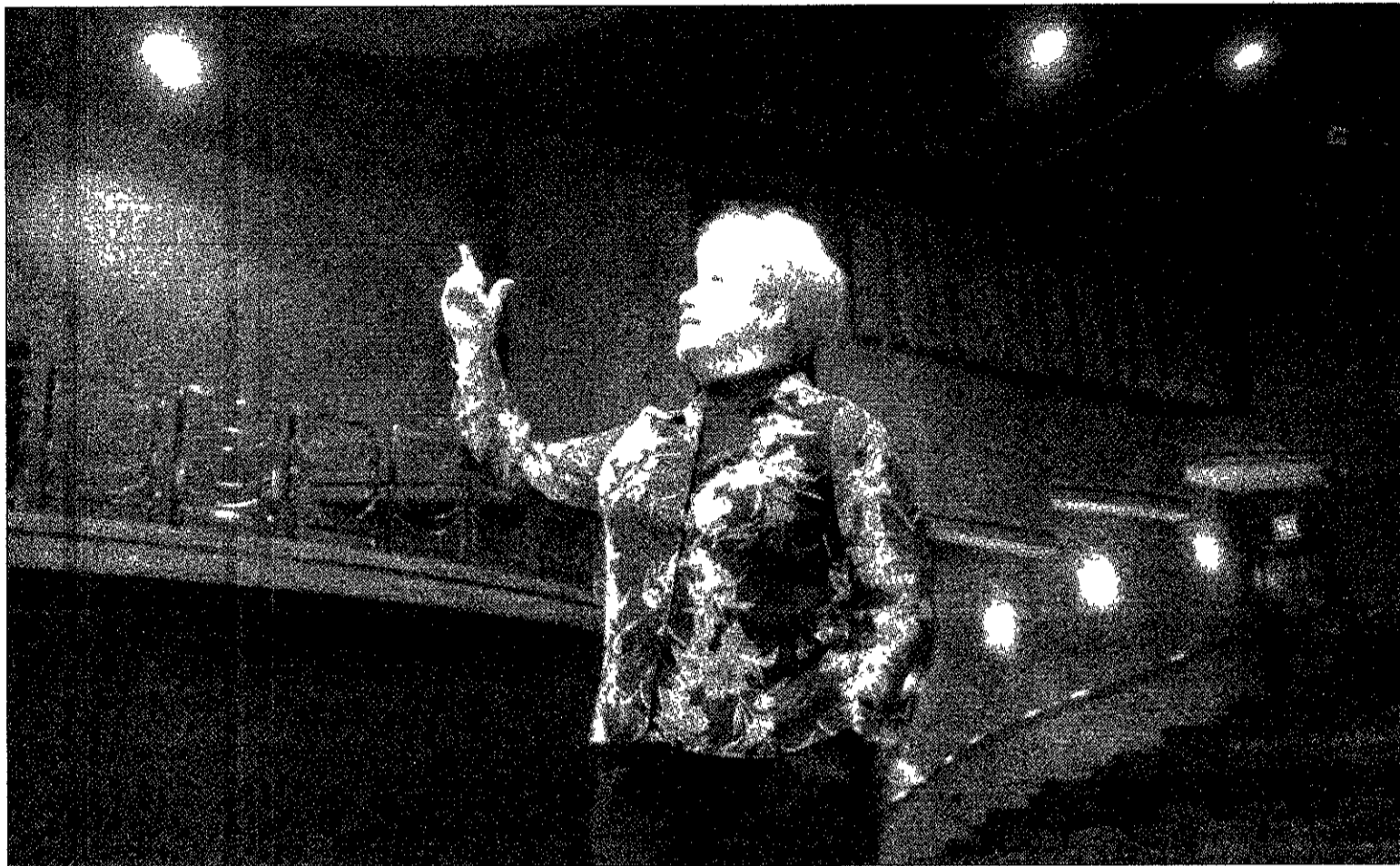
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Jennifer Tobin, director of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, reflects on the theater's first season, which ends in May.

Curtain call

Village Theater's successful first season drawing to a close

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

As the curtain comes down on the first season at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, its coordinator, Jennifer Tobin, walks quickly through its halls and back doors, and marvels at the mass of rope that operates the flies backstage.

"You know they say you can see the Renaissance Center from the roof," she said, looking up toward the top of the theater.

The theater's debut season has been everything Tobin had hoped, and then some. It's been better, more rewarding, more hectic, and more difficult than she had anticipated when she landed the job of running the 400-seat theater.

But it's been worth it, she says. "What really excites me is the number of local people who have put together bands and choirs and cut CDs just because we're here, and they want to use this venue," Tobin said. "These people lived

here all along - they were our neighbors and friends - and then you find out that you're living next door to a concert pianist or a Frank Sinatra impersonator. How cool is that?"

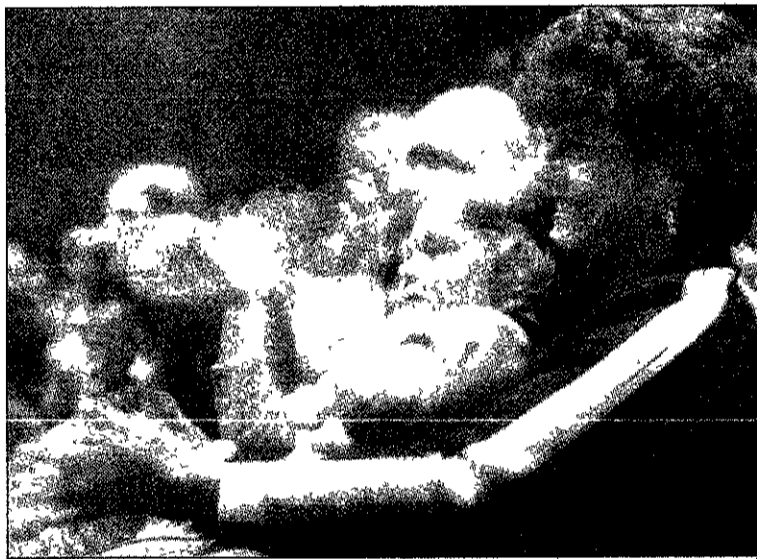
Jim Blough, director of the 60-piece Canton Concert Band, was one of those residents who was waiting for a venue such as the theater to open.

"It was kind of hand in hand," Blough said. "The township and I were looking to do kind of the same thing. They were looking for groups that would use the theater and I was happy to be involved."

It's been a match made in heaven thus far, according to Blough.

"It's a beautiful venue, a wonderful place to play and it's a very good place to rehearse. It suits us very, very well," he said.

The community band practices every Thursday in the theater's Biltmore studio. In addition to the



Jodi Kozloff and daughter Danielle, applaud the Grey Seal Puppets production of A Tangle of Tales, which played the theater in March.

"What really excites me is the number of local people who have put together bands and choirs and cut CDs just because we're here and they want to use this venue."

concert band, six smaller musical groups, including an 18-piece big band, have formed at the theater.

It's no accident that the new groups have flocked to the theater.

Tobin and the theater's board of directors have actively pursued artists and performers in hopes

PLEASE SEE THEATER, A4

Former aide pleads 'no contest' to sex with boy

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A 34-year-old Canton woman accused of having sex with a neighbor boy plead no contest to four counts of criminal sexual conduct Wednesday.

Susan Eble, a former teacher's aide at Fiegel Elementary in Plymouth Township, was charged in February with three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of

fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a 14-year-old Canton boy.

Judge James Chylinski of the 3rd Circuit Court at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit accepted the plea and set a May 16 sentencing date.

"There was no plea bargain," said Canton Police Det. Sgt. Rick



Eble

Pomorski. "She's not saying she's guilty or innocent, however the judge accepts it as an admission of guilt. Basically it means this can't be used against her in a civil trial."

The three counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct are felonies, punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and the fourth charge is a misdemeanor, which carries a possible two-year penalty.

According to police reports, the teen had pursued Eble before

she relented and engaged in intercourse and oral sex with the boy, who is a neighbor. Eble is a married mother of two.

Police originally questioned Eble after the boy's mother called police to report her suspicions of the relationship between her son and the neighbor. Eble had confessed to police that she had several sexual contacts with the teen. She was arrested Feb. 14.

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District lays off 9

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Teresa Weaver, wrapping up her first year in Plymouth-Canton Schools, said teaching third grade at Farrand Elementary has been a great experience.

"I love teaching third grade. The kids really love to come to school, they're eager to learn and they're a bit more mature by third grade," said Weaver, 25. "It's something new every day, influencing someone's life in so many ways and being a role model for kids."

However, for Weaver and eight of her Plymouth-Canton Schools colleagues, this year's experiences could result in the unemployment line after being given pink slips by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

"People told me to expect it as a new teacher," said Weaver. "I really like it at Farrand. The staff and families are great - it's been nothing but a positive experience - and, the principal (Ann Kuhn) has been very supportive. I'm trying to stay positive."

Considering the school district recorded an increase of 497 students this year and is planning for an influx of pupils next year, Superintendent Jim Ryan said the need for layoff notices was a bit of a surprise.

"It's interesting to lay off nine when you think you're going to add 23 because of enrollment, and who knows how many with the early severance incentive," said Ryan. "I just don't want to be overstaffed and not be able to place somebody."

Ryan said he's confident those given layoff notices will be back next year. Teachers with low seniority receiving pink slips include Tracy Stine, Central; Donna Pahl, Field; Lisa Seidel, Eriksson; Stacey Dixon, Bird; Jennifer Lipson, Discovery; Kristina Adams, West; Sergio Garcia, East; and Michael Sawchuk, Plymouth High School.

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Though at first glance, Sean Clark, 7, looks like any other little boy, he suffers from the very rare mitochondrial disease. His backpack contains a feeding pump, because he can't eat solid food.

Son's rare disease alters local couple's dream

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Like most couples, when Keith and Ann Clark married, they envisioned a wonderful life together, and a home filled with the sound of laughing children. The Canton couple had it all planned out - they were going to have two children together. And the dream seemed to be coming true when Ann learned she was pregnant not long after they took their vows.

But the dream evaporated shortly after she gave

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Volunteers needed

Christmas In Action is looking for volunteers to help with work on Saturday, April 30. There is a need for skilled labor - anyone with experience in electrical, plumbing, tree trimming and construction work. There is also a need for roofing and siding people, as well as carpenters.

Also unskilled workers are reminded to bring rakes, shovels, brooms and pails.

The group will be working on seven homes, including one that's in need of major repairs, and two in need of medium repairs. The rest need minor work.

Anyone wishing to join the fun of helping neighbors in our Canton community can call Pat Van Dusen, Canton Events Coordinator at (734) 394-5193. Registration for all volunteers is Saturday 7 to 8 a.m. at the Canton administration building, which is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Christmas In Action is a non-profit organization helping repair homes for low-income senior citizens living in the community.

Pom/dance tryouts

The Salem High School Rockette pom/dance team holds tryouts for 2005-06 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. during the week of May 16-21 in the Salem High School gym.

A mandatory parent-student meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in the Salem High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Salem High School general office.

Saberette events

The Plymouth Saberettes host

a Pompon Kids Clinic from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to girls ages 3 through the eighth grade.

Cost is \$35 to learn a pom routine with the Saberettes, receive a pom T-shirt and a snack. All participants will be invited to perform in the Saberette Variety Show May 6-7.

Register for the clinic from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 25, at the Plymouth High School Athletic Wing. For more information, call (734) 455-4318.

The Saberette Variety Show takes place at 7 p.m. May 6-7 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

Headed to China

Commercial Vehicle Group, Inc., which is based in New Albany, Ohio, announced that it has promoted Greg Wells to Managing Director of Asian Procurement.

Greg, son of Robert and Dolores Wells of Canton, will assume the responsibility for overseeing the outsourcing development in Shanghai, China.

In addition to 10 years of experience in purchasing with companies such as General Motors, PACCAR, the U.S. Government and CVG, Wells has previous experience in China with General Motors, establishing vehicle design, development and prototyping supply base. Wells will be based out of Shanghai for one to two years, and will provide outsourcing

support and guidance.

Commercial Vehicle Group is a leading supplier of interior systems, vision safety solutions and other cab-related products for the global commercial vehicle market, including the heavy-duty (Class 8) truck market, the construction market and other specialized transportation markets.

Walk with Jungle Java

On April 30, a team of Jungle Java walkers will hit the road on Hines Park Drive in Plymouth for the March of Dimes Walk America. This year's goal is to support the March of Dimes' fight against premature birth, what the organization calls a "Silent Crisis."

Jungle Java invites anyone who would like to walk at this year's event to meet at the store at Hanford and Canton Center Roads in Canton at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday. To join the team beforehand, call (734) 927-6680, or just show up in time for a quick cup of coffee. All walkers on the Jungle Java team will receive free Jungle Java shirts.

Color Guard tryouts

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. on May 2-5 and May 9. Auditions will be held Tuesday, May 10, at the same location and time.

All current P-CEP students as well as incoming freshmen are invited to participate. Contact Jennifer Leseth at pcmb-guard@aol.com or (734) 582-5666 for more information.

Registration glitch repaired

Following several reports of problems with online registration for Spring/Summer recreation programs and classes, Canton Leisure Services is happy to report that Active.com has corrected the "glitch".

Active.com is the service provider that makes online registration for programs and classes possible. Online registration is

up and running without difficulty.

Should you have any questions, concerns or wish to confirm your registration please contact The Summit at (734) 394-5460.

International meal

Students of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's culinary arts program will present an international dinner for the public at 6 p.m. on May 5. The meal will be served strolling buffet style, and held in the Salem High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. The students will prepare foods from Japan, China, Thailand, Greece, Poland, Germany, Italy, the Caribbean and Mexico.

For more information, call (734) 416-2865.

LaJoy office hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will hold district office hours from 3:30-5 p.m. on May 9 at Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road. Local residents are invited to meet with LaJoy to discuss state government concerns or issues. No appointment is necessary.

Reduce stress

The kids, the spouse, the in-laws, work, bills, and deadlines can all cause stress. Learn to take control, by attending Learn to...Reduce Stress, a special presentation at the Canton Public Library on Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

You may register in person at the library or by calling (734) 397-0999. Canton chiropractor Brian Brackney, D.C. discusses the seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress. Brackney will also teach "Trigger Point Therapy," a natural method of relieving tight, sore muscles, headaches, back pain and stiffness. Participants will have an opportunity to practice these tension-reducing techniques.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Business owners honored

Mike and Rachel McCormack, the CEO and CFO of the Canton-based MicroMax, Inc., have been jointly selected by the

U.S. Small Business Administration as the 2005 Michigan Small Business Persons of the Year.

The award recognizes owners of businesses that have made a positive impact on the job market through growth in number of employees and increased sales, have responded well to adversity, have demonstrated innovation in their products or services, and have made an impact in their communities.

The McCormacks will travel to Washington, D.C., to mark the annual celebration of National Small Business Week during the U.S. Small Business Administration's national small business conference, SBA Expo '05, and to compete against all the SBA state winners for the National Small Business Person of the Year award.

The McCormacks will also be honored at the inaugural "Michigan Celebrates Small Business" awards (www.michigancelebrates.biz) event on April 28 in East Lansing.

"As immigrants to this country, we are both proud and extremely humbled to have been selected as Michigan's Small Business Persons of the Year," said Rachel McCormack.

MicroMax, Inc. was incorporated in 1997. It offers software development and testing services, including development of real-time systems, and information technology training, staffing, and recruiting services. The company specializes in the development and testing of embedded automotive applications. For additional information on MicroMax and the services that it offers, visit the company's Web site at www.mrmx.com or call (734) 354-0400.

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 Boren).

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.

Youth orchestra auditions

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

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

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

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

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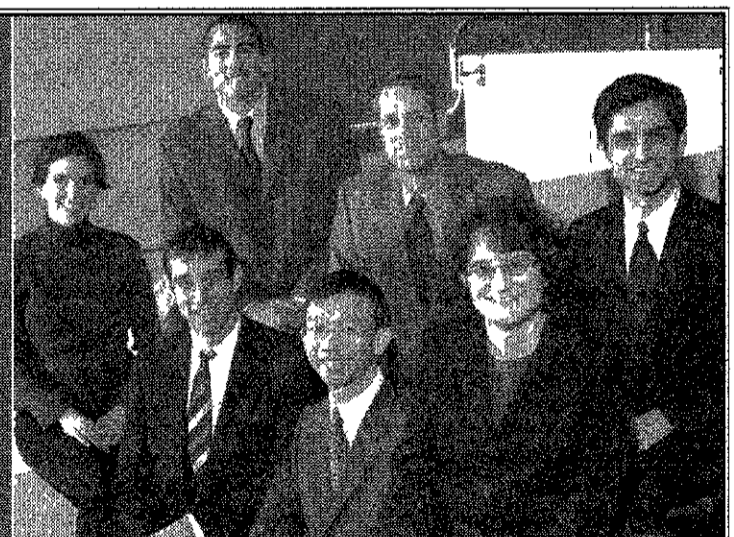
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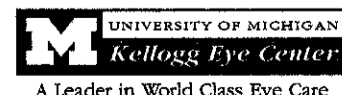
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Caccamo says his First Amendment rights are being squashed by new rule

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



Caccamo

After two hours of debate over rules and procedures, and after voices were raised on issues ranging from patriotism, the evil nature of mankind and the First Amendment, the flat panel projection monitor lit up bright yellow. Pictures of three monkeys — "See no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil" — stared out from the screen into the Canton Township Board of Trustees chambers. At the bottom of the screen was Trustee Todd Caccamo's name in bold green.

The debate started in part over the unexpected display of paper and electronic materials by trustees. Depending on who is asked, imposing a deadline to submit such materials either increases the board's efficiency or squashes First Amendment rights.

When the Canton Township Board of Trustees moved into its new board room, with its large flat panel video screens, the new technology opened the door for potential abuses, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Shortly after that, Todd Caccamo projected images related to agenda and non-agenda items on the screen," Yack said.

Often, the materials Caccamo posted had not been reviewed by the rest of the board, and trustees told Yack they felt it was inappropriate for one board member to spring such information on them.

Yack suggested that the same deadlines imposed on department directors should also apply to board members.

The Canton administration

provides the board with information in a timely manner," he said. "In my opinion that applies to board members as well."

He added that board members who are interested in meaningful discussion of issues would want their colleagues to have thorough information as early as possible.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said it's difficult to engage in discussion on issues when she's trying to read new material, which has been posted on the screen. She said it's much better for her to have some time to read materials then "take some time to let it percolate through the system."

The new board bylaws require agenda items to be requested by no later than the Wednesday prior to the board meeting, and supplemental materials and non-agenda items will be shared, as a professional courtesy, via e-mail as late as the Monday before.

But Caccamo insisted the deadline could be in violation of his First Amendment rights.

"This just smacks of First Amendment issues," he said, adding that because he's a military veteran he's perhaps more sensitive to the possible infringement.

Even more troublesome to Caccamo was the designation of regular weekly meetings, instead of two monthly regular meetings and two monthly study meetings. However, Township Clerk Terry Bennett explained that under the Open Meetings Act, all meetings except special meetings and

closed session meetings are considered regular meetings.

"The act does not recognize study meetings," she said, adding that the board can conduct regular meetings and vote at any meeting, as long as it's specified on the agenda. Study meetings require the same posting and treatment as regular meetings, she added.

But breaking with tradition will require citizens interested in participating in meetings to attend twice as often, Caccamo argued, and added that the study meetings are not televised like regular meetings.

"Now, in order for the citizens to be the watchdogs of the elected officials, they have to attend twice as often," he said. "That could dilute participation."

Caccamo said the change could open the door for abuse, allowing the board or future boards to slip issues past the public.

"I take that as a mild insult," Trustee Todd LaJoy said. "That says to me you don't really know us well."

McLaughlin added that there is no way to ensure that future board members won't behave badly, but in the meantime the bylaws are the rules the sitting board chooses to follow. Caccamo suggested tabling the bylaws to a future study meeting, but the item had already been tabled in March, there had been hours of discussion, and the rest of the board was ready to take a vote.

Caccamo was the dissenting vote on rules which designated all meetings as regular meetings, a rule which deals with pulling items from the consent calendar and a rule dealing with appointments to advisory boards and committees.

Lang and Benjamin Wielechowski. Plymouth students included Kathleen Nicastri, Conner James Hill, Russell P. Markwood, Andrew McCully and Sarah Slawski.

ON CAMPUS

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Northern Michigan University announced the Dean's List for the fall 2004

semester, and the list included three students from Canton and five from Plymouth, all qualifying with grade-point averages of 3.25-3.99. The Canton students were Joe D. Kowal, Nicole F.

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COP CALLS

KICKING THE HABIT

Two Canton girls were ticketed after a police officer caught one of them smoking a cigarette.

According to police reports, the officer saw two girls walking on Sheldon Road near Ford on April 23.

The officer saw one of the girls take a drag on a cigarette, but when she walked past him, she cupped her hand to hide the cigarette.

The officer stopped her to ask her for identification, but she said she didn't have one. The officer told her to get into the patrol car because he was going to write her a ticket.

The girl began crying hysterically, according to the officer. She repeatedly told him, "I didn't do anything. I don't have anything."

The officer asked her to open her purse, and when she did, he saw two packs of cigarettes in her bag - one plain, one menthol.

The officer called both girls' parents, and told the parents the girls were on their way home. They were ticketed for minor in possession of tobacco.

BAD BIRTHDAY

Canton police arrested a man for drunken driving, just one day after his 21st birthday.

According to police reports, a driver called police at 4:20 a.m. April 24, to report an erratic driver on Michigan Avenue.

The caller told police he saw the driver speeding on Michigan Avenue. He said the speeding car cut in front of him, slid on wet pavement and began to slide. It spun in circles before striking a fire hydrant, then stopped in a ditch.

The witness called 911.

When officers arrived, the driver smelled like liquor and was having a hard time standing. He told police he had finished a fifth of vodka and had taken 13 Vicodin.

A blood alcohol test registered .18 blood alcohol level. The driver was taken to Annapolis Hospital, the was

arrested for drunken driving. He had a prior drunken driving conviction earlier this year.

CIGARETTES TARGETED

Canton police were called to the scene of a breaking and entering. According to police reports, an employee at the Country Deli, 7341 Lilley, called police on April 23 when he opened the store and discovered someone had smashed out the front window at the store.

The culprit made off with \$500 worth of cigarettes, \$50 worth of lighters and \$60 worth of liquor.

SHOPLIFTING

Canton police arrested a 22-year-old Canton man, citing him for shoplifting and obstruction of justice, following an apparent shoplifting incident at Wal-Mart Monday.

According to police reports, officers were called to the store at 39500 Ford Road, at 6:30 p.m. April 25. A store security agent told police he watched the man hide seven DVD movies and two computer game disks inside his clothing.

The agent told police he walked past the cashier without paying for the items. He was taken to the store office and after his arrest by Canton police he was charged with retail fraud. He was released on bond, and the games and movies were returned to Wal-Mart.

PHOTO EVIDENCE

A Canton woman called police after she said she took photos of a neighbor boy who she believes had been smoking marijuana while standing on his porch.

The woman told police on April 25 that on several occasions she's seen the 16-year-old outside, smoking what she believed to be marijuana with his friends.

She took pictures with a digital camera of the boy smoking from a "bong" style marijuana pipe.

Police talked to the boy and a K-9 officer searched the home

but found nothing.

IN THE PINK

A Canton man called police after someone apparently shot paint balls at his house Sunday night.

The man said the paint on his house on Brunswick Drive was pink, and it's estimated that there was \$200 worth of damage done to the house. He said he would try to wash off the paint.

TRUCK TAKEN

A Canton man called police to his home on West Village Green after his truck was missing from the driveway the morning of April 25.

He said he parked his 2001 Chevrolet Suburban, valued at \$26,000, the night before but at 9:30 a.m. the truck was missing.

FOUND WALLET

A good Samaritan who found a wallet at a Canton drug store accidentally gave it to the wrong man.

According to police reports, an 81-year-old Westland man was shopping at the CVS at 1791 S. Haggerty on April 24. He left his wallet there, and when he discovered it was missing, he returned to the store.

A cashier said there was a woman behind him in line, and when she saw the wallet on the counter, she picked it up and asked if it belonged to anyone. A man standing nearby said that it was his, and she gave it to him.

The wallet contained \$60 in cash, credit cards, and the owner's drivers license.

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Village Theater: Seeds were planted a decade ago

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill was a decade in the making and, as its first season comes to a close, the time spent on its construction has proven to pay off.

About 10 years ago, Canton leaders asked some 50 to 60 artists and musicians from Canton and surrounding communities to get together and discuss culture in the area and

how to advance cultural events, according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"That was when the idea of a theater first came up as a possibility," Yack said.

The idea was kicked around, and several locations were examined, including property on Ford Road and a parcel near the high schools in Canton, before its eventual site in Cherry Hill Village was discussed.

From there, a five-year process of feasibility studies and discussions about the future theater's features and services began.

The township hired a firm to study if there was capacity to raise enough money to construct a theater. After that, Canton hired Plante & Moran

to do an operations plan on what it would cost to construct and run facilities of different sizes.

"Finally we brought in a theatrical consultant who put together a floor plan based on discussions with various user groups, and she was also tasked with deciding where the building would go," Yack said.

The actual building does not vary much from the consultant's recommendations, he added. The rooms are the same size she recommended and she favored the Cherry Hill Village site.

At the same time, Cherry Hill Village plans were being finalized, and the theater was a focal point of the area.

"It was in the final phase of planning Cherry Hill Village

and the theater that the two came together," recalled township trustee Melissa McLaughlin, also a planning commissioner. "We knew we'd be putting a variety of commercial down there and the thinking has been that the theater would lend a sort of ambiance to the village, so we'd see restaurants and ice cream shops going in, so people would make an entire evening of going to the theater."

Canton then created a nonprofit organization, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which raised money and acted as an advisory group during the planning and construction process.

"Along the way we discovered we didn't need a partnership or nonprofit. The thinking

at the time was that donors would be more comfortable giving to a nonprofit than they would giving to government, but that wasn't the case at all," Yack said.

Through the group, the township has raised about \$7.5 million in the form of pledges, which has footed part of the \$11.5 million in construction costs and will subsidize operations. Canton was also able to solicit \$1 million donations from both Dick Lewiston and Biltmore, two Cherry Hill Village developers.

About 18 months ago, the township established a cultural commission, which did a strategic plan, not only for the theater, but for a variety of cultural activities in Canton.

Canton broke ground on the theater in the spring of 2002,

and the theater opened in September 2004. The debut season has been exactly what the theater's planners had hoped for.

"The first year is really about testing out some ideas and seeing how the community reacts," Yack said. The partnership had provided \$200,000 as seed money to try things they wouldn't normally try, such as bringing in national acts such as the Shirelles in January and Grey Seal Puppets in March.

But it's the local acts that really draw the crowds, Yack said.

"We really want to remain community based. That was the vision, and that's what I see happening in the theater's future," he said.

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they would do just that.

FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

They have also formed a partnership with the schools, by opening up the theater for school use, and have even offered the schools a deal in which they can keep half of the \$5 admission price, when they hold performances at the theater.

"It works out well for everyone. We get enough to open the doors and we get people down here that normally wouldn't come. And the schools get money like they would for a fund-raiser. Sometimes that's \$800 or \$1,000 if they fill all the seats," Tobin said.

And it's the community groups

and school performances that have drawn more attendance than any professional group the theater has booked in the last year, Tobin said.

Two choirs – an adult choir and children's chorus – have formed in order to use the theater. A 60-piece community band formed too. A youth orchestra, children's theater groups and the Spotlight Players have formed and have occupied the theater's stage. In total, some 4,000 visitors per month have come to the theater during its first year.

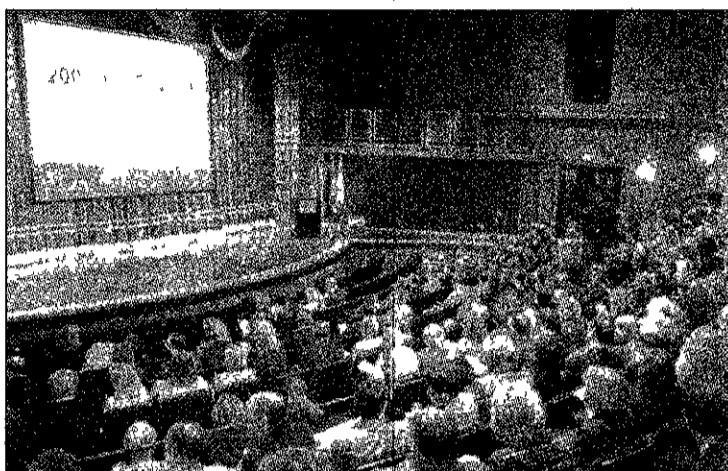
"We have learned that people love seeing local performers. They love seeing their kids on stage, and they love seeing their neighbors perform. But they also love having professional theater groups and musicians come to the community," Tobin said.

A COMMUNITY THEATER

That was the idea behind having a small community theater, just large enough to allow performing groups to bring in enough ticket revenue to support themselves, but not so large that there is pressure to fill 900 or more seats for every performance, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"My guess is that over time we may have another youth theater group and more adult groups form, but it will be mainly community theater and not a venue that brings in national performers," Yack said. "You want to go see people you know in the audience, but also you like to see people you know on the stage. That to me is the measure of success."

In addition to the performing



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Village Theater has hosted all types of events, including Tom Yack's State of the Township address in March, which attracted a full house.

arts, the theater has drawn the work of painters and sculptors, and every month the Village Theater has displays by local artists and shows by the Three Cities Art Club.

The theater has done well for its first year, but it's done so with financial and physical support from the township. The leisure services had done a good job of incorporating the arts in existing events such as Liberty Fest, Tobin said, so there was already a population ready for the arts to come to Canton.

Further, the township established the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which serves as a funding and planning arm of the theater.

"We're on a three-year process of audience development, and

we're supported and nurtured financially, so we're not freaked out about filling every seat every time," Tobin said.

It's an arrangement that was at least 10 years in the making.

"Canton leaders said that we want this community to be known for its arts and culture, and that was a very cool thing they did," Tobin said.

Tobin admits she wondered if the theater would do as well as it has during its first year, particularly as the region continues to struggle economically, but then she remembers something she's always known: "The arts will always survive. They have to. It's part of who we are as human beings."

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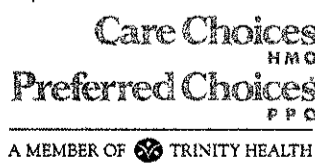
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Local students pen winning essays, earn scholarships

BY RUSS HAMMOND
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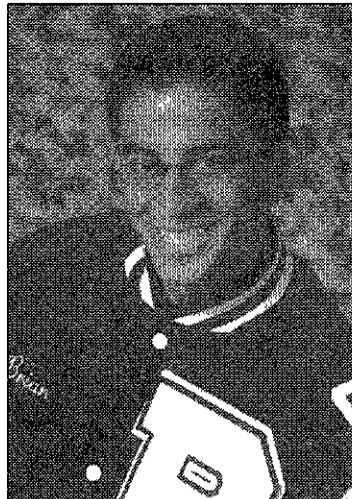
Two Canton students, Lauren Frawley and Brian Rumao, have been selected as the Canton Exchange Club's Students of the Year for 2005.

Both are high school seniors - Frawley at Canton High School and Rumao at Salem High School. They both were awarded \$1,000 for their 200 word essay, "A New Spirit in a Changing America." They were presented with plaques and checks at an awards ceremony at the Roman Forum in Canton last week.

Each year, the Exchange Club sponsors a scholarship contest, with local winners receiving \$1,000, state winners \$1,000 and national winners \$10,000. Frawley and Rumao will now compete with other winners from Michigan. If they win at the state level, they will be eligible to win the national scholarship.

"We had six students enter the scholarship competition," said Cheryl Hammond, Canton Exchange Club member. "Both winners have an excellent chance of winning the state scholarship."

She noted that above average academic achievement and community involvement were



Rumao

also taken into account when awarding the scholarships.

Hammond added that in the past, they have awarded only one scholarship per year, but this year the group decided to give out two, because fund raising efforts brought in more money than expected.

Although a stellar academic record and outstanding community service were paramount in winning the award, the essay was the heart of the scholarship competition.

"At first I thought the essay topic was very vague," said Frawley, who has a 4.0 grade point average at school. "I



Frawley

needed to figure out what the spirit of America was all about."

Frawley said she was so excited about the possibility of winning the scholarship, she wrote it the night she found out about it from her high school counselor.

"I read it to everyone I know," said Frawley, who will attend the University of Michigan to study nursing administration this fall. "I was shocked when I found out that I had won."

The Exchange Club also took into account Frawley's out-of-class endeavors. She is the recipient of the Westland Ice

Arena Community Service Award for her 25 hours of working at the ice arena. She also volunteered in the Special Olympics, Canton Summit Winter sports camp, Vista Maria shelter for girls, Relay for Life and Meals on Wheels. She is also in Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a McDonald's employee of the month and year.

Rumao is also headed to the University of Michigan this fall, where he will study electrical engineering.

"I wrote the essay one week before it was due," said Rumao, who is the top academic student in his graduating class. "The thoughts in the essay came from my heart."

This isn't the first essay contest that Rumao has won. He also was the Observer and Eccentric grand prize essay winner during national literacy month.

He is also a long-jumper on the track team at Salem, and is co-captain. He has volunteered at the Canton Library and is on the teen advisory board. In addition, he is a member of the St. Thomas A'Becket parish council and has stood in the rain and snow ringing a bell for the Salvation Army during the holiday season.

Winning essayists express pride in America

Canton senior Lauren Frawley and Salem senior Brian Rumao each earned \$1,000 scholarships through the Canton Exchange Club. Both are exemplary students, and have excellent academic records.

The Exchange Club chose them for the scholarships based on essays they wrote about the topic, "A New Spirit in a Changing America."

The following are excerpts from their winning essays.

Frawley: "The diverse people that call themselves Americans come from a wide variety of rich and interesting backgrounds. In fact, probably the most spectacular aspect of our nation's dynamics is that we all come from diverse backgrounds. Being an Italian-American, I feel that I have a deep understanding of the way in which we are all profoundly influenced by the various backgrounds and cultures that make up our family ancestry. As a nation, we have faced tremendous adversity in accepting and overcoming our differences. We have fought through devastating wars, unjust segregation, unequal rights under the law, stereotypes, and discrimination, and I truly feel that we can be proud of the obstacles we have overcome..."


The spirit of America that has kept us strong through the trials and tribulations of the world changing around us is the unity of our diverse population. The citizens of America come from a variety of races, religions, and ethnicities. We are strong because we are different. Each citizen has a different background, and thus has something equally unique and different to offer. These differences, and the tolerance and acceptance we have of them, create the spirit of our nation, our states, and our local communities. Our spirit is strong, and I have faith that it

will carry us through whatever changes or challenges our country may face."

Rumao: "After the events of September 11, 2001, our country, as well as the rest of the world, stood on guard. We hesitated to live our normal lives in fear of terrorism. New laws and acts put restrictions on the very freedoms that make this country unique. The events of 9/11 changed the way we act, and it still has had an effect on us to this day. We are always on guard, but that's not necessarily a bad thing, either.

Despite every new law, threat, or act of terrorism, the people of America continue living. We know that this new age will bring on different consequences, but we have a new spirit in the 21st century. We are optimistic and hopeful for the future. The war in Iraq continues, but the end is near. We will have produced a democracy in an area where no one thought possible. Our country is changing the lives of people across the globe, allowing them to experience the democracy which some citizens take for granted. I believe that this country must rise against its enemies and prove to the world that the United States of America won't go down without a fight. I hope my fellow patriots agree with me, because it is our decision and privilege to support our country..."

When we look around, we certainly see a different landscape of thoughts and cultures. Our resolve for creating a better world has never been stronger. The United States realizes its place on Earth, that is, to make the world experience the benefits of democracy and free will. The media may portray negative events, but they are only showing half of the story. In reality, we are becoming stronger and more united, and our beautiful flag has never waved more proudly."



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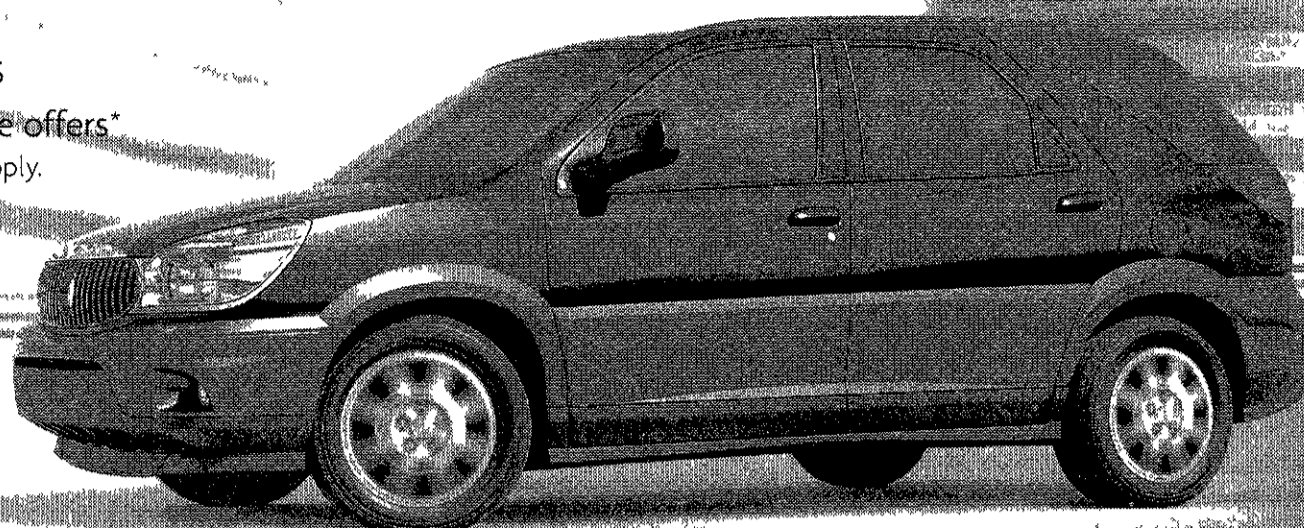
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SON

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birth to a son.

Unfortunately, both Keith and Ann share the same recessive gene, which coupled together led to major physical abnormalities in their son, Sean, who suffers from a genetic disorder called mitochondrial disease. Mitochondria are the "power plants" inside of living cells. If they don't work properly, the body doesn't get the energy it needs. Ann Clark likes to use an analogy when describing how the disease affects her son.

"It's like an eight-cylinder car running on only two cylinders," she said.

The disease can affect any organ in the body, or many at the same time, which has been the case with Sean, according to his parents. In addition to being born deaf, Sean had major respiratory and kidney problems, and doctors told the devastated couple that their son probably wouldn't survive. That was seven years ago.

Today, Sean, 7, seems like a normal child. He likes to watch cartoons, play on the swings, and go camping with his parents. He attends school at Roosevelt-McGrath in Wayne-Westland, which has a special program geared toward children like Sean. But in reality, Sean has never known what most people call normalcy.

In fact, the only 'normal' part of his life has been the trips to the hospital or visits to a doctor.

"He's sick so much of the time. He's spent so much time in the hospital, at least two months a year," Ann Clark said. "We went down to Florida for vacation not long ago, and he ended up spending the whole time in the hospital. We always have to prepare in advance, so we know there are hospitals

wherever we go."

Because of kidney problems, Sean doesn't eat solid food, and always wears a backpack that replenishes his system 24 hours a day. The list of problems goes on and on, but the Clarks consider themselves lucky that Sean has lived this long. About half the children born with mitochondrial disease die in their first year of life. Most of the rest die before they are teens, a fact the Clarks know all too well. It is a very rare disease, though about 4,000 children are born with it each year.

"It's a complex illness. They're only beginning to understand what the mito-

chondria does, so they are just starting to learn about the disease. But they are learning more all the time," said Keith Clark.

In addition to the emotional duress, Sean's condition has also been a hefty financial burden on the couple. They estimate it costs them about \$10,000 each year to treat him, and it doesn't help that Ann had to give up her career to care for Sean full time.

Today, Ann spends as much time as she can involved with a support group for families impacted by mitochondrial disease. She is trying to raise awareness about the disease, and is selling Energy for Life Bands for a \$3 donation. All

proceeds from the bands will go to help the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. She knows firsthand how devastating the disease can be on a family.

"It has totally affected my outlook on life. You don't even think of life as you did before. You appreciate the little things in life. That might sound silly, but it's absolutely true," she said.

For more information about mitochondrial disease, visit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation's Web site at www.umdf.org. To inquire about the bands or the support group, e-mail Ann Clark at clarkak@tir.com.

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Sean is seen here with his parents, Keith and Ann Clark, who share the same recessive gene, which led to their son's rare disorder.

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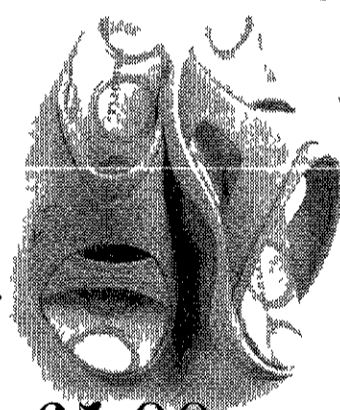
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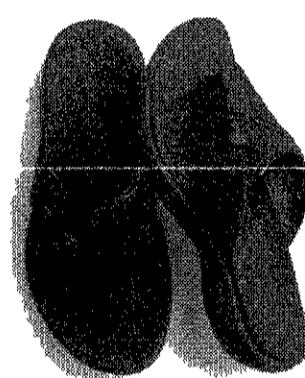
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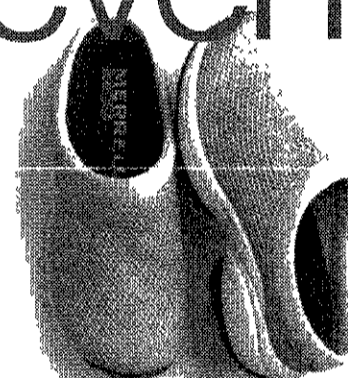
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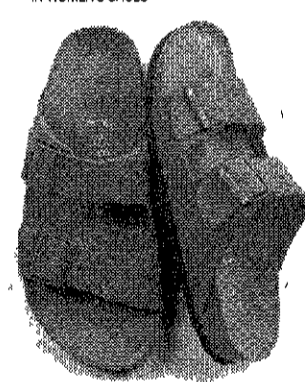
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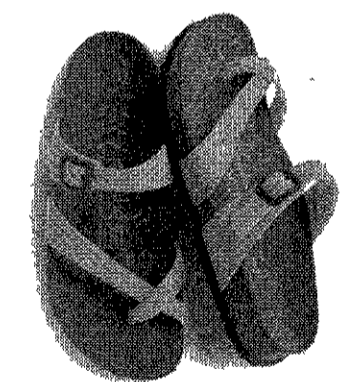
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Waltonwood community honors volunteers Interact team qualifies for Globals

Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a Canton senior retirement community, hosted a volunteer appreciation event on Sunday to celebrate a number of youth volunteers from Canton and Plymouth. The high school and middle school students volunteered their time at Waltonwood Cherry Hill during the course of this school year. The students helped Waltonwood residents with various activities such as calling bingo for the seniors, hosting game show night and raking crafts.

Many of the students volunteered as a requirement for school. However, after completing their requirements, many of them continued volunteering at Waltonwood because they had formed a bond with the residents.

More than 20 volunteers and their families attended the event on Sunday. Also in attendance were the residents of Waltonwood Cherry Hill. In addition, Pat Van Dusen, Canton's volunteer events coordinator, was also recognized



These high school and middle school students from Canton and Plymouth were honored Sunday for volunteering at Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a Canton senior retirement community.

for all the work she does for the community. "These volunteers came in to provide a service earning community service hours. But what they may not realize is that they accomplished a lot more than that. They touched the lives and hearts of our resi-

dents," said Wendy Rowland, administrator at Waltonwood Cherry Hill. In addition to 144 one and two bedrooms units, Waltonwood Cherry Hill recently opened a licensed assisted living and memory care community located at 42600 Cherry Hill in Canton.

It takes a strong first- or second-place effort for teams competing in the Destination Imagination competition to reach the competition's highest heights — the Globals.

The Plymouth Canton Interact team did exactly that, finishing second during the state finals held earlier this month at Central Michigan University. The West Middle School team finished fourth.

Destination Imagination is a non-profit organization that helps students develop unique and critical skills for everyday living. Creativity, problem solving and teamwork are achieved through the process of solving a long-term problem as well as preparing for a spontaneous hands-on problem presented to the team during the competition.

More than 300 teams took part in Destination Imagination, an extension of the students' school curriculum which uses multiple



Plymouth Canton Interact team members Meagan Bartlett and Dan Bowden from Salem High School, Kevin Burdette, Kari Lewis and Andrea Burdette from Canton High School, West Middle Schooler Kyle Burdette and Hannah Bartlett of Central Middle School competed in the state finals of the Destination Imagination competition at Central Michigan University.

intelligence strategies to reach and teach to all learning styles. According to team mom Roberta Burdette, the seven-member team is responsible for the solution to the problem the team decides to work with through brainstorming, collaboration and teamwork. The Destination

Imagination Global competition, scheduled for May 25-28 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., will feature teams from all 50 states, plus 20 other countries. It's the second straight year a team from Plymouth-Canton schools has qualified for Globals.

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B
Helen Sophia Butler, of Clarkston, died April 22.

F
Blanche (Cullen) Flaherty, 99, died April 10.

H
Joy L. Hargreaves (Livecchi), 46, of Commerce, formerly of Rochester, died April 21.

J
Lawrence A. Johnson, 100, died April 24.

K
William C. Knudson, 87, of Rochester Hills, died April 22.

M
Ann McCubbrey, 98, of Canton, died April 20.
Duncan McPherson, 78, died April 25.

R
Mary Helen Riddle, 79, died April 22.

S
Linda Catherine Schmittroth, 55, of Southfield, died April 24.

V
Marvin H. Voight, 78, of Lathrup Village, died April 21.

FOR THE RECORD appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports in *Passages* on page C15.

MILITARY NEWS

U.S. Marines

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Sarah B. Pezzat, sister of Daniel Simon Pezzat of Plymouth, and the Marines of 2nd Force Service Support Group (Forward) recently assumed operational control of Marine Corps Logistics forces, while stationed at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq.

Pezzat's unit deployed from Camp Lejeune, N.C., in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and provides logistical support including supplies, maintenance, transportation, landing support and health services for II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

The 4,000 Marines and Sailors primary mission is to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq, and develop a safe and representative Iraq that will contribute to the defeat of the global threat of terrorism.

Pezzat is a 1998 graduate of West Bloomfield High School of West Bloomfield, and joined the Marine Corps in January 1998. She is a 2002 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. with a bachelor's degree.

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New programs, sites swell Madonna's ranks

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Enrollment at Michigan's public universities has declined in recent years, but that has not been the case at Madonna University.

Fueled by new academic and athletic programs, the addition of two off-campus sites and a growing number of daytime students, the Livonia-based Catholic university has seen an 18 percent boost in enrollment over the past two years. This year's student count of 4,600 is an all-

time high in the institution's 58-year history.

"In the 1970s and '80s, we were focused on the student learners so we directed a lot of our schedules and energies toward evening classes for our students after work," said Ernie Nolan, Madonna's vice president for academic administration.

"Now, we've expanded some programs which are attracting more of the traditional college students from age 18-22," he added. "Over the past four or five years, we've seen this number of our traditional stu-

dents grow after they were at a plateau for a long time."

A decade ago, two-thirds of Madonna's students were professional learners who typically took evening courses. However, the university started to see enrollment declines in the mid-1990s, leading administrators to try new marketing strategies.

"We've grown some markets with the help of the Internet and recruiting through the community colleges," said Frank Hribar, vice president for planning and enrollment management, who added that

68 percent of Madonna's students transfer from community colleges.

"We work aggressively with Schoolcraft, Oakland County, Wayne County and Henry Ford community colleges, to name a few," Hribar said.

Madonna also opened an off-campus facility in Southgate in 2001 and took over St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake in 2003.

Hribar said those moves helped the university's growth and boosted student enrollment to the point where the ratio of professional students

to traditional students is about even.

LOCAL ALTERNATIVE

Madonna has also benefited from metro Detroit students who choose to commute to Madonna as an economic alternative to going away to outstate universities. Some 80 percent of the school's students are from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

"We've done a good job of providing comprehensive programs and balancing our limited resources so we can minimize tuition costs for our students," said Hribar, who added that Madonna's average annual tuition cost of \$9,700 a year (\$320 per semester hour) is the lowest rate among Michigan's private schools.

"A lot of the state universities have struggled with this balance in recent years, but we've had experience doing it for a number of years," Hribar said.

Madonna, Nolan added, intensified efforts in recent years to provide a "comfortable transition" for freshmen entering the university. In addition to orientation courses, the school also links subject matters in history and composition assignments so new students are not overwhelmed with the new environment.

ONE-ON-ONE ATTENTION

Sophomore Heather Spooner, an education major and volleyball player, from Brownstown Township, said she's loved the one-on-one attention she's received from her professors.

"It seems like everyone I've met here has a lot of energy," said Spooner, 19. "When I started here, it seems like everyone here was as excited to have me as I was to come here."

Spoooner added she selected Madonna for the chance to play collegiate volleyball, and because "it's far enough from home to move away, but it's still a short drive home," she said.

The school's most-popular educational programs are education, criminal justice, nursing and business. With the growth in students, Madonna officials plan to add more programs in the future. This year, the university added sports management, serving 50 students, and forensics science, serving 40.

"Our MBA (master's of business administration) program is growing and we hope to add more master's programs in the future," Nolan said. "We plan to add courses to certify teachers in physical education and coaching to our teacher certification program."

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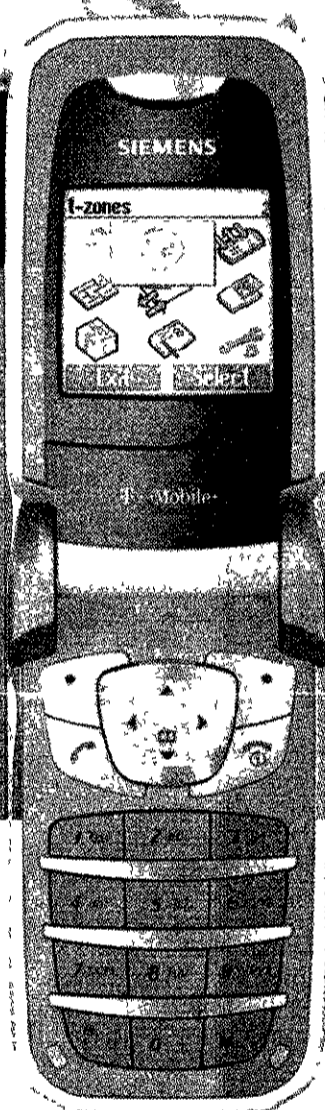
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OUR VIEWS

Theater proves worth in its first season

The curtain will soon be coming down on the first year of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The last performance of the inaugural season, which began last September, takes place May 27 when the national act The Capital Steps brings its political satire to town.

The \$11.5 million, 400-seat theater has proven to be everything the community had hoped when it first began a decade ago battling around the idea about building a community theater. The theater has filled a nice niche, not only in this community, but in the greater arts community of western Wayne County.

According to Jennifer Tobin, the theater's director, about 4,000 people have used the theater each month since it opened. That includes both performers and those who have attended shows. Acts have ranged from community and school theater groups and local bands to national acts like Thornetta Davis and the Shirelles. In other words, there has been something for just about every taste.

And that was one of the goals when, about 10 years ago, Canton officials brought together some 50 people in the greater Canton area to determine the status of culture in the community. From that meeting, the idea of the theater was born.

Certainly building a multi-million dollar theater in an area formerly known for its farm fields was a major risk, though the risk was lessened because of the fund-raising capabilities of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which the township formed to help fund and design the theater. To date, the group has raised about \$7.5 million, which is well over half of what the theater cost to build. This just proves how much the community has embraced the theater, which is now the epicenter and focal point of the burgeoning Cherry Hill Village area.

So everyone — from the many people who have helped raise money to build the theater and all the acts that have used it, to every member of the community — should be proud of a successful first season.

We can't wait for the encore.

Increasing trash fee a sensible proposal

According to the Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan took in 6 million tons of trash from other states and Canada in 2004, an increase of 870,000 tons from 2003. Waste from other states and Canada represented 28 percent of all solid waste disposed of in Michigan landfills.

Wayne County is the dump site of choice for all of Toronto's solid waste.

House Democrats believe there is a way to stop this — sharply increase the tipping fee from the current 21 cents a ton to \$7.50.

The increased fee is part of a package of bills dealing with the dumping issue that has been a controversy for several years. Democrats point to a Congressional report showing that Pennsylvania imported 1.5 million fewer tons in 2003 than in 2001 after imposing an additional \$5 a ton state fee, to \$7.25.

Democrats are also proposing tougher penalties for out-of-state jurisdictions that send toxic items such as car batteries and motor oil to Michigan landfills; a ban on landfill expansion; and tougher enforcement by increasing fines for transport and disposal violations.

Michigan's low tipping fee makes this an attractive place for other states and Ontario to dump their trash. Attempts by the state to limit foreign trash have been unsuccessful because the U.S. Constitution gives power over interstate trade to the Congress, not the individual states, and Congress hasn't been interested in taking sides on Michigan's behalf.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Waste Industries Association are opposed to the Democratic plan. They argue that the fee would result in a tax on Michigan residents, as the fee would apply to instate trash as well and they argue it also would harm the state's economy because of the added cost to businesses. Democrats counter that if the total dumping charge were passed on to Michigan households, the average charge would be around \$1 month. They also counter that the overall economy wouldn't be affected by the increase, pointing again to Pennsylvania, which showed an increase in employment and gross state product following its increase in its dumping fee to \$7.25 a ton.

We believe after years of debate and several false steps toward dealing with a problem that affects the safety, health and infrastructure of the state that the Democrats offer a viable plan for putting Michigan on a more equitable footing with its Great Lakes neighbors. We believe the issues need to be fully aired and action needs to be taken.

SAY, BABE, DO YOU THINK MICHIGAN WILL REALLY LOSE POPULATION TO SUNBELT STATES?



LETTERS

A great effort

If you weren't at Plymouth High School on Saturday, April 23, you missed an amazing event. The PCEP Soccer Boosters hosted a pancake breakfast to help raise funds for the "Field of Dreams" project.

Not only did we have a wonderful turnout for breakfast, but what I was truly amazed by was the amount of volunteers who walked in to lend a hand. There were so many people that came to offer their time. No matter whom I called upon, everyone was willing to jump in wherever needed.

I wanted to take this time to thank everyone who helped make the breakfast such a success, especially our pancake breakfast committee which put so much time organizing, getting donations and helping wherever they could. Thank you to Mary Halewicz, my co-chair, for always reminding me that this could work. Thank you to the Canton Lions for the use of their grills and expert advice. Also, thank you to Cindy Bastion, head of catering at the park, and Jeff Becker, maintenance, for going above and beyond your normal work duties.

Thank you again to the student athletes who sold tickets, all of you who made donations, those who worked behind the scenes, and all who came out to support us. As I stood back and watched families, student athletes, members of the school board, community, and township representatives, socialize, work together and enjoy the morning, I was very proud to be a part of this fund-raising effort.

Kathy Drake
Salem soccer booster
Canton

Not a nursing home

As a senior residing in Presbyterian Village in Westland, I was very pleased to see the article about The Seniors to Seniors event with the Plymouth Christian Academy. Everything in the article pointed out the wonderful time we had with the students the evening of Feb. 27, plus the other times at the Village as we became acquainted with our student partners. The young people were vivacious, very polite and genuinely interested in what we "seniors" had to say. We, in turn, were really interested in their future plans, and what their experiences had been, contrasted with our "high school senior year."

However, there was one glaring error in the article — Presbyterian Village is NOT A NURSING HOME! We are a Senior Living Community, open to all faiths, with a staff dedicated to keeping us healthy and able to live life to its fullest. Indeed, if you are in need of nursing care, you are not eligible to even move into our village. We, it is true, age after we arrive — but as long as we are independent, we are able to remain.

There are so many activities available (exercise classes, craft classes, quilting

group, garden club, many, many outings, and outside entertainment and volunteers who join us in fun activities) that it is impossible for one person to take part in everything that is offered. We have to choose which activities fall within our "pleasure zone" and miss some of the fun.

We would invite you and any of your readers who would like to know more about living at the Village of Westland — a mission of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan — to drop around some time and take a tour.

Alice M. Wright
14-year resident, Presbyterian Village in Westland

Don't privatize Social Security

Congress is considering proposals that would privatize the Social Security system. Social Security is one of the most successful social programs of the 20th century. The system's financing problems are manageable and can be addressed by reasonable adjustments over time. Rushing into private accounts does not solve the so-called Social Security crisis, but rather would add to the cost of the program.

Social Security is not merely a retirement program — it is a social insurance program with broad effect. Many of our most vulnerable citizens rely upon the safety net provided by the system. Before Social Security, one in three senior citizens lived in poverty. Today, that number is one in 10. In addition, disability and survivor benefits under Social Security have provided for millions of American families. This is particularly important for women. Nearly two-thirds of women 65 and over get a majority of their income from Social Security.

Social Security works for America's workers. The great success of Social Security has contributed to the unprecedented economic growth of the 20th century. If the demographic challenges of the 21st century require changes in the financing of the system, then Congress should lead America in a discussion about the most reasonable and secure methods for achieving financial stability. Diverting money from the Social Security trust fund into private accounts could hasten the insolvency of the fund, not save it.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County opposes any attempts to privatize the Social Security system.

Paula Bowman, president
League of Women Voters
Northwest Wayne County

Rights threatened

Now that we have seen the Republicans pulling out all stops to pander to the extreme religious right regarding Terry Schiavo, it is all the more important that we not allow them to eliminate the filibuster so that they can

appoint every extremist activist judge they want.

Can you envision their interference into all of our family and privacy rights if they get their way?

Joellen Gilchrist
Beverly Hills

You probably don't know

When IKEA opens its store in Canton next year, not many shoppers will know anything about the founder.

His name is Ingvar Kamprad and he is 73 years old. He attended Nazi Party meetings in Sweden in the three years after the end of World War II. He admitted to having had been an active Nazi a few years ago when a Swedish newspaper brought the issue out. He wrote a letter of apology calling himself a "naive" youth who was driven by a fascination with his family's German roots. He said also, that he was not alone.

Meanwhile television news in Sweden says the firm continues to exploit child labor. The documentary reported children working in factories in the Philippines and Vietnam under the minimum age set in international agreements.

Spokesperson Marianne Barner said the contract with its supplier in the Philippines had been suspended when children were found making wicker baskets. She said IKEA is committed to preventing child labor but that the problem was complicated, since children are employed by local suppliers, not directly by IKEA.

These days, Ingvar is a recovered alcoholic who enjoys sending flowers to his wife.

I welcome IKEA to Canton so that the continued pressure applied by the DDA and the trustees on other businesses will be lifted. Our politically motivated DDA remains quiet.

As John Webster once said, "A politician is the devil's quilted anvil; He fashions all sins on him, and the blows are never heard."

Shhhh! IKEA is coming.

Alfred Brock
Canton

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"I think it could be a great service to our residents. Renters can often be underappreciated and used."

— Trustee Todd Caccamo, commenting on the need for inspections of rental properties, though he doesn't necessarily support them being done by township inspectors

Too many elections, votes wasted in current system

Well, they may not be able to balance the budget, attract new industry or fix the roads, but our politicians do know how to do one thing right: Draw the lines of their congressional or legislative districts so they are sure to get re-elected or, failing that, to assure that their party will continue to control the district. Both parties have become amazingly skilled at gerrymandering. And more often than not, they are engaged in a silent conspiracy that assures that most Democratic districts will stay Democratic and most Republican districts will reliably vote GOP year after year.



Phil Power

This is the nasty secret that underlies why our political system has become both so intensely partisan and so rigidly unchanging over recent years. Michigan's John Dingell, who as the currently longest-serving member of Congress should know, says that there are no more than 25 genuinely competitive congressional districts out of the 435 around the country.

Wayne County Probate Judge Milton Mack, one of the smarter people on the bench and a long-time student of Michigan voting behavior, adds that just a handful of Michigan state legislative districts are competitive these days.

Why is this a problem? Simple. In districts that are drawn to favor one party over the other, the important contest is not the general election. It's the primary, when a small minority of voters, usually a more strident group than the rest of us, picks their party's nominee, who then will waltz to certain victory in the November general election.

For Republicans, it's the passionate Right-to-Lifers and the religious/social conservatives who turn out and generally pick a candidate who is usually to the right of the majority of the party. For Democrats, it's their equally highly motivated ACLU members, union functionaries and "tree huggers," *a.k.a.* environmentalists, who tend to select nominees more liberal than most.

As respected veteran political columnist David Broder puts it, "Each party now only plays to its hard-core supporters, and the pragmatic center goes unrepresented." With general elections then coming down to a choice between extremes, it is any wonder partisan conflict has become so sharp? And with most voters more or less firmly in the middle of the road, is it any wonder many of us feel left out of the political process?

That's why there's been a lot of recent discussion about fiddling with election rules to make it easier for all of us to vote, or alternatively, to change the way the redistricting process works. In Michigan, state Rep. Christopher Ward (R-

Brighton) has introduced a bill that would allow voters with a photo ID to cast an absentee ballot at the local clerk's office, without having to give a reason, anytime during the week before the election. (As it now works, to get an absentee ballot you have to be older than 60 or declare you must be out of town on election day.) Ward says he has bipartisan support for his bill, although Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other Democrats object to requiring voters, some of whom may not work or drive, to produce an ID.

Elsewhere, people are talking about changing the way in which district lines are drawn. In Michigan, they are drawn up by the majority party in the state Legislature to favor their side. About the only legal limitations are those that require all districts to be the same size ("one man, one vote") and avoiding drawing lines that slice through normally recognized communities.

In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to shift the line-drawing from the Legislature to a panel of retired judges. Maybe these are both good ideas. Especially appealing to me is the thought that drawing district lines is a task too important to be left to the politicians.

But the trouble is that neither strategy addresses the basic problem. Making it easier to vote absentee doesn't change the dynamic of each party playing to its hard-core supporters in primary elections. And retired judges, most of whom owed their seats on the bench to one party or another, are not immune to being almost as partisan as legislators.

Judge Mack has developed a fine 10-point "Voters' Bill of Rights" that neatly frames what a good voting system ought to do. Included are:

- The right to have their vote count. Consider Republican voters in an overwhelmingly Democratic district. Does their vote count for much? No.

- The right to vote in elections that matter. Consider Democratic voters in an overwhelmingly Republican district. Do November elections matter to them? Not in local races.

- The right to vote in election districts that are fairly drawn. The key notion here is "fairly." In Judge Mack's mind, fair means not gerrymandered for partisan advantage.

Judge Mack has succeeded in defining what a properly functioning democratic (with a small "d") voting system ought to do. Plainly, the system we now have is failing these tests. Next week's column will describe a simple, common sense solution that could go a long way toward healing our steadily more dysfunctional political system.

Phil Power, the former chairman of HomeTown Communications Network and regent of the University of Michigan, is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan.

Surveys can only tell so much about community

I've always been a little skeptical about surveys. Whether they are conducted in person at the local mall or polling place, over the phone by some distant voice, or with questionnaires sent through the mail, I rarely put much stock in them. I just don't trust them, largely because they have a way of pigeonholing large numbers of people into simple categories and positions.

There are so many variables to consider before accepting the results of a survey at face value, not the least of which is who was actually targeted to take part. Most pollsters will tell you the key to a successful survey is contacting a cross section of society. But even if that is achieved, it seems to me a good pollster can illicit a certain type of response with the way a question is posed.

And let's face it, most groups that conduct surveys either have an agenda, or are contracted by someone or some group that has one, and needs the data to promote or justify what they are doing. Political polls certainly come to mind.

So when I heard about the mail survey the Canton Leisure Services Department sent out to 3,800 residents, soliciting their opinions about the township's recreation programs, I took it with a grain of salt, especially considering only 23 percent of the surveys were returned. But I do understand the need to determine how much support is out there for the programs.

And, in this case, I definitely agree with the overwhelming conclusion of the survey — that recreation activities are beneficial to the community. About 80 percent of the residents that responded to the survey think recreational opportunities play a role in the desirability of the community. They strengthen families and the community as a whole, improve personal health and increase property values. Many even said recreational programs can help reduce crime.

I'm sure it can be argued that the survey is skewed because the people who responded are much more likely to take advantage of the recreational facilities the township has to offer. Most of the people

who threw the survey in the garbage probably have never used the pool at the Summit, flown a kite at Heritage Park, or taken in a community play at the Village Theater.

Canton does have the Cadillac of recreation programs, especially when compared to other communities in the area. The annual leisure services budget is about \$12 million. The majority, about \$7.3 million, is collected through user fees and donations, while the rest comes from the township's general budget.

I realize there are some people in the community who feel this is too much to spend on recreation and arts programs. But the fact is, people are using the facilities. Roughly 500,000 people use the Summit in some capacity during the course of the year. And if the survey has any validity at all, many people take advantage of Heritage Park. Almost 70 percent of those who responded to the survey said they have used the park. Even if you want to disregard the survey, all you have to do is take a drive by the park on a nice day to see how many people enjoy it.

The thing that strikes me about Canton's leisure services is all the options that are available to residents. In addition to some lovely parks, there are soccer and softball fields, golf courses, teen programs and playgrounds for the kids. For people who are less active, there are also plenty of options, particularly when it comes to the arts.

Nearly a quarter of the respondents said they have used the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which isn't too bad considering it only opened in the fall. In fact, the theater's first season will soon be coming to end and, by most accounts, it was a very successful one. Not only does it provide a venue for a variety of acts, both professional and community-based, it also makes a bold statement that the community values culture and the arts.

These are qualities that ultimately attract people to Canton, including many families, which further makes the community a pleasant, vibrant place to live. Personally, I don't need a survey to tell me that. It only makes sense. Something I can't say about most surveys.

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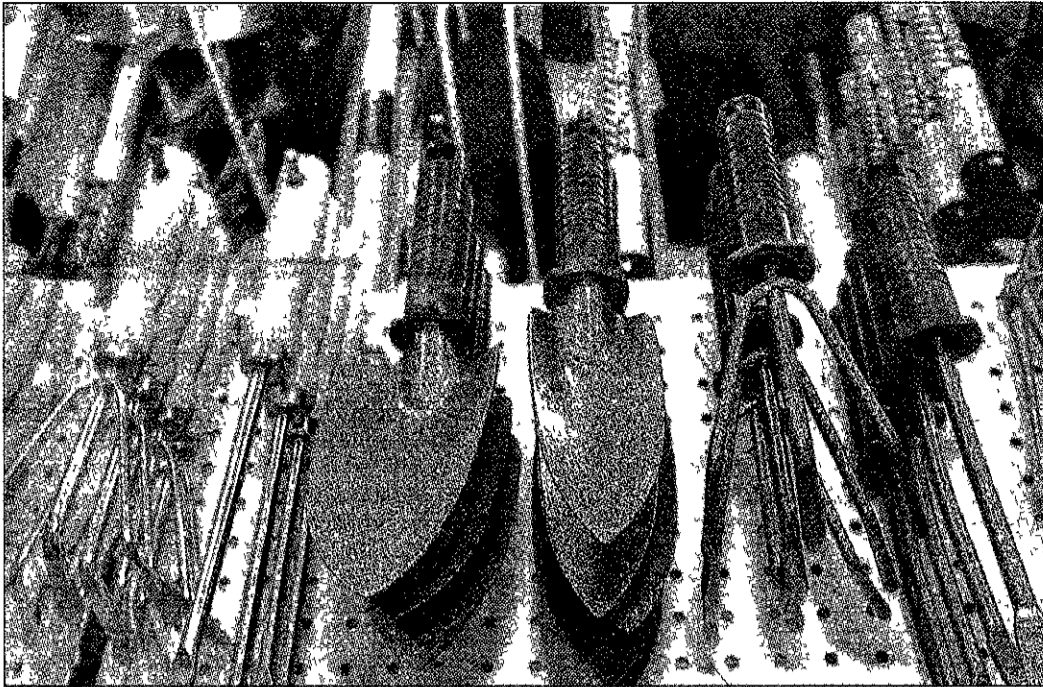
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Soon gardeners will be hitting the yard with trowels and other assorted hand tools to prepare the ground for planting.



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Yard friendly

Sharpen those pruners and rake that garden

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

OK, so we survived another onslaught of snow. Never mind that it's almost May. It's Michigan, and instead of cursing those little flakes, think of it as more precipitation for the garden.

Right.
Spring weather WILL arrive soon. Judging by the calendar, we're already halfway through it.

With May's arrival, it means it will be time to hit the ground running for gardening buffs. That may mean new tools for veteran gardeners and a crash course in equipment for gardening newcomers. And they now can look for tools that are not only essentials, but make life in the yard easier on their joints and muscles, too.

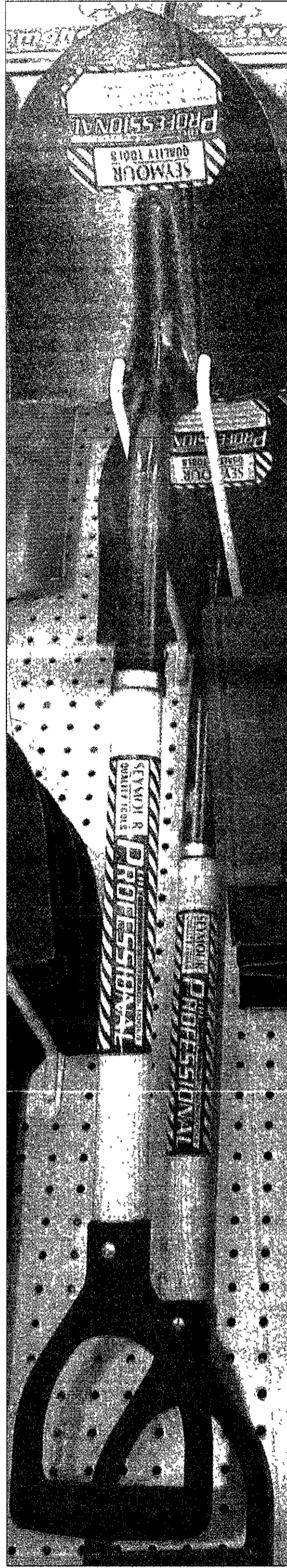
Ann Donawick is ready.
"Everyone should have a strong, long-handled shovel with a point that's very sharp for digging and cutting roots," said Donawick, former president of the Canton Garden Club and committee chairperson for the Canton Garden Walk on June 26. "If you're a gardener, you should have a smaller based shovel for smaller based plants."

LIGHT AND EASY

Smaller tools are lighter and easier for many gardeners to use, according to Steve Zoumbaris, garden center manager at Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. "We have a smaller shovel and spade, and a selection of these tools here," Zoumbaris said.

Then there's the Rumford Garden rake, a specialty tool with four different tools: a digger, a bow rake and a fork and cultivator. If you want to work on the lawn this spring, a thatching rake can help.

"That's good to get the dead grass out and allow for your grass seed to grow," Zoumbaris said. "A scoop rake has a rake head that can pick up piles. Rake heads are much larger now, to do larger



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Shovels come in many useful designs.

PLEASE SEE YARD, B3

Accents

Going gnome

Plan to attend the Gnome Fest, a fun-filled festival celebrating the garden gnome at noon Sunday, May 15, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

The event is a fundraiser for the Belle Isle Conservatory. Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations are required; call (248) 332-6430.

The festival will feature an extraordinary private collection of more than 50 vintage gnomes from around the world, as they stop by Goldner Walsh on their world tour.

It will showcase some of the earlier known gnomes from Heissner, Greibel and Zeho that are from the first gnome museum in Germany.

A real, live gnome will give a lecture, Little Gnome Facts, including gnome origin and etymology, the story of the world's oldest gnome and other gnome lore.

A gnome scavenger hunt throughout 9.5 acres of Goldner Walsh's rolling hills and woods will take place. The gnome hunter with the most points will win a grand prize.

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English Gardens operates five retail stores in metro Detroit, with its sixth scheduled to open today (April 28) in Ann Arbor. The stores are at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak/Troy, 22650 Ford in Dearborn Heights, 44850 Garfield in Clinton Township and 22501 Kelly in Eastpointe. The Ann Arbor store is at 155 N. Maple in the Maple Village Shopping Center.

For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW, or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Get set

The Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop will highlight place settings May 1-31.

From vibrant and colorful to elegant and simplistic, place setting pieces created by local and regional artists will be featured.

The place settings will consist of plates, bowls, mugs and more, with collections suitable for wedding gifts, anniversaries, birthdays or starting a brand-new set.

Gallery Shop hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor; call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 118; or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Tame your receipts with neat scanner and software

Like many people, I approach April 15 with feelings of dread and depart it utterly dejected.

So it was again this year when I realized that my bank statements, receipts, and other important tax-related documents were just as disastrously shoeboxed as ever.

And once again on April 16, I vowed to not repeat this vicious cycle, to make next year's tax season more organized, less stressful.

This time, I have a secret



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

weapon. It's called NeatReceipts (www.neatreceipts.com), and it combines an ultra-compact scanner with software that stores and manages receipts, tracks expenses, and generates reports.

Sayonara, shoebox!

About the size of a three-hole punch, the scanner is designed strictly for paper documents, though it can also handle photos. Because it's a sheet-fed model, however, you can't use it on books and other bound documents.

Indeed, NeatReceipts is something of a one-trick pony—but it does its trick quite well. When you scan a receipt, the software automatically recognizes items like date, amount, payment method, expense type,

and even the vendor.

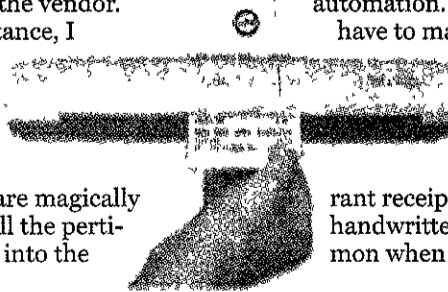
For instance, I scanned a receipt from a gas station, and the software magically plugged all the pertinent data into the appropriate fields.

Not every receipt produces this level of

automation. Sometimes you have to manually enter the

name of the vendor. And the software has trouble with restaurant receipts that have handwritten totals (common when there's a tip involved).

In fact, handwritten receipts tend



With the NeatReceipts scanner and software, you can turn piles of receipts into organized, effective records.

PLEASE SEE SCANNER, B4

Moving washer can be challenge Anesthetic concerns are similar to fear of flying

People are already driving to their cottages and getting things ready for the summer season. At my place, 800 miles north of here, near the city of Timmins, Ont., they have already lost the ice on the lakes and



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

times little thought is given to the proper transportation of certain products.

Take a washing machine for instance. When it's shipped from a factory, it's in a box and the inner drum is stabilized, so it doesn't jump around inside the outer casing. When the deliverers arrive at your home, they remove pins from the inner workings and underneath the machine and the washer is ready to operate.

Seldom will you be told that these parts are important, especially when moving the washer even when it is next door. Most homeowners will purchase a new washer, have it installed in their current home and take the older one up

north. If you don't stabilize that inner drum, you usually end up with problems when you haul it up to the summer place. A service call is expensive, no matter what part of the country you go to.

Here is what you need to do if you are transporting the washer. Open the washer lid and you will see space between the inner drum and outer casing. You can gently place thick cardboard and folded blankets in these spaces. Make sure they don't fall out of place and that the washer is transported in the normal stand-up position.

When you reinstall the washer, pay attention to the two fill hoses on the back. One is for hot water and the other is for cold. On the metal casing in the back near the water inlet connections, you should see the letters C and H stamped on the metal. Make sure you attach the hoses to the proper hot or cold water line.

Level the washer by using a level and adjusting the feet to make it perfect. The leveling feet sometimes have a locking nut, which you must loosen, before you can move the leg. Always make sure you retighten that nut upon completion of leveling. Some washers have self-leveling rear legs where you lift up on the back end of the washer and when you gently let it fall back to the floor, the legs find their own level.

Installing the drain hose, which clamps onto a plastic fitting on the back of the washer, is simple. Make sure the drain

hose is located higher than the top water level in the washer, before it goes to the drain. If not, you will have a gravity drain effect and the washer will continue to fill with water while it is washing. If the drain hose rests over the side of a laundry tub, make sure it isn't submerged in standing water of the laundry tub during wash and rinse cycle. If this were the case, you could have water from the laundry tub coming back into the washer during operation.

If the drain hose fits into a standpipe, make sure it fits in there loosely. If not, you have siphon effect during the spin cycle, which draws water back up into the standpipe and into the washer.

Your washer is now ready to do its job and the final thing you should do is to watch it during the first complete cycle. You want to make sure there are no leaks just in case something came loose when you moved it.

Speaking of moving it, there is still one concern. You were not strong enough to move it to the back of a vehicle without using a dolly of some sort.

Remember to shore up the inner tub before you put it on a dolly. Even a 45-degree angle of the inner tub can cause problems.

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

I like to fly. I know, flying has become a curse. Lines wrap around the terminal. Security seems to take forever and can be irritating. The very nature of air travel is to hurry up and wait. Still, there's something amazing about being just a few

hours from Alaska, or Italy or even just St. Louis.

Some people fear flying so much they just can't experience it. I once read that if you took a commercial airline flight once a day every day, it would statistically be

About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

20,000 years before you were involved in a major incident. Of course, sometimes things happen, and statistics stop being interesting when you're the exception.

From a practical standpoint, however, flying is the safest form of travel. Still, some people will not fly because it's just too dangerous.

I hear the same thing when I talk to people about anesthetic.

PREP IS KEY

When I recommend a surgical or dental procedure for their pet, people often look at me with an expression as though a huge spider has landed on my shoulder. They speak in terror about anesthetic, fearing their pet won't make it through. Some beg me to tell them that anesthetic is perfectly safe.

That I can't do. There's always some risk with anesthetic, just like with flying. If you do it right, however, the danger is greatly decreased.

When I'm sitting on a plane, feeling like a sardine and waiting for takeoff, I watch the baggage get loaded, and watch the

other planes taxi out, or the crews examine the planes for any problems. I like to believe the pilot looks for any problem to cancel the flight.

If you look for trouble, and can't find it, that's a lot better than if you merely made a basic check and said, "It's cool. Let's go."

With every anesthetic, I employ that concept. I look for reasons to cancel the procedure.

Bloodwork done before surgery shows me if the kidneys and liver can handle the anesthetic. If exam reveals a heart murmur, we should do more workup before a procedure.

Do we do things differently to prepare a young animal for surgery than an older animal? No. Everyone should get the same level of care and concern. Every animal should get every safeguard.

One of the reasons I feel comfortable flying would be the pilots are there with me. If someone in a control tower somewhere with a remote control joystick flew the plane, I would not feel so safe. The pilot's on board, so the flight feels safer. With anesthetic, constant monitoring should be absolutely required. Machines can monitor heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen concentration, and whatever other value you'd like to know. Someone with a stethoscope on the heart every second the animal is under also makes things safer.

UP TO DATE

A few years ago, my staff went on a group trip to Key West. From Miami, they boarded a small plane for the final leg. Apparently, the plane danced and staggered in the air until they were all practically crying. Equipment makes a difference in how smoothly things go.

Same with anesthetic. Equipment must be kept up to date, and appropriate tubes and anesthetic agents should be used, so that the animal will not just make it through surgery,

but will also do well afterward.

Almost every pilot I've ever met says a great danger is not taking a flight seriously. There are no simple flights, and not anticipating problems gets you in trouble fast. Every single flight, as it is happening, is the most important flight you'll ever make.

This follows in anesthetic as well. No anesthetic is ever routine. Each anesthetic should be the most important you'll ever administer.

Like flying, anesthetic is a valuable tool that makes life better, and, when done right, really is quite safe and effective.

The key would be to never ever take it lightly. Make sure things get done correctly when your pet is to be put under. Ask questions. Will there be pre-surgical bloodwork to help ensure safety? What kind of anesthetic? Will my animal have a tracheal tube placed to help breathing, or just a mask? Will someone be there to monitor throughout the procedure?

By asking questions, you can feel more comfortable about your pet's anesthetic.

There can never be a 100 percent guarantee that everything will be perfectly fine. No one in any form of medicine can ever give a 100 percent guarantee of success.

But a 100 percent guarantee can be given that things will be done right. There is always the chance of a bad incident any time there's anesthetic, but if you do things right, you eliminate a vast majority of problems.

And that makes anesthetic a lot less scary.

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Ford House walk
A guided Wildflower Walk on the spectacular grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will take place 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30. The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. Cost is \$6 per person. For tickets, call Ford House at (313) 884-4222. A Michigan State University Extension horticulturist and a Ford House gardener will lead the walk. Guests will be able to take in stunning displays of wildflowers, including Dutchmen's breeches, bluebells, trillium and scilla.

Open house
The Warner Museum, 33805 Grand River Avenue in Farmington, will kick off Historic Preservation Month (May) with an open house benefit 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

The event will feature Heartstrings, hammered dulcimer and string bass music by Nancy and Rob Downie. Refreshments will be served. Phone (248) 473-7275. After four years of performing at the museum, including for the Christmas Open House and the Founders Festival, the Downies are moving to Oregon. The benefit will mark the couple's farewell performance.

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YARD

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areas."

A watering wand helps. "You can hit the plants when they really need it," said Heather Bowman-Tomlinson, lead associate of perennials at English Gardens in Royal Oak. "It helps to have a good pair of gloves."

Form-fitting Mud gloves help you get a good grip on tools and plants, Bowman-Tomlinson said.

"They're very sturdy and it's worth spending the money." The gloves cost \$10.

Rakes are obvious to the longtime gardener, and perhaps not so obvious to the neophyte.

"You'll need a leaf rake, and hard-tine rake to smooth new beds and the planting area," Donawick said.

A versatile, adjustable metal-tine rake can be opened to varying lengths, for jobs in small places near shrubs, to full length for leaves and working on loose, dry soil.

Trowels are available in various sizes, the smaller ones for containers and smaller bowls.

"Most people don't use a trowel correctly," said Bowman-Tomlinson. "They'll dig using the wrist. You should hold it so the curve faces away from you and your thumb is on top."

KEEP 'EM CLEAN

Gloves may be inconvenient to wear, but they are handy for keeping hands clean and handling plants.

"The leather gloves work well when handling shrubs and



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Steve Zoumbaris, garden center manager at Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center, holds a Rumford garden rake - a 4-in-1 tool featuring a rake, hoe, cultivator and cutting edge.

picky bushes," Donawick said.

Those who want to plant bulbs can use the traditional cylindrical tools, or they can use the larger handled one with a T-top.

"You push that with your foot, rather than your arms," Donawick said. "It's much easier, especially in clay soil."

Dibbles, pointed metal or plastic tools that create holes, are another little helper for the yard. They work well for small seedlings, Donawick said.

Bypass pruners are another gardening essential. "They do not crush the stem," Donawick said. Traditional pruners work on dead branches, but they often crush the stem.

The Felco pruner was called the "Cadillac" of pruners by Donawick. She reminded gardeners not to prune anything with a spring bloom and wait after the bloom dies before pruning.

Gardeners are selective about their tools.

"They like higher quality and the longer warranty," Zoumbaris said.

More gardeners are stepping up, and buying Seymour's professional gardener type tools.

"They don't want to buy something and have it break," Zoumbaris said.

Bowman-Tomlinson said a D-handled shovel with a long-thin blade "digs very good holes." It resembles a trenching blade.

While it may be a little chilly still, gardeners are managing to get the itch to hit the back yard.

"People are looking for plants, and making sure they have trowels, gloves, hoses and watering wands," Bowman-Tomlinson said.

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Learn about log homes this weekend

Homeowners who are interested in learning about log home designs and craftsmanship can see more than 100 exhibits and seminars at the Log Home & Timber Frame Expo at the Pontiac Silverdome, Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1.

The Log Home & Timber Frame Expo allows visitors to see homes, meet contractors, discuss designs and compare styles in one place and at one time instead of traveling to several locations.

Whether considering building your dream home, adding distinctive touches to an existing one or just wanting to find out about custom-built log or timber frame homes, show-goers can collect design, building and decorating ideas from the industry's leading companies and craftsmen.

Each of the Expo's three days will also include seminars on all aspects of planning and construction, plus exhibits of handcrafted furniture, alternative energy, maintenance and restoration products, financing, building products, outdoor furniture, pools and door prizes.

"Log- and timber-frame homeowners are as enthusiastic about the kind of home they live in as they are about its setting, layout and furniture," said Roland Sweet, editor of *Log Homes Illustrated Magazine*. "How often does anyone show

such passion for a building material?"

"The down-to-earth quality and beauty of log and timber-frame homes appeals to people from all walks of life," Sweet said. "Whether they are a starter or move up home, most people use them as a primary residence. Recently, however, people have also been building them as second homes, using them for weekends and vacations and anticipating moving there when they retire."

Attractive mortgage and construction loan interest rates have contributed to making these custom homes affordable for people at all income levels, Sweet adds. "People who appreciate the quality of solid-wood and big-timber homes now can realize their dream of living in one," Sweet says. "What's more, their value increases steadily. Over the long term, these homes yield a better return than the stock market."

Exposed-wood construction retains consistent appeal for four reasons, Sweet explains. "Durability, tradition, flexibility and value," he says. "The beauty is that people can design and build one pretty much any way they want. They become expressions of personal style and way of life, and they can complement any building site. People can be as involved in their construction as they wish, or not at all."

According to Jason Goodman, publisher of *Log Homes Illustrated* and *Timber Homes Illustrated*, about 20,000 new log and timber-frame homes are sold every year by nearly 500 companies which range from manufacturing plants with computerized design department, precision milling equipment and nationwide dealer networks to small custom builders using rough-hewn materials. "This results in incredible variety for buyers," he says.

The Expo will feature several constructed walk-through homes and many different log and timber-framing styles that use both milled and handcrafted wood. The current Expo, the largest touring show of its type with 14 stops in 2005, puts an increased emphasis on timber-framing.

As a special bonus, attendees will receive the 2005 Log and Timber Home Workbook free with their admission. This full-color, step-by-step publication, which sells for \$9.99 at newsstands, covers the entire building process, from planning through construction.

The Log Home & Timber Frame Expo opens at The Pontiac Silverdome Friday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and continues Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Log on to www.logexpo.com or call (888) LOG-EXPO (564-3976).

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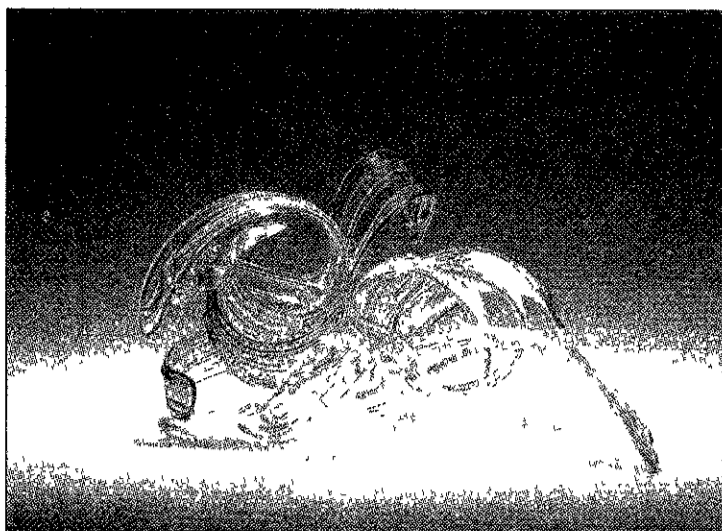
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MARKET PLACE

Art of giving

These handcrafted, glassblown sculptures by April Wagner of epiphany glass studio of Pontiac are available online in time for Mother's Day. The sculptures are priced from \$750. They can be viewed in the studio by appointment, or by attending epiphany glass' next First Thursday open studio (4-9 p.m. May 5) at 770 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 745-3786 or visit www.epiphanyglass.com. Epiphany glass is owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team of April Wagner and Jason Ruff, artists who design, develop and create glass sculpture using an ancient technique developed and mastered by Italian glass blowers over hundreds of years. Their studio, a 4,000-square foot, state-of-the-art facility, features one of the largest glassblowing furnaces found in a private studio. An open studio with glassblowing demonstrations take place there the



first Thursday of each month. Wagner and Ruff recently launched the e-commerce portion of the epiphany glass Web site. The online offerings will feature pieces not available in galleries, as well as collector postcards, glassblowing DVDs and epiphany wearables. The glass pieces range from just under \$100 to \$7,500.

Submissions

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

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Business users will appreciate the presence of client- and project-ID fields, which help simplify the creation of expense reports. You can also specify personal or reimbursable expenses just by checking a box.

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NeatReceipts comes with a carrying case, a desktop stand, and even a wall mount. It's compact enough to toss in a briefcase for travel scanning.

My only real complaint with the product is its \$249.99 price tag. It would be nice if you could buy just the NeatReceipts software, especially if you already own a scanner, but the company doesn't offer that option.

However, with a little careful online shopping, you can find NeatReceipts for around \$200.

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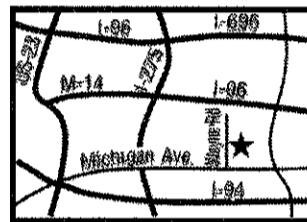
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Darlene Longo (left), Danielle Superstine and Honey Longo work together at ?How About Lunch in Birmingham. Honey Longo owns the catering company and carryout eatery. Her mother, Darlene, creates the recipes and niece Danielle waits on customers. Danielle's mother, Sue Wilson, also works at the business.

Mother, sister, niece help out at catering lunch business

Here is Darlene Longo's All-American Chocolate Chip Cookie.



BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Honey Longo has owned ?How About Lunch, a catering and food carryout business, for 15 years now on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

It may be her business, and she may have family members working for her, but the family members agree that one person makes the business shine.

Honey's mother, Darlene "Big Red" Longo.

"She's been an integral part of the business as the manager," Honey said.

"She knows what people like. If someone has special dietary requirements, she will stop and ask them 'Do you want a piece of chicken?' on a salad she'll be making.

"I call her the Psychic Sandwich Maker, because customers will pull up and she'll already have the sandwich ready for them."

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Honey started her business delivering lunches to office buildings in the Birmingham area, working out of a church, but it was her mother who pushed her to open a business of her own.

A storefront on Woodward became available. Honey obtained

financing and she was on her way.

"Because of my mom, F.D. Stella Products (owned by Frank Stella) and my credit union, I was able to take the leap and open this place," Honey said. That was January 1990.

The business started with turkey sandwiches and evolved to include numerous salads and Big Red's specialty baked goods.

"My mom's always had a really great feel for customers with light fresh pasta salad and soups made from scratch," Honey said.

Her baking repertoire includes raspberry bars, Williamsburg orange layer cakes and date nut bars, along with the All-American chocolate chip cookies. On the stove on the day of the interview for this story are chicken noodle soup, fat-free vegetable, cream of broccoli and white bean chili.

Honey says her mother doesn't like the same old routine all the time.

"She hates being bored. I like the security in doing the same things, but she brings fresh ideas to the menu," Longo said.

"She's always cooked for large groups of people. Making dinner for 20 people at the drop of a hat is nothing."

Why work with family members and mix business and family?

"It's a great place for women to work who have kids," Honey said. "And everyone in my family likes people."

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Fresh brownies created at ?How About Lunch.



Side dish

Burgers are great

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How about you? Do you enjoy burgers on the grill? If so, we'd like to hear your version and what you do that might be more unique than the traditional mustard and ketchup versions. Do you stuff them with cheese and mushrooms, mix green pepper and onion, steak sauce or other herbs, spices and vegetables?

Let us know about it and we may feature you and your recipe in a future story in Taste. If we use your recipe, we'll send you a free cookbook. Send your recipes and a short summary on why you enjoy hamburgers to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com.

New chef named

The Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport hotel has appointed Plymouth resident John McManamon as executive chef of the 404-room hotel.

McManamon joins the Westin by way of Portland, Ore., where he was executive chef for the 732-room Portland Hilton & Executive Towers. His career includes work with Interstate Hotels in California, Pennsylvania and Texas.

As executive chef, he will oversee a staff of 30 and supervise all food and beverage needs for the hotel, including the DEMA restaurant. McManamon received a degree in the sciences of culinary arts from Johnson & Wales in Providence.

Lecture is free

Are you ready to get healthy this summer?

Join Veggies In Motion on Wednesday, May 4, as they sponsor a lecture by Dr. Kerrie Saunders on Diet as Disease Prevention. The free lecture takes place at 7 p.m. at the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia Road.

Lecture attendees will look at cancer, osteoporosis, blood sugar disorders, heart attacks, strokes and obesity from a new angle, and get practical advice on switching to a cutting-edge, health-promoting food and fitness plan.

For more information and to pre-register, call (248) 543-9720.

This event is sponsored by Veggies In Motion, a southeast Michigan nonprofit organization promoting the awareness of the health, ecological and ethical consequences of our food choices. For information, visit www.veggiesinmotion.org.

Pushing wine quality at Rudd Estate

Leslie Rudd understands wine marketing.

In his native Kansas, he managed the state's largest wine and spirits wholesaler. As chairman of Dean & DeLuca, a nationwide purveyor of specialty foods and wines, he built the reputation of many brands.

Napa Valley's Rudd Vineyards & Winery, founded in 1996, is the first business enterprise bearing his family name. At the corner of Oakville Crossroad and Silverado Trail in the



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Napa Valley, Rudd has replanted vineyards to Bordeaux varietals. Gravel and rocks afford excellent drainage, an essential element for growing exceptional wine grapes.

Winemaker Charles Thomas

explained, "At the level of wine we're talking about at Rudd, the winemaker's job is to understand the vineyard and the vintage. In the past in California, we've not paid enough attention to vintage differences. The fact is, in former times, California viticulture and winemaking tended to obliterate the differences. We didn't have as fine a hand on all the elements involved as we have today."

PUSHING THE ENVELOPE

Thomas believes that his job at Rudd

is to push quality beyond what has already been achieved. "With the Rudd Estate vineyards, it's all about getting a young vineyard from its youth into maturity; to get the complexities of the vineyard to show through as quickly as the vines will allow," Thomas said.

European winemakers insist that older vines make better wines. Some will not consider using grapes from vines that are younger than 10 years old. But this is California, considered New World

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MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

Royal Park Hotel

Mother's Day Brunch in the Grand Ballroom features two seatings, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Prices are \$29.95 adults, \$14.95 children 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. Guests can enjoy a farm fresh omelet station; Belgian waffle station; carving table with salmon and artichoke wellington and four pepper crusted prime rib; hot favorites table; younger favorites table; bakery table; cold table; sweet table; includes coffees, fine teas, milk and fresh-squeezed juices. Reservations are highly recommended at (248) 652-2600. The Royal Park Hotel is located at 600 E. University, three blocks east of Main Street in downtown Rochester. Brookshire restaurant is also serving from the menu from noon to 8 p.m. Also, busy mothers and daughters can enjoy some valuable respite together in the Belgian Conservatory at the Royal Park Hotel at the Mother and Daughter Tea 3-5 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Cost is \$30 per person; reservations by phone at (248) 652-2600. The Royal Park offers the Mighty Leaf Teas (www.mightyleaftea.com) every day in its Brookshire restaurant for meals or weekly Afternoon Tea, which occurs

Thursdays through Saturdays from 3-5 p.m.; \$24 per person, \$28 with a glass of sherry or flute of champagne.

Community House

The Community House, located at 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham, will host two events to honor mothers on May 7 and 8.

On Saturday May 7, The Community House will present The Grand Mother Tea. The tea is a springtime dress-up event complete with tea sandwiches (including peanut butter and jelly), tiny cookies and sweets, tea and punch - all served on china and silver with piano music and special group activities - a meaningful prelude to Mother's Day. Daughters ages 8 and under are encouraged to bring their favorite doll. Special recognition will be given for the best look-alike and dress-alike daughter and doll, as well as the best look-alike mother and daughter, the oldest and the youngest grandmothers, and the most members of the same family. The tea begins at 11:30 a.m. The tea is \$12 for children and \$16 for adults.

On Sunday, May 8 The Community

House will present a Mother's Day Brunch, including a complete breakfast station with roma tomato and fresh herb scrambled eggs, Belgian waffles with assorted toppings, country fried potatoes, bacon and sausage. The lunch station will offer sauté chicken with sun-dried tomatoes and artichokes in a chardonnay cream sauce, grilled ham with a fresh pineapple salsa, rice pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables. Other options include an omelet station, a carving station and a seafood station. The brunch is completed with a wide variety of desserts including assorted tortes, cookies, brownies and parfaits. Strolling music will be provided by La Corda Ensemble. Each attending mother will receive a rose. Seatings for the brunch are available between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The brunch is \$28.95 for adults, \$16.95 for children ages 4-12. Children 4 and under are free. Large parties may be accommodated in private rooms - inquire when making reservations. For reservations, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham at (248) 644-5832.

Grilling, seafood highlighted at women's expo show

Bring your appetites to the Michigan International Women's Show April 28-May 1 at the Novi Expo Center.

From delicious dinners to yummy desserts, celebrity chefs will share secrets to bringing out the flavor of any food. Discover a new meal and new ideas every hour on the Celebrity Cooking Stage.

Chefs are Ruby Ann Boxcar, a storyteller and author. Guests will sample some of her blue-ribbon recipes and learn how to become master of their own grill on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30.

Guests can also register to win a Pilgrim's Pride Get-Grillin' Package featuring a gas grill (\$250 Value) and a \$350 Pilgrim's Pride Meijer Gift Card. Check out the Meijer Pavilion at the show for information.

Cooking Light Magazine's Executive Chef, Billy Strykowski will give quick and easy cooking tips and menu suggestions while whipping up a meal on Friday, April 29.

Guests will receive goody bags filled with samples, coupons and recipe ideas featured in his program. And the first 1,000 visitors through the doors on Friday will receive a complimentary copy of Cooking Light Magazine. They can also register to win a \$200 gift certificate to Cooking.com, a web site which offers everything from bakeware and hardware to cookbooks and cutlery.

Stop by the Cooking Light On-Tour truck for more information.

Tomi Marsh and Erika Currier of Alaskan Seafood are two women who make their living on the high seas. They troll Alaskan waters in search of fresh shrimp, crab, halibut, black cod and salmon. And they'll show how to turn these underwater delicacies into meals with easy and healthy recipes. Catch their act Thursday, April 28-Sunday, May 1.

Certified Angus chef Dianna Stoffer will show you how to

bring out the flavor in America's favorite entrée. She's the corporate chef for the Certified Angus Beef® brand. She appears Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Guests can also register to win a Certified Angus Beef® Sizzlin' Summer Package featuring a Sunbeam gas grill and \$150 in Certified Angus Beef® at the Meijer Pavilion.

Australian chef Paul Penney and many others will be on hand with cooking demonstrations and tips you won't want to miss. It's a culinary feast to please any palate and it's all on the Celebrity Cooking Stage.

For even more treats, stop by the Meijer Pavilion. Guests can explore over 50 exhibits packed with coupons, samples and free goodie bags. Enjoy Red Baron Pizza, Johnsonville Sausage, Certified Angus Beef, Edy's Ice Cream or munch on fresh fruits and vegetables.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

Admission is \$8 at the door for adults (\$7 advance tickets available at Meijer), \$4 for youths (6-12). Children under 6 free with paying adult.

For more information call 800-849-0248 or visit www.internationalwomen-show.com.

CAJUN STEAK FETTUCCINE

2 pounds Certified Angus Beef® boneless sirloin steak (1-1/2 inches thick)

Herb Rub
1-1/2 teaspoon fennel seed, crushed
2 teaspoons oregano
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

Combine fennel seed, oregano, paprika, salt, pepper, and red pepper in small bowl, mixing well. Sprinkle both sides of steak with seasoning and rub into the surface.

FETTUCCINE

1 pound fettuccine
2 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup minced garlic (about 6 cloves)
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1/2 red onion, finely chopped

Cook pasta following package directions; drain well. Melt butter in large skillet, add garlic and red onion, and cook until tender. Add drained pasta; toss with garlic butter mixture. Remove from heat, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, and toss.

Place steak on grill over medium-high heat. Grill 22 to 26 minutes for medium rare to medium degree of doneness, turning once. Transfer steak to cutting board and allow to stand 3 to 5 minutes. Slice across the grain into thin strips.

Top fettuccine with steak strips. Serves 6

Nutritional information per serving: 553.3 calories; 14.2g fat; 6.5g saturated fat; 101mg cholesterol; 61.8g carbohydrate; 2.5g dietary fiber; 42.7g protein; 591mg sodium; 38 percent daily value Iron (based on 2,000 calorie diet).

FILET OF BEEF WITH SUN-DRIED TOMATO JAM AND RISOTTO

6 (6-ounce) Certified Angus Beef® tenderloin steaks
3 medium onions, halved lengthwise and sliced
3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/4 cup packed dried apricots, thinly sliced
3/4 cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped
2 cups cooked risotto
1/2 cup grated Asiago cheese
1 cup heavy cream
Olive oil, as needed
Salt and pepper, as needed
Chopped Italian parsley, as needed

Cook onions, butter, sugar, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes in covered, heavy skillet over low heat, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft and pale golden, about 30 minutes.

Add wine, vinegar, apricots and tomatoes. Simmer uncovered stirring occasionally until thick, about 20 to 30 minutes. Keep warm for service.

Add Asiago cheese and heavy cream to cooked risotto. Keep warm for service.

Preheat grill on high; reduce to medium-high heat for grilling. Lightly coat steaks with olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and grill to desired doneness.

To serve, equally divide risotto between 6 dinner plates. Top with cooked steak and jam; sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serves 6

Recipes by Dianna Stoffer, corporate chef for Certified Angus Beef.

Sample restaurants' foods at progressive dinner

Can't decide what to make for dinner? Have trouble figuring out what to wear?

The Farmington and Farmington Hills offers a progressive dinner, as it returns for a second year 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 when the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and Metrobank present A Taste of Two Cities.

Ten participating restaurants will be serving up sample menu items. Shuttle service will be provided approximately every 30 minutes between establishments by Community Living Centers or patrons can travel the circuit, with maps provided, using their own transportation.

The featured restaurants are: Alfocino Restaurant, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Chili's Bar & Grill, John Cowley & Sons, Max &

Erma's, Pallas Restaurant & Lounge, Priya Restaurant & Bar, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Sky Deli & Bar and T.G.I. Friday's. A cash bar will be available at each site. Participants must be 21 or over.

Farmington Hills business owner John Bujak attended the inaugural Taste event and was among the first to sign up for this year's.

"A Taste of Two Cities is a chance to try new restaurants, eat great food, and enjoy a night out," Bujak said. "Beyond that, it's a great opportunity to network. Food is the ultimate icebreaker." Neighbors, co-workers and friends are invited to sign up together.

Admission is \$25. In lieu of tickets, patrons must purchase a t-shirt to wear during the evening which will easily identify them as participants

in the restaurant tour. The light blue T-shirts featuring the distinctive A Taste of Two Cities logo are available for purchase exclusively at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 30903-B W. Ten Mile Road (1/4 mile east of Orchard Lake Road). For more information call the chamber at (248) 474-3440, Ext. 220.

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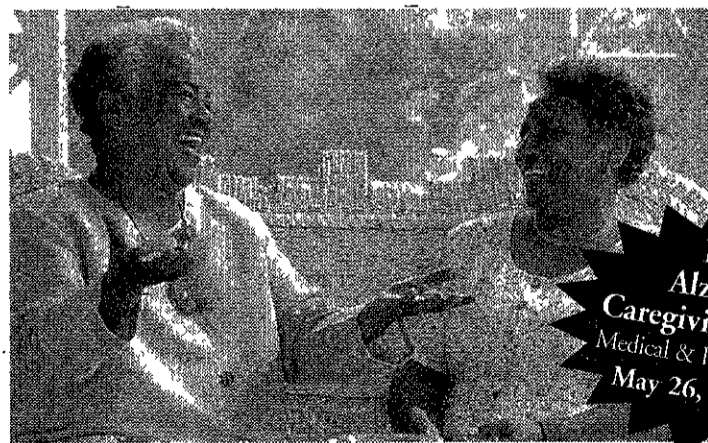
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Chicken fricassee grew popular in the South

BY TOMMY C. SIMMONS
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) – If it was pretty weather, Grandma fixed fried chicken for Sunday lunch. If it was rainy, with a little nip in the air, her family would more likely sit down after church to a plate of chicken fricassee over rice.

While Grandma wasn't French, she preferred using the fancy French name to describe this rustic chicken stew she often made for her extended family. It was a dish she knew that young and old alike enjoyed eating.

Chicken fricassee is an old French name for a kind of stew that dates back to the late Middle Ages, food historian Damon Lee Fowler says in his book, *Classical Southern Cooking: A Celebration of the Cuisine of the Old South*.

According to Fowler, "the usual explanation of the name is that it derives from *frire* (to fry) and *casser* (to break). The dishes were composed of disjointed fowl or the cracked joints of larger animals, fried, then simmered in a rich gravy. . . ." Fowler described a fine fricassee recipe from an early American household notebook from the mid-1700s that called for using chicken, rabbit or duck.

Chicken fricassee became popular with frugal Southern cooks during the Depression because it stretched a single chicken to serve a family of four to six. Further, if the chicken happened to be a little tough, it didn't matter because the long simmering process made the meat fork-tender.

As the chicken cooked, it developed a rich brown gravy flavored by the chicken bone marrow that leached out into the bubbling stew. It is the taste of the full-bodied gravy that distinguishes chicken fricassee, and in more recent years, the dish has become more commonly known as chicken and brown gravy or stewed chicken.

Though I say chicken fricassee may be more commonly known by another name today, actually it may be a dish totally unfamiliar to young people. Gravy-based recipes aren't fashionable in our health-conscious cookbooks and kitchens, and when a host recently served chicken fricassee to a group of young people, they said they had never heard of the dish nor tasted it before then.

After the meal, all the cooks in the group wanted the recipe.

Chicken fricassee was traditionally prepared from a stewing

hen that would be floured and fried in butter to achieve the brown color desired for the gravy.

The recipe tester for this dish, my husband, had tasted the traditional fricassee many times because both his mother and grandmother made the dish often when he was growing up. He decided to try substituting a few easier-to-use and perhaps more healthful ingredients in the preparation to discover if the rich taste of the old classic could still be reproduced.

We liked the outcome and pass along his adapted recipe, as well as a traditional one from *Talk About Good!* published by the Junior League of Lafayette.

This Advocate-tested recipe was adapted by David Simmons from a chicken fricassee recipe attributed to Mamman, which was included in a recipe box collection sold in the 1960s at Asphodel Plantation.

CHICKEN FRICASSEE

4 chicken thighs
4 chicken drumsticks
2 chicken breast halves
Salt and black pepper to season chicken
1/2 to 3/4 cup olive oil
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups chopped onions
5 cloves garlic, finely minced
3/4 cup chopped celery, also include celery leaves if possible
4 to 5 cups water
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crumbled
1/2 teaspoon red pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup red wine
1 1/2 bunches of green onions, chopped, including tops, reserve
1 tablespoon chopped green onion tops for garnish
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, divided
Cooked brown or white rice for 6

Liberally salt and pepper chicken pieces.

Heat olive oil on medium-high in a large Dutch oven-type pot or two heavy skillets if you don't have one big enough pot. It's important when browning the chicken not to crowd the chicken pieces. You have to have plenty of room for the chicken to sear and brown on all sides and not steam cook in this step. Go for a dark golden brown crust on the skin.

Remove the browned chicken from the hot oil and add in the flour and stir to make a medium-brown roux. Next, stir the onions (not the green ones), garlic and celery into the roux and cook until everything is softened and

caramelized with a nice covering of roux.

Return chicken to the pot with the roux and vegetables and pour in 4 to 5 cups water. Add seasonings, the thyme, red pepper and salt. Stir everything until the gravy is starting to thicken. Reduce heat to low and stir in red wine.

Simmer, covered, for about 2 1/2 hours. Check occasionally to make sure the gravy is developing. Add more liquid if needed, but it shouldn't be necessary.

Stir in almost all the chopped green onions and 1/2 cup of the chopped parsley and simmer covered for an additional 30 minutes.

Check for seasoning. Serve over cooked rice. Garnish each serving with a sprinkle of chopped green onion and chopped parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Testing note: David Simmons said when he put the first pieces of chicken into the hot olive oil to brown, the hot oil popped and splattered onto his arm. "In an instant I flashed back to when I was 14 and making this with mama for the first time. It's a dish that invokes fond memories," he added.

"When we served chicken fricassee, we always served lots of rice and gravy, the chicken wasn't as important to the dish as the gravy. You could probably prep the dish in a Dutch oven or cast-iron skillet and then simmer the gravy in a slow cooker so you don't have to keep watch while it cooks down. I like a little red pepper bite to my gravy so you may prefer omitting the red pepper if you like a milder gravy."

CHICKEN FRICASSEE

1 large chicken, cut up
All-purpose flour
1 cup cooking oil
2 large onions, chopped
1 1/2 quarts water
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 tablespoon chopped green onion tops
Cooked rice

Dredge chicken in flour and brown in hot oil. Remove chicken and brown onions in oil.

Return chicken to pot and add about 1/2 quarts water and seasoning. Cover and cook until chicken is tender, stirring to be sure it does not stick. The gravy should be thick. Ten minutes before serving, add 1 tablespoon each of chopped parsley and chopped onion tops. Serve over cooked rice. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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PCA to add football program in 2007

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Friday night lights will be shining over Plymouth Christian Academy beginning in the fall of 2007, the proposed timeframe that the 800-student private K-12 Canton school will kick off its high school football program.

The plan to add football to PCA's menu of high school sports was officially announced at the school's general fundraiser Saturday night at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"It's something we've been dreaming about for the past eight years," said PCA Athletic Director Doug Taylor, referring to the addition of football. "A lot of people at the school are excited about it."

One of the students in a sixth-grade gym class today told one of the teachers, "I'm going to be the starting quarterback when I'm old enough to play."

"We still have a lot to do, like building a field, hiring a coaching staff, securing equipment and, of course, training the kids. But, the Lord willing, we will have a football team playing on a field on our own property beginning in the fall of 2007."

Taylor, with the support of the PCA Regent Board and Head of School, Dr. Marilyn Meell, has already discussed the plans with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"We're already members of the MHSAA, so it's just a matter of filling out some paperwork," Taylor said.

Football will be the 10th varsity sport offered at PCA, which currently has 28 teams for junior and senior high school athletes.

The Eagles will not field a junior-varsity or freshmen team.

"Michigan *is* football," Taylor said, enthusiastically. "I can already picture the Friday night Plymouth Christian football games being played under the lights, playing on our own field. It's very exciting. It will take a lot of work to get this off the ground, but I'm confident we're up to the challenge."

Taylor said he will seek advice from athletics leaders at a pair of similar-sized schools in the area that already have football programs — Warren Zee Christian and Sterling Heights Bethesda

Christian, both of which compete against PCA in other sports in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"The schools in our league always reach out to help the other teams, so I'm sure they'll help us if we need it in the future," Taylor said.

Taylor said the league the Eagles will compete in has not been determined yet.

"There's already been interest expressed to me as far as people who might want to coach the team," Taylor said. "I'm excited to begin that process."

PCA, which opened in 1975, is located on a 44-acre site on Joy Road in Canton.

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Sidelines

Track times

Local boys and girls high school track-and-field coaches are encouraged to forward their team's best times and field-events distances to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that a listing of the area's best performances can be published.

Coaches can call in their results to (734) 953-2108; e-mail their athletes' top times and distances to ewright@oe.hometownlife.com or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

Crusaders lauded

Madonna University baseball players Joe Greene and Kyle Fedorka were named the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference's "Player of the Week" and "Pitcher of the Week," respectively Monday afternoon.

Greene, a native of Southgate, went 6-for-15 (.400) in four games and belted a pair of home runs, including a three-run blast at Indiana Tech on Saturday. For the week, Greene collected nine RBI to go with his three extra-base hits and four runs scored. He slugged at a .867 clip while leading Madonna to perfect 4-0 mark.

Fedorka, from White Lake, earned a pair of saves in his two appearances last week. Fedorka came on to record the final two outs in a 7-6 Madonna win at Indiana Tech, then pitched the final inning in the game-two 16-14 victory over the Warriors. He struck out three of the seven hitters he faced and did not allow a single hit. Fedorka's two saves pushed his career total of 13, tying the Madonna all-time record set in 1995.

Both Fedorka and Greene were also recognized as the NAIA Region VIII players of the week.

Volleyball camp

Michigan Technological University will be hosting a series of volleyball camps July 25-30 at Salem High School.

A skills camp will be held July 25-27, an elite camp will run July 28 and 29, and a team tournament will cap off the week on July 30. The skills camp will cost \$215, the elite camp \$175 and the team tournament \$150.

The camp will be run by the MTU coaching staff and its volleyball players.

For more information, contact Krista Mikesch at (906) 487-2427.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity hockey players are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in learning more about playing varsity hockey at one of the local high schools is also welcome to attend the meeting.

'D' rules:

Salem, Stevenson battle to 0-0 draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem coach Joe Nora and Livonia Stevenson coach Chris Pinta interpreted Monday night's 0-0 tie between their girls soccer teams as if they were looking at a work of art.

Nora saw a Picasso.

Pinta saw a bad fingerpainting. "I was very proud of our team tonight," said Nora, whose Rocks now stand at 3-5-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. "I thought we got the better of it for three-quarters of the game. It would have been nice to get a goal, but overall I was pleased with the way the girls played their positions and with how they worked out there."

"We need to get a little more organized when we have the ball inside 25 yards (of the goal), but I was extremely happy with the way the team played."

Pinta, on the other hand, could not have been more disappointed in his team's performance.

"That was the worst game I've seen us play," said Pinta, whose state-ranked Spartans possess a 6-0-2 mark (1-0-1 in the division). "We were out of sync and Salem outworked us. It was 0-0, but that was a win for Salem as far as I'm concerned. They won most of the 50-50's and they outthrustled us."

Both teams' goalkeepers — Salem's Alyssa Guerin and Stevenson's Shaina O'Connor — stepped up when they needed to Monday. Guerin's biggest stop came with 8:45 left when she stuffed a 15-yard shot off the foot of Kate Howe, who had broken through the Rocks' defense.

"I always expect a close game when we play Salem," Pinta said. "This is a big game for us every



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Salem's Kim Killion (left) jostles with Livonia Stevenson's Lauren Brodie for the ball during Monday's scoreless draw.

PLEASE SEE **SOCCER, C2**

Plymouth pitchers no-hit Pats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth pitcher Claire Ostrowski's change-up is working, she can humble even the most robust hitters.

Ostrowski was definitely in a groove Monday afternoon in the Wildcats' 9-1 victory over Western Lakes Activities Association opponent Livonia Franklin. The junior combined with Ally Ciotti to no-hit the host Patriots. Ostrowski struck out four batters in five innings of work before giving way to Ciotti, who shut down Franklin over the final two frames.

"Claire's change-up was phenomenal," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, whose team improved to

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4-1 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA and 1-1 in the Western Division. "She really mixed her pitches up well and kept their batters off balance."

"My plan going into the game was to only let Claire throw five innings because I wanted her to be strong for Tuesday's game against Chelsea (which was postponed due to rain). I also wanted Ally to get some experience. She pitched well, too." The setback dropped the Patriots to 5-3 overall and 0-3 in the WLAA's Western Division.

The Wildcats pushed across a pair of runs in the first inning, before scoring single runs in the third, fifth and sixth. They iced the game with a four-run seventh. Franklin scored its run in the sixth. Lauren Stemberger (3-for-4, one RBI, triple), Melissa Butzow (3-for-4, one RBI, two doubles), Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, two RBI, double) and Erin Ondusky (two-run double) paced the winners at the plate.

Canton's Mitchell does it all

Only the American flag has been present at more Canton High School athletic events over the past five years than Robert Mitchell.



Ed Wright

But unlike "Old Glory," the multi-faceted Mitchell is far from stationary.

When he's not serving as the announcer at the Chiefs' girls and boys basketball games, Mitchell can be found waving the huge, red-and-white "C" flag at football games.

When he's not helping out as the Chiefs' assistant freshmen boys basketball coach, he's keeping the stats at a soccer match.

When he's not delivering a half-time meal to the Canton football

announcing crew, he's helping the Chiefs' cheerleaders get the crowd pumped up.

When's he not...well, you get the picture.

"Robert is invaluable to our athletic department," emphasized Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "He's my right-hand man. He does everything from helping us set up before games, to announcing the games, to helping us clean up after games. He's a great supporter of Canton, and the athletes and coaches here embrace him for all that he does for us."

SUPERFAN

Mitchell's reign as Canton's unofficial "No. 1 Fan" began during his freshman year in high school when he approached Canton girls basketball coach Bob Blohm and asked if there was anything he could do to assist the team.

Sensing Mitchell's unselfish

desire to help, Blohm welcomed the energetic ninth-grader into the program.

It wasn't long before Mitchell was like a member of the team's close-knit family; almost like an adopted brother.

Toward the end of the season, several members of the girls basketball team displayed their appreciation by presenting Mitchell with an authentic Canton letter jacket, which he wears with as much pride today as he did the first day he wore it in the fall of 2000.

"Anne Morrell and a couple of the other girls on the team came up to me before one of the practices and gave me the letter jacket," Mitchell said. "That meant a lot to me. I almost cried."

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PLEASE SEE **MITCHELL, C2**

Supreme Court to mull over MHSAA case soon

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has been notified that April 29 has been set as the date for the U.S. Supreme Court to conduct a conference regarding its request to consider an appeal of lower court rulings in the sports seasons litigation.

It is likely that the Supreme Court will notify the MHSAA on May 2 whether or not it will take the case.

If the Supreme Court denies the MHSAA's request for an appeal, then changes in MHSAA Tournament dates in the affected sports will be enacted beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

That means that girls basketball will be scheduled for next winter, while girls volleyball will be moved to this fall. Also, boys and girls golf and tennis will switch seasons.

If the Supreme Court honors the MHSAA's request for an appeal, the MHSAA will ask the Court to stay the District Court's order that would require a change in MHSAA Tournament dates in 2005-06.

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year. Whoever comes out on top usually does well in the (Lakes) division."

Nora said his team's upper-classmen were inspired by the memory of last year's humbling 4-1 setback to the Spartans.

"We came out flat last year and they got the better of us," Nora said. "Our 10 seniors kept that in mind tonight and they knew that we had to come out and play especially hard the first 10 minutes of each half, and that's what we did. They put a lot of pressure on us the last 10 minutes, but we held them off."

Nora praised the play of Guerin, Tara Duncan, Kristin March, Andrea Gasparotto and Kathryn Wheatley.

Pinta was pleased with the efforts of Andrea Muscat — "Our best player on the field tonight" — Beth Prost and Caitlin Boyak.

Canton 7, Wayne Memorial 0: The Chiefs stayed hot, improving their record to 4-2-1 overall, 4-0 in the WLAA and 2-0 in the Western Division. The Zebras slipped to 1-7 overall and 0-3 in the division.

"The nice thing is we're getting contributions from a number of players," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

Leading the charge against the outmatched Zebras was Becci Houdek, who racked up three goals and an assist. Also scoring goals for the winners were Andrea Johnson, Molly Priebe and Lisa Ealy.

Ealy and Bailey Fagen added assists for the Chiefs, who host Troy Athens Saturday at 1 p.m. at the P-CEP soccer field.

Brittany Cervi and Kelsey Bailey both played a half in goal for Canton.

Plymouth 2, W.L. Western 0: Goal-keeper Brittany Warner recorded her seventh shutout of the season for the Wildcats, who improved to 5-4-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Warriors tumbled to 1-5-1 overall.

"I'm pleased with the way the girls are playing," said Plymouth coach John Delplace. "Our captains —



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ashley Stoychoff (right) attempts a shot against Livonia Stevenson's fast-closing Lauren Brodie during Monday night's scoreless Western Lakes Activities Association soccer game.

Colleen Flaherty, Chelsey Quinlan and Brittany Warner — are doing a great job of leading this team."

The Wildcats opened the scoring 10 minutes into the contest when Brittany Hengesh found the back of the net from 18 yards out after receiving a pass from Carlee Barackman.

"Brittany controlled the ball with the first touch and kicked it past their goalie on the second touch," Delplace said.

Junior Chelsea D'Agostino made it 2-0 a short time later when she converted a free kick from just inside the 18-yard box.

"It was a beautiful kick," Delplace said. "She put it right in the back corner of the net."

Warner took over from there, making eight saves.

Delplace also praised the play of mid-fielders Kelly

Buttermore and Meredith Bailey.

Livonia Churchill 5, Westland John Glenn 0: Katrin Omarsdottir figured in all five goals Monday as host Livonia Churchill (3-3-2, 2-1) blanked Westland John Glenn (2-7, 0-3) in a WLAA-Lakes Division encounter.

Omarsdottir, an exchange student from Iceland, scored her first goal with 34 minutes left in the first half and then assisted on Rachel Yarbrough's goal with 4:10 until intermission.

"That was probably the nicest ball of the evening," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said of the Yarbrough goal. "She (Yarbrough) neatly tucked it inside the right post. She (Yarbrough) was our best player tonight."

"We used the whole field and

possessed the ball most of the game. We were able to slow it down and look at what we were doing."

Omarsdottir scored in the 57th minute (from Julie Dzwonkowski) and 66th minute (unassisted) to make it 4-0. Julie Kobylarz capped the scoring in the 74th minute (from Omarsdottir).

Glenn goalkeeper Melissa Frederick was heroic in defeat, facing 30 Churchill shots and stopping a penalty kick attempt from Omarsdottir in the second half.

"She (Frederick) played her hardest," said Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski, whose team was coming off losses to Ann Arbor Huron (8-0 on Friday) and Walled Lake Central (7-0 on April 20).

The Rockets also got sterling efforts from fullback Megan Johnson and Jessica Williams.

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Salem 'walks' past Chargers

Despite being out-hit 10-5 Monday, visiting Salem scored four times in the bottom of the fifth to beat Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division foe Livonia Churchill, 8-6.

The win improved the Rocks' record to 4-3 overall and 1-1 in the division. The Chargers fell to 4-5 and 1-2, respectively.

The game was moved to Churchill because of wet field conditions at Salem following a weekend snow.

"Overall, it was a sloppy game for both teams," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "We didn't play well. Most of the runs they scored were unearned. We didn't get a lot of hits, but we made the most of the ones we did get."

Salem managed just five hits, but it was the benefactor of 11 Charger walks.

Winning pitcher Nic England scattered nine hits

over six innings to earn the victory. He walked one and struck out three before giving way to Josh Ritter, who gave up one run on one hit and two walks in the top of the seventh. Ritter earned the save.

Designated hitter Andy Ciantar led the Rocks by going 2-for-2 with a pair of walks and two RBI.

Andy Psilis chipped in with two hits and one RBI.

Churchill made a total of four errors and three Charger hurlers combined for 11 walks in the setback. Churchill's Steve Merlo went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI, while Brandon Mishowski was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Losing pitcher John Thomas went the first 4.1 innings, allowing six runs on four hits and seven walks. Mark Pirronello and Bryon Niemczak combined to go the final 2.2 innings.

MITCHELL

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things about Robert Mitchell is the never-renting enthusiasm he displays for whatever game he is attending. Every game is like Opening Day when you're around Robert. It doesn't matter if it's a non-conference girls basketball game against Saline or a district final against Salem — his excitement rarely subsides.

His passion for Canton sports is genuine, and he's not afraid to show it.

"Bob (Blohm) and Sue (Heinzman) have warned me about getting too excited when I'm sitting at the scorer's table during games," Mitchell admitted. "It's hard sometimes not to get excited, but I do my best."

What inspires Mitchell to show up at Heinzman's office just about every school day at 3 p.m. to find out what he can do to help during the next several hours?

"I love helping out because it

gives me something to do," he said. "If I wasn't up here (at Canton), I'd be at home sitting around watching TV. This is a lot more fun."

READY FOR ANYTHING

Mitchell displayed his versatility last fall when he donned a "Big Boy" costume for the Canton Booster Club and greeted fans as they entered the gates.

"That was fun," Mitchell said, "but it was hard, too, because they told me I couldn't talk."

There's no telling what Mitchell will be doing at next week's important sporting events at Canton.

He may be keeping score. He may be setting up a field. He may be working at a concession stand. What's certain is Mitchell *will* be there.

And he'll be loving every minute of it.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 28

Agape at Warren Zee, 4:30 p.m.
Birmingham Roper at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Salem at Farmington (DH), 10 a.m.
Agape at University Liggett (DH), 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 28

Agape at Sterling Heights Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Agape at Greenhills (DH), 4:30 p.m.
Wyandotte at Salem (DH), 10 a.m.

Canton at Chelsea Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 28

W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Salem at J.D. Imagecraft Invite, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Salem at Holly Relays, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 28

W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Salem at J.D. Imagecraft Invite, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Canton at Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.
Harper Woods Regina at Plymouth, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Wednesday, April 27

Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

Southfield Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Saline at Canton, 1 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Wednesday, April 27

Salem at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Livonia Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Canton at Novi Invitational, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Wednesday, April 27

W.L. Northern at Salem
at St. Johns G.C., 3 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Salem at Livonia Franklin
at Idylwild G.C., 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Canton Wayne Memorial, 3 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western
at Edgewood Country Club, 3 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Thursday, April 28

PCS at Ypsilanti-Lincoln, 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Saturday, April 30

Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 1

Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Saturday, April 30

Madonna vs. Aquinas College
at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 1

Madonna at Saginaw Valley St., 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Churchill's Long stymies Rocks in girls softball

Livonia Churchill pitcher Bridget Long's no-hit bid was broken up by Salem's Kelli Behr with two outs in the bottom of the seventh Monday as the host Chargers downed the Rocks in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division showdown.

The win upped Churchill's record to 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the division. Salem slipped to

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6-3 and 1-2, respectively.

Behr singled up the middle on a 3-0 count.

"Bridget pitched well, she had a lot of popouts," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said.

Cat Sidor led an 11-hit Churchill offensive attack by going 3-for-4, including a solo homer in the third inning. She

finished with two RBI.

Amber Holod added two hits and an RBI, while Long helped herself out by going 2-for-4.

Shannon Cleck contributed an RBI single.

Losing pitcher Courtney Davis struck out four and walked two in seven innings.

STEVENS ON 15, JOHN GLENN 5: Livonia Stevenson (6-1, 3-0) exploded for five runs each in

the fifth and sixth innings Monday to mercy Westland John Glenn (4-12, 0-3) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

Winning pitcher Jenny Hamel allowed five hits, walked one and struck out seven.

Top hitters for the Spartans included: Amanda Alpert, 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI; Monica Piekarski, 2-for-3

with two RBI and two stolen bases; Roya St. Clair, 2-for-4 with three RBI; and Shelley Waldenmeyer, 2-for-3 with a double and three runs scored.

Glenn committed seven errors in the setback as losing pitcher Lisa Pecorelli gave up 13 hits, walked three and struck out two in six innings.

Bridget Berg had two hits for the Rockets.



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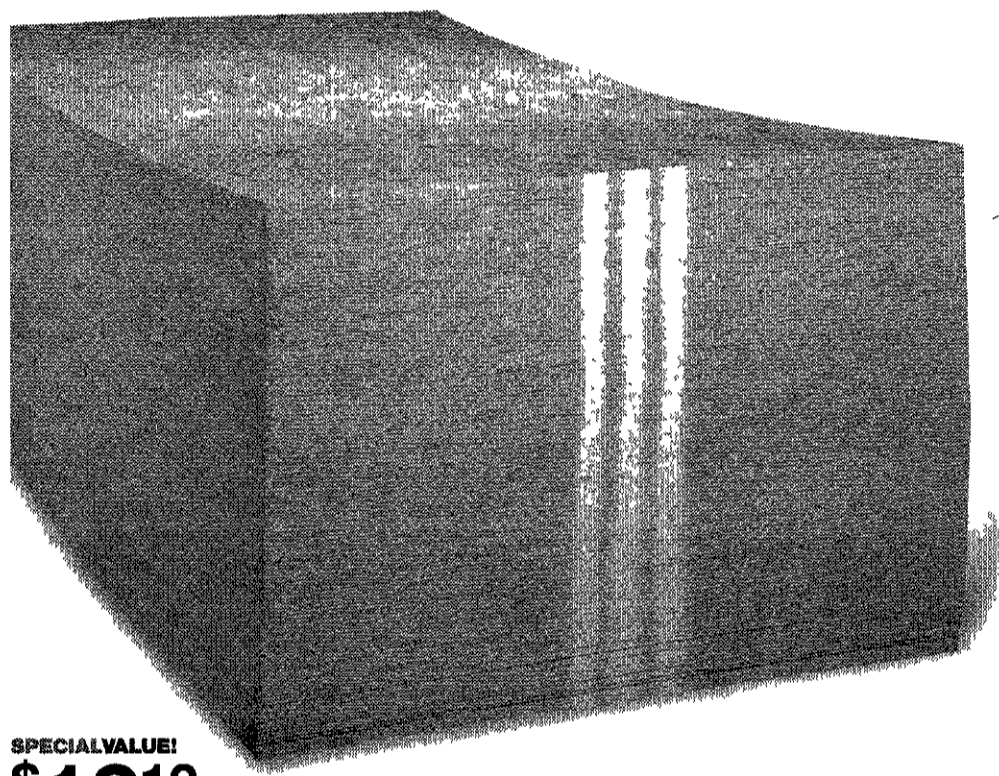
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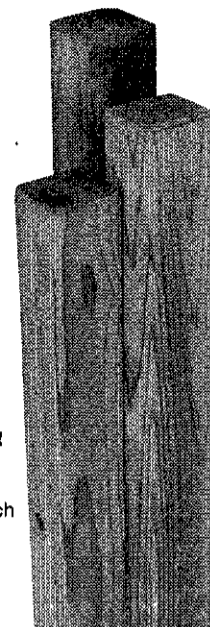
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BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When a lot of games get postponed due to rain – or snow, as was the case last weekend – it can really tax a baseball pitching staff when the makeups start piling up.

But Redford Catholic Central head coach John Salter so far isn't having any trouble dealing with the schedule, thanks to complete-game victories Monday by pitchers Bobby Henderson and Greg Marrone.

The pitchers helped the Shamrocks earn 8-0 and 8-2 victories over Harper Woods Notre Dame in a makeup doubleheader of Saturday's snowout. With the sweep, CC improved to 12-2 overall and 6-2 in the Catholic League Central Division while Notre Dame's division record dropped to 2-6.

CC also was rained out on Tuesday.

In game one against Notre Dame, lefty Henderson allowed just four hits and struck out 13 batters in what Salter called "probably the best game he's pitched all year. He really kept them off balance."

The key hit in the opener was a bases-clearing double to right-center by Josh Szatkowski (2-for-3, three RBI) in the third inning, to give the Shamrocks a 4-0 advantage.

The nightcap featured the pitching of Marrone (four hits, seven strikeouts) as he followed Henderson's lead.

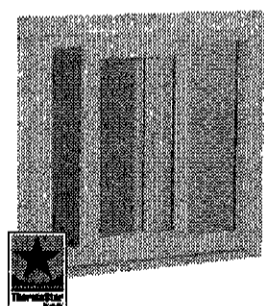
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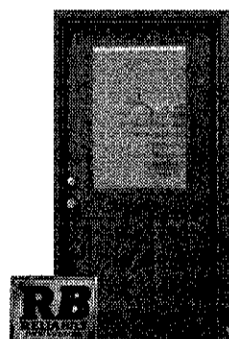
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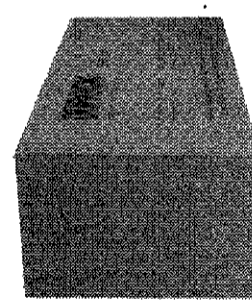
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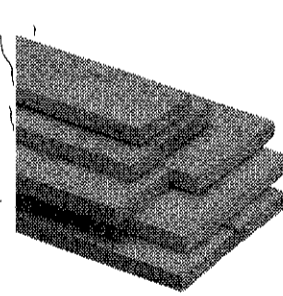
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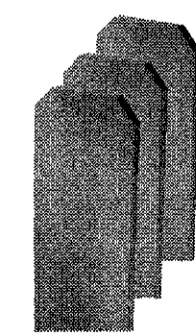
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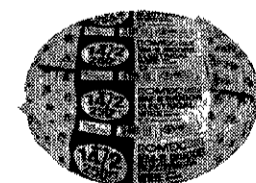
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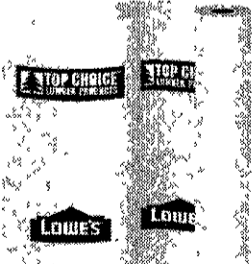
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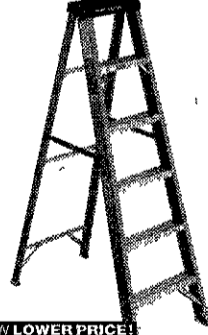
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Salem's Robby Wallen stretches out to return a volley during the No. 2 singles match against Livonia Stevenson Monday afternoon. Wallen defeated Chris McCathney, 6-2, 7-5.

Salem netters slam Spartans

Salem's boys tennis team solved Livonia Stevenson and a steady, gusty wind Monday afternoon in its 6-2 victory over the Spartans.

The win lifted the host Rocks to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Stevenson slipped to 2-4 and 2-2, respectively.

"I thought we played well, considering how windy it was," said Salem coach Bill Nelson.

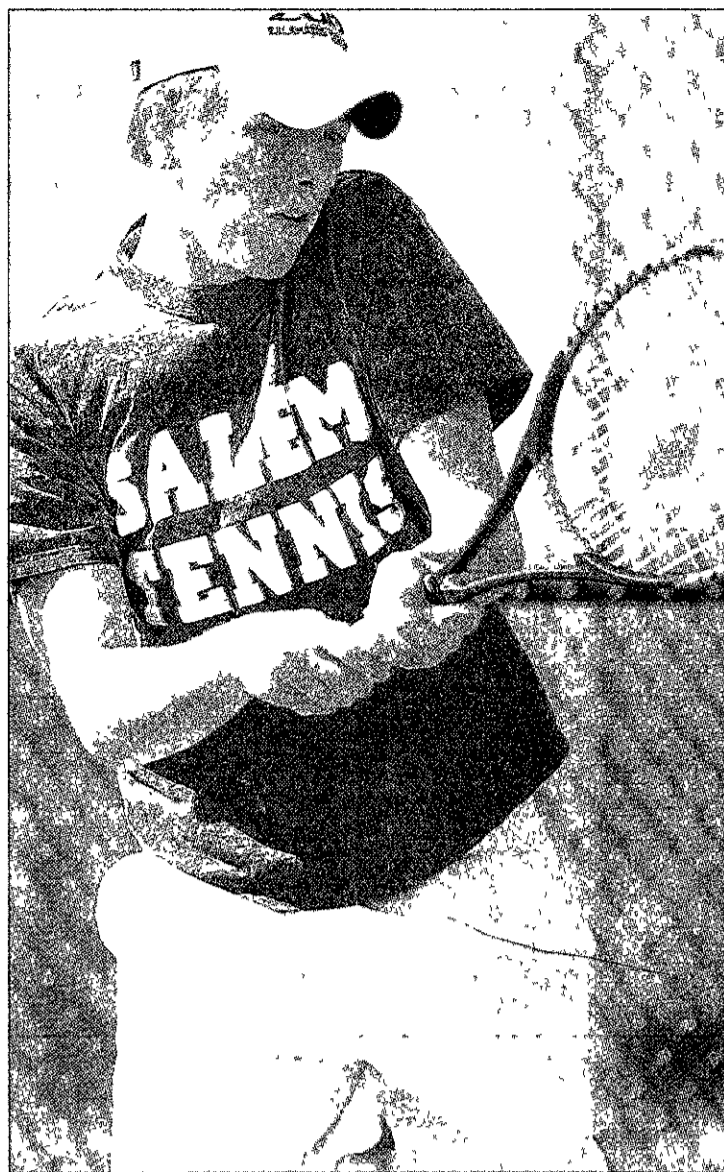
"Chris Treadwell got a nice win at No. 1 singles and I thought our No. 4 doubles team of Cam Loftus and Ross Heidenreich came through with a good effort."

The Rocks led 3-1 following the singles competition. Treadwell ousted Chris Welch, 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1; Rob Wallen swept Chris McCathney, 6-2, 7-5, at No. 2 and freshman Lawrence Washington out-

stroked Ricky Roman, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3.

Gino McCathney kept the Spartans in the match with a three-set win at No. 4 singles over Pete Bartlett.

Salem's No. 1 doubles tandem of Blake Foster and Neil Bakshi upended Mike Jewell and Brandon Bahr, 6-4, 6-2 to clinch the win. The Rocks' final triumph was recorded by the Loftus-Heidenreich duo.



Salem's Chris Treadwell returns a volley during his No. 1 singles match against Livonia Stevenson Monday afternoon. Treadwell won, 6-4, 6-4, over the Spartans' Chris Welch.

NET RESULTS

CANTON 6

WAYNE MEMORIAL 2

April 25 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Mike Keesey (C) defeated Steve Frost 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Eric Szydlowski (C) def. Kevin Erdmann, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3: Tom Williams (C) def. Mike Beach, 6-4, 6-2. No. 4: Koosh Patel (C) def. Jake Fyfe, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Wilder Christoffersen Dan Miller (WM) def. Alex Marinica-Alex Fabiszewski, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5. No. 2: Nimit Desai-Mike Palmer (C) def. Brett Burns-Jamie Grassmeyer, 6-4, 7-5. No. 3: Nathan Larimore-Nirusan Longathan (C) def. Dale Dahlberg-Andrew Hermatz, 7-5, 6-2. No. 4: Terence Stewart-Anthony Karasinski (WM) def. Chintan Palhak-Arslam Aslam, 6-1, 6-4.

Dual meet records: Canton, 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLAA. Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA.

SALEM 6

LIVONIA STEVENSON 2

April 25 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Chris Treadwell (S) defeated Chris Welch, 6-4, 6-4. No. 2: Rob Wallen (S) def. Chris McCathney, 6-2, 7-5. No. 3: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Ricky Roman, 6-4, 6-3. No. 4: Gino McCathney (LS) def. Pete Bartlett, 6-3, 6-6, 1.

No. 1 doubles: Blake Foster-Neil Bakshi (S) def. Mike Jewell-Brandon Bahr, 6-4, 6-2. No. 2: Ian Petty-Jay McConnell (LS) def. Alex Guri-Pawel Kargol, 6-4, 6-1. No. 3: Dave Geick-Alex Poe (S) def. Mike Horgan-Chris Stojanov, 6-3, 6-0. No. 4: Cam Loftus-Ross Heidenreich (S) def. Mike Carpenter-Yash Chahnan, 6-2, 7-5.

Dual meet records: Salem, 3-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA. Stevenson, 2-4 overall, 2-2 WLAA.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8

WARREN DeLaSalle 0

April 18 at DeLaSalle

No. 1 singles: Ryan Snyder (CC) defeated Bill Hackett, 6-1, 3-6, 1-0 (3). No. 2: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Matt Cracchiolo, 6-3, 6-3. No. 3: Victor Ansara (CC) def. Kevin Turnbull, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4. No. 4: Chris Atallah (CC) def. Chris Ferlito, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Britton Steele-Nick Carroll (CC) def. Gino Moncelli-Dave Lyons, 6-3, 6-4. No. 2: Kevin Murphy-Kevin Hager (CC) def. Vito Longiro-Jack Goodell, 6-2, 6-2. No. 3 doubles: Matt Rutkoeski-Joe Trupiano (CC) def. Jeff McKeon-Joe Hackett, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4 doubles: Samir deCosta-Ryan Bourjaily (CC) def. Derek Olivares-Chris Plawewski, 6-4, 6-2.

CC's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 2-0 Catholic League.

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3175, 3177, 3179, 3181, 3183, 3185, 3187, 3189, 3191, 3193, 3195, 3197, 3199

Clinton River fisheries just keep getting better

The good news just keeps getting better about the Clinton River.

For the last 20 years the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has annually stocked about 15,000 steel-

head in the Clinton River. Two years ago, in a one-time deal, the department was able to double that plant and released 30,000 steel-

ies. Some of those fish are returning to the Clinton this spring. Then last year, the DNR agreed that the water quality in the river had improved sufficiently — through much determination and hard work by a number of local organizations — to start planting brown trout in the river.

Earlier this week, DNR fisheries biologist Jim Francis dished out some more good news. Starting this year the annual steelhead stock in the Clinton will be increased from 15,000 to 25,000. And it gets even better. Due to a slight surplus in hatchery steelhead this spring, 34,000 steelhead were planted in the river last Tuesday, instead of 25,000.

"We've been evaluating the fishery and it has been very successful," Francis said. "In 1996 and '97 we did a post card creel survey on the Clinton at the Yates Cider Mill and at the Ryan Road park, the two most popular sites on the river for fishing. We found that just in March and April we had 21,000 angler hours. That's a pretty intense fishery."

Biologists used that information to convince hatchery man-

agers to increase the plants. And it worked.

The DNR will be conducting another creel survey this year and will compare this year's numbers with those from the past. The early indications are that even more anglers than before are tapping into the fishery.

"We don't have all our results in yet because the survey goes through the end of April, but it looks like we're ahead of that number this year," Francis said.

SALMON STAKES ON TAP

Despite what the weather looks and feels like outside right now, I know spring is here because the 26th annual Salmon Stakes fishing tournament is slated for Saturday, April 30, on southern Lake Huron. This is one of the longest running fishing tournaments in the state and attracts anglers from all over southeastern Michigan, including many from O&E-land.

And why not? It's also one of the first tournaments in the state and provides an excellent opportunity to get out on Lake Huron for some of the earliest salmon fishing of the season. The southern waters of Lake Huron warm fastest in the spring because it's the shallowest area of the lake. Baitfish move in first, seeking the warming water, and the salmon and trout soon follow. That equates into some of the best early-season fishing right here within an hour of metro Detroit.

Saturday's tournament offers a unique opportunity for anglers to fish, as well as have an opportunity to win some fantastic raffle prizes, including an Alaska getaway for two.

Raffle tickets cost \$10 each and are good for entry into the tournament as well as into the raffle. (Anglers must still register for the tournament prior to midnight April 29.)

You don't have to fish in the

tournament to purchase a raffle ticket, either. And even if you don't win any money in the fishing tournament or prizes in the raffle, you'll still come out ahead of the game because your ticket stub is good for half-off the second dinner for two at the Voyageur Restaurant in St. Clair.

Salmon fishing has taken a hit over the last couple years as the prey base changes in Lake Huron. Alewives, and mainstay of forage for hungry salmon, are in steep decline and salmon have appeared undersized and skinny over the past two years.

To accommodate the changing fishery, tournament organizers have expanded the categories in which they award cash prizes. Like last year, anglers will again be competing for \$500 cash prizes for each of the heaviest chinook, coho, steelhead, brown trout, lake trout and walleye. (Lake trout season is open only in the St. Clair River.)

There will also be a \$500 cash prize awarded to the skipper with the heaviest catch and a \$500 club prize to the fishing club with the heaviest total catch. The raffle will be drawn at the weigh-in, which starts at 1 p.m. at the Voyageur. Prizes include a one-week, all expenses paid trip for two to Alaska; \$500 cash; a half-day salmon charter aboard the Flippin' Silver Charter Boat with Captain Marty Bringard; 18 holes of golf for four, including carts, at Fore Lakes Golf Club; and a \$200 dinner voucher at the Voyageur Restaurant.

For tickets and to register for fishing, call (810) 329-4101 or (810) 984-3232. (Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.)



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Jon Smart (Catholic Central) 51-1
Jon Whaley (Franklin) 49-4
Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 48-10.5
Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson) 47-0
Jake Maloney (Catholic Central) 46-6
Nick Barrett (Catholic Central) 46-5.5
John Franchi (Catholic Central) 46-4
Ben Harper (Churchill) 44-7
Ryan Jonik (Canton) 44-4
Devin Sail (Churchill) 43-6.5
DISCUS
Nick Barrett (Catholic Central) 159-1
Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson) 153-7
Jon Marsh (Salem) 141-5
Steve Paye (Canton) 129-1
Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 128-8
Jon Smart (Catholic Central) 127-9
Joe Zugaj (Canton) 127-5
Chris Bollerud (Franklin) 125-9
Steve Kaptur (Salem) 124-9
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 122-10
HIGH JUMP
Andrew Rossow (Canton) 6-0
Cameron Scharchburg (Plymouth) 6-0
Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 6-0
Matt McClellan (Canton) 5-10
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 5-10
Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson) 5-10
Steve Rimmer (Franklin) 5-10
Andre Thornton (John Glenn) 5-10
Chris Brown (Redford Union) 5-8
Steve Muncy (Catholic Central) 5-8
Ken Norman (Salem) 5-8
LONG JUMP
Brian Rumao (Salem) 20-8
John Mitchell (Stevenson) 20-5
Trevor Hearn (Stevenson) 20-4
Doug Persondek (Garden City) 20-1
Donnie Carson (Cville) 20-0
Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 19-10
George Easter (John Glenn) 19-7
Eric Pliowar (Canton) 19-5.5
Ian Givens (Franklin) 19-0.25
Rodney Preston (Canton) 19-0
Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 19-0
POLE VAULT
Ryan Santa (Churchill) 14-9
Derek Reeves (Canton) 13-0
Bill Breslin (Churchill) 12-6
Andrew Cutshall (Stevenson) 11-6
Dennis Tullio (Franklin) 11-1
Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 11-0
Joe Pond (Stevenson) 11-0
Jeremy Peer (Franklin) 11-0
110-METER HURDLES
Rodney Preston (Canton) 14.9
Brad Zygmuntowicz (Catholic Central) 15.3
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 16.1
Bill Breslin (Churchill) 16.2
Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 16.3
Tim Belcher (Canton) 16.4
Aron Anselment (Stevenson) 16.4
Matt McClellan (Canton) 16.5
Baze Efremov (Salem) 17.13
300 HURDLES
Rodney Preston (Canton) 41.0
Brad Zygmuntowicz (Catholic Central) 42.0
Michael Duffield (Churchill) 42.6
John Mitchell (Stevenson) 43.0
Paul Rosin (Luth. Westland) 43.3



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Canton's Matt McClellan cleared 5-10 on the high jump to earn a spot on the Observerland's Top 10 track-and-field list in that event.

Aaron Anselment (Stevenson) 43.5
Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 43.8
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 44.1
Baze Efremov (Salem) 44.3
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 44.5
100 DASH
Darrian Miller (Wayne) 10.8
Jared Owens (Thurston) 11.0
Michael Palombo (Catholic Central) 11.0
Eric Pliowar (Canton) 11.0
Nana Adomako (Stevenson) 11.0
Darius Williams (Franklin) 11.1
Donnie Carson (Cville) 11.1
Brian Chandler (Stevenson) 11.2
Blaine Simmons (Wayne) 11.3
Terrill Ford (Wayne) 11.3
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 11.3
200
Michael Palombo (Catholic Central) 22.3
Dave Calile (Canton) 22.6
Brian Chandler (Stevenson) 22.8
Jared Owens (Thurston) 22.9
Donnie Carson (Cville) 23.1
Eric Pliowar (Canton) 23.3
Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 23.4
Brandon Pratt (John Glenn) 23.6
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 23.65
Andrew Rossow (Canton) 23.7
400
Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 51.4
David St. Amant (Churchill) 51.8
Andrew Rossow (Canton) 52.0
Trevor Hearn (Stevenson) 53.1
Ryan Zuhke (Stevenson) 53.8
Joe Crist (Salem) 53.9
John Stewart (Cville) 54.1
Tim Gault (Franklin) 54.3
Josh LeDuc (Plymouth) 54.3
Pat Brown (Thurston) 54.6
800
Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 2:03.0
Joe Horka (Churchill) 2:03.1
Jason Morad (Catholic Central) 2:04.8
Stephan Maxe (Churchill) 2:05.9
Eric Kehoe (Luth. Westland) 2:07.5
Jeff Holycross (Stevenson) 2:09.7
Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton) 2:09.7
Eric Zech (Canton) 2:10.5
Jim Wood (John Glenn) 2:10.7
Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 2:12.4
1,600
Joe Horka (Churchill) 4:33.0
Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:39.0
Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 4:39.0
Tim Francisco (Churchill) 4:39.8
Jason Morad (Catholic Central) 4:45.0
Mike Nienhaus (Catholic Central) 4:45.9
Eric Zech (Canton) 4:48.2
Alex Lumley (Salem) 4:50.0
Dan Kapadia (Salem) 4:51.0
Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4:53.8
3,200
Tim Howse (Churchill) 9:59.0
Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 10:10.0

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK LEADERS

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SHOT PUT
Anna Wilson (Salem) 34-11
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 34-10.25
Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 34-9.75
Maggie Fisher (Salem), 32-11
Lauren Brown (Franklin) 32-8
Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 32-1.75
Erin Lovell (Franklin) 32-1.5
Sarah James (Franklin) 32-0.75
Kallee Hobbins (Churchill) 30-10.25
Marissa Marshall (Luth. Westland) 30-5
DISCUS
Anna Wilson (Salem) 118-8
Alicia Krueger (Luth. Westland) 117-0
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 106-3
Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 103-7
Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 95-11.5
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 92-1
Kallee Hobbins (Churchill) 91-4
Sarah James (Franklin) 90-5
Maggie Fisher (Salem) 90-1
Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 89-9
HIGH JUMP
Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5-6
Kasey Butler (Stevenson) 5-0
Lynden Gault (Salem) 5-0
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 4-11
Megan Kmet (Franklin) 4-10
Megan Lwiensk (Stevenson) 4-10
Jackie Grubeck (Churchill) 4-10
Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 4-10
Kelsey Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 4-8
Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 4-8
LONG JUMP
Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 16-11
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 16-0
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 15-10
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15-8.25
Dana Eldred (Salem) 15-3.25
Andrea Lang (Salem) 15-1
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 14-10.25
Sumon Joyner (Canton) 14-9.50
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 14-8.5
Stephanie Davis (John Glenn) 14-6
POLE VAULT
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 9-7
Jenny Perkins (Stevenson) 9-6
Jackie Demers (Churchill) 9-0
Allie Vraniak (Salem) 9-0
Katalin Dugan (Churchill) 8-6
Lauren Yockey (Franklin) 8-0
Ruth Pranschke (Luth. Westland) 7-6
Maria Winkler (Stevenson) 7-6
Liz Kemp (Luth. Westland) 7-0
110-METER HURDLES
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.7
Andrea Lang (Salem) 16.9
Dana Eldred (Salem) 17.0
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 17.2
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 17.4
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 17.4
Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 17.5
Elyse Gieschen (Luth. Westland) 17.8
Jessie Murray (Canton) 17.9
Amanda Fernat (John Glenn) 18.1
300 HURDLES
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 47.7
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 48.9
Andrea Lang (Salem) 49.5
Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 49.6
Diane Burek (Stevenson) 50.1
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 50.6
Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 50.6
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 51.87
Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 52.4
Dana Eldred (Salem) 52.6
100 DASH
Tiffany James (Wayne) 12.4
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 12.5
Yvette Nickens (Churchill) 12.8
Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 12.9
Samantha Blaesser (Ladywood) 13.0
Sade' Poole (Redford Union) 13.0
Brittany Jones (Salem) 13.1
Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 13.1
Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 13.1
Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 13.1
200
Tiffany James (Wayne) 26.2
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 27.2
Sade' Poole (Redford Union) 27.3
Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 27.4
Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 27.4
Lynden Gault (Salem) 27.7
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 27.7
D'Angela Pitts (Canton) 27.78
Sumon Joyner (Canton) 27.79
Yvette Nickens (Churchill) 27.8
400
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 1:00.8
Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 1:01.6
Laura Friedman (Salem) 1:02.0
Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 1:02.0
Allie Vraniak (Salem) 1:02.6
Lindsay Miles (Salem) 1:03.2
Lisa Arrowsmith (Stevenson) 1:03.7
Liz Buttery (Churchill) 1:03.8
Michelle Lager (Canton) 1:04.7
Amanda Dye (Wayne) 1:05.0
800
Laura Friedman (Salem) 2:22
Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:23.7
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 2:24.9
Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 2:27.7
Kelly Bargowski (Canton) 2:31.0
Janet Hanchett (Plymouth) 2:32.0
Katie Shull (Salem) 2:33.0
Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 2:34.3
Lisa Arrowsmith (Stevenson) 2:35.1
Laura Marshall (Franklin) 2:40.5
1,600
Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 5:11.5
Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 5:12.9
Kylan Cieslak (Churchill) 5:23.2
Lauren Kane (Salem) 5:32.0
Hannah Cavicchio (Salem) 5:39.0
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 5:43.8
Becky McCormack (Canton) 5:44.0
Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 5:51.0
Kath. MacKenzie (Luth. Westland) 5:51.7
Allison Milcan (Franklin) 5:53.7
3,200
Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 11:18.0
Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 11:38.7
Hannah Cavicchio (Salem) 11:54.0
Kylan Cieslak (Churchill) 11:59.6
Lauren Kane (Salem) 12:01.0
Amy Drinan (Churchill) 12:15.0
Becky McCormack (Canton) 12:33.0
Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 12:34.0
Sarah Sherwood (Plymouth) 12:45.0
400 RELAY
Livonia Churchill 52.6
Livonia Stevenson 52.7
Livonia Franklin 52.9
Canton 53.79
Lutheran Westland 53.9
Wayne Memorial 53.9
800 RELAY
Canton 1:49.7
Livonia Churchill 1:50.1
Livonia Stevenson 1:52.4
Salem 1:53.1
Livonia Franklin 1:53.7
1,600 RELAY
Salem 4:15.0
Livonia Churchill 4:17.5
Livonia Stevenson 4:19.6
Redford Thurston 4:28.0
Livonia Ladywood 4:28.1
Canton 4:30.0
3,200 RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 9:57.0
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a May 3, 2005 Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, candidates in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, Schoolcraft Community College District; and Van Buren Public Schools in Wayne County:

VOTE FOR ONE-TERM ENDING 2009.
Emily L. Florence
Thomas J.P. Wysocki

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VOTE FOR ONE - FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING 2009
Philip N. Cascade

VOTE FOR TWO- SIX YEAR TERM ENDING 2011
Gregory J. Stempien
Patricia L. Watson

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VOTE FOR ONE- TERM ENDING 2009
Ralph A. Nodwell
Andrew Wrenbeck

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
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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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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. McClelland 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) 416-2746. 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
FY 2005 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room located in the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI, 48188 the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, which includes the FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant action plan. Comment will be held on the following project proposals: First Step, \$35,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$8,400; Wayne-Metropolitan CAA, \$1,560; Teen Center handicap accessible doors (new), \$1,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Human Services Center Construction, \$275,000; Program Administration, \$64,919; Sheldon School site improvements (new), \$15,000. Allocation total: \$414,919. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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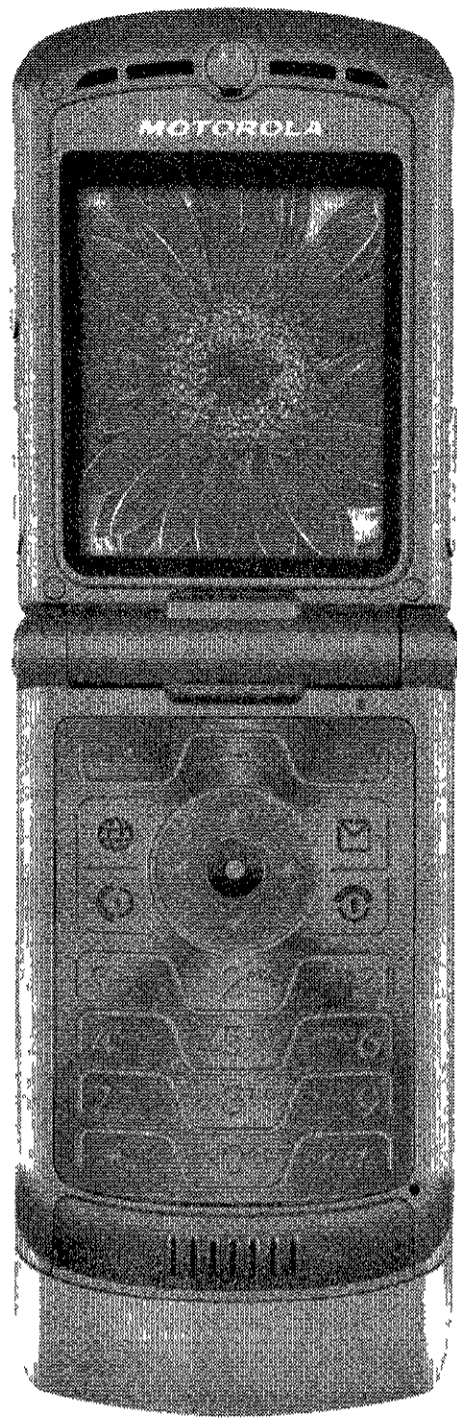
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Garden City's Burton scores 600th goal to cap special homecoming

All hockey season, I've been keeping you abreast about one of the most heartwarming homecoming stories in the metro Detroit sports scene, the triumphant return of Garden City's Joe Burton.

It's been great to follow the Motor City Mechanics forward's road during an NHL-less winter and early spring, to see someone doing something he truly loves even though it falls under the radar most of the time.

Burton, a 1985 graduate of Garden City High School, finally received long overdue local recognition earlier this month,

after scoring the 600th goal of his professional minor-league hockey career. He is the first American-born player to accomplish that feat.

At the eight-minute mark of the second period against Muskegon in the Mechanics' home finale, Burton rifled a perfect cross-crease pass from Blair Manning high over the stacked pads of Fury goalie Sylvain Daigle.

The crowd of 2,536 at Fraser's Great Lakes Sports City stood in unison and gave Burton a loud ovation that lasted several minutes. Teammates mobbed the 5-foot-7 Burton behind the Muskegon goal and others high-fived him along the bench as he skated past it.

Fans cheered loudly when the milestone marker was announced and again following Motor City's 4-2 win, when microphone-toting team presi-

dent John Tull publicly congratulated Burton on the feat at center ice.

Burton, who is pretty low-key and not one to brag, almost sheepishly raised his stick in response to the continuing applause while photographers snapped away.

Who knows whether Burton will now decide to retire for the second time in two years or, hopefully, return with the Mechanics next season.

But no matter what, he can relish how he reached the summit of his career at home, in front of family, friends and others (hockey fans like myself) who have come to appreciate his quiet leadership and play-making ability.

SHORT RETIREMENT

Burton, who recently turned 38, retired from the Oklahoma City Blazers of the Central Hockey League in 2003, satisfied with a professional hockey resume that as of then included

565 goals and more than 900 points. The CHL even went so far as to honor Burton with an annual award in his name, given to the player leading that league in scoring each season.

Last year, he decided to come back, moving into his parents' Garden City home, the very home he grew up in. Joe and his wife, Julie, and their two young sons (Joe and Luke) were content in what he had accomplished, but now it was time to turn the page.

He hooked up with Art Van Furniture in Westland, working as a salesman for a while. He also reconnected with old friends such as Garden City councilman and youth hockey coach Charlie Wasczenski, helping out with practices.

But then the Mechanics came calling. Specifically, former Red Wings star Garry Unger gave Burton a ring in September about helping out the new United Hockey League franchise that he'd be coaching.

Burton promptly signed a one-year deal.

Then, the Mechanics started with a loud thud, compiling a horrible record through January. Burton did surpass the 1,000-point mark in his career and played reasonably well.

But he wasn't victimizing goaltenders the way he did in Oklahoma City.

DISCOVERY

Things changed in early February when locked-out NHL players Chris Chelios, Derian Hatcher, Kris Draper (who didn't suit up for the Mechanics due to a legal snag), Bryan Smolinski and Sean Avery decided to come on board. So did a new coach, with Unger moving into the front office.

Many at the time viewed the signings as a publicity stunt for the struggling team. But all of a sudden, the major leaguers and minor leaguers meshed into an outstanding squad. The Mechanics started winning nearly every game (although the 15-2 run started too late to make the playoffs). People started turning up at the Garage.

And Joe Burton started popping in goals with regularity, on a potent line with team captain Manning (a teammate of Burton's at Oklahoma City) and Matt Hunter (Northern Michigan). His milestone tally against Muskegon gave him 35 for the season — 11 of them coming in 11 games beginning March 19. He scored one more over the season's final weekend to end the year with 36 mark-



PHILL MATORA

The sign held up by young Motor City Mechanics fans and Joe Burton's smile during a postgame interview tell the story about the Garden City resident's milestone night.

ers. One more thing. The NHL officially canceled its 2004-05 season, giving Chelios, Hatcher, Smolinski and Avery motivation to really give it their all for the Mechanics.

Beginning in February, Burton and the Mechanics enjoyed an atmosphere that almost resembled a mini-Joe Louis Arena. Fans waved pompons and hoisted banners; UPN 50 televised two games with veteran broadcaster Ray Lane doing interviews (one with Burton after he scored No. 599).

There also were feature articles written about the team in the Detroit daily newspapers, although they were predictably about the exploits of the big leaguers.

But for those who are true hockey fans and aren't crazy about bandwagons, a special byproduct of all that attention was discovering Joe Burton. He's a blue-collar player who came from a blue-collar town, went on to great heights hundreds of miles away and came back again.

Tim Smith is the Garden City/Redford sports editor.

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 10 AM. Auctioned will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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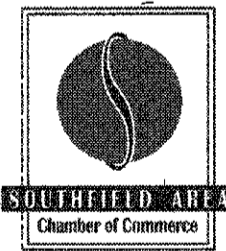
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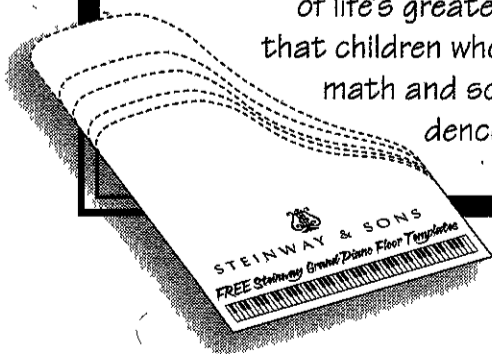
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The Fifth Third Bank Solstice Run will include a new 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) event along with the 5K run/walk and the kids fun run, Saturday, June 25, in Northville.

Packet pickup will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, and also starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at Ford Field in Northville.

Entry fees are \$25 (10K run), \$20 (5K walk/run) and \$9 (kids run).

Shirts will go to all entrants (if registered by June 20). Free entertainment with a live band will be provided at the finish line, along with music on the course.

Medals will go to the top three finisher in each age division (along with medals to the top 300). There is a total of \$5,000 in prize money and gift awards for the 10K and 5K races. The Foresters will provide medals to all kids participants.

You can register online at www.SolsticeRun.org.

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.

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.

SOCCER CAMPS

For the 13th consecutive year, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty will be hosting Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps in the metropolitan Detroit area. Joining Finnerty are former Detroit Rocker teammates Droe Callahan, the camp's director, Rodrigo Gonzalez, Marty Caves, Jim Lemley, Amy Knechtly, Emily Jackson, Gary Bell, Billy Joker and Brian Vanderziel. All the coaches are licensed and serve as trainers for local soccer clubs year-round. The instructor-to-camper ratio is 1-to-10.

"My staff and I look forward to another exciting camp season," said Finnerty. "Being able to give back to our local communities is a highlight and an honor. The friendships we've built with the kids over the years make it like a mini-reunion every week. It's great to catch up on how they did in school and what new achievements were conquered both on and off the soccer field."

The camps include two options: a regular camp for beginner to intermediate players; and advanced camps for striker/goalkeepers. The advanced strike camp is an all-offensive camp that moves at an accelerated pace and focuses on finishing (scoring).

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There will be camps in Canton June 20-24 and July 18-22, both at Independence Park.

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.

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third

season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

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

The tour consists of 10 quali-

fying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

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

So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf."

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

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8.

The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at

www.Top50JrTour.com.

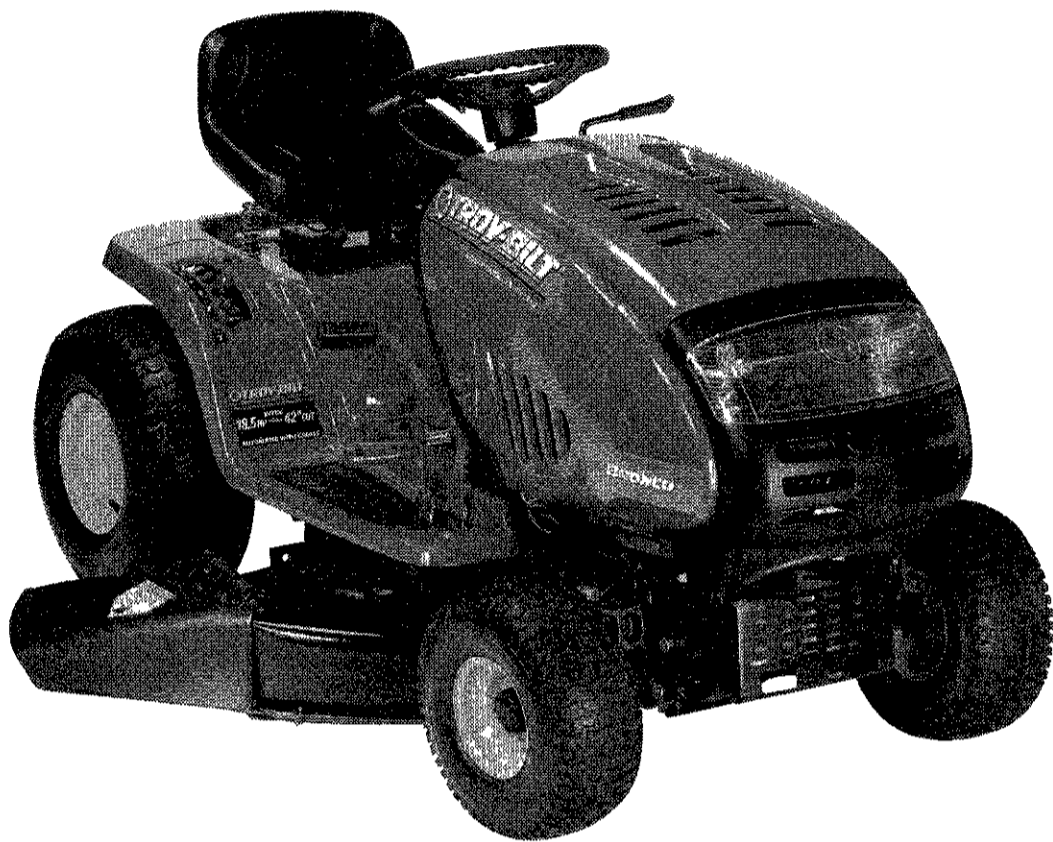
Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

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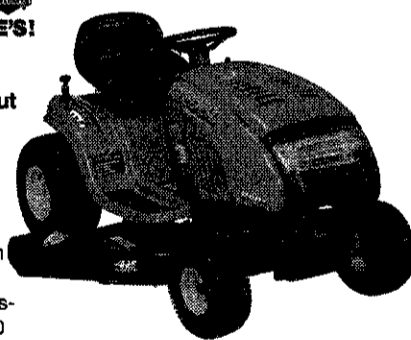
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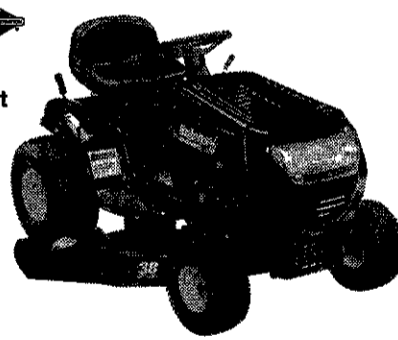
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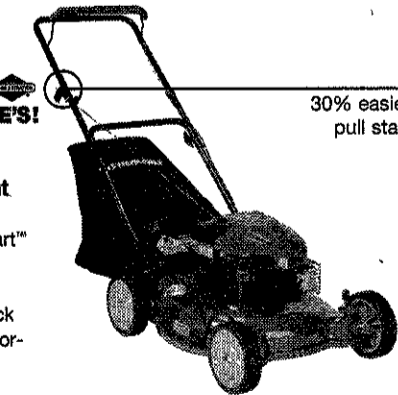
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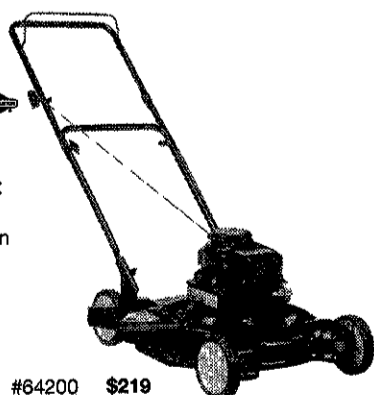
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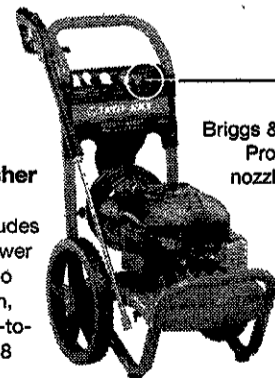
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Madonna University baseball team takes a pair

Madonna University's baseball team had its hitting shoes on Saturday afternoon as the Crusaders swept a doubleheader from Indiana Tech, 7-6 and 16-13, at Warrior Field in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The pair of wins improved MU's record to 31-10 overall and 9-1 in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Warriors slipped to 22-22 and 10-4, respectively.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

The Crusaders were out in both games — 10-8 in game one and 21-10 in the nightcap — but most of the hits they did generate were well-timed.

MU relief pitcher Dan Duffey earned the win in the opener, throwing 1 1/3 score-

less innings after taking over for starter Derek Dufrane in bottom of the sixth. Kyle Fedorka earned the save by retiring both batters he faced in the seventh.

Clint LaFontaine suffered the mound setback for the Warriors.

Offensively, third baseman Gary Van Allen and designated hitter Dave Herrick both shined for the winners.

Van Allen went 2-for-2 with a home run and three RBI. Herrick blasted a pair of solo round-trippers.

Todd Kalmbach and Mike Cauzillo also ripped two hits a piece for the Crusaders.

Jake Stambazze and Matt LaMaster both ripped home runs for IT. In the second game, the Crusaders struck for five runs in the first and nine in the sixth to offset the offen-

sive fireworks the Warriors provided.

Joe Greene and Dave Herrick rocked balls over the fence for the Crusaders, who received three RBI each from Greene, Herrick and catcher Justin Fabian. Lead-off hitter Jason Barbeau served as a catalyst for MU, lacing three hits and scoring three times.

The Warriors, who committed seven errors, were led by

Dustin Sebastian (5-for-6, three RBI), Brian Turner (2-for-5, four RBI), Stambazze (3-for-5, three RBI) and Eric Trout (3-for-4, one RBI).

Andy Wojcik earned the relief win for the Crusaders despite yielding four runs in 1 1/3 innings. Adam Kline started on the mound for MU, but he exited the game after giving up eight runs in 4 2/3 innings of work.

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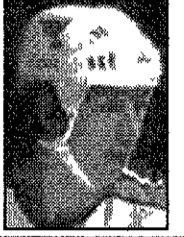
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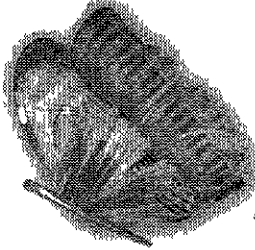
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Sunday Worship Services



Zak Ortiz, keyboards, turntables (left); Daniel Bossio, guitar; Michael Gilleran, drums and percussion, and Patrick Bossio (bass guitar and lead vocals recently performed at Club Triune in Westland. Their band, Special Delivery, plays upbeat Christian rock.

Club offers a safe place for Christian youth to meet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

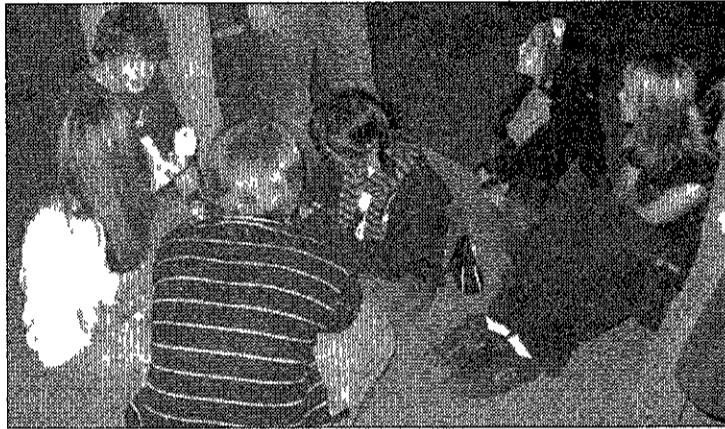
Don Keith knew he'd struck a chord when the Friday night crowds kept growing at Club Triune. He'd been right all along that today's youth were searching for a safe, drug-free Christian environment to go to hear music and hang out with their friends.

Keith originally established the club in Ann Arbor, but had to close when the building was leased to someone else. He wondered if the new location in Westland would continue to draw youth when it opened last October.

He didn't have to worry. Youth from all over the area flock to the club where they can hear the latest bands, play games and talk about everything from faith to politics.

"Today's youth seem to be able to get into more trouble than when I was a youth 25 years ago. Back then we didn't worry about drugs and child molesters as much," said the 41-year old Keith who grew up in Farmington Hills and graduated from Livonia's Clarenceville High School. "It's our duty to watch out for the youth of today. We expanded to Saturday nights about a month ago. We have great attendance on both days."

Club Triune grew out of J2 Entertainment, the business Keith began in January 2003 to manage local Christian bands. But his concern for kids didn't stop with providing a place for them to have fun. In March, Keith held the Holy Palooza Festival, a gathering of friends who shared their faith through the arts including music and painting. They not only had the opportunity to express themselves, but grow spiritually. Still they needed a church of their own so Keith opened The Church of Rock. The nondenominational,



Club Triune gives youth a place to meet and discuss everything from faith to politics on Friday nights.

youth-led church for ages high school to mid-20s meets at 5 p.m. Saturdays in Club Triune.

Patrick Bossio credits the club and church with changing teens' lives. The respect is mutual. Keith admires Bossio and other young Christian musicians like him who provide good role models for today's youth.

Bossio and his band Special Delivery recently played at the Holy Palooza Festival. Their new CD came out in January, three years after they formed the group to play upbeat rock music. The four musicians, including Bossio's brother Daniel, decided to form the band while playing on the worship team at Faith Christian Assembly in Melvindale where the Bossios' father Pat is pastor. For information about the CD, visit www.specialdelivery-rocks.com.

"We chose the name Special Delivery because we wanted to deliver a message within our music," said Bossio, 20. "Sometimes it's a dark world. We want to be a light in the darkness. The CD is all originals inspired by experiences in our lives and with Christ. We're a band of Christians but we don't play just for Christian audiences. We also play for secular because that's who the

message is for."

Bossio likes the mix of youth who come to Club Triune to hear the bands. He wishes there would have been a place like the club when he was in high school. Bossio says "in school there were a lot of people who identified themselves as Christian but you couldn't tell much of a difference between them and those who didn't believe in Christ."

"There were a lot of parties in schools. That doesn't mean don't go, but don't drink, and practice abstinence. Live your life for Christ," said Bossio. "At Club Triune I like how much variety they have. They get kids from all different musical tastes. They offer all sorts of genre that attracts all different sorts of kids. They have an Internet cafe, games. It's more than just a venue for bands. It's fun for people to hang out even if they don't want to jump and go crazy to the music."

For more information about Club Triune, visit the Web site at www.clubtriune.com or call (734) 276-1292, or Don Keith at (734) 417-0475.

Admission is \$6 for most shows and doors open at 7:30 p.m. The club is at 35248 Palmer near Wayne Road.

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The Great Basement Crusade was one of 6 Christian bands who performed for a benefit concert at Club Triune in Westland in February.



RELIGION CALENDAR

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

APRIL

Bible translation banquet

Tom and Tina Duncel 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, call (248) 375-562.

Mom to Mom sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, infant to pre-teen and maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. \$1 admission. Call (734) 354-5276.

Rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 30, and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 1, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly. Sunday is Bag Day.

MAY

Friend Day

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house for Pre K through eighth grade at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Call (313) 937-2233.

Youth Chorale concert

Featuring the Counsellor's Youth Chorale 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1, followed by presenting music for the 7 p.m. Mass, at St. John Center Chapel, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-1161.

Snorts & Giggles

A musical variety show for the entire family will be presented by The Third Peasant from the Right 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, W. Chicago and Inkster, Redford. Performance follows a family pot luck. The community is invited to bring a dish and join in the fun. Call (313) 937-1199.

Rummage sale

5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 admission \$2 per adult. Big sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7, no charge. Saturday everything is half price, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

World Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for people to come in for prayer, prayer service 12:15-12:45 p.m., at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-7620. Open to anyone in the community. Church is handicap accessible and offers hearing assistance and large print bulletins.

Acoustic concert

Featuring Washboard Hank 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 (\$10), doors open at 6 p.m. with open mike performances until 7 p.m., children's matinee at 2 p.m. (\$5), at the Acoustic Coffeehouse in Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Call (734) 421-

1760.

Choir concert

The 41-voice Concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw will perform sacred songs 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 8, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. Call (313) 532-8655.

Mother's Day

The male chorus provide music, each mother receives a carnation 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 8, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494.

Mustard Seed Contemporary Services

Continue 6 p.m. Sunday, May 8, with a young musician from Galway, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. The service uses modern video and sound systems, incorporating worship videos and contemporary religious music. Call (734) 421-7620.

Scrapbook cropping benefit

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 14, to raise money for Vacation Bible School, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Cost is \$35 and includes light breakfast, lunch, dinner. Call (734) 427-7549.

Jazz concert

Featuring Christa Grix (harpist) and the Jazz Trio will be performing 7 p.m. May 22, Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West 10 Mile, Novi. Call (248) 349-2345. Tickets available.

Purpose Driven Life

Continues 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sundays, to May 22, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584. Childcare available for those who indicate a need in advance.



JANEL M. FISHER

Age 38; April 26, 2005. Beloved wife of David. Dearest mother of Jeremy Paul Fortuna. Dear daughter of Lynn and Madelyn Bodily. Dear Daughter-in-law of Jack and Carolyn Fisher. Dearest sister of Lynnette Barker, Michele Brady and Jeffrey Bodily. Funeral service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be directed to the Jeremy Fortuna Education Fund c/o Comerica Bank, 36700 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154

JOY L. HARGREAVES (LIVECCHI)

Webster: April 21, 2005. Age 46, in Commerce MI, formerly of Rochester. Survived by her husband, Robert; her children, Michele, Jeanne, Nathan, Alexis; her mother, Barbara Shatara; her father, Phillip (Lena) Livecchi; sisters, Michele (Tom) Paszkiewicz, Jeannette Gunn, Lisa Livecchi; brothers, Michael (Renee), and Vincent (Leslie) Livecchi; step brothers, Joseph, and Michael (Betsy) Alessi; also many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Memorial calling hours THURSDAY 2-4 & 7-9 at the Falvo Funeral Home, Inc., 1295 Fpt. Nine Mile Pt. Rd., Webster, NY 14580. On FRIDAY family and friends are asked to go directly to Holy Trinity Church (1460 Ridge Road, Webster) for the celebration of her Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM with interment to follow in Holy Trinity Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Joy's favorite charity Histocytosis Assoc., 720 E. Holly Ave., Suite 101, Pitman, NJ, 08071. 856-589-6606. A local memorial service will be announced and held in St. Patrick's Church, White Lake.



JAROLD LEE HEICK

Jarold Lee Heick of Westland, Michigan, died April 21, 2005, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Michigan. He was 70. Jarold was born in Davenport, Iowa, to Irene Banker Heick and Alfred Edward Heick. Jarold retired from General Motors after 33 years of service in Plant Security, at the Chevy Gear and Axle Hamtramck Plant. Previous owner of Heick Bullet Company, Detroit and The Classy Dive Lounge, Garden City, Michigan. He is survived by sons, Ty J. and Michael L., and his daughter Deborah La Londe, all of Florida; granddaughter Tonnya Tate and three great grandchildren; his sisters Sally Focht of Dearborn Heights and Karen Roberts of Taylor, Michigan; his brother Roger of Westland, Michigan and Richard of Twin Lakes, WI. His parents precede him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

LAWRENCE A. JOHNSON

Age 100, April 24, 2005. Beloved husband of the late Edna. Loving father of Paul (Marilyn) Johnson and Linda (Dale) Hebbard. Brother of Edith Jones, Edna O'Droski, the late Madeline Holley, Kenneth and John. Grandfather of Colleen Wolford, Kevin, Karen Melby, Cindy Hansen and Sheri Janda. Also survived by 19 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Boys & Girls Bible Club. Please sign the online guest book at www.rghharris.com.

WILLIAM C. KNUDSON

Age 87, of Rochester Hills, died April 22, 2005. Loving husband of Evelyn, sharing over 60 years together. Dear father of Kathryn (Gary) Grice, Nancy (Steven) York & Elizabeth Hense. Proud grandfather of Tim, Tony, Stephanie, Kristen, Kim, Melissa & Natalie. Great grandfather of Alyssa, Drake & Ethan. William was preceded in death by his parents & two brothers. William was a life-long member of the Knights of Columbus & was a coach, teacher & administrator at Kearsley High School for 36 years. Visitation at Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive, Rochester, on Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Wednesday 11:00 am at St. Mary's of the Hills Catholic Church, 2675 John R. Road, Rochester Hills. Family will receive friends from 10:30 am until the time of the service at church Wednesday.

DUNCAN McPHERSON

Age 78, April 25, 2005. Beloved husband of the late Mettelyn. Loving father of John (Michelle) and Janet (Shawn) Salisbury. Grandfather of John II, Alexandra, Amanda, Shannon, and Shawn Jr. Brother of Ian (Helen) McPherson. Proud retired employee of the Ford Motor Company. Visitation Friday 3-9pm and funeral service Saturday 11 am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford. Burial, Grandlawn Cemetery.

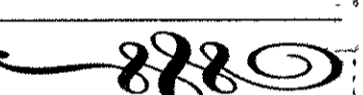


MARY HELEN RIDDLE

Age: 79 1/2. Died April 22, 2005 in Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of the late Charles Riddle. Mary is survived by daughter Myra Zolynsky and her husband Dave, her son Jim Riddle and her son Lynn Riddle. Mary had eight grandchildren, Johnathon and David Filak, Josephine and Jacquelyne Zolynsky and Charlie, Matthew, James and Emily Riddle. Mary had two great-grandchildren, David Leslie and Zachary Filak. Funeral was Monday, 11am, April 25, 2005 at Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Rd. (Taylor Chapel). Mary and Charles lived in Huron township and owned and operated the Circle R Ranch and Long Dollar Restaurants. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hockey has Heart (A Charitable Organization), 35500 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. Online guestbook at www.voranfuneral-home.com

GERALDINE HELEN NAGY

Age 79, of Plymouth, died April 26, 2005. She was a retired instructor for the A.R.C. of Western Wayne County. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Nagy of Livonia; her son Larry (Kathy) of Plymouth; granddaughter, Michelle, of Plymouth; sister-in-law Bette Sherwood; two nieces and one nephew also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mike. Funeral services will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Saturday, April 30, 2005, at 11am. Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 9pm at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to A.R.C. of Western Wayne County, 2257 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186.



ARLIE E. NEELY JR.

Age 78; April 26, 2005. Beloved husband of Bertha. Loving father of Harold (Sandy), Sheila and Carolyn Neely. Dear grandfather of Kimberly, Kelly, Heather, Adrienne. Great grandfather of Jacob. Funeral service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Saturday at 10am. Visitation Friday from 6-9pm. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice.

LINDA CATHERINE SCHMITTROTH

April 24, 2005. Age 55 of Southfield, MI. Delightful wife of John. Proud mother of Sara and the late Leah. Dearly loved daughter of Virginia and the late George Semrow. Treasured sibling of Dave, Mark and the late Jane. Also six nieces and nephews. Author of "Statistical Record of Women Worldwide", "Cities of the United States" and other library reference books. Remembrance service was held Wednesday April 27 at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 248-549-0500. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Proliferacy Worldwide, 1320 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

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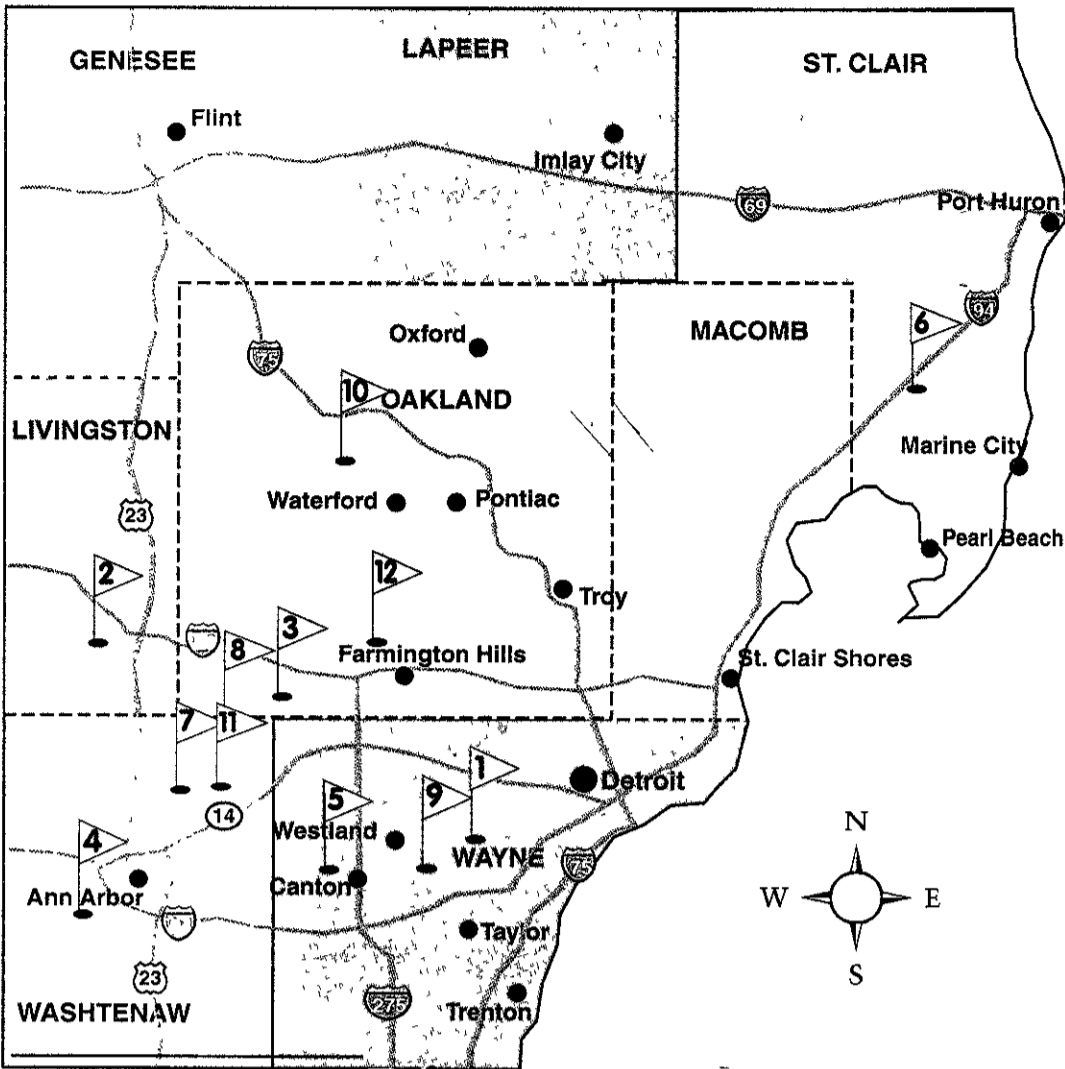
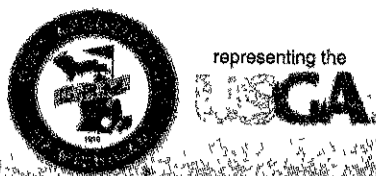
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2 THE JACKAL GOLF CLUB
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Manager: Sean Fletcher
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8 TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE
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248.486.3355
www.tanglewoodthelion.com
No. of Holes: 27 Par: 36 Yards: 3636
Manager: Ann Lewis
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11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB
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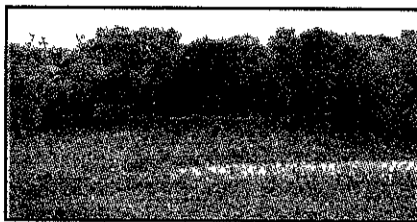
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Laws in place to deal with nuisances

We have a structure next door to us which is, in our opinion, dilapidated and we consider it a nuisance. How do we go about dealing with the situation?

The municipality in question no doubt has the right, exercising its police power, to enact laws prohibiting or protecting health, safety, welfare, and public morals which will include the right to demolish a residence. Particularly if the property is uninhabitable, the municipality may have a right to consider it a nuisance and have it demolished. Our association amended its documents recently to make assessments mandatory to take care of the park and trails in our community. The amendment also required all lot owners in the subdivision to be members of the Association. Now certain members are claiming that that amendment is not enforceable against them. What do you think?

It all depends upon the provisions of your present documents but in a recent case out of the Supreme Court of Colorado in a similar situation, an association amendment creating a mandatory association and assessing mandatory dues was upheld as a valid exercise of the association's express and implied powers under its covenants. The court recognized that in a residential community, there is an implied agreement that the owners accept the cost to maintain and repair the common areas and that each co-owner must bear his or her share of the legitimate expenses. I believe the movement of the courts is in the direction held by the Supreme Court of Colorado.

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Identify goals

before deciding whether to buy or rent

Figuring out whether you should buy or rent an apartment or home is basically a process of self-assessment — primarily financial but also of your career, lifestyle and goals for the future.

If you're not planning on staying in your particular location for very long, or if your income is particularly low in relation to your expenses than renting may be a good option. However, the majority of financial advisors recommend buying your own home as one of the first steps you can take toward financial independence and creating wealth.

The following factors should be considered before making a decision on whether to buy or rent:

• **Owning property builds equity.** Though there are always "iffy" deals when buying property, investing money in a home means (basically) your monthly payment increases your percentage of ownership. Real estate has proven to be one of the more stable investments you can make, in addition to having the use of the property over time.

If you keep up or improve your home, and if the area where you buy remains stable or becomes more popular, chances are you'll break even or make money when it comes time to sell it. However, if your employment situation is less than stable, or if you anticipate a move in the near future, closing,

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moving and other costs may eat up any profit if you have to turn your home around quickly — in other words, like the stock market, investors who are in it for the long haul have the greatest chance of success.

• **Owning property is a responsibility.** The first thing long-time renters mention after purchasing a home is the new responsibility of home maintenance. When the furnace goes out, or the ceiling falls down, there's no property manager to call to fix the problem — you have to do it yourself, or hire someone.

Since this can be a bit of a shock to the wallet, your local home store is a great place to go for information about doing-it-yourself. Also, ask friends and neighbors to share their plumbers, painters, electricians, and so on.

• **Owning property means freedom.**

If you purchase a freestanding single family home, you may be able to blast your favorite heavy-metal band late into the night, but don't count on it. Being a good neighbor is still high on the list of requirements of the American dream.

And if you purchase a condo or co-op, remember that to a certain extent your decisions are subject to the will of all of the other owners in the building. If you must stay up until three in the morning listening to rock and roll, consider a house in the country.

• **Owning property means security.** If you don't get in over your head in terms of monthly payments, an American's home is still his or her castle. There are also tax advantages to home ownership which your lawyer, tax man or real estate professional can tell you about.

One of the biggest trends in home ownership is that younger and younger people are purchasing homes and apartments — and far more single people as well. If you're even thinking about purchasing a home, one of the best things you can do is to go to a local lender and pre-qualify for a mortgage loan, which identifies just how much money you can spend on a property, as well as alert you to any problems you may need to deal with in terms of your credit history and general viability as a loan recipient.

Mortgage Bits

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New FHA choices help buyers

Until recently, many FHA borrowers suffered the common plight of having to make the tough choice between the two mortgage products: the 30-year fixed-rate and the one-year FHA adjustable-rate. Both are great products, but for different reasons.

The challenge FHA borrowers faced was that they wanted, and often needed, the lower interest rate of the one-year adjustable and the stable monthly payment of the fixed-rate mortgage. Now, these families have more choices that make more sense for their situations.

Before I jump into the details, let me briefly review how adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) work. Counter to what most people think, ARMs are named by the number of years their interest rates remain fixed.

For example, a typical three-year ARM is fixed-rate for three years, then adjusts annually for the remaining 27 years. Similarly, five-year ARMs hold steady for five years.

Some of the more progressive lenders have now filled a real lending gap for FHA borrowers by offering both three- and five-year ARMs. This is huge news for thousands of borrowers because the introduction of these mortgage products takes a lot of pressure off these families.

As a mortgage loan officer, as much as one-third of my pipeline of loans is made up of FHA borrowers, many of whom are first-time homeowners. I know if advance that most of these folks will remain in their homes for three to five years before they upgrade because of their changing needs.

The majority of them — candidly all of my FHA clients — will likely be better served by using on of these new products.

The new FHA ARMs offer a wonderful balance for borrowers who need a stable and moderately low monthly payment. As a loan officer, it's a great feeling to now have the tremendously flexible underwriting guidelines that FHA has always offered, combined with a loan product that serves clients of all ages in so many ways.

Today's TIMBIT: Like you, FHA mortgages have changed a lot in the past 20 years. It may be time to see if those changes suit your needs.

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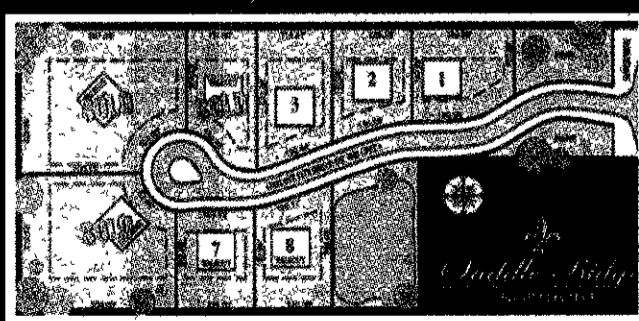


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	PLYMOUTH \$334,900 All the charm of HDWD flrs, plaster walls, FP & arches Updates inc: furnace, CA, roof, BA, kit flr, cntrs & Indscp, 2nd flr new in 03, Huge mstr w/2 WIC, cct BA, crpt & study, Award winning Indscp & covered patio! (OEP49EVE) 734-453-6800		PLYMOUTH \$224,900 Walk to town! Updates: bath (05), windows/sliding door (04), doors/maple wet bar (03), electrical, roof, flooring (02), incredible kitchen (02) Includes all appliances Gorgeous deck, fenced yard, garage w/10ft cr (OEP95NOR) 734-453-6800		REDFORD \$245,900 Updated 4 Bed Cape Cod On approx. 3/4 Acre Updates Incl: Roof, Carpet, Insulation, Drive & Porch, Furn, C/a, Kit, Ba, Win Lg Br Up W/1/2 Bath M Br W/wic & 1/2 Bath Oversized Gar Fin Bsmt W/wet Bar & Full BA (OEL27LYN) 734-591-0333		REDFORD \$165,000 This Ranch Is Different Than All The Rest! Nearly 1800 Sqft, Huge Great Rm W/cearing Cathedral Ceiling, 2 Skylights, 2 Bay Windows, 2 Ceiling Fans, & Impressive Fieldstone Hearth W/wood Burner (OEN34MAC) 248-347-3050		REDFORD \$140,000 Lovely Brock Ranch Located In One Of Redfords Most Scenic Areas, close To Lola Park, nice St With Larger Lots, newer Windows, furnace, air & Roof, large & Impressive Natural Fireplace W/gorgeous Mantle Full bsmt. (OEN15NOR) 248-347-3050		REDFORD \$114,900 A Lot Of House For The Money! Plenty Of Room Here In This Terrific 4 Bdrm Brick Ranch! Nice Big Kitchen Formal Living Rm, Family Rm W/elec frpl, Good Size Yard W/shed & Room For Garage, Newer Furnace, Fresh Paint, (OEN04CEN) 248-347-3050		Vacant Land \$348,000 Great opportunity Great frontage on Joy or Vorheis Excellent perk-survey Gorgeous hardwoods in area of beautiful homes Possible land contract (OESLY00VOO) 248-437-4500
	SUMPTER \$159,900 Enjoy your summer from the large deck of a 4BR home overlooking nearly an acre! Newer Pergo floor in mstr & kitchen & updated electrical All appliances stay! Barn is perfect for horse or horsepower! Hurry! (OEP25JUD) 734-453-6800		WALLED LAKE \$144,900 Cool Sophistication in this super sharp 2-story condo w/ contemporary flar! Private location in lovely Walled Lake complex just moments to M5 Full basement & attached garage. Put this in your "Must See" pile! Call Karen Thomas. (OELA56DOW) 248-975-1177		WEST BLOOMFIELD \$315,000 Wow! Better Than New, Updated Detached Condo Offers Wooded Views & Privacy & Seclusion New Carpet T/o, Freshly Painted T/o, New Blinds Entire 1st Flr, New Kitchen Flr, Newer Garage Dr, Dramatic Cathedral Living rm. (OEN76BRO) 248-347-3050		WESTLAND \$173,900 Beautiful 3 Bed 2 Bath Brick Ranch, Hines Park New Vinyl Siding & Wndws Beautiful LR Windows, Part Fin Bsmt W/new Oak FP & Wet Bar, A Part Remodeled Kit All Appl incl. (OEL78AUG) 734-591-0333		WESTLAND \$139,900 Lovely 3 bedroom ranch! Updated kitchen with oak cabinets, Living room has large bay window and hardwood floors. Basement offers large finished rec room and utility room. Fenced yard. A must see to appreciate. (OESLY38SHA) 248-437-4500		WESTLAND \$139,900 3 Bdrm Brick Ranch Cul-de-sac Location, Lrg Backyard For Kids, Great Location In Westland Finly Rm, Cen Air, Oak Cabs In Kit, 1st Flr Lndy Rm All Appliances Incl. 2 New Entry Rm, 2.5 Det Car Gar Quick Possesion. (OEL48HUN) 734-591-0333		YPSILANTI \$224,900 Almost new! Great ranch in new subdivision. Hardwood floors and deluxe kitchen. Hurry on this one won't last long! (OESLY12TRO) 248-437-4500

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Dec. 6-10, 2004, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton			Westland		
1328 Centennial	\$466,000	8343 Orhan	15822 Winston	\$87,000	
50545 Cherry Hill	\$400,000	43059 Providence	15949 Winston	\$100,000	
432 Cherry Orchard	\$225,000	1550 Ranier			
41736 Conner Creek	\$301,000	1787 Ranier			
3505 Denton	\$195,000	441 Roosevelt			
7126 Fox Woods	\$315,000	42716 Saltz			
7005 Foxcreek	\$286,000	747 Sorel			
45645 Graystone	\$172,000	8243 Trafford			
41411 Greenwood	\$215,000				
400 Hamilton	\$65,000				
39875 Hillary	\$173,000				
45417 Holmes	\$309,000				

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Pulte Homes gets Royal Oak space

Friedman Real Estate Group, Inc. recently negotiated the lease of 26,889 square feet to Pulte Homes, the top-ranked U.S. homebuilder on the 2005 Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. Pulte Homes leased the space at 400 W. Fourth in Royal Oak from National City Bank of Midwest to house their newly consolidated Michigan division. David Friedman, president and CEO of Friedman Real Estate Group, represented the tenant in this transaction.

Sperry Van Ness appointment

Sperry Van Ness, one of the nation's largest commercial real estate investment brokerage firms, has named Robert Pliska, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, as senior advisor. Pliska specializes in the sale of apartments, office, industrial and retail buildings. He has over 30 years of experience. Prior to joining Sperry Van Ness, Pliska served as president and/or officer of a full service commercial real estate firm, a major developer, a mortgage banker, and was with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, servicing their real estate and financial institution clients. Pliska is a member of several organizations, including the National Association of Realtors and the Michigan Association of Realtors. He served as president of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors and was awarded "Realtor of the Year" by the Michigan Association of Realtors.

New officers at CSI

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) announces the election of Officers and Directors for 2005-06. President: Thomas Krynski, PPG Industries; First Vice President: David Paterson, Yamasaki Associates; Vice President (Professional): Glen Reimer, BEI Associates; Vice President (Industry): Gerald Marquette, Hansen Marketing Services; Secretary: Kay Kocis, Architectural Product

Solutions; and Immediate Past President: David Oglesby, WDEO Associates

Recently Elected Directors: Kay Kocis, Thomas Krynski, Russell LaCourseire, Stanley Martin, Robin Rund, and Dan Saltzman

The Construction Specifications Institute is the premier integrating force of the construction industry. As a professional association, CSI supports the community of owners, architects, contractors, and product representatives with continuing education, technical certification, and industry trade show events. The Metro Detroit Chapter of CSI celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and has approximately 275 members.

Home Building and Basement Remodeling

A four night seminar on home building is being offered through the Oakland Builders Institute in conjunction with Rochester Community Schools.

The seminar will be held from 6-10 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Adams High School room 140 beginning July 18. The instructor will explain all facets of the process, including planning, meeting building codes, estimating materials, the basics of home construction and finishing techniques.

A basement remodeling course is also being offered. Instruction includes all facets of the process, including planning, meeting building codes, estimating materials, and the basics of home construction and finishing techniques. Bring in your layout and the teacher will work with your design. Course fee is \$99 (plus \$10 for the book, payable in class) and will be held from from 6:00-10:00pm., Tuesday, August 2 and Thursday, Aug. 4 at Adams High School.

To register for one or both of these classes, or for more information, contact Rochester Community Services at (248)

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Real Estate One salutes top producers

Real Estate One honored its top performers at its annual awards convention held March 16 at the Ford Convention and Events Center at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Recognized at the event were those Realtors and branch offices with the most outstanding performance and customer satisfaction. The most prestigious awards went to the following individual Realtors, teams of Realtors and branch offices:

All Company Individual Volume Leader - Matt Dejanovich, Real Estate One, Ann Arbor.

All Company Individual Contribution Leader - Melanie Bishop, Real Estate One, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake.

All Company Team/Partnership Total Contribution Leader - The Linda Rea Team, Real Estate One, Troy.

All Company Individual Sales Unit Sold Leader - Idowu Balogun, Real Estate One, Dearborn Heights.

All Company Listings Sold Unit Leader - Jean Proffitt, Real Estate One, Trenton.

All Company Team/Partnership Volume Leader - The Linda Rea Team, Real Estate One, Troy.

Office Performance Leadership Award - Given to the top 12 offices in the company in total sales volume: Real Estate One of Ann Arbor (President's Office winner for top office, which the branch also won in 2002), Novi/Northville, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake, Rochester, Southfield, Troy, Fraser, Royal Oak and Livonia, as well as the Max Brook offices in Birmingham on Old Woodward and in Bloomfield Hills, and the Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors office of Grosse Pointe.

Presidential Growth Award - Given to the top three offices in terms of surpassing their annual goals: Real Estate One of Commerce Township and Max Brook of Birmingham on Old

Woodward and of West Bloomfield.

Achievement Award Leader: Units Sold by Office - Real Estate One of Troy for selling more homes as an office than any other office in the company

Achievement Award Leader: Participation Rate - Real Estate One of Bloomfield Hills.

Affiliated Achievement Award - After the top individual and top team, the next 10 top producing Realtors, teams or partnerships in terms of consistently providing full-service, hassle-free assistance to the customer (home sale, mortgage, title insurance and/or insurance): Real Estate One Realtors Fil Superfisky, Novi; Jeffrey Amburgy, South Lyon; Bob Weltman and Roy Randy, Royal Oak; Karen Wilson, Troy; Ida Touchette, Bloomfield Hills; The Dennis P. Dickstein Team and The Andy Collins Team, West Bloomfield on Middlebelt. Max Brook Realtor Julie Herman, Birmingham on Woodward Avenue. Johnstone & Johnstone Realtor Patty Riley.

All Company Quality Service Award - Idowu Balogun, Real Estate One, Dearborn Heights.

President's Circle - Honoring the top 35 producing Realtors, teams or partnerships in the company: Real Estate One Realtors Jeffrey Amburgy, South Lyon; Idowu Balogun and Mike Fayz, Dearborn Heights; Melanie Bishop, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake; Betty Constant, Livonia; The Andy Collins Team and The Dennis P. Dickstein Team, West Bloomfield on Middlebelt; Matt Dejanovich, The Harrison Team (Nancy, Tim Sr., Tim Jr.) and The Kenyon Team (Barry Kenyon, Valerie Havens, Frank Zehel), Ann Arbor; Susan Doyle, Brighton; Mary Ferrazza, Rochester; The Linda Rea Team, Troy; Jean Proffitt, Trenton. Max Brook Realtors Jeffrey Barker, West Bloomfield; The DeForrest-McAuliff Team (Michael DeForrest, Kristi McAuliff) and Julie Herman, Birmingham on Old Woodward; Kathy Brook-Ballard and Janice Hays, Bloomfield Hills; John Huyck, Birmingham on Maple.

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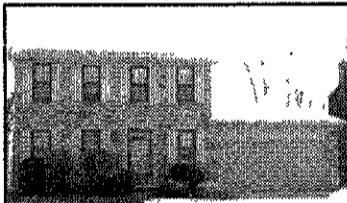
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PLYMOUTH TWP. COLONIAL. Nestled deep in Mayflower Village is this 3 bdrm home with an open floor plan, 1st floor laundry and new lav, updated kitchen and a newer roof & windows. Dining rm., fam. rm. Fireplace, garage & basement. \$250,000 (P-094BA)



BEAUTIFUL END UNIT. Backing to par 3 course in Northville. Professionally decorated with a luxury master, side entry garage, professionally finished basement with daylight windows and a fabulous kitchen. \$319,000 (P-610DU)



JUST PINCH ME! This exceptional Canton colonial is too good to be true. Kitchen w/top of the line appliances, garage, basement, fenced yard w/deck, 3 beds, 1.5 baths and affordably priced at. \$219,900 (C-536LA)



COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE. Hard to find detached ranch condo in sought after sub. Walkout basement, premium lot, extensive use of crown moldings and classy touches throughout. Built in 2000. Nice. \$379,900 (P-077NO)



REJUVENATE YOUR SOUL. Make a splash in the all sports lake or sip lemonade under the shade trees in the extensive use of crown moldings and 200 acre preserve just a short walk from this 3 bedroom ranch. 2 baths, hardwood floors, finished basement with a study and rec room too! \$224,900 (C-790OA)



NEW CONSTRUCTION. Jasmund custom built model nestled on a large private wooded lot. Solid oak floors, recessed lights, wide country porch, egress windows and a huge bonus room. Luxury master and great South Lyon Schools! \$369,900 (P-661WO)



NORTHVILLE BARGAIN. 4 bedroom colonial built in 2004 with 3000 square feet. Luxury master w/sitting rm., gourmet cherry kitchen, walkout basement prepped for a bath, wooded lot and much, much more. Call now! \$449,900 (P-452RI)



RESORT STYLE AMENITIES. Fabulous home with an in-ground pool & putting green. Cul-de sac location backing to wetlands. Great room w/dual fireplace, granite kitchen w/hearth, library, formal dining & a heated 3 car garage. \$559,900 (P-237HA)



PRIVATE RETREAT. Custom built on a 2.82 acre lot with a beautiful view. Beautifully done custom workmanship throughout, finished walkout with a full bath, bar, and breezeway leading to the 1500 sq. ft. glass enclosed pool room. A rare beauty. \$1,099,000 (P-141SA)



FULLY LOADED 2-STORY. Dramatic soaring ceilings, maple & granite kitchen, dual sided fireplace, office, central vac & sprinklers, dual water tanks, zoned furnaces and central air conditioners. There's just too much to list! Walking path to Hines. \$659,900 (C-168WI)



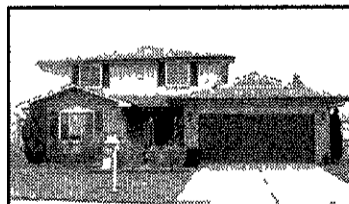
WONDERFUL CLASSIC COLONIAL. Remodeled kitchen w/open architecture from kitchen to family room. 1st floor laundry, landscaped backyard, large covered front porch, many mature trees. Close to downtown. Must be seen to be appreciated. \$379,900 (C-839WI)



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED. Plymouth Township home with 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths. Updated oak kitchen, vinyl windows, doorwall to tiered deck overlooking a landscaped and treed lot with nice landscaping. Home warranty included. \$196,900 (P-636OR)



ROOM TO ROOM. Terrific kitchen with 4BR/2.5BA. Spacious floor plan with a family room w/fireplace, Florida room, large deck to a fenced yard, prof. fin. basement, formal living & dining and just a short walk to Hoben elementary! \$259,000 (P-227PA)



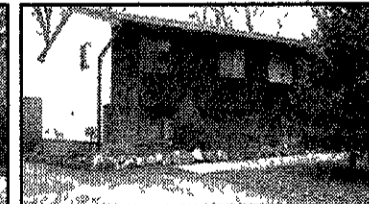
TERRIFIC BUY!! 2018 sq.ft. 4 bedroom colonial w/2.5 baths, 1st flr. laundry all appliances stay. Formal dining, lge. nook, fam. rm. w/fireplace, wet bar & doorwall to deck. Tons of updates. Approved buyers only. \$239,900 (C-773ST)



EXCITING OFFERING. In Novi with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths on a lovely x-large lot w/park like setting. Dimensional shingles on new roof and a gorgeous kitchen remodel. Great opportunity for only. \$209,900 (C-108LY)



DO IT NOW! Call to see this attractive, nicely maintained home with a great view. 3 beds, 1.5 baths, refinished hardwood floors, family sized family room w/ Andersen doorwall to the newer patio and fenced yard. Pretty street in a great location. \$209,900 (P-725MA)



LAKE PRIVILEGES. Great get away with the comforts of the city and the quiet of the country. 3 beds, 2 baths and an extra lg. family rm. w/FP. Appliances stay, deck for starters or retirees. \$94,500 (C-616GL)



BRIGHTON CONTEMPORARY. Beautiful open floor plan, 4 beds/2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings and lots of windows. Kitchen w/Pergo floor, 3-car garage. Private lake access w/beach. Priced under appraisal at. \$244,900 (C-081GR)



FABULOUS FERNDALE. Close to downtown with 4BR/2BA and an updated kitchen w/appliances. Formal living areas, 1st floor bdrm. w/doorwall to deck and hot tub. Finished basement, fenced yard and many updates. Great price too! \$235,000 (P-841ST)



BETTER THAN NEW! Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, formal living rm., oak kitchen w/appliances & doorwall to deck, prof. fin. basement, sprinkler system, rich hardwood floors and a 2 car garage. Great price too! \$235,000 (P-841ST)



PERFECTLY PRIVATE. Milford ranch situated on almost 2 acres with a full finished walkout basement, 3.5 baths, fireplace, extra large garage, new roof, vaulted ceilings and much, much more. Don't miss this great opportunity! \$339,900 (P-932DA)



FIRST CLASS CONDO. Huge 2329 sq. ft. floor plan with 2 beds, 2.5 baths and 2 car garage. Totally neutral with new carpet, new windows, ceramic floor, siding, paint and more. Full basement and a great location - close to everything. \$249,900 (P-246CH)



JUST MOVE IN! Walking distance to a shopping area. 2 bedroom vinyl sided home with newer Wallside windows, roof, furnace. Large 60x309 lot. Great for starters or retirees. \$94,500 (C-616GL)

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

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Auburn Hills			
166 Amys Walk	\$254,000	5606 Heathland	\$300,000
3899 Brumfield	\$186,000	5731 Leeward	\$175,000
3606 Camden	\$270,000	5582 Northwest Village	\$274,000
3066 Caroline	\$135,000	4420 Pinedale	\$210,000
		9633 Ridge Top	\$225,000
Beverly Hills			
16908 Beechwood	\$336,000	8579 Hummingbird	\$354,000
31621 Bellvine	\$275,000	5287 Lancaster	\$340,000
20790 Kenneway	\$410,000	9663 Listeria	\$300,000
17111 Locherbie	\$314,000	6016 Lochmore	\$318,000
		2121 Warbler	\$321,000
Birmingham			
1539 Bennaville	\$168,000	23935 Farmington	\$205,000
1823 Bradford	\$209,000	23211 Elm Grove	\$270,000
731 Chapin	\$285,000	23011 Gill	\$249,000
1185 Latham	\$400,000	29418 Glen Oaks	\$188,000
1743 Shipman	\$250,000	23431 Glen Creek	\$260,000
327 Southfield	\$180,000	22516 Glenmoor	\$150,000
760 Tottenham	\$380,000	28220 Green Willow	\$219,000
		29371 Laurel	\$189,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township			
2171 Devonshire	\$180,000	21728 Manchester	\$370,000
1956 E Hammond Lake	\$250,000	24032 Noble	\$248,000
430 Fox Hills	\$109,000	35188 Pennington	\$239,000
1990 Lakewood	\$292,000	23280 Potomac	\$315,000
1972 Post Chase	\$276,000	21870 S Brandon	\$169,000
1442 W Square Lake	\$475,000	23929 Tuck	\$240,000
		21687 Tulane	\$215,000
		31993 W 12 Mile	\$71,000
		30535 W 14 Mile	\$83,000
		24592 Wistaria	\$230,000
		31442 Worcester	\$262,000
		47730 Aberdeen	\$670,000
		44750 Bayview	\$158,000
		24441 Bonnie Brook	\$211,000
		25542 Danyas	\$133,000
		45200 Jacob	\$133,000
		24703 Jamestowne	\$316,000
		21899 Meridian	\$354,000
		21996 Meridian	\$326,000
		44470 Midway	\$370,000
		24230 Myrtle	\$359,000
		24230 N Le Bost	\$194,000
		44850 W 11 Mile	\$310,000
		42559 Whitman	\$319,000
		24895 Wixom	\$240,000
		1737 Braemar	\$257,000
		5293 Brookemonte	\$193,000
		3143 Country Creek	\$590,000
		4795 Gallagher	\$628,000
		3081 Indian Lake	\$263,000
		228 Lincoln	\$168,000
		668 Oneta	\$118,000
		327 Ferndale	\$380,000
		417 Parkdale	\$173,000
		1058 Stony Pointe	\$68,000
		401 Woodward	\$135,000
		472 Arlington	\$201,000
		835 Box Canyon	\$670,000
		930 Greenview	\$158,000
		2581 Hessel	\$211,000
		1718 Melville	\$133,000
		1722 Melville	\$109,000
		411 Mystic	\$395,000
		1345 New Love	\$100,000
		550 Tennyson	\$188,000
		638 W Bluff	\$307,000
		20928 Antique	\$214,000
		27190 Devonshire	\$235,000
		27605 Dover	\$214,000
		24165 Evergreen	\$130,000
		15861 Fairfax	\$184,000
		19621 Goldwin	\$146,000
		20760 Indian	\$116,000
		22355 Ivanhoe	\$216,000
		18443 Kesh	\$215,000
		20422 Lacrosse	\$248,000
		27729 Lexington	\$143,000
		20945 Mada	\$130,000
		21267 Midway	\$140,000
		24608 Pierce	\$195,000
		28099 Pierce	\$122,000
		17350 Roseland	\$133,000
		22590 Rougemont	\$168,000
		24549 Templar	\$136,000
		27605 Vermont	\$55,000
		23777 Village House	\$212,000
		24585 W 10 Mile	\$212,000
		22360 W 12 Mile	\$140,000
		20426 Westland	\$97,000
		18454 Westover	\$500,000
		18248 Winterset	\$187,000
		2316 Academy	\$267,000
		1269 Autumn	\$372,000
		1935 Axtell	\$259,000
		1935 Axtell	\$155,000
		2105 Beech	\$106,000
		2167 E Maple	\$109,000
		3745 Horseshoe	\$395,000
		4600 Lehigh	\$100,000
		1436 Milverton	\$188,000
		2862 Quail Run	\$307,000
		1107 Wheaton	\$214,000
		10202 Chesapeake	\$235,000
		1436 Covington	\$214,000
		11200 Farmingdale	\$130,000
		2200 Saratoga	\$184,000
		1664 Wimbledon	\$146,000
		1668 Wimbledon	\$116,000
		365 Woodhaven	\$216,000
		2809 Bayberry	\$215,000
		6886 Chesterfield	\$248,000
		4757 Crescent	\$143,000
		1220 Florence	\$130,000
		5060 Harbor Oak	\$140,000
		6735 Hatchery	\$195,000
		1327 Hendricks	\$122,000
		3239 Homestead	\$133,000
		986 Lakeview	\$206,000
		1089 Lakeview	\$150,000
		4507 Major	\$198,000
		3466 Meinrad	\$102,000
		1023 Myrtle	\$149,000
		131 S Ascot	\$150,000
		350 S Avery	\$100,000
		4207 Sunburst	\$210,000
		2847 Sunderland	\$180,000
		1772 Alder	\$223,000
		2130 Aldwin	\$295,000
		6774 Apple Blossom	\$147,000
		6298 Aspen Ridge	\$149,000
		3000 Bloomfield	\$220,000
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New covers hide ugly underside of decks

(AP) — No matter how far homeowners go to create a deck that looks good, there's always one part that looks bad. The underside. Exposed beams, supports and cross members are the ugly underbelly of home construction. Too often these serve to collect cobwebs and bird

nests. Plus, water and debris cascading from the deck above renders any patio, slab or garden below as unusable. A Georgia company has developed an answer to this deck dilemma in an undercoat of heavy aluminum panels that not only mask the offending

rafters but also make the below-deck space habitable and water-free. Decks Under Cover of Atlanta devised the aluminum paneling system to help homeowners cover the eyesore and reclaim extra living space. Installation is handled through

the Home Service Store. "This is really all about increasing the beauty and value of a home by improving the standard of outdoor living. This type of below-deck cover was just waiting to happen," said Dallas Olson of Decks Under Cover. The problem is particularly common for walk-out ranch homes or homes with raised or multi-story decks.

According to Olson, the heavy-gauge aluminum attaches to deck joists through a system of galvanized brackets that suspend the sheeting and extend to the deck edges. This underlayment is tilted a few degrees away from the house foundation to shunt rainwater to a connecting network of gutters and downspouts. This keeps the people and objects below dry. Debris from the upper deck surface can be hoisted or brushed through planks and will wash down onto the aluminum cover and on to the downspouts. Aside from simply making the deck look better, Olson said the big

upside is the additional livable space. "We knew early on that homeowners didn't use the space below their deck because water and debris was constantly falling on them, their guests and furniture, grills, landscaping and flowers," said Olson. "Now they can use the exterior space they have more completely and comfortably." The growing popularity of decks in both single and multi-family homes will continue to create a large market potential for this approach, according to Olson. "Builders of apartments and multi-family units will embrace this system because it upgrades the units and improves the livability," said Olson.

Installation is priced on a per foot basis. The upshot, Olson believes, is homeowners get another exterior room without extensive remodeling costs. "Homeowners really get a room addition without the tribulation of the construction process." For more information, visit www.decksundercover.com

NOVI - PRICED TO SELL & immediate occupancy! Transfer forces sale after just 1 yr! Awe-inspiring 2nd floor, 2 1/2 bath condo w/over \$15,000 worth of upgrades including hardwood floors, 9 ft. ceilings, lighting & appliance package, tile fireplace surround, huge master w/built-in vanity & walk-in closet, etc! \$207,500 (D00P0r)

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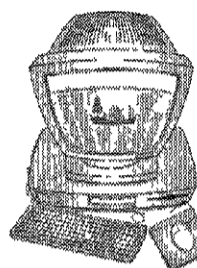
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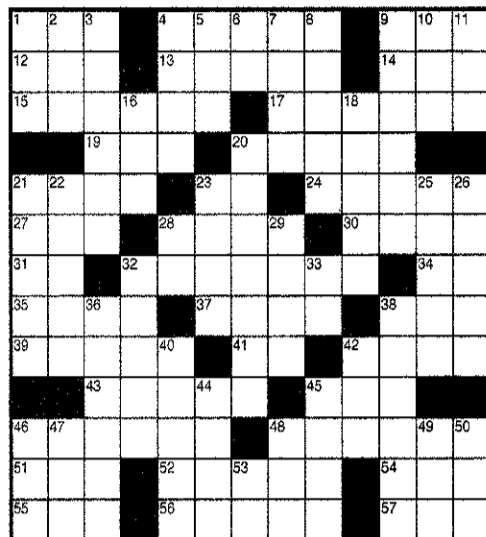
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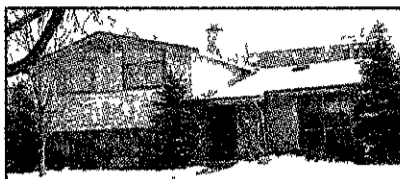
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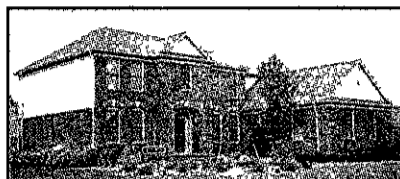

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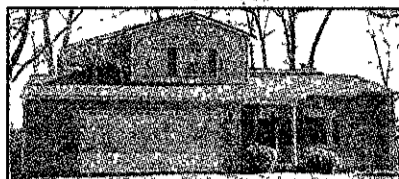
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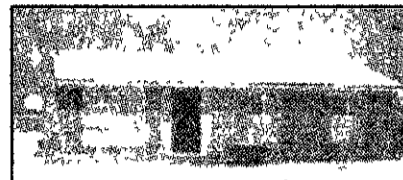
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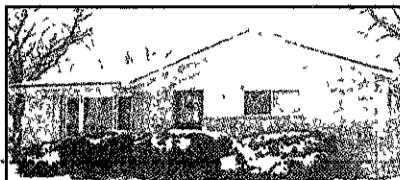
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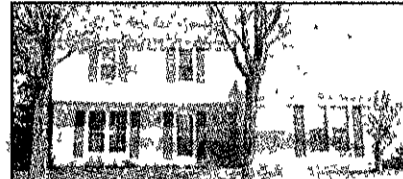
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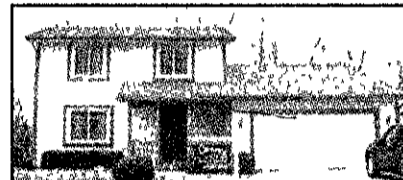
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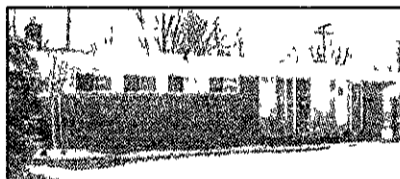
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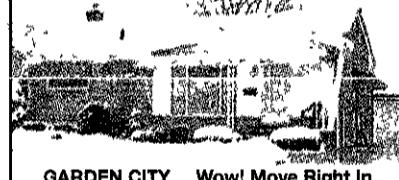
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Beautiful brick Ranch with 3 BRs, 2 BAs & first floor laundry. Great location - right in the heart of town. Nicely updated, awesome finished basement & private yard. Oversized FR & kitchen. A lot of updates, roof, trim, windows & more
(E29FRA) 248-349-5600 \$234,900



PLYMOUTH Gorgeous Home
Large custom 4 bedroom Cape Cod is perfect for your family. Privacy at the end of a cul-de-sac. Great Plymouth-Canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer. In-sub swimming pool
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GARDEN CITY Bigger Than The Rest
Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial presents 2 car attached garage, basement, great room with fireplace, cantilevered upper deck off master suite, kitchen with quality cabinets, lower deck with hot tub, privacy enclosure & maintained yard
(E70BRO) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



GARDEN CITY Wow! Move Right In
This 3 bedroom brick Ranch has it all! Newer furnace, AC, air filter, copper plumbing, 200 AMP electric, basement, kitchen with second bath, baseboard heat, power generator hook up. Clean eat-in kitchen, great landscaping and BBQ
(E40ARC) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



NORTHVILLE Locality, Price, Privacy
Vaulted ceilings in spacious living area, Two bedroom, 2 bath, 1 story up end unit. Appliances stay. Separate alcove and covered balcony. Extras include community pool, carport and home warranty. Ready to call it your own
(E67NOR) 248-349-5600 \$136,900



LIVONIA Wonderful Ranch
Curb appeal & updated Ranch. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths with newer kitchen, windows, hardwood, fixtures, paint & insulation. Two car attached garage and full basement. Nice quiet street
(E31GOL) 248-349-5600 \$229,900



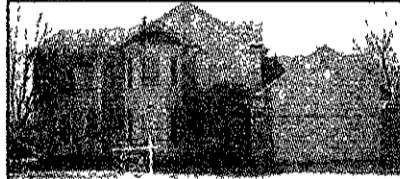
SOUTH LYON Classic Custom Cape Cod
Two-toned cherry cabinets, granite counters, upgraded trim & moulding throughout. Two story GR with large stone faced fireplace & custom mantle. Four car garage insulated & finished. Park-like yard with mature trees. 27 hole golf course
(E60POJ) 248-349-5600 \$729,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Live The Enchanted Life
Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial with upgrades throughout from gourmet kitchen to the multi-level Trex deck. Pro-finished lower level with daylight garden windows & extra deep garage & great roof in FR, spacious master suite
(E44BLI) 734-455-5600 \$510,000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Sprawling Ranch
On Double lot, approx 1,600 square feet, 3 bedroom home with 24x32, 2 story garage, updated windows, siding, furnace, central air & kitchen. Jacuzzi tub in bath, fireplace in living room, large kitchen, first floor laundry. Walk to all schools (dine 7)
(E06HAR) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



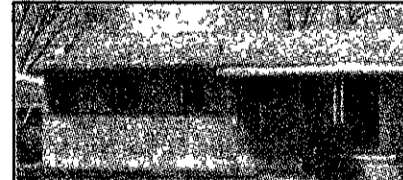
NOVI Get Ready For Summer Fun
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with large open kitchen with Pergo. Stone fireplace in family room. Two car attached garage. Appliances included. Security system, in-ground pool, finished basement, GR & Northville area. One year home warranty
(E71COL) 248-349-5600 \$465,000



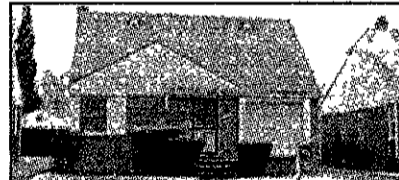
SOUTH LYON Custom Built Retreat
Pro-decorated custom woodwork, lighting, kitchen with designer cherry cabinets, granite, walk-in pantry & all stainless upgraded appliances. Awesome finished lower level with full bar, billiard area, movie area, 3rd bedroom & exercise room
(E78GRE) 248-349-5600 \$637,500



SOUTH LYON Stunning Walk-Out Colonial
Premium elevation with stunning views of wooded nature preserve from each of your 3 stories. A 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath features a 2 story entrance with hardwood floors, massive kitchen island in FR. Enjoy the luxurious master suite
(E33WES) 248-349-5600 \$344,900



INKSTER Home Sweet Home
New marriage forces sale of this lovely home. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, garage. Home is priced to sell. Very nice yard with privacy fence & shade tree. Finished basement with bar, Florida room & work shop. Updates
(E10FER) 734-455-5600 \$116,900



DETROIT Cute As A Button
Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Bungalow, 2 car detached garage, finished basement, hardwood floors, oak kitchen cabinets, appliances stay, copper plumbing & fenced yard
(E26VIR) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



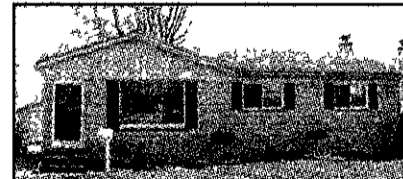
NOVI Prestigious Bellagio
Exceptional entertaining home with 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, library, 2 staircases, gourmet kitchen & top-of-the-line appliances. Master retreat, custom deep-faux finishing, 2 fireplaces, upper terrace, lower walk-out with patio & custom draperies
(E05BEL) 248-349-5600 \$1,599,000



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home with enormous gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets & hardwood floors. Winding staircases, master bedroom with master bath & walk-in closet, 2 fireplaces, 3 car garage, walk-out basement & dual heating and cooling
(E65HIL) 248-349-5600 \$675,000



NORTHVILLE Transferee Ready Custom Estate
Premium cul-de-sac lot overlooking pond. Custom upgrades, beautiful hardwood floors, tile back splash, maple cabinets, hearth room with 2-way FP. Custom landscaping & deck. Fully finished lower level with fifth BR, bath & custom bar
(E00WHI) 248-349-5600 \$629,000



WESTLAND Updated Beauty
This well maintained 3 bedroom Ranch offers gorgeous hardwood floors throughout, newer Andersen windows, entry doors and kitchen with Hickory cabinets and tile floor. Two car garage & basement
(E79CAN) 734-455-5600 \$174,900



LONDON TOWNSHIP Waiting For You
The home has 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, updated Hickory kitchen, doorwall in dining room to deck, new roof in '04, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors & some appliances stay. All this sitting on approximately 12 acres
(E08PLA) 734-455-5600 \$259,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Simply Spectacular
Professionally decorated Hills of Chelsea Park home shows like a model. Upgrades galore. Hardwoods throughout. Mahogany library & mantle. Open floor plan with 2 story FR. Formal DR, finished basement, au-pair suite, pool & spa
(E05CAR) 248-349-5600 \$990,000



NOVI Won't Last - Honest
Superior 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in excellent location. New this year kitchen, patio, door walls, some carpet. Newer roof, windows & more. Great finished basement, carpet, drywall & full bath. Loaded with extras. Move-in condition
(E05JAM) 248-349-5600 \$269,900



SOUTH LYON Country Setting & Space
Four BR with updates. Some are newer furnaces/AC, roof, mature windows, bath & kitchen. Great storage. Deck & pool. Mature trees, 2 car garage plus 2 story barn. South Lyon schools. FR & DR. Generous master. Privacy fence. Square feet vs. price
(E19WIL) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



CANTON Priced To Sell
Barely lived in, 2003 Condo with 2 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths. Featuring attached garage, vaulted ceilings, neutral decor, fireplace, large master with bath & walk-in closet. Complex with pool, club house & walking trail
(E57LEI) 734-455-5600 \$175,000



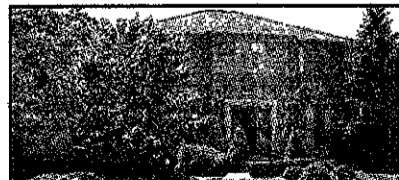
NOVI Sellers Have Outgrown This Home
Lovely updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with newer oak kitchen, custom deck, 6-panel doors, leaded glass front door, Pella windows and more. All appliances stay. A lot of activities in sub
(E12VAL) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Brick Ranch
Court yard with wrought iron gate, ceramic foyer, GR with FP & vaulted ceiling. Library with cathedral ceiling. Huge kitchen with appliance center. Finished walk-out lower level with natural FP, 2 BRs with full BA. Wooded lot that backs to a pond
(E05COU) 248-349-5600 \$499,000



VAN BUREN Model Now For Sale
Fabulous old world craftsmanship. Hardwoods, granite, bridge design with towering great room overlooking woods. Whirlpool tub. Professionally landscaped and sprinklers. All in beautiful Robinson River Park
(E00JER) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



NOVI Elegant Southern Living
Four bedroom Colonial to move in. Wonderful lot. Great kitchen with large cabinet. French doors lead to gorgeous family room. Master suite with walk-in closet. Wonderful master bath. This is a must-see home. Looks like a model
(E53ASH) 248-349-5600 \$423,000



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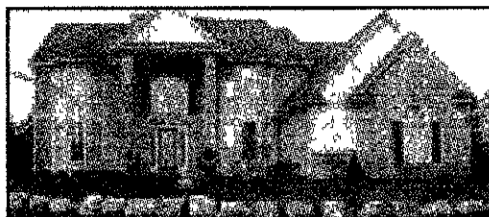
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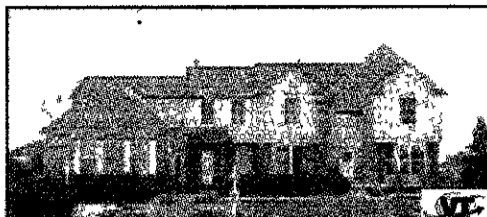
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PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
HOUGH PARK Superb contemporary custom built home w/outstanding location on almost half acre lot. 4 BRs, 4.5 BAs, open & flowing flr plan to service one and all. (23E1409) \$649,900



NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
Absolutely Gorgeous! 4 BRs, 3.5 baths. Gourmet kit w/granite island, stainless steel appl's is open to brfst nook w/bay wndw & drwall leading to brk pavers w/loads of boulders & pine trees! (25040232) \$591,000



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
Impressive 4 BR, 3.5 bath home. Flr to ceiling wndws. Gourmet kit w/lg island. Huge mstr ste w/2 WICs & 15x12 bath. Sprawling yard. Insulated 3 car garage. 349-6200 (25026331) \$550,000



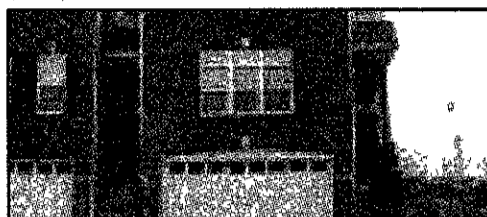
CANTON 734-591-9200
Pride of ownership shows throughout. 2 way flp in LR & study feats built-in shelving & cabs in library. Gourmet kit, prof. fin'd bsmt w/bath. Huge mstr ste w/cath ceiling & lrg mstr bath w/enormous WIC. (25046343) \$442,900



ROYAL OAK 734-591-9200
Location, Quality, Value & Charm. This 3 BR, 2 BA, 1600 sq ft, brick bungalow has it all. Updates incl: roof, furn, C/A, kit & appl's, & bathrooms. 2 car att garage. Finished bsmt (25047552) \$275,000



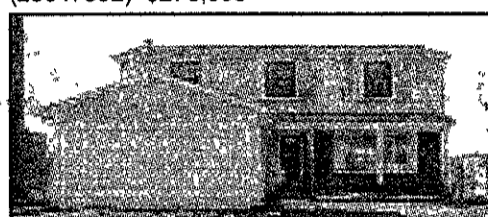
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! Open floor plan offers gourmet kit w/skylight. Updates include: roof, HWT, Furn, Kit flr & crpt. Fin basement w/sauna & shower. (25045903) \$265,000



CANTON 734-591-9200
All neutral decor. End unit condo. 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors in kitchen & nook, optional bath on lower level. Located deep in the sub on a very low traffic street. (25046585) \$238,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING NW LIVONIA QUAD LEVEL! Burton Hollow brick quad, 5 BRs, 2 BAs, over 2100 SF! Newer roof, 2.5 car gar, separate prvt entrance. Seller will consider all offers. 349-6200 (25045805) \$233,990



CANTON 248-348-6430
COLONIAL IN A GREAT LOCATION 4 BR, 1.5 bath Colonial, freshly painted, newer kit flr, FR w/natural flpic, newer carpet in finished basement, tiered deck overlooking lg yard. 349-6200 (25032189) \$229,900



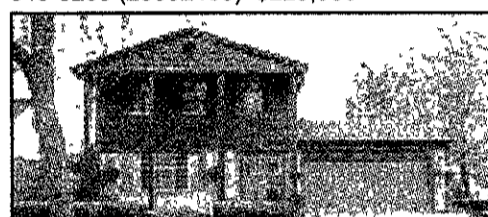
WAYNE 734-326-2000
CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT, 1,865 SF 3 bedroom brick bungalow, fireplace, cove ceilings, formal dining room, sunroom, C/A & partially finished basement, 2 car garage. Extremely clean. (W321) \$219,900



DEARBORN 734-455-7000
DUPLEX Live in one side, rent the other! Offering a 2 car gar for both sides, bsmt, 2 BRs up & lots of character. One side offers C/A. Well cared for brick bldg w/updates. (23F4571) \$189,900



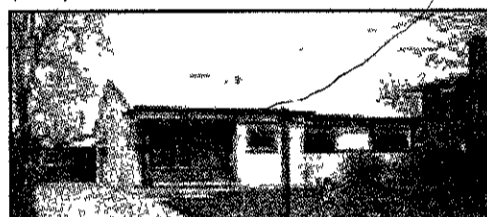
DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
North Dearborn Heights ranch, 1680 sq ft. This place has the best view in Drbrn Heights. Spectacular ravine setting w/golf course on other side. Lrg rear wndw really brings view inside. (25026226) \$189,900



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 bath Colonial w/a newer open kit. Natural flpic in fam rm. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully fin'd bsmt. 349-6200 (24134371) \$187,500



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
GORGEOUS! LARGEST RNCH IN SUB! Newer roof, wndws, furnace, A/C, H2O heater, berber carpet, brick paver, patio. Huge 3.5 car gar w/storage attic. Nicely landscaped yard. 349-6200 (25014999) \$184,750



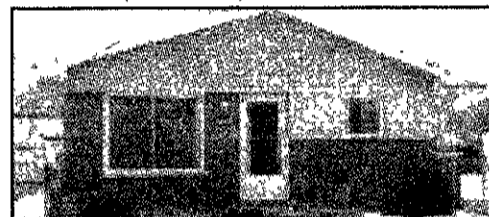
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Awesome brick ranch with one of a kind vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen and refinished hwd floors. Finished basement with home office or bedroom, full bath & bar. (25044911) \$171,900



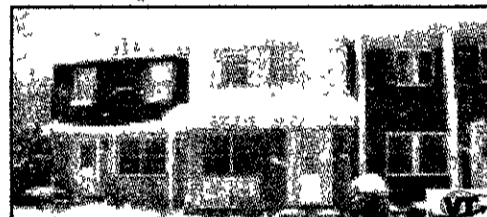
BERKLEY 734-455-7000
CHARMING 2 FAMILY - MINT CONDITION Heart of Berkley, 2 story home in excellent neighborhood! Both units have one bedroom, kit, LR & bath. Separate meters in basement. Turn-key! (23S2607) \$168,000



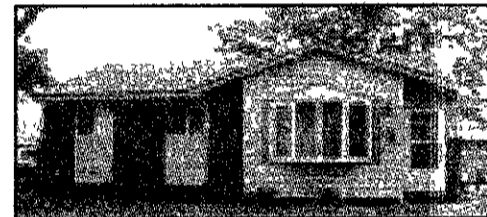
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Cute, clean & fresh! Ranch with fenced yard, newer oversized 2 car garage with great staired attic storage & new stamped patio. Hwd flrs & newer carpet throughout. (25043932) \$147,500



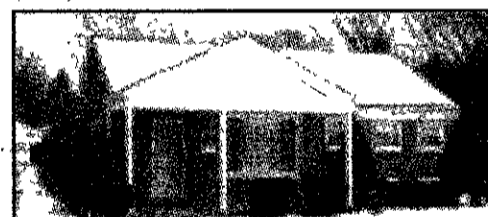
LIVONIA 248-348-6430
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH 2 BR (possible 3rd in bsmt) 2 bath. Updates include: roof, furn, C/A, vinyl siding, wndws, doorwall & berber crpt. Wood burning stove for those cool evenings. 349-6200 (25042783) \$146,800



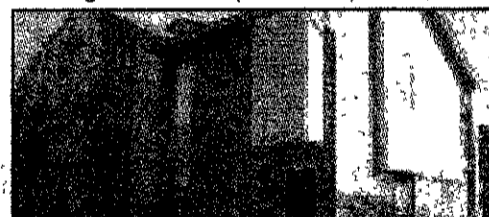
NOVI 248-348-6430
CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING Popular Olde Orchard townhouse w/great location! 2 lg BRs, 1.1 bath. Updated kit, bath, lav, carpet, paint & more. Assoc incl gas and water. 349-6200 (24157833) \$139,900



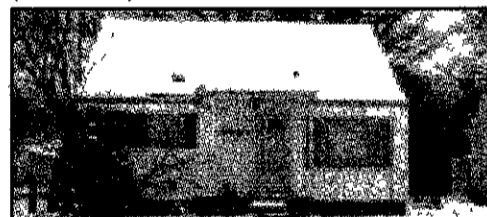
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BEDROOM RANCH Brick and vinyl home with newer windows, including bay. Newer furnace and central air. Partially finished bsmt, fenced yard, garage. Move in quickly. (W114) \$129,900



REDFORD 734-326-2000
GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD 3 BR all brick ranch. New vinyl windows, HWH, High efficiency furnace, partly finished basement w/glass block windows. Hardwood floors. Hurry! (S204) \$125,000



CANTON 734-455-7000
WHY PAY... high rent when you can build equity. This lovely end unit condo is located well at back of complex. 2 BRs, 2 full baths. Neutral decor. Call Now! (23L42779) \$124,979



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW Home features 3 Large bedrooms, newer siding, roof, front door, & deck. Some hardwood floors. Shows well. Nice 2+ garage & fenced lot. Ready to move into. (M357) \$114,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATED STARTER Low or no down pymnt financing available! Awesome condition home, updates incl: paint i/s & o/s, carpet, updt'd bath, fenced yard & garage. Decorated to perfection! 349-6200 (24133906) \$88,200

ALLEN PARK 248-348-6430
COLONIAL! Lovely hm totally renovated & expanded in '92! Over 2900 sq ft! Two liv rm area & family rm! Multiple BR stes-perfect for extended family! 349-6200 (25000042) \$239,000

ANN ARBOR 734-326-2000
PRIVACY IN THE WOODS 6 acre executive estate. 4 BRs, 3 1/2 BAs, 3+ gar, lg kit w/brkfr rm overlooking golf course, LR w/large flpic, mstr suite w/Whirlpool tub. (T354) 24106089 \$454,900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
ELEGANT DETACHED CONDO IN OAK POINTE! This 3 BR, 2.5 BA home has lrg wndws to enjoy the lovely views. Mstr ste w/2 walk-ins, dressing area, glamour BA. Fab kit w/granite cntrs. Two flpics. 349-6200 (25011313) \$425,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
Fabulous 4 BR/2.5 BA Cape Code. Will be available in the near future. Oak flrs in foyer, powder room, kit & nook. 3 car gar. Sprinkler pkg. Model open 12-6 (6 days) (23T49431) 24158216 \$492,100

CANTON 734-455-7000
3 Full BAs, 3 kits, 5 BRs, 2 additional BRs in bsmt. Hwd flrs in LR & DR. Appl stay. Tenants can remain or vacate. Call for more info. (23S4017) 24139309 \$249,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
Well maintained condo is waiting for new owners. Back of sub location. Spacious master w/private BA. Appliances stay. Call soon! (23L42744) 25020733 \$127,497

COMMERCE 248-348-6430
ELEGANT LIVING W/COMMERCE LK PRIVS Beautiful kit & brkfst area, GR highlighted by fieldstone flpic, formal DR, peaceful lib, 3 lg BRs, perfect mstr, prvt deck & wooded yard. Outstanding home! 349-6200 (25014255) \$418,000

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 HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
This home is a sparkling gem. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/ walk-out bsmt, new furn, C/A, newer crpt, flr, drvwy, wndws, eat-in kit & DR. (24115068) \$154,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-455-7000
Cute/cozy ranch on private ct., near schools. Priced to sell. Good sized rms. Great location. (23E25585) 25000547 \$140,000

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
2 BRs, 2 BAs. Tiled entry. Open flr plan. MBR w/WIC. Eat-in kit. Spacious LR w/gas flpic. Formal DR, 1st flr indry. Full bsmt. Brick paver patio. 349-6200 (24089471) \$199,500

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
Remodeled 3 BR Cape Code w/2,400 SF remodeled kit w/all appl's & BA w/vanity, deck, 3 car gar & huge MBR. (P330) 24139579 \$174,000

HIGHLAND 248-348-6430
Great 2 story w/open floor plan, fam rm w/frpic, 3 BRs, fin'd bsmt, spacious kit, lg deck, nice yard & landscaping. 349-6200 (24143086) \$210,000

INKSTER 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR brick bungalow. Remod kit and BA. Lovely fin'd bsmt. 2 1/2 car gar. Newer furn, HWH and carpet. (S109) 250411006 \$119,900

LINCOLN PARK 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED 3 BR RANCH Many updates, incl the BA. Huge kit w/doorwall to patio, partially fin'd bsmt. (N206) 24148483 \$125,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 sq ft. Open flr plan w/vaulted cigs in LR, DR & kit. New rf (04), wndw & DR. Fla rm, fenced yrd. (24142312) \$269,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautifully decorated & loaded w/updates 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs. New kit w/hickory cabs '03'. New windows '00'. A/C & furnace '00'. Roof '02'. Siding, trim, gutters '02'. (25013334) \$214,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Lrg private backyard! Outstanding ranch. Fin bsmt w/office/possible 4th BR, Fla rm, tear off roof '03, updated elec & appls. (25022258) \$189,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Super cute & updated ranch w/1/2 acre lot. Liv schools. 3 BR/2 Full BA, 1240 sq ft. New kit. Updts incl: roof, wndws, elec, BA, great deck! All apls incl w/riding mower too. (25023974) \$174,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
4 BR BEAUTY CLOSE TO TOWN & SCHOOLS Well-maintained 4 BR home. Lg mstr w/WIC. Updated FR w/doorwall, brick paver patio. Prof fin bsmt. 349-6200 (25034398) \$339,850

NOVI 248-348-6430
Magnificent home, elegant LR, DR, gorgeous kit & brkfst area w/great views of the woods, library, spacious FR, 4 lg BRs, charming mstr suite. 349-6200 (25025016) \$600,000

NOVI 248-348-6430
2000 sq ft w/updated kit, roof, siding, wndws & more! Mstr BA, hwd flrs, flpic, deck & fenced yard. All this on 3/4 acres! 348-6430 (25011359) \$247,500

NOVI 734-591-9200
Great location, 2 BR, beautiful cherry cabs, appl's stay. Bright LR & din area w/pergo flrs. Updated 1.5 BAs. Fin'd rm in bsmt. Brick paver patio. Dir access to gar. (25031766) \$158,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
Split level w/upgrades galore! Hwd flrs, lg fenced yrd. Plymouth Canton schools, under \$200,000. (23B105) 25013533 \$199,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
The "Arbor" has an open flr plan. Fin lower lvl rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome comm will feature lndscpg, sprnklr sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low asso fees. (23A1205) \$184,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
New Construction! Quality built w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1400 sq ft, bsmt and 2 car att gar. (24154716) \$174,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATES! UPDATES! Newer kit, BA, c/a, furn, rf, wndws, HWH, copper plmbng & fresh paint. Computer rm/den on 1st floor. The perfect turn-key starter home! 349-6200. (25027415) \$104,900

ROSEVILLE 734-455-7000
WELL KEPT CONDO FOR LEASE! Beautiful end unit, close to highways. 1 yr lease available. Owner will pay assoc dues. Security deposit- \$1650.00 required. (23C27799) 25031574 \$825

SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
City conveniences w/a small town feel. Comfortable 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch w/nat'l flpic, fin'd bsmt and many recent updates. Deep prvt yard. Warranty. 349-6200 (25024929) \$216,500

SOUTHFIELD 734-326-2000
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO Offers Lg Master suite w/walk-in closet. Ceramic counter tops. Many updates throughout. (R202) 25016523 \$184,900

SOUTHFIELD 734-455-7000
3 BR hm in prestigious Southfield. Huge bkryd. Updt'd electrical, new wndws, security system, oak cabs, FP, hwd flrs. Skylight in fam rm, new front door, det gar. (23C25670) 25014802 \$155,000

WAYNE 734-591-9200
4 BR, brick bungalow, full bsmt, garage & large corner lot. Home features formal DR, deck, fenced yard & rose garden. Hurry! (25004830) \$119,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
One year old 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA Brownstone condo. Neutral throughout w/luxury features: master suite w/BA & WIC, 2nd floor laundry, C/A, deck, attached garage. (S870) 24154447 \$144,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
RANCH 3 BR/2 BA offers large eat-in kit, 2 gar, fin'd bsmt, all appl's are included (pool table negotiable), deck, extra deep lot. (P330) 25012645 \$136,900

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Sat., April 30, 10-4

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ROCHESTER HILLS: RAINBOW ESTATE SALES
2337 Arizona Court Fr., Apr. 28, 9-3, Sat., Apr. 30, 10-3, Sun., May 1, 10-1 Mammoth assortment of antique dolls & toys. Furniture, china, glassware, much more! Off Walton between Adams & Livernois www.rainbowestatesales.com

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Enormous! Sat, Apr. 30, 10-4, Sun., May 1 12-5, 814 Fox Run, N of Waddles, W of Adams Hickory Heights Sub Children, family, office, metal files Duo-Art piano rolls, Small Reese trailer, like new.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Garage/Moving Sale
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CANTON \$1 YARD SALE All items Baby clothes, baby toys & all books, Sat., Apr. 30, 9-12, 40620 Worthington Rd Off Lotz & Cherry Hill

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GARAGE CANTON April 28-30 10-4pm 28924 Beck Rd, S of Cherry Hill, N of Michigan Ave Multi-Family Furniture, Tools, Antiques, Craft Supplies, Brnc-a-brac, Gas Tiller, Clothes

CANTON Multi-family Sale April 30 New Apostolic Church 1330 S Haggerty btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer Opens at 9 am

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ESTATE SALE Madison Heights, 4/28-4/30, 428 W Kalamia, W side of John R, S of Lincoln, 10-4, more info/ photos www.iluvantiques.com 586-344-2048

FARMINGTON FRI/SAT April 29-30, 9-5pm 33155 Cloverdale off Farmington Rd btwn Grand River & 9 Mile 3 family sale, many items!

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GARDEN CITY Multi-Family Garage Sale, Thur-Fri, Apr 28-29, 9-5pm 32501 Windsor St., S of Warren, W of Hubbard

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LIVONIA Multi family sale, furniture, playhouse, sports cards & movies April 28, 29 & 30, 9-4pm 14060 Stonehouse Ave I-96/Newburgh

LIVONIA: WOODCREEK FARMS SUB
20 HOMES! E of Farmington btwn 5 & 6 - Apr 28, 29 & 30, 9am-4pm

NOVI 9 mile & Meadowbrook 41181 Park Forest, Saturday April 30th, 9-4 Baby, books, clothes, & more

NOVI Church Yard Sale! Fri & Sat, April 29 & 30th, 9-4 Novi United Methodist Church on 10 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd

OAK PARK - Moving sale April 29 thru May 1, 9-5 14031 Sherwood, W of Coolidge, N of 10 Mile Bdrm sets, housewares, artwork, tables/chairs, much more!

OAKLAND TWP. Sat 04/30 & Sun 05/01, 10-4, Items sold by kids for kids (toys, hockey cards, Beanie, etc) 3387 Coventry Creek Off Adams, N of Silverbll

PLEASANT RIDGE - One day only Sat, April 30th 10 am to 5 pm 11 Sylvan Ave, South of I-696, East of Woodward Everything priced to sell!

PLYMOUTH Moving/Garage Sale, April 28 - 30, 9-5pm Furniture, antiques, collectibles, household children & much more 13039 Anderson Dr, W of Ridge Rd, off N Territorial

Garage Sales

PLYMOUTH - Thurs & Fri, 9-6 Golf clubs, books, jewelry, housewares, plants 44499 Marc Trail, 1 blk S of Ann Arbor Rd, W off Sheldon

PLYMOUTH - 7am-4pm Sat April 30th only Furniture, kitchen items & home accessories 285 Fair Street, near Lilley & Ann Arbor Trail

PLYMOUTH - DOWNTOWN Moving Sale Kids clothes, toys, swing set, household Thurs & Fri, 10-4 798 Irvin

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PLYMOUTH Moving Sale, 12345 Howland Park Dr, Plymouth Commons Sub, off Ridge, S of N Territorial April 29 & 30, 9-2 Furniture, appliances, toys, housewares, etc

PLYMOUTH Pine Ridge Estates Garage Sale 4/28-4/30, 9-4pm 49476 Pine Ridge Court, 1/2 mile N of Ann Arbor Rd, W off Ridge Rd.

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ROCHESTER HILLS Sat, 4/3, 9am-4pm 846 & 931 Stag Ridge, N of Avon, W of Livernois

Rochester Hills Whispering Willows Sub Sale Sat, April 30, 8-4 Some homes open Thur & Fri S of Hamlin, W of Livernois

ROMULUS 2 family April 30, May 1, 9-5 Kids clothes, toys, tools, bikes, furniture 38553 McDonald, off Cogswell just S of Coarse Rd.

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SOUTH LYON Sat, 9-4, Sun 12-5 12245 Wild Oak Circle, W of Rushton, N of Doane Years of household, name brand clothing, software, videos, games, more

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TROY - A-1 stuff Fri, Sat 10-5 4058 Colonial Blvd, E of John R off Watties Furniture, work-out, misc., something for everyone

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WESTLAND - Thurs thru Sat, April 28-30, 9-4, 2145 Hannan between Glenwood & Palmer Books, furniture, household items, etc

WESTLAND - 2 Family Garage Sale Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10am-4pm 33424 Unicorn Kids clothes, toys, albums, baby crib, cassettes, etc

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It was bound to happen: There are now so many different entries in the sport-utility and crossover vehicle segments that distinctions have begun to dissipate. The field has become so crowded that, arguably, it is overcrowded, and a new product has to be practically outlandish to make an impact anymore.

On the other hand, no company that wants to be more than a perpetually puny player in the North American car market can field a lineup without one or two of these vehicles. And that's why both Subaru and Hyundai – the very definition of minor participants in the U.S. industry – are gamely going about trying to broaden their base with such vehicles.

They're certainly taking good stabs at it, Subaru, for example, with its Legacy Wagon and Hyundai with its Tucson SUV. Both vehicles are serviceable enough and have their substantial strong points, which I'll get into below. But neither is helping its brand name to build significant differentiation from the rest of the morass of makes and models that represent an unprecedented cornucopia of choices for American car buyers. Known for a long time as the wagon that gave birth to Subaru's Outback, Legacy is the oldest model in the Subaru lineup, dating back to 1990. It was undistinguished from 2000 through 2004, but with the 2005 model of both the wagon and the sedan, Subaru significantly juiced its Legacy lineup. The all-new and vastly improved vehicles now feature a 250-horsepower turbocharged engine, a nicely designed new interior and multiple new safety features, including more airbags.

Even the premium, GT Limited version that I drove didn't have a six-cylinder engine, but the turbocharged, 2.5-liter powerplant didn't leave me missing another couple extra cylinders. The turbo was very responsive, delivering as much power as many V6s to ensure smoothness and providing impressive quiet at cruising speeds.

Subaru's Legacy Wagon is all-new and vastly improved. Fuel economy is 19 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway. →



The brand new Hyundai Tucson SUV is priced attractively. Fuel economy is 19 mpg city and 24 mpg highway. ←

Fuel economy, at 19 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway, is middling but not bad for an all-wheel-drive vehicle. Also helping the Legacy Wagon in that regard is the fact that each member of the Legacy lineup lost about 100 pounds in the redesign, thanks to the increased use of lighter, stronger materials like aluminum.

Inside, the cockpit offers one of the niftiest designs in its price range (about \$31,000 for the GT Limited Wagon), incorporating nice amenities such as heated mirrors, a six-CD in-dash player, leather-wrapped steering wheel and leather-trimmed upholstery, eight-way power in the driver's seat and more. And there was plenty of cargo area with the seats down to make the fact that this is a wagon relevant enough.

The task that Hyundai set out for its brand-new Tucson SUV was a little different than Subaru's with the legacy. Hyundai was trying to tap into consumers' growing appetite for smaller SUVs that offer the vehicle type's innate advantages, including ride height, without having to invest in gas-hogging, super-expensive behemoths. In the short tradition of Toyota's RAV4, Honda's CR-V and Ford's Escape came the Hyundai Tucson.

As one would expect from a Hyundai, Tucson is priced attractively and, of course, carries the make-

famous best-in-the-business warranty. It offers decent power with its 2.7-liter, dual overhead-cam, 24-valve, V6 engine as well as the flexibility of an automatic drivetrain that features a manual option. And all with four-wheel-drive. At 19 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway, fuel economy is unremarkable but well within the average of the segment.

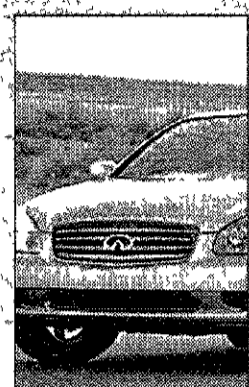
Tucson is nicely designed, avoiding both the utilitarian flatness of Escape, for instance, as well as the excesses of some of the other entries in the category. Inside, while it's no luxury vehicle, Tucson does feature some niche touches, including large radio and climate controls that are mounted reasonably high for easy reach and big storage pockets in each of the four doors for a large cup plus room for several other items.

Also typical of Hyundai, Tucson lists an impressive number of safety features as standard equipment, including electronic stability control, anti-lock brakes and traction control. Include six airbags as well that make Tucson the lowest-cost vehicle with that level of safety features.

Perhaps most impressive about Tucson is that, true to Hyundai's position in the industry and its brand profile, it can be had for a list price of about \$21,500.

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