

Canton librarian Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin is the last of the Canton Public Library's original employees. She celebrates 25 years today.

Life among

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

For a guarter century, Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin has called the library up on the second floor of the old township administrative building.

"It was pretty cool to be part of that right from the beginning," said Havenstein-Coughlin, who grew up in nearby New Boston. "I remember the night before we opened. We had been working on it for so long, we were worried nobody would show up. The next day it was just a flood of people. We didn't have a children's book on the shelf at the end of the day. People just came in droves." Havenstein-Coughlin said much has changed in her 25 years with the library. The first library was only 12,000 square feet, while the new state-of-the-art

takes aim at plan for

What to do with Central Middle School future facility needs at Saturday morning's

We'll talk about the elementary schools and the challenge of dealing with increasing enrollment," said Superintendent Jim Ryan.

"We've heard cries of equity in the district that would deal with having separate music and art rooms, and separate gyms and cafeterias," he said.

Ryan's estimated cost for a new middle school is \$15 million, with the price tag to bring equity to all elementary schools tabbed at \$16.6 million.

The Board of Education is expected to make a decision during the next school year

books Library's last original employee looks back on 25 years of changes

Canton Public Library home. Today marks her 25th anniversary with the library, the longest tenure of any current library employee. In fact, she is the last of the library's original employees.

Havenstein-Coughlin was just 22 when she was hired by Canton Township to help develop the library in 1980. The library actually didn't open until October of 1980, so Havenstein-Coughlin and the other eight original employees, six of whom were part time, worked for several months ordering books and setting the

PLEASE SEE LIBRARY, A4

Sheldon Place drawing interest from investors

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

In apartment 409 at Sheldon Place, a grocery list still hangs on the freezer door. Outside the apartment, an activities calendar from August 2001 - the month the building was evacuated - still hangs on a large cork board in the hallway outside the reading room.

Potential buyers for the former home of some 52 senior citizens walked through the hot, still air in the six stories of Sheldon Place Wednesday morning. The building, which was evacuated due to structural deficiencies, will be up for auction again at the end of the month.

"You have to see this. This is pretty interesting," said Mike Wells, of Decatur, Ill. He pointed out a gap between bricks in the wall of a first-floor apartment. Sunlight shone through the gap, which was likely first created when inspectors came to make cuts in the walls to test the building's condition after its evacuation.

"To a layperson, that looks pretty wild," he said.

Wells and business partner Ross Johnson came to have a look at the building. The pair has recently started purchasing foreclosed HUD properties, and are considering bidding

PLEASE SEE SHELDON, A6

Teen's project teaches kids to move 'beyond tolerance'

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It's a small world, and it's getting smaller, and one Canton teen is trying to bring a few of its residents together for a few afternoons this summer.

Sharan Shokar, a 16-year-old student at Plymouth High School, is organizing a series of cultural workshops for children and teenagers this summer, in order to complete the requirements to earn her Gold Award for Girl Scouts.

"What I'm trying to do is to expand the horizons of the children, but it will be like a day camp kind of setting, with different activities and games and dances and food," Shokar said.

Now more than ever, thinking and learning globally is important, she said.

"We live in a diverse country and we have to go the step beyond tolerance," she said. "I've never liked the word tolerance because it sounds like you're

just putting up with something. What we need to do is learn about and appreciate cultures other than our own."

The project is a culmination of some seven years of work with the Girl Scouts, according to Shokar. After earning her other badges and pins, she will achieve Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award, by completing her service project, which requires 50 hours of work.

Finding volunteers to help out was also fairly fast work, Shokar said. The series of workshops starts out with a deaf presenter, who will talk about the culture of the disabled. Following presenters will include experts on China, France, Mexico, India and Germany.

"The volunteers are all 16-22 years old, so they're older than the kids, but they're not," Shokar hesitated before she finished her sentence with an embarrassed giggle. "Well, you

know, they're not old."

She's been recruiting potential participants from other younger Scouting groups. Attending the workshops can count toward badge work for them, as well, she noted.

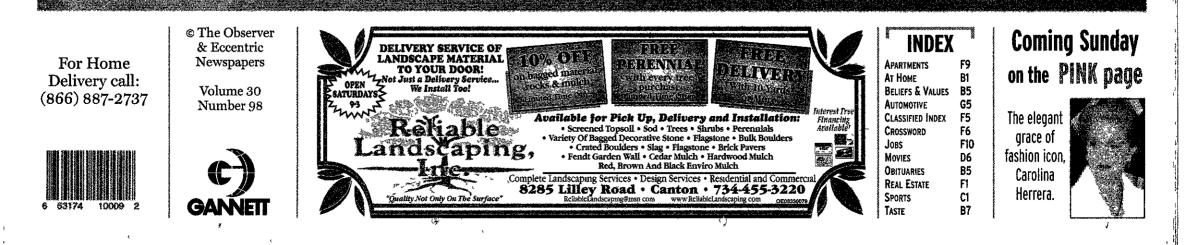
As part of the workshop, the participants will raise money to donate to the American Red Cross for its tsunami relief efforts. The workshops will be held at the Canton Township Administration Building on July 12, 13 and 14, and July 19, 20 and 21. It's recommended that participants attend all workshop sessions, which will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, contact Shokar at (734) 716-7729.

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Canton resident Sharan Shokar, 16, has developed a workshop designed to teach children about the importance of diversity.



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DEATHS

Frederick Merrill Adams, of Birmingham, died June 4. 8 James E. Blake, 68, of Pontiac, died\Mayⁱ19.

Stella M. Bovee, 84, of Rochester Hills, died May 25. June Scott Brown, 86, of Rochester, formerly of Birmingham,

died June 4. Marvin B. Cline, 88, of Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Beverly Hills, died June 2.

Sydney England, 80, of Rochester, died May 25.

Lynda A. Hainsworth, 99, of Rochester Hills, died May 31.

Audrey Jean Lester, 78, of Manistee, died June 2.

Climmie C. Nordhagen, 84, of Clarkston, died May 28.

Lois M. Pety, of Grand Blanc, formerly of Clarkston, died May 25. Jeffrey A. Powers, 52, died June 3.



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For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home in Passages on page B5.

Edward Horace Rofe, 92, of Bloomfield Hills, died May 23. Margaret "Peggy" Ryan, 80, of Lapeer, formerly of Rochester Hills, died May 28.

Elizabeth "Betty" Todd, 92, formerly of Redford, died June 4.

William M. Wilson, 72, of Westland, died.

Summer Clearance

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Summer reading program

Research shows that teens who read independently for more than 11 minutes a day perform better on national reading and writing tests. Recognizing the importance of helping teens enhance and expand their reading skills all summer long, the Canton Public Library announces its 2005 Teen Summer Reading Program "License to Read." The program runs from June 19 to August 6; teens can register in person at the Library or online at www.cantonpl.org/ya/srpform.h tml beginning the week of June 19-25.

Participating teens can record their summer reading activities in a weekly reading log to earn Borders gift certificates and enter drawings for Twelve Oaks Mall gift certificates. Every four books read earns an entry to win the \$50 mid-summer drawing or the \$100 grand prize drawing and reading eight books earns a \$5 Borders gift card. As part of summer reading activities, spe-cial programs will be offered each week where teens can make ice cream, customize a pair of flip-flops, learn to apply temporary henna tattoos, make Caribbean hand and foot jewelry, learn to create scrapbooking borders and make a macramé key chain.

The library's regular programming will continue throughout the summer, Book and Pizza club will meet to discuss a book and enjoy pizza, Teen Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m. will offer games, crafts and snacks, every

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Sean Butler (from left), Joey Calvird, Alek Chauvin, Jacob Slevin and Alex Nowak climb aboard an old tractor during a recent trip to Real Life Farm, which offers a number of school programs. The five boys make up Tina Sowders' entire pre-kindergarten class at St. Damian School in Westland. During their visit, the students enjoyed a hayride, rode horseback, fed and held animals, and even milked the cows.

Thursday from 4-6 p.m. anyone can stop in for chess play and the new 2/4 Saturdays Open Mic with featured performers gives teens a chance to share their talents every second and fourth Saturday from 2-6 p.m.

In 2004 nearly 500 teens participated in the Canton Public Library's Summer Reading program. For more information on the Teen Summer Reading Program, please call (734) 397-0999.

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The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet a 7 p.m., Monday, June 13 at Fire Station No. 1, on Canton Center

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Come watch the Wayne fireworks from the top of the parking deck in downtown Wavne. and help a local non-profit group assist families in the Wayne-Westland area that have an autistic child and are in need of financial assistance to help with the child's development.

The WayneGroup will host the event from 7-11 p.m. on June 29. Tickets for the event are \$20 for adults, and \$8 for children. A ticket will cover all food and

refreshments. There will be a barbecue, games for the kids and a great view of the fireworks. There will also be door prizes and a number of raffles.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please call Don Hartford at (734) 728-6199. Tickets can also be purchased at Wayne City Hall, which is located at 3355 S. Wayne Road.

Building character

First Baptist Church of Canton invites all children to attend its upcoming Vacation Bible School program, called "Construction Zone....Building Character Like Jesus."

The church is located at 44500 Cherry Hill Road, at the corner of Sheldon. The program is specifically designed for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2005 (or are age 5) up through those who have completed the 6th grade.

The program will run Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended. Please contact the church office for this and additional information at (734) 981-6460.

Old-fashioned movies

This summer, come and see old-fashioned movies at oldfashioned prices. On select Sundays, people will be able to visit The Village Theater at Cherry Hill and watch classic motion pictures for only \$2 per person. Showtime for all movies is 1 p.m. Here is what's on the marquee this season:

■ June 12: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

July 10: Annie Aug. 21: Casablanca

Tickets are available at the Summit Box Office.



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The Glassmen cometh

Toledo drum corps features P-CEP band alums

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

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While most high school and college students are enjoying or preparing to enjoy their summer vacations or working to add a little dough to depleted coffers, there's a group of highly motivated youth and young adults who will spend the next two-and-ahalf months rising at the crack of dawn; practicing their talents six to 12 hours each day; spending countless hours on a bus; performing in front of thousands of screaming fans across the country; sleeping on bus seats or school gym floors; and eating on the run.

And they will gladly pay for that privilege.

"They" are the members of America's 22 Division I drum and bugle corps that comprise Drum Corps International (DCI), a non-profit organization promoting musical and performing excellence that holds competitions across the United States culminating in a world championships, this year in Foxboro, Mass., Aug. 11-13. "Drum corps is really cool," admitted Adam Sonnanstine, playing the number two position for the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps snare drum line this summer. "It is tough both physically and mentally, but it is all worth it when you've gotten as close as you possibly can to that ultimate goal of perfection."

Sonnanstine, a 2003 Salem High School graduate, played snare all four years with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band and with the local Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. He is now a junior studying computer science in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, where he is also the center snare and section leader for the U-of-M Marching Band. This is his third year with the Glassmen.

With music and marching in his blood, it's not hard for Sonnanstine to give up a typical student's summer for the rigors and dedication of the drum corps.

"Some of my closest friends are with the Glassmen and I get to see my other friends from home

once in a while when they come to nearby shows," he said.

Among those close Glassmen friends are Matt Hurley, snare drum; Nathan Kuipers, mellophone; Adrienne Adams and Joy Shanaberger, both color guard and all of them former members of the P-CEP Marching Band.

This year the five, along with their 130 fellow Glassmen from more than 20 states and three countries, will spend the summer criss-crossing the country, covering some 15,000 miles and performing in more than 40 competitions as well as assorted parades, concerts and exhibitions.

Rachel Nelson, a 2004 Canton High School graduate and P-C Marching Band alum, will experience much the same schedule as part of the color guard in the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps out of Ft. Mill, S.C. She will be teaching color guard this year as a member of the P-CMB staff.

Joy Shanaberger, a 2004 Salem High School graduate, currently an architecture student at Schoolcraft College with plans to continue at Ball State, doesn't mind giving up a summer of leisure or gainful employment to be a part of the prestigious and precise corps.

"I have such a passion for this activity and I wanted to be part of something where everyone loves what they are doing and are working hard for the same goal," said the second-year color guard member. "And I love the method of teaching. It's more than just making flags go around together."

The Glassmen, directed by Brian Hickman, represent Toledo, the "Glass Capital of the World," and were originally formed in 1961 as the Maumee Suns. Drum corps came about as a very American post World War I activity celebrating patriotism.



Nathan Kuipers warms up on mellophone during a May rehearsal with his fellow Glassmen.

As the corps evolved they became more competitive and added drama, dance and a wide variety of music. DCI was formed in 1971 to bring rules and regulations to the activity as well as showcase the top corps in the annual "Summer Music Games" tour.

And that tour becomes a major production for each of the Division I corps. The Glassmen season begins in November when hundreds of students come from across the U.S. and other countries to audition. Only 135 members aged 14 to 22 are selected to wear the cream and black uniforms of the Glassmen. Rehearsals are conducted through the winter and spring months with a three-week daily rehearsal camp slated before leaving on the nine-week, demanding and rigorous tour starting mid-June. This year's performance show is "A New World" - A Contemporary

Setting on Themes of Dvorak. "It is an incredible operation," said Kathy Sonnanstine, Adam's mother and one of the many parent volunteers. Some 20 to 30 staff and 20 volunteers at a time travel in the entourage that's comprised of five buses and several trucks including two fullsized semis (one equipped with a state-of-the-art kitchen).

"The parents come from all over the country," she added. "Most of the weekend volunteers are from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. But there is one guy that comes from England every year to drive the souvenir truck. And another lady that had kids in the Glassmen maybe 10 years ago, still comes to tour for six weeks with the corps. A professional seamstress, she is in charge of the uniforms and keeps each one fitting like a glove." The uniforms are altered at least twice during the course of the summer as the performers lose weight.

This will be the first year with the corps for Nathan Kuipers, a member of Salem's Class of 2005.

"What I appreciate most about the Glassmen is that they have very high standards, but still maintain a close and supportive family environment," he said. "It teaches you what you need to find inside yourself to push that extra mile, how to work in a team environment and how to teach •

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others." Kuipers will be attending the University of Tampa in Florida this fall to pursue a bachelor of music in music education.

This is also Matt Hurley's first year with the Glassmen. A 2004 Canton grad, Hurley marched with the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps for five years as well as with the P-CMB. He is studying percussion performance at the University of North Texas.

What he has already noticed about the corps is "the huge sense of camaraderie among the Glassmen. Everyone helps one another. I know how beneficial this journey will be for me. I have been told that, throughout the summer, I will grow tremendously."

A 2003 Salem grad now studying education at Schoolcraft College, Adrienne Adams is beginning her third year as a member of the Glassmen color guard.

"I love color guard and performing," she said. "I didn't want to stop after high school." While Adams misses her family and her cats during the summer, "I love meeting all the new people and making new friends from all over the country."

wo said me of t ma of t Bri Tol Wo for Sun Adrienne Adams (front and center) and Joy Shanaberger (second from right) practice with fellow Glassmen guard members during a recent weekend camp.

Canton brings back drive-in days

BY DEBRA PASCOE CORRESPONDENT

Children clad in their pajamas sat on the hood of their parent's station wagon as young lovers cuddled in the back seat of their vehicles during the heyday of the drive-in theater. The fun and excitement of that era is being brought back to life at dusk, Thursday, June 16, on the Amphitheater Stage at Heritage Park with the showing of *Shrek II*. The difference, however, is the audience will sit on blankets or in lawn chairs to watch the film. including green ice cream, green popcorn and green soda. For those who prefer to bring their own snacks, coolers are ities will begin at 6 p.m. and include strolling balloon artists, face painters, large inflatable rides just for the kiddies, a Chalk

Ravenswood \$8.99

Tickets are free so there's no reason to hide friends or family members in the truck of the '57 Chevy, which will have to stay in the garage that night.

The showing of *Shrek II* will cap off an evening of Shrekrelated activities kicking off the 2005 Liberty Fest.

To get the crowd in the mood, Bob Dates, coordinator of Leisure Services for the township, said Tinker Fairy, the King of Hearts and Shrek himself will stroll Heritage Park prior to the screening. Vendors are also getting into the act by hocking Shrek-related concessions, allowed in the park, but no alcoholic beverages, please. "We've been doing this for

almost 10 years now," Datcs said of Liberty Fest movie night. Movies, he said, are selected based on their box office draw and their appeal to both children and adults.

The "Big Screen" will return to Heritage Park Friday, July 8, for Family Camp-Out/Movie Night. Residents are invited to pitch their tents on the grounds surrounding the Amphitheater Stage for an evening of film, fun and socializing with family, friends and future friends.

"A lot of families come with friends and neighbors and form a group among themselves," Dates said. "Its not uncommon to see six or seven tents side by side."

Families can enter the park as early as noon that day to set up their campsites. However, all participants must be in the park by 7 p.m. Trailers, mobile homes and open fires are not allowed.

Prior to the start of the movie, Dates said family-oriented activthe Walk area, arts and crafts projects, games, musical acts and concessions.

"We've never had a rain-out," Dates said.

Remember that old '57 Chevy? Bring it to Independence Park Friday, July 22 when Canton Leisure Services hosts its first Family Drive-In Movie with the airing of *Shark Tales* at dusk.

"This is a new experiment for us," Dates said, adding he brought up the idea for this free event earlier this year and it was met with overwhelming support from his department and township officials.

Residents can either watch from the car like the good 'ol days, or on blankets and lawn chairs in front of the screen set up along the berm on the road leading into Independence Park. Dates said residents can hear the audio portion of the film from speakers positioned in key areas. For those that want to relive the real drive-in experience, an FM radio band is available for in-car sound.



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library, which was built in 1989 and expanded in 2001, covers more than 52,000 square feet. And the staff has grown from the original nine to more than 100.

And those haven't been the only changes. The library business itself has changed dramatically, she says, especially when it comes to technology.

"Back then we had a card catalog. People using the library today, especially kids, don't even know the concept of a card catalog," she said. "The Internet wasn't even around, and we use the Internet for so much today."

Havenstein-Coughlin's current position is head of the adult services department, but she has held a number of positions during her tenure with the library. The one constant, she says, is that she has always enjoyed helping residents.

"We have such a community of library users. It has been that way right from the beginning," she said. "We are so privileged. The best thing about my job has always been working directly with the public."

Her husband, Mike Coughlin, says she has definitely left a "thumbprint" on the library, which he believes is one of the best in the region.

"It's unbelievable how a library is the heartbeat of a community, and the Canton library really is state of the art. So many people use our library, and have gotten to know my wife. When she is in Kroger or Farmer Jack, people always come up to her and say hello," he said. The couple has lived in

Canton since 1982. Jean Tabor, who has been the director of the Canton library since 1986, said one of Havenstein-Coughlin's strengths is her ability to hire good people and then let them do their jobs. And she should know. Havenstein-Coughlin actually hired Tabor as a librarian in the early '80s.

"Rebecca hires people, and then gives them total opportunity to develop and blossom. She let's them come up with ideas on their own, and then lets them get the credit for them. She's never tried to take credit for someone else's work," Tabor said.

While spending 25 years with one employer could get stale for some, Havenstein-Coughlin doesn't see herself going anywhere anytime soon.

"I just see myself here, especially with all the changes we've had, which keeps things exciting," she said. "This is the place that makes me happy. This is where I grew up."

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Home generators and spring cleaning top business opportunities

GENERATING INTEREST

Cool Run Environmental Systems, which relocated to Canton last year, is now offering the latest development in whole house generators.

"This is a new product we're very excited about," said Robert Bowers, owner of Cool Run and Canton resident. "It runs on natural gas and holds up to 10 circuits. It will automatically come on 30 seconds after you lose power and shut off within 30 seconds of the power coming back."

The Carrier generator may even be powerful enough to run a household's energy needs along with central air conditioning, depending upon the size of the home and the size of the generator. Cool Run sells 12- to 15-kilowatt Carrier generators.

"They look like central air." said Bowers of the structure itself. "It's well insulated and sits out in your back yard like an air conditioner. They're virtually care-free."

Bowers said the generator may be most important for individuals with specific medical needs, those who rely on oxygenated air or home dialysis machines to run – despite a power outage.

more generators," said Bowers. "We're on a power grid that hasn't been upgraded for 40 years. So there are a lot more blackouts."

between \$5,995 and \$8,000, including installation and depending on size. Cool Run will sell the product starting at \$4.995

has been in existence since 1994, according to Bowers, who also teaches air conditioning and refrigeration.

Systems is located at 8223 Ronda in Canton. For more information, call (734) 414-8837.

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of our customers are driven by function and the need for useable space, or they want to create a place to work on their hobbies. Others look at their garage and they see a showcase for their cars."

Les will be one of three judges for the competition, including Murray Gula, host of WJR 760-AM Home Improvement with Murray Gula, and Paul Wooley, a car buff and Wayne State University professor.

The grand prize, worth \$4,500, includes an extreme garage makeover with custominstalled cabinets, workbench and epoxy-coated flooring. First-prize winners will receive a custom-installed workbench valued at \$1,200, while the runner up will receive a set of custom-installed garage cabinets valued at \$695.

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recently opened a 24,000square-foot showroom and storage units, cabinetry and ited lifetime warranty. Livonia at (734) 525-0500.

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GOLF CART CHASE

Pheasant Run municipal golf course on June 6 after employees reported that someone tried to steal a golf cart from a the course.

According to police reports, two men reported that they were out playing golf when a man, later reported to be a 42year-old Dearborn man, jumped onto their rented golf cart and started to drive away.

The men were able to chase down the cart and grab the man, pulling him onto the grass. The man was arrested and questioned.

He told police that he had been walking for a long time and had been taking drugs as he walked. During his interview with officers, the man at one time seemed to faint, going limp and landing

COP CALLS

on the ground. But after officers called for emergency medical assistance, the man became disorderly and began fighting with police at the scene.

CONSTRUCTION THEFT

Canton police were called on May 31 to investigate a theft from a construction site.

According to reports, the theft happened some time between May 27 and May 31 in the 2900 block of Haverford. A construction supervisor told police that someone stole 40 sheets of plywood, valued at \$1,400.

HOME INVASION

Canton police are investigating a home invasion in the 8700 block of Walton.

According to police reports, the resident of the home called police and reported that some time between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

on June 1, someone came into his home and stole some \$220 worth of DVDs and X-Box games.

The culprit had rummaged through the pantry but nothing was missing from there.

NEIGHBOR TROUBLE

A 38-year-old Canton man called police when a neighbor dispute got out of hand.

The man told officers on June 1 that he and his 51-yearold neighbor had been arguing for about three weeks about the condition of the neighbor's yard, and that the grass in the back yard was growing too tall.

After a couple of incidents in which the neighbors had tense discussions about the grass, the man thought the matter had been resolved, until on June 1 when he saw the neighbor's son in front of his house.

The teen was using a golf club to hit a plastic ball toward his house, he said. When the boy saw his neighbor, he ran away, according to the report. He then called police to help sort out the neighbor dispute.

GAMES, COMPUTERS STOLEN

A Canton man called police after someone broke into his home on Saratoga and cleaned him out of more than \$8,000 worth of computers and electronics equipment, as well as a collection of baseball cards valued at \$1,900.

He called police on June 6, and reported that someone had taken DVDs and his DVD player, laptop computers, stereo speakers, a camera, a video game player and games.

- By Carol Marshall

Battle of the Bands in need of more competitors

Canton Leisure Services and the Youth Advisory Council. in partnership with the Canton Community Foundation, are seeking local High School bands to compete in this year's Battle of the Bands at Liberty Fest.

Ten bands will compete for top honors and a prize package that includes \$500 cash and studio recording time donated by Axis Music of Canton.

Five of the bands will perform on Thursday, June 16 and the remaining five will perform on Friday, June 17. On both nights, performances will be held from 6:30-10 p.m. The top three bands from each night will then go on to compete in Round 2 on Saturday, June 18.

People may vote for their favorite band by placing money in their band's ballot box. Each dollar collected is equal to one vote. The band that collects the most money by the end will be crowned champion, so bands are encouraged to bring as many friends and family out to the event as they can.

This event has been created to serve as a fund-raiser for Canton's Youth Advisory Council, with all proceeds going toward an endowment

fund that has been set up in their name, by the Canton Community Foundation. All the money collected at this vear's Battle of the Bands will be returned back to the community.

There are several performance times still available for both Thursday and Friday. Bands interested in participating should contact Jon LaFever at (734) 394-5460.

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Officials wave red flag over Senate bills

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Fifteen school buses, Fifteen Reading Recovery teachers, Fifteen class size reduction teachers. Art, music and media classes at all of the elementaries schools.

Each one represents about \$1 million, roughly what the Wayne-Westland Community, Schools would lose if a state Senate subcommittee's proposed K-12 funding plan becomes a reality.

"This is a travesty," said Superintendent Greg Baracy of Senate Bill 279. "They're finding a way to increase our foundation allowance, but also finding a way to decrease it."

In an brief sent June 2, the Middle Cities Education Association alerted its members to SB279, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 School Aid's proposed funding plan for fiscal 2006.

School officials have fired out a letter to three state senators -Laura Toy, R-Livonia, Raymond Basham, D-Taylor, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton - whose districts include Wayne-Westland, urging them to oppose that bill and a second one, SB266, which would shift \$18 million from the School Aid Fund to community colleges.

"It really shows they're continuing their shell game. They're finding a way to eliminate revenue out of the budget, but in front of the media, they're still saying they support the foundation allowance," sàid Baracy. "They're taking the funds out the back door."

Roseville Democrat Michael Świtalski is the spønsor of SB279, which cleared the subcommittee last week. The bill includes Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed \$175 per pupil increase in state school aid, but not her additional \$50 per high school student proposal.

It also includes:

🖩 A \$22.5 million cut in funding for at-risk programs. The governor had recommended a \$33 million increase.

🗰 Partial – 50 percent – per pupil school aid for developmental kindergarten programs.

A 50 percent reduction in Section 20J money to hold harmless" districts with more than 2,000 students.

Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for business, calculates that, if approved, the two bills would end up costing Wayne-Westland \$932,000 or a loss of \$68 per student. The largest chunk - \$477,000 - would be at-risk money, affecting the district's Reading Recovery and

class size reduction programs. Martin also calculates that when the increased costs of retirement and health care are factored in, the district would lose \$71 per student. Retirement costs will jump to 16.34 percent or about \$78 per pupil cost, and the anticipated increase in health care costs \$100 per student.

"We've done \$4 million in cost containment and have a \$5 million deficit," said Martin. "It's like we're chasing our tail."

The report comes just before the school board is to vote on the 2005-06 budget. While the district has been able to maintain its program by cutting costs and tapping into its reserves, it could face the prospect of borrowing to cover expenses next year, something it hasn't had to do since the early years of Proposal A.

Proposal A change the way districts were funded and aimed at equalizing the amount spent on education around the state. However, a June 2004 issue report done by the Senate Fiscal Agency, found that only 28 school districts are better off under Proposal A while 527, including Wayne-Westland, are in worse shape.

In Wayne County, Wayne-Westland came in third behind the Plymouth-Canton and

Detroit districts in the amount of tax revenue lost since

Proposal A was passed. The district has received \$109.1 million under Proposal A compared to \$157.7 million it would have received without it.

"Their own Senate Fiscal Agency provided the information on the effect of Proposal A and the detrimental effect the legislature's 70 tax cuts have had on school districts, but this is information nobody wants to talk about," said Baracy. "Their own people are telling them there's a problem and nobody wants to listen."

Baracy questioned lawmakers' contention that the tax cuts were needed to stimulate the state's economy, noting Michigan has beaten out Alaska as "the state in the worst shape in the nation" currently.

"We can control our spending and we've done an excellent job, but we can't control our revenue and we have a stranger controlling our destiny, and that's just plain wrong," he added. "They're taking a good solid school district like Wayne-Westland and dismantling it brick by brick.

"It's going to take some real backbone to solve these problems and stop sacrificing the children of Michigan."

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on the future of Central Middle School.

"Do you want to renovate Central as a middle school, or build a new middle school and use Central for something else?" added Ryan. "In my perfect world, I would ask to remodel Central for alternative education. Starkweather is a horrible building for alternative ed. They have only a small library, and no cafeteria or gym. It's a wonderful program, and we need a better facility for it.

The cost to remodel Central is estimated at \$19.9 million, with a new middle school constructed on district property on Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center, in Canton Township at \$24 million.

Among other topics Ryan plans to address at the workshop:

Construction of classroom space for a career and technical education center at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to house programs in health occupation, culinary arts and hospitality services, electronics and robotics, public safety, information technology and performing arts.

According to Ryan, construction of classrooms at the Park would create additional classroom space, as well as improve science labs and rooms, at Salem and Canton high schools.

Build an early childhood/special education center at the corner of Joy and Beck in Canton Township at an estimated cost of \$10 million. Ryan said the Tanger Center in Plymouth Township could then be used to develop a revenue-producing school or sold for revenue.

Finding a new location for a curriculum and staff development center, which is currently housed at the bus transportation yard on Mill Street.

Construction of a central maintenance facility at the Park for \$2.4 million, allowing the district to place its entire maintenance operation on one site.

Improvements to athletic facilities at the Park, including construction of press box/restroom/concession stand/storage space.

Discussion of a future bond issue to pay for construction and renovation.

"We have a growing district and space is always an issue," said Mark Slavens, board president. "It will be very important to set forth a master plan to address facility needs to educate our kids in the best way we can, within the budget we have."

Saturday's workshop session will be held at the Board of Education offices, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth, beginning at 8 a.m.

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on Sheldon Place at the end of the month.

The building is owned by National Church Residences of Ohio, but was constructed in 1996 through the office of Housing and Urban Development at a cost of \$3.4 million.

So far, no one has estimated what it will cost to repair the deficiencies, including the absence of steel reinforcement rods in one of the walls, and the incorrect placement of heating and cooling air intake vents. Demolition has been estimated at \$400,000.

But there are literally thousands of pages of engineering reports, according to Canton attorney Bryan Amann.

ture twice as high. But that would double the parking requirement, and the building is landlocked, Ginnard said.

"I don't even know if it can be fixed," he said, shaking his head. Repairing the building is an option that has yet to be fully

explored. I think the major issue is going to be the cracked areas around the heating and cooling units," said Scott Walkowicz, an engineer touring the building.

Late in March, a buyer from Wyandotte, Stan Miciura, won the bid to purchase the building, but it's again for sale. Miciura had bid \$770,000, and had put up \$50,000 up front, as required by HUD.

National Church Residences, HUD and Miciura have not returned calls to the Observer.

The 56-unit building will be sold through an auction on June 29. A \$100,000 letter of credit is required to ensure completion of repairs or demolition of the property within a 12-month period, according to the HUD Web site. Bids will be accepted orally at 10 a.m. on the ground floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal. Center at 2 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

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Demolition of the building, which sits on just more than an acre, may not be feasible, said Novi builder Brian Ginnard, who also walked through the property Wednesday.

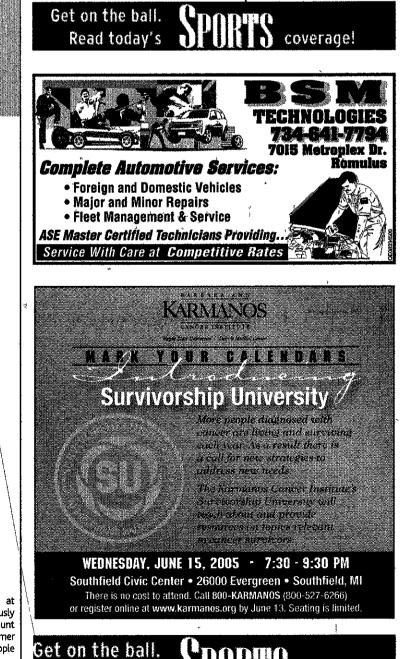
"No one wants to buy something just to tear it down," he said. "It's a beautiful building. It's really too bad."

Ginnard suspects that the only way to make demolition pay off is to build a new struc-

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Planners see Rouge Day turnout as success

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

If T-shirts are any indicator of an event's success, last weekend's Rouge River Day proved to be a rousing success, thanks mostly to lots of sunshine and a lack of rain.

Karen Hanna, office coordinator for Friends of the Rouge, which has organized River Day events for the past 19 years, said the requests for T-shirts are still trickling into the office, located on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

"It sounds to me like participation was up this year," Hanna said, citing the good weather as a positive factor. All volunteers received free Tshirts, which is why the T-shirt requests are a good indicator of participation.

About 1,300 volunteers participated in last year's rescue event. Hanna, who is still tallying this year's numbers, said she hopes that the number increases to 2,000 this year.

Canton, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, Wayne and Westland were just a handful of metro Detroit communities bustling with volunteers working on restoration activities. Activities ranged from installing a rain garden in Farmington Hills to bird box construction in Canton.

And of course, picking up trash and debris kept volunteers busy, too. Fortunately, though, organizers say River Day is not as much about picking up the trash as it used to be.

"In the past, when Rouge Rescue began, the river was really dirty," said Cyndi Ross,





associate coordinator of public involvement programs for Friends of the Rouge.

Car parts, shopping carts and even large appliances were among the Rouge's flotsam and jetsam in year's past, Ross said. "After many years, the river

has become a lot more aesthetic. (Though) sometimes you'll find the occasional tire and shopping cart in a strategic area."

Another river cleanup activity that has all but disappeared is something the wildlife appreciates.

"In the past, we used to pull log jams out of the river," Ross said. Because dead logs provide valuable habitat for animals, they are virtually left alone by volunteer workers.

Not all the animals actually

live on or in the logs. Some, like turtles, like to sun themselves on floating logs.

The Rouge watershed is 438 square miles and includes 48 communities in three counties. Its offshoots include the main, upper, middle and lower branches, encompassing 126 "river miles."

On the heels of River Day is "Water Week," running through June 12 and presented by the Southeast Michigan Partners for Clean Water.

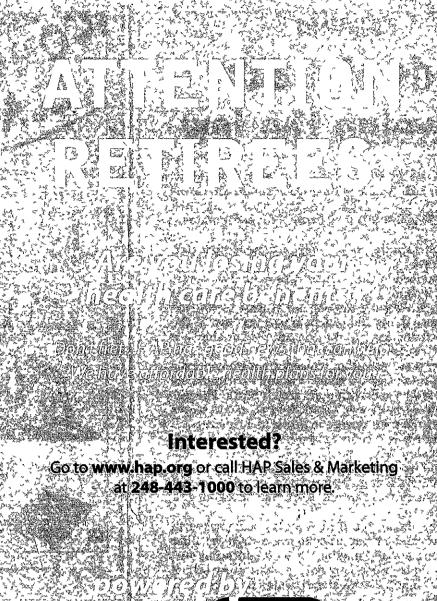
A variety of River Day events are planned June 11 along the Clinton River watershed. Water Week events are being planned in the Anchor Bay, St. Clair River, Huron and Shiawassee watersheds, as well as along Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.

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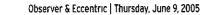
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Needs of many outweigh the few

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It was bad enough when all there was were rumors that some Heather Hills and Rolling Oaks subdivision residents wanted no part of the redistricting of some Bird Elementary School students to Farrand for economic reasons.

Such elitist thinking is far more ominous now that proof has come out.

E-mails obtained by the Observer this week show several residents, including at least one man who claimed not to have even *heard* such rumors, are at least as worried about the move doing "financial damage" to "two of the wealthiest subdivisions in the community" as they are about what's best for the district.

To be sure, there are other, more legitimate concerns expressed in those same e-mails. Farrand's performance on standardized tests doesn't quite match Bird's. The differences in many cases aren't stark, and Farrand's scores are well above the state average in nearly all instances.

There certainly is a concern about disturbing friendships and relationships established by the affected students. No one wants longer bus rides for their children, but it isn't like it's a cross-country trek. At an estimated 40 minutes, the ride to Farrand won't even be the longest in the district.

On the other hand, the Bird students being asked to change schools aren't being asked to make sacrifices other students aren't already making. Special education students, for instance, frequently have to start every school year in a new building, at greater distances than are being asked for here.

Yet they adapt, as will any Bird students displaced by the redistricting. The solution is not a panacea, but it beats the alternative: overcrowded classrooms. Several school board members have insisted on smaller teacherstudent ratios, and rightly so.

To abandon that goal now seems hasty, and to do so at the outcry of a few residents (read: voters) seems politically motivated.

Parents' wishes, and the relationships established by students, should absolutely be considered when the district has decisions like these to make. However, the overriding concern here is what's best for the district as a whole, and those choices should not be measured by home values.

Standards need to be applied to this process that stand up district-wide. A 40-minute bus ride shouldn't be a problem when other students are on the bus for nearly an hour.

The school board appointed a housing commission that put in a great deal of time and effort, visiting subdivisions and crunching numbers to come up with the plan it felt was in the best interests of the district as a whole.

When this issue comes up again, that's exactly what the school heard should do too

Observer OPINION



Special ed counts, too

Much has been made by the local print media, and the Plymouth-Canton Schools administration, about the need to move (or the concern by families not to move) an overflow of general education elementary school children from Bird to Farrand.

For those of us whose children are in special education, these such moves — to different schools, based on need to move a program; to our home schools to try inclusion; or as in the case of the 2005-06 school year, with the dismantling of the Learning Disabled Classrooms — our children often have to begin the school year at a new elementary school, with no coverage by the media, and with positive support on behalf of us parents and teachers, often on a yearly basis.

While I know change is hard for all children, it is how we respond to that change that determines how our own children will respond. No child should be in an overcrowded classroom, period, so the recommendations recently made by the housing committee (who devoted a lot of time and research to their decision) to move students from Bird elementary to Farrand, and often diatribe about in the local news and at district meetings, makes sense. In my case, my son, Alex, age almost 7, with autism, cerebral palsy, and bi-lateral hearing loss, will be moving from Hulsing where he was for the 2004-05 school year, after a move from Tanger to Hulsing at the end of 2004, to Gallimore, because of the need to dismantle learning disabled classrooms, and open AI classes, where there is currently space to house two of those classes in Gallimore. Was I initially upset when I received this news? Yes, but when I listened at meetings to people like Julie Woodhams. director for preschool and elementary special education in our district (meetings the press nor the administration, except for Bob Hayes, attended, nor did any of the current board members, except for one, ever attend), I felt her enthusiasm and the fact she had really researched these changes, and I chose to be positive for my son in these changes. Look, with the dismantling of the LD room, over 50-plus special education elementary students will move away from friends and teachers and schools they have known and move into a cognitively, emotionally, or autistically impaired classroom housed in our district's elementary schools, or, as in the case of students with learning disabilities and other physical and mental disabilities, into an inclusive general education setting at their home school, for which many have never even entered before (nor does much of the general education population know they are coming, but we will hope that general education parents and students will meet these former LD kids with friendship and support). If these special education kids can do this, then I ask, in order to avoid overcrowding and future precedents in our district, why can't Bird families do the same? I visited Farrand last year with my husband, and it is a great school. And I

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wonder, if the Bird parents who do not want their children to move to Farrand get their wish, how will that decision bode in the future when middle schools become overcrowded, and there is need to move students from one middle school to another, or what about the repairs at Miller, which will displace many students?

Will these parents, too, get to choose wherever they want their children to go, and if, when Miller is re-opened, what if these same parents don't want to move their kids back there, will that wish be granted, too?

To the district's administration and the local print media, I suggest you commend Julie Woodhams and everyone who works under her, as they have worked incredibly hard to make the changes to our 50-plus elementary special education children for the 2005-06 school year amicable and positive. Your decision regarding these Bird students' possible move to Farrand affects not only those families, but any housing changes lion will not go into the local government but will be plowed back into the Downtown Development Authority, which services a very small slice of Canton along the Ford Road corridor.

Once again Tom Yack had something to say. Speaking about the estimated \$5 million in sales tax that is due to roll through the store Yack spouted, "It's not just Canton that will benefit. The sales tax revenue generated from this building, revenue that would be somewhere besides Michigan, will be going into the state coffers. This will have a tremendous impact on the state."

Actually sales tax from the Downtown Development Authority takes a wild ride. Any money above a certain level of tax is sent to Lansing, where it sits around a while before it is sent back to the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

How much money does the Downtown Development Authority deal with? I remember asking one of the members one time and getting this response, "It's all in a spread sheet."

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Make your grad's party alcohol- and regret-free

If you're planning a high school graduation party this summer, leave alcoholic beverages off the shopping list.

Not only is it illegal to serve alcohol to anyone under age 21, it can have serious consequences.

Many adults mistakenly think they can keep kids safe by letting them drink at home just as long as they don't allow them to drive. However, drinking for young people can have serious consequences beyond traffic accidents resulting in permanent injury or death.

Teenagers' brains are still developing, and they are very sensitive to alcohol's effects on judgment and decision making, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

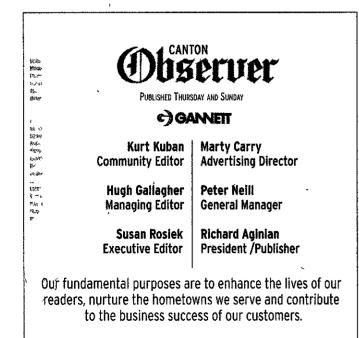
They may do things they'll later regret — or may not even remember — such as fighting, engaging in sex, damaging or destroying others' property or accepting a dare of bet to do something harmful.

Alcohol poisoning and binge drinking are also risks associated with underage drinking.

Parents need to talk to their graduates about the dangers of drinking alcohol and then set a good example themselves.

One way to do that is by hosting alcohol-free graduation parties to show young people they don't need alcohol to celebrate or have fun.

If you provide them with a wide selection of ice-cold pop, water and other non-alcoholic beverages, favorite party foods and some fun outdoor games to play, they'll have a great time — and you won't have any regrets.



you hope to make in the next few years.

I would also like to say, to the disappointment of myself and others in the district's special education community, we wish both the administration and the press would pay as much attention to the changes occurring in our special education program, as you have to the possible changes at Bird Elementary. We count, too.

> Dawn Ham-Kucharski Canton

Impressed with Zarbo

I watched the replay of the May 10 Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting on the local cable channel and was impressed, but not surprised, to see the impact that Trustee Karl Zarbo continues to have. First, he audited the monthly township bills in person. That effort shows he continues to watch out for all Canton residents.

Next, Jim Cisek of Christmas in Action (a nonprofit organization with chapters all over the country that assist the elderly with home repairs and yard cleanups) thanked a number of persons for their contribution to the Canton initiative inaugural success. Trustee Zarbo was thanked as a board member of theirs and come to find out, he also worked as a volunteer the day of the event.

As the meeting proceeded, township engineer Tom Casari debriefed us on the intersection committee improvement findings and recommendations. Again, Karl was thanked and recognized by Mr. Casari for his efforts on this committee.

All that in one meeting! Thank you Karl for your continued efforts on Canton's behalf. Not sure how you have the time to keep your lawn looking as good as it does. Keep up the good work! Mike Flynn

Where's the money?

I just read an article in the *Canton Observer* talking about IKEA again. The article stated that after it is built, the store will generate an estimated \$1 million in annual property taxes.

It may well do that, but according to what I have learned most of that \$1 mil-

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"It was a fine place to grow up, but I never thought Canton would be a hip, diverse place to live. My students tell me it's a good place to get ethnic food. You can get sushi in Canton, Michigan. No one could have predicted that 20 years ago."

- Frank Wu, dean of Wayne State University Law School and former Canton resident on the changes that have occurred in his old hometown

As for the impact on the state of Michigan, the 350 jobs created will replace those lost through Kmart. Have fun at IKEA.

> Alfred Brock Canton

City's problems

Detroit had problems long before Engler, Limbaugh or Kilpatrick arrived on the scene. Electing political leaders that take advantage of race differences must stop. Cross-district busing destroyed our school system and endangered our children when we lived in the racially mixed Marygrove area.

HUD moved criminal elements into formerly unlocked homes and no one was safe anymore. Property values dropped faster than suburban prices increased. We remained until 1964, but the first to flee suffered the least.

A smart cop will look away because criminals are often untouchable. Industry' hesitates to move into a city that taxes even the incomes of employees living elsewhere, and preferential hiring and "living wages" discourage the likelihood of making a profit. Government does not create jobs, but it certainly destroys them.

Hank Borgman Farmington

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Changes to Medicaid could result in huge cost savings

BY BRUCE HANSEN

very year, Michigan faces a state budget deficit crisis of staggering proportions. Not only does this tie our lawmakers in knots for months, it is beginning to threaten the health of our major research universities — the hope of our state's economic future — as they bleed from a thousand little funding cuts.

Yet there is a better way to balance the books, one the lobbyists and many legislators would rather you didn't think about. It involves a poorly understood and more poorly managed program called Medicaid, for which Michigan taxpayers shell out \$8.9 billion a year.

By making a few common-sense changes, the state should be able to save at least 1 billion a year — while providing better quality care to the poor. No, this is not a shell game, or an illusion. Just the facts.

Here's how we can do that. First, the Michigan Legislature needs to pass legislation to eliminate the Certificate of Need (CON) Program. This was established years ago to force hospitals to share technology. For example, the goal was for several hospitals to share one CAT scanner.

That may have been worth a try — though in practice, it seldom worked. However, the state did, as usual, build up an expensive bureaucracy around the process, which has worked just fine at perpetuating itself.

Today, the CON process is used by hospitals to stop competition from other health care providers. And there is one exception. If one has money, one can buy a CON. A few years ago, a physician wanted a Certificate of Need to install an MRI scanner at his hospital. He hired a lobbyist, who told him he could get an "official" approval for \$50,000, if he retained the lobbyist at \$8,000 per month for a year.

Evidently, that was chicken feed compared to what the physician could make with a scanner. The doc paid up, and obtained his CON and scanner.

That is one of many examples why the administration of the Medicaid program needs to be turned over to the private sector. Also, the Michigan Department of Management and Budget should purchase a utilization and review system to determine what health care services we purchased at what cost and for whom.

The attorney general could then use this information to prosecute Medicaid fraud. In any event, every aspect of Medicaid should undergo a comprehensive forensic audit once every five years.

So how do we save a billion dollars? Well, believe it or not, dramatically reducing the cost of health care is not rocket science. We can learn from some well-run corporations. Quad/Graphics in West Allis, Wis., 1s one of the

nation's biggest printing companies. It is cutting

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its costs by bringing primary care in-house (*Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 11, 2005).

Michigan Medicaid could, and should, establish cost-effective county primary care clinics in areas accessible to the poor.

There's no need to stop there. Staff who can deliver rehabilitation, as well as laboratory, radiology and MRI services should be hired by the state, which should also purchase the necessary equipment. Not to worry; the net cost to all of us will turn out to be far cheaper in the long run.

And Michigan should then take the next step. Secondary care physicians, specialists such as allergists, podiatrists and surgeons, as well as hospitals, get their patients from primary care doctors. The state clinics should have specialists and hospitals bid for those services.

Through these contracts, any service that can be provided "outpatient" should be removed from hospitals. For example: Blue Cross pays more than \$600 per physical therapy visit when the cost of the same service provided by an independent physical therapist ranges from \$120 to \$150 a visit.

Pharmacy benefits are out of control. The cost of a stomach medicine can be \$5 per pill. There's no excuse for that, now that wonderful generic drugs are on the market. We should limit the medicines provided by Medicaid to generics, unless a physician from a state clinic finds a brand name drug necessary.

Finally, we need to make a couple of eligibility changes. The state should no longer pay for health care services for 18- and 19-year-olds, who are legally adults. Nor should the state pay for your apartment should you become pregnant.

If Michigan were to adopt these simple changes to the delivery of health care services for the poor in Michigan, billions could be saved, and the quality of care provided to the poor would increase.

Frankly, if Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan adopted a similar approach, our corporations could cut their premiums in half.

But that's their business. The state budget crisis is everyone's problem. And a solution is sitting right under our Legislature's nose.

Bruce Hansen has been president and vice president of several health maintenance organizations, and also served as director of budget, policy and computer systems for the state Medicaid program.

Press needs more Deep Throats to make government transparent.

ero or traitor?

The recent revelation that former FBI deputy Mark Felt is the famous Woodward-Bernstein informer Deep Throat has divided opinion along those lines.

Some see Felt as a hero who helped bring down a corrupt administration. Others see him as a disloyal government worker. Some argue that as a law enforcement official, he should have taken his knowledge to his superiors to handle. (Of course, the FBI is part of the Justice Department, which was run by John Mitchell, Richard Nixon's campaign manager, confidant and fellow conspirator.)



Gallagher

The controversy over Felt dovetails with the ongoing story about the leaking of a CIA agent's name and the subsequent punishment of journalists who won't reveal who the informant is. The irony in that case is that the only journalist who used the information, the rightwing propagandist Robert Novak, has yet to face any

court action at all. Meanwhile, those who thought better of jeopardiz-

ing a CIA agent's cover now face jail time for not ratting on a government official bent on manipulating the press to further the Bush administration's Iraq policy.

Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein and then Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee kept their secret for more than 30 years. With Deep Throat's help, they uncovered an uprecedented abuse of executive power, leading to the resignation of Nixon and jail time for many of his aides.

Using unnamed sources is always a tricky proposition. Newspapers are reluctant to use information that isn't clearly substantiated, with a name behind the information. In the case of Deep Throat, Bradlee insisted that his ace young reporters get two corroborating sources before going with the information.

Clearly a reporter faces tough obstacles when trying to track down a major scandal like Watergate, even a reporter from muscular news organizations like the *New York Times, Washington Post*, CNN or the broadcast networks. Most news organizations regarded the original Watergate incident as, in Nixon's words, "a third-rate burglary."

It took tenacity and an imagination to see past the obvious and superficial, to see that the unthinkable could be true. It also took working sources, and those sources of necessity needed to be anonymous. Careers and maybe even lives were at risk. Those guys played hardball. By revealing the name of their sources, news organizations cut themselves off from information that is often vital in a democracy, information that leads to real transparency in government. If sources don't feel protected, they won't give the information.

Most stories we cover as a community newspaper don't involve the kind of cloak and dagger that were needed in the Watergate story (so brilliantly portrayed in the movie version of Woodward and Bernstein's book *All the President's Men*). We are reluctant to quote unnamed sources, though sometimes we'll receive a lead from someone who doesn't want to be identified. That lead may take us to '' other sources who will go on record and that will provide our story.

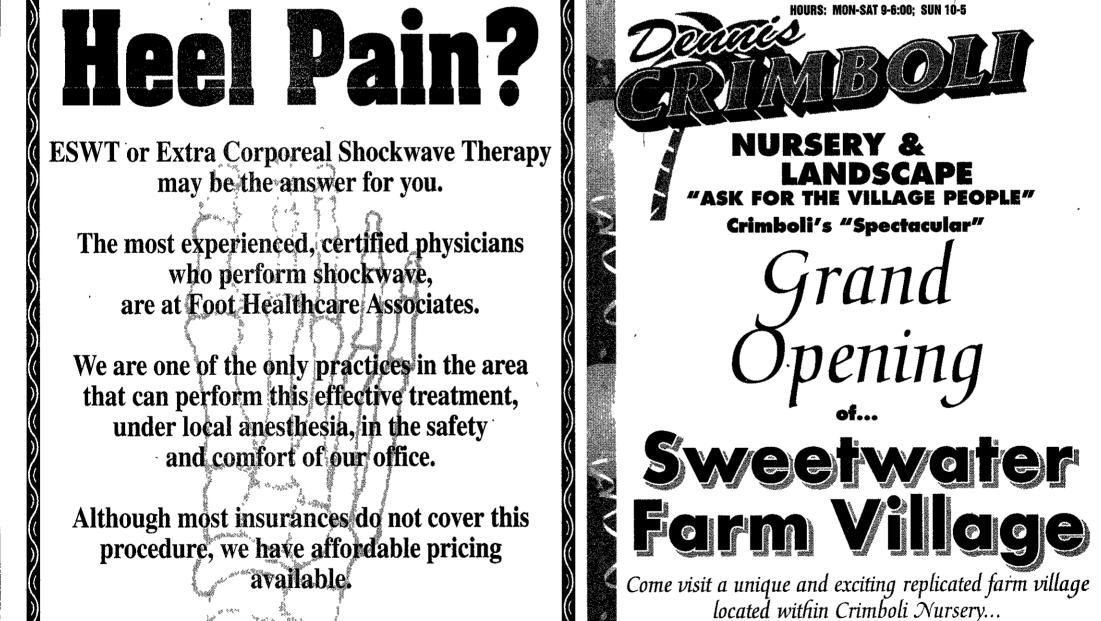
Courts have ruled that news organizations do not have special privileges. A federal appeals court upheld a contempt ruling against reporters from *Time* magazine and *The New York Times*. They have refused to name the person who divulged the name of Valerie Plame, a CIA operative who is married to Joseph Wilson, a former ambassador to Niger, who criticized President Bush's assertion that Iraq had tried to obtain uranium from Niger. Neither reporter used the information they received.

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News organizations everywhere are watching this developing story and feeling a chill on not just press freedom, but a chill on the public's access to information it needs, must have, to make honest decisions on the direction of OUR GOVERNMENT.

As an FBI deputy director, as an often overzealous government official, Mark Felt is open to some serious criticism. But in his role as Deep Throat, count me as one who regards him, in this instance, a true American hero.

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Be kind to your fine-feathered friends

Observer

AT HOWE

Architect/artist builds dream houses that are for the birds

> BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

hey should land in the pages of Nest Beautiful, if not House Beautiful. They're the fantastical and functional birdhouses by Daniel Medich Jr., several of which are featured at Orchard Lake Framing and Gallery in West Bloomfield through June 30. Bird feeders and mailboxes by Medich are gallery this month. There's nothing bird-

also at the gallery this month. There's nothing birdbrained about these structures, which are a combination of architecture and art. In his designs, Medich thinks outside the box.

"I've been talking about designing birdhouses for years. I just one day decided I was tired of looking at the same old birdhouses," said Medich, an architect with the firm of Fanning/Howey Associates Inc. in Novi.

"They're all one of a kind," said Maureen Nolan of Orchard Lake Framing and Gallery. "Each

one is a little different." Medich's stylish birdhouses could serve as art for indoors, sculptures with metal and wood work.

He makes the main structure out of cedar because of its outdoor weathering characteristics.

The roof is made of copper, aluminum or galvanized steel and is shaped in a swooping curl, like a flourish in a signa-

ture. People have told Medich that the curling roofs remind them of Dr. Seuss' Whoville, he said.

"I like curls," Medich said. "I like rounded shapes and curves."

With some birdhouses, light and dark woods are combined on the cedar structure.

Some are adorned with raindrop shapes of metal, broad swirls made by sandblasting or intricate patterns made by woodburning. Other features include stained glass, and glass

with raised designs. The houses and feeders are easy to clean and easy to fill. They open by removing part of the top, or by lifting up one side of the roof.

The small birdhouses are 12 inches tall

Medich's birdhouses could have one compartment or a few.

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Garage makeover

That messy, out-of-control garage may pay off. Dads, husbands (and moms, tool) from around metro Detroit can win an extreme garage makeover in the Father's Day Ugly Garage Contest sponsored by Garage Concepts of Livonia. Grand prize is a garage makeover, including custom-installed cabinets, workbench and epoxy-coated flooring valued at \$4,500. First prize is a custom-installed workbench valued at \$1,200. The runner-up will receive a set of custominstalled garage cabinets valued at \$695. Winners must be at 🗦

least 18 years of age. Eligible garages must be part of a single-family residential dwelling occupied by the owner of the home in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb county; be no more than 20 years old; be structurally sound; and have finished walls.

Entry forms must be emailed and accompanied by a digital color photo of the ugly garage, along with 200 words or less on why you think your dad, husband (or mom) should win.

Entries must be received no later than Thursday, June 30. For an official entry

For an official entry form and contest rules, go to the Garage Concepts Web site at www.Mistorage.com. Judges include Murray

inches wide and 7 inches deep. The larger, fivecompartment birdhouses, are 2 feet tall, 2 feet wide and 12 inches deep. Prices are between \$79 and \$400. One of Medich's mailboxes at the gallery is a majestic piece of glistening copper crowning a metal pole. Copper wiring wraps the pole like a vine. Hangers are sold separately. These are also functional works of art, with copper wiring entwined around metal.

Medich and his wife, Kathy, collaborate on designs. They live in Fenton with their children, Madeline, 3, and Daniel,

almost 1 month. This month, Medich's pieces will also be featured at Backyard Birds in Birmingham, and at Carol and James Gallery in Royal Oak.

Orchard Lake Framing and Gallery is in the Crosswinds Mall at 4301 Orchard Lake Road, between Lone Pine and Pontiac Trail. Call (248) 538-9021 or visit www.orchardlakeart.com.

of metal, broad swirls made by sandblasting or intricate patterns made by woodburning.

Gula, host of WJR 760-AM's Home Improvement with Murray Gula, who is also director of the Michigan Construction Protection Agency, a 🐎 master electrician, licensed builder, building inspector and state of Michigan instructor: Paül Wooley, car buff and Wayne State University professor of orthopedic surgery, immunology and biomedical engineering; and Dave Les, Garage Concepts chief marketing officer.

Helping hands

The barns at Maybury Farm in Northville are getting their finishing touches, thanks to the carpenters from Leader Homes. The carpenters have come on board to do all of the boarding of the tops of the barns. They have also complete ed some of the decorative barn work.

Workers from UAW Ford/Visteon, along with a myriad of volunteers, have gotten all of the siding on the lower portion of the barns.

Recently 47 volunteers from the Service Engineering Organization Division from Ford Motor began painting under the supervision of the pros from CertaPro Painters. The paint they used was donated by Sherwin-Williams in Commerces

"At this point the only thing holding Maybury Farm back from opening is the need for a parking lot," said Shari Peters of

the Northville Community Foundation. "If we can get some immediate help we can open within a matter of months."

To help with the parking lot, call the foundation at (248) 374-0200.

PHOTOS COURTESY ORCHARD LAKE FRAMING AND GALLERY

Birdhouses by Daniel Medich Jr., an architect with Fanning/Howey Associates Inc. in Novi, are functional works of art. The curled metal roof is one of their features.

Utility banishes some of the Web's worst spyware

sis: spyware. As you may recall from my previous coverage, spyware is often responsible for a lot of flaky PC behavior.

Maybe you're seeing a rash of pop-up windows, even though you've installed a pop-up blocker.

Perhaps your home page has been hijacked, or your browser will no longer take you where you want to go. It could be that your computer is acting just plain weird.

Many users unknowingly attribute such behavior to viruses, but spyware is the likelier culprit. Assuming you've installed an anti-virus utility (you have, right?) and configured it to automatically download updates (again, non-negotiable), you should be pretty well insulated against viruses. Spyware, on the other hand, can sneak aboard your PC any number of ways. Suppose, for instance, you see a Web link advertising dirt-cheap MP3 downloads. The link resides in one of those ubiquitous Google ad boxes, so you feel safe in clicking it.

Or how about this: a window



appears out of nowhere to inform you of a spyware infection, and says "click here to scan." It looks like an official Windows message, so you do the natural thing and click it.

Suddenly your browser goes haywire, your screen fills with pop-up ads, and your computer starts running like molasses. Curse you, spyware!

As I've mentioned before, I rely on two free programs – Ad-Aware SE Personal (www.lavasoftusa.com) and Windows Antispyware (www.microsoft.com) – to pro-

tect me from new spyware incursions and rid my PC of any that happen to squeak through. As I've learned recently, some-

times those aren't enough. For a few weeks now I've been Warning - if your computer has been running slower than usual, it may be infected with Adware or Spyware! To scan your computer for such infections, click yes below.

This may look like an ordinary system message, but it's a fake, and clicking it could actually expose your system to real spyware.

battling an onslaught of especially virulent infections. They go by names like Aurora, DrPmon, and Nail.exe.

Both of my anti-spyware utilities can detect and (supposedly) remove these pests, but after a few minutes or a reboot, there they are again. I also tried commercial programs like Ewido Security Suite and SpySweeper, but they couldn't kill the little termites either.

Want to know how I finally got rid of them? Bêlieve it or not, I went to the source.

It turns out that a pair of companies, A Better Internet (ha!) and Direct Revenue, have claimed responsibility for the aforementioned spyware and released a utility that promises to remove it. I was plenty suspicious of MyPCTuneUp (www.mypctuneup.com), but figuring my problem could get no worse, I decided to try it.

I did not, however, follow the utility's recommendation to disable my firewall. I'm not *that* gullible. Amazingly, it worked. If your anti-spyware utilities have detected, but failed to remove, infections such as Aurora, BestOffers, BetterInternet, Ceres, LocalNRD, MSView, MultiMPP, MXTarget, OfferOptimizer, and Twaintec, this utility should do the trick.

The annoying reality of today's Internet: be careful what you click.

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Garden Party

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center 18th Annual Garden Party will take place 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12, on the grounds of the center in Farmington Hills.

General admission tickets are \$150. For more information, call (248) 626-7527, Ext. 3900, or visit www.svsfcenter.org.

The premier food- and wine-tasting event is the center's largest fund-raiser. Last year it raised \$250,000 for programs that help children overcome the effects of neglect and abuse. The Ford Motor Co. and MNP are presenting the event, which will feature 50 of metro Detroit's best restaurants, wines from all over the world, and more than 100 auction items This year's theme is the timeless elegance and glamour of the 1940s.

Phone repair

Have you ever wondered how your phone works, or needed to make a repair to your interior wiring? Learn about how the switched telephone network operates and how

HOME CALENDAR

your telephones connect to it in Home Telephone Wiring and Repair, a class offered through Rochester Schools Community Education and Enrichment.

The class will take place on three Wednesdays beginning June 15 at Rochester High School. Fee is \$65. Call (248) 726-3165 or visit www.rochester.kl2 mi us for registration and other information. A number of commonly available telephone tools will be demonstrated, and students will have the opportunity to wire and troubleshoot phone circuits in the classroom. If possible, a trip to a local telephone exchange will be arranged.

A fee will be charged for materials used in class.

Instructor Steve Clark is training and development manager at SBC Transport Technology Center in Detroit, and was an instructor and course designer in SBC's Network Services Training Department. He has also spent hundreds of hours in friends' attics and basements



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installing and repairing their phone systems Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Beginner Pillow (Mondays, June 13-27, fee is \$60), Envelope Pillow (Thursdays, June 16-30; fee is \$60) and Traditional Slipcover (Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 21 through July 7; fee is \$120). Many of the techniques learned in Beginner Pillow will apply to future home decorating classes. In this class, beginning sewers will

learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cording and inserted trims Learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting bias and using a zipper foot to cover cording will be included.

If you like a special fabric or trim but don't know how to use it, Envelope Pillow can help. In this class, make your own pattern for a versatile envelope pillow that can be virtually any shape and size.

In Traditional Slipcover, learn to make a fitted slipcover for a side chair or simple armchair in class, before tackling that sofa at home Bring your chair to the first session: it will stay in the classroom until the last session. Interior design

Summer classes offered in the College for Creative Studies Continuing Education program include Elements of Interior Design, eight Saturdays beginning June 11.

Cost is \$295, plus a \$10 material fee. Instructor is Teri Main

Call (313) 664-7691 for registration and other information An overview of the field of interior design, this course will show you the methods used to create a room that is

physically, visually and intellectually satisfying. Instruction will include the basic prin-

cipies of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room during the course.

> Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a

Lathrup Village

The Lathrup Village Home and Garden Tour will take place 10 a m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18 Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 tour day, \$8 for seniors Ticket vouchers are available at the Lathrup Village City Offices, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696, between 11 and 12 Mile Call Pat Gore at (248) 559-0488 or Richard Reeves at (248) 569-5610 for ticket information. This year's event, the ninth co-sponsored by the Lathrup Village Historical Society and the Village Gardeneers, will present a wonderful opportunity to view the interiors of five of Lathrup's most interesting homes and to pass through six beautiful private gardens on a self-guided tour Several of Lathrup's demonstration rain gardens will be highlighted on the tour map for guests to view. Proceeds sup-

port beautification projects throughout Lathrup Village A garden boutique, at the gazebo in the park adjacent to the Municipal Building on Southfield Road, will offer plants and unusual garden accessories for sale. The Children's Garden will staff a garden cafe, selling refreshments as a fund-raiser. Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with information on rain garden design and installation, tree and flower selection, composting, garden maintenance, and lawn care. In addition to residents who will serve as docents in the homes, master gardener volunteers will be in the gardens and in the boutique to answer questions and assist guests.

Sylvan Lake

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GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Michigan Inc., will present Petals and Paths, its seventh annual Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, rain or shine.

Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 tour day. Tickets are available at Keller and Stein Inc., 42158 Michigan Avenue. (734) 397-0800; Grayes' Greenhouse, 8820 Lilley, (734) 453-1220; Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford, (734) 981-2866; and Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600, or from Judy Bloomquist, (734) 455-8283. Six beautiful gardens, and a gardening boutique, will be featured.

Livonia

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead will present its 16th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 tour day. Tickets may be bought from committee members or at any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, the Greenmead office, or the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For more information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855. Seven lovely gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia will be available for viewing. All proceeds from the event will benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village.

Grosse Pointe

The 14th annual Summer Garden Tour sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. will take place 10 a m. to 4 p m Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26, rain or shine Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 on tour days. For more information, call the garden center at (313) 881-7511, Ext 206, between 9 a m. and 2:30 p m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Eight gardens, the Children's Home of Detroit gardens and the Trial Gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be on the tour Master gardeners will be available to answer questions A raffle will be featured.

Plymouth

The 10th annual Flowers are Forever garden walk will take place noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, rain or shine. The event is sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale, \$8 on the day of the walk, and available from garden club members. Backyard Birds, and Saxton's Garden

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sells the booster fan for dryer vents that have lengthy runs.' The company you need to call is located in Florida. They sell a fan motor that you install in your current

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a new deck last spring and want to wash and stain it this year, do you have any recommendations?"

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I know that if you use a pressure washer with it set on too high a pressure, you will certainly damage the wood. I know that there are certain deck products which are highly advertised and yet they are despised by most deck finishing companies.

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Garden beautiful on many levels

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

A panoramic paradise thrives in Beverly Hills, situated between a main road and the Rouge River.

The spectacular yet serene setting is the back yard of Ron and Carla Rose. It's one of nine local urban gardens featured on a tour that's part of the fifth annual GardenFest.

GardenFest, taking place Saturday, will also offer a garden market, a garden project for youngsters and lectures (see related item).

The Roses have lived at their current address for 15 years. They completely redid the property.

"I was not into gardening until about six years ago," Carla said.

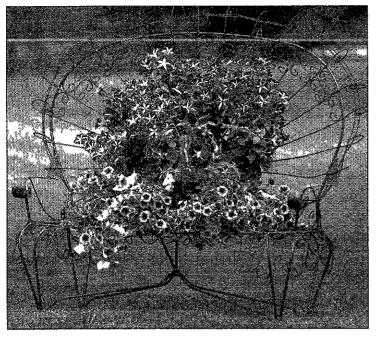
Now, "I love it," she said. The garden is 1-3/4 acres in size. From the front, it appears to be all on one level. But you soon realize it has three breathtaking levels, each with a beautiful assortment of flowers, plants and accent pieces.

Urns and other containers of metal or stone hold plants. A

Japanese maples, climbing hydrangeas, impatiens, hop vines, clematis, myrtle, creeping jenny, daisies, geraniums and brunaria.

the second level, part of it that makes a display area. Different types of containers are hung on this wall, holding a variety of colorful blooms.

the yard and swimming pool. The site contains clusters of er running among them.



A wire chair holds a lush display of blooms.

5th annual GardenFest

What: A full-day garden extravaganza showcasing a garden tour, lectures, a children's garden project and a garden market. The Community House in Birmingham is hosting the event.

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European artifacts, accessories, plants and trees. Admission is free.

ect, will take place 9:30-10 a.m. at the Garden Market. The \$10 fee is payable at registration.

Now Rose often works in her own yard from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Her gardening advice is

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Rochester Hills area

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The Rochester Hills Museum and the Rochester Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will sponsor a garden tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 on tour day Lunch will be served in a take-home hanging flowerpot between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for an additional fee of \$15. Tickets are available 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, off Tienken. For phone orders and more information, call (248) 656-4663 The tour will feature seven spectacular gardens in private yards in Rochester Hills, Rochester, Shelby Township and Oakland Township. Secluded views, fountains, pools and wooded lots will be included. Master gardeners will be available at each garden to answer questions while visitors enjoy refreshments at various stops. At the museum, visitors can enjoy a garden art and craft show, a new children's garden, a catered lunch and a quilt show. Lathrup Village

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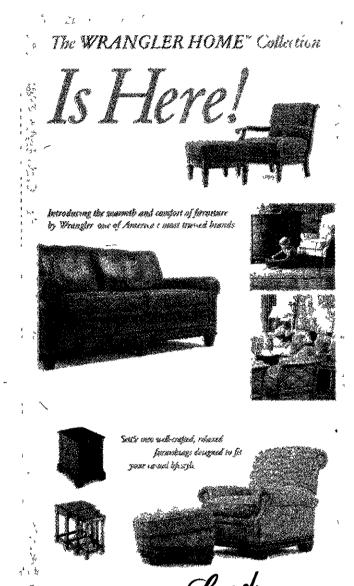
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Students help make moo-ving decision

MARKET PLACE



John and Marty McGuire of Guernsey Farms Dairy were on hand when thirdgraders at Tonda Elementary School in Canton voted on the winning entry in the Name the Maybury Farm Cow Contest.



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Third graders from Tonda Elementary School in Canton answered the call to help the staff at the Northville

Community Foundation with the Name the Maybury Farm Cow Contest.

After a successful fund-raiser at the Guernsey Farms Dairy, the foundation staff (the group that rebuilds and operates Maybury Farm) had the job of sorting more than 1,000 names submitted to the contest.

Tonda principal George Belvitch and third-grade teacher Laura Benedict permitted the students to help in the selection process.

Foundation president Shari Peters read off name after name, and the students voted for Caramel on Creme. The winning entry was from Vicki Schnur of Canton.

John and Marty McGuire from the dairy, who ran the contest, were on hand to hear the selection. Later they announced they would sending coupons for free ice cream to all the students who helped.

The grand opening of Maybury Farm will take place in the near future.





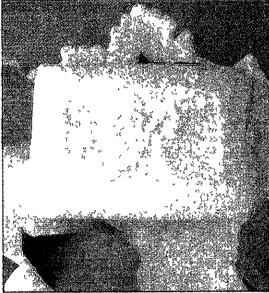
A bar above par

It's that time of year - graduation parties, bridal showers, weddings. Whatever the occasion, it usually means overnight guests. As the perfect host or hostess, you are leaving no detail undone.

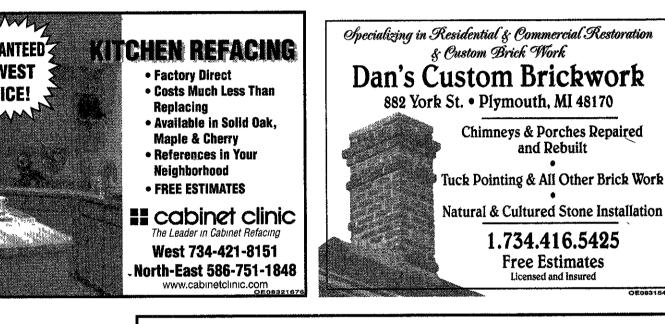
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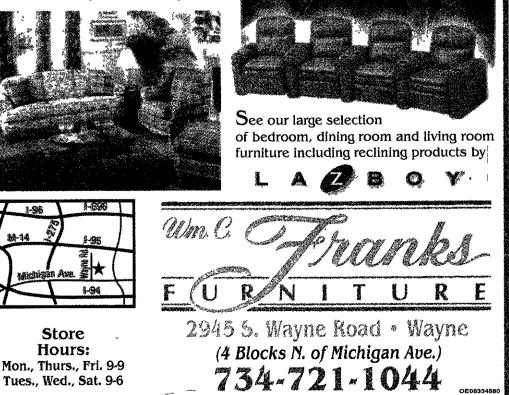
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Artist appears in concert June 26

Gaither Homecoming artist Mike Allen will perform 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. His appearance will be part of a Mustard Seed Service, or contemporary worship.

Tickets are \$10 and available by calling (734) 421-7620. Church member Gail Smalley of Garden City said tickets went on sale May 22. "It's our hope to fill the church," she said.

The Mustard Seed Service of contemporary worship is 6 p.m. every Sunday, in addition to traditional worship 10 a.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian. The contemporary services are aimed at those "that might not be interested in the traditional," Smalley said, adding the services are more relaxed.

The praise band, Mission Grace, recently participated. Church members are looking forward to Allen's participation June 26.

The bass singer began singing as a boy from Port Clinton, Ohio, where he remembers his grandmother, the matriarch of his faith, teaching him about Jesus. From the Baptist schooling his father insisted on to his service as a U.S. Marine, Allen found his grandmother's words to ring true.

He learned to read music in his high school choir. In later

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JUNE

The series concludes 7 p.m. Thursday,

June 9, with a panel discussion of

possible resolutions for war, in the

Basilica of St. Mary Activity Center,

about the Dialogue of Civilizations

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18200 Merriman, between Six Mile and

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noon Monday.

Lecture series

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Single adult events



Christian musician Mike Allen will perform Sunday, June 26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church.

years, he began to sing the styles of the Blue Ridge, the Statesmen and the Blackwood Brothers quartets. He began to work professionally in 1980.

Soon after his discharge from the military, Allen was hired by Earl and Lily Fern Wetherford for their national tour dates. In the mid-1990s, he began to travel with Phil Cross and Poet Voices. The group was frequently invited to the Gaither Gospel Series events and Allen found himself seated among the basses he had grown up admiring.

His first solo project has been released from

CrossBridge Records. "My mother has always been one of my biggest supporters and has been nagging me for years to record a solo record, so I did it for her and I don't care if I don't sell another one as long as my mom buys one!" he said in a release.

Allen's new project is "Way Down Deep," with the title song written for him by Woody Wright.

Allen will continue his Gaither Homecoming Tour appearances. For information. see www.gaithernet.com or www.mikeallenonline.com on the Web.

RELIGION CALENDAR

through sixth grade, games, music, skits, snacks, crafts, nature, Bible stories, water play, 9 a.m. to 3 p m. Monday-Friday, June 20-24, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost \$55 per child To register, call Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307.

Kids at the Park

This year's theme is Ranch House Kids for ages pre-kindergarten through entering fifth grade 9 30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 20-24, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860 to register Cost is \$30

Serengeti Trek 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 20-24, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. The cost is \$15 for each child or \$30 per family. Call (734) 522-6830. Wild about God

Safari theme Bible school 6:30-8:30

to July 1, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5252. Cost is \$7 per student but no one will be turned away if they can't pay. **Tiny Tots Preschool**

Taking registrations for fall of 2005 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211 for more information There are still openings for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon 4-year-old class and Tuesday-Thursday morning and afternoon 3year-old classes.

UPCOMING

Wild west

Kids enjoy a wild west theme 10 a.m to noon July 11-14, at St Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile in Livonia Cost is \$8 (\$7 for 3



Age 87, May 26, 2005. Wife of the late Robert B. Boswell. Sister of the late John Small. Memorial Service Kirk in the Hills (Cedarholm Chapel) 1340 W. Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills, Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 A.M. Tributes to Kirk in the Hills or the American Red Cross. Arrangements by Wm. R. Hamilton Co. 1-248-644-6000.

MARVIN B. CLINE

First Mayor of Beverly Hills. from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida passed away Thursday, June 2 while in the loving care of Hospice He was born in Highland Park, Michigan in 1917. He worked for Ford Motor Company as production manager for 40 years before his retirement. While living in Michigan, Marvin helped to establish the Village of Beverly Hills, a suburb of Birmingham. He was the Mayor of Beverly Hills for 6 years Marvin and his wife moved to Boca Raton, Florida in the mid 80's and then to Palm Beach Gardens in 1999. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 66 years, Mildred, his children Sue Cook, Laura (Jay) Mackie and Robert (Karen) Cline; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

MARYLYN T. ROBERTSON

Age 75, of Farmington, died June 7, 2005. Beloved wife of the 2005. Beloved wife of the late William Loving mother of Chris (Dan) Keane, William (Vickie) Robertson, Nancy (Robert) Raymond, Patricia (Mark) Gallant, and John (Beth) Robertson. Dear sister of Barbara Hawksley and Margaret Hanson. Adored grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 5. The fam-ily extends a special thank you to Beaumont Hospice, especially Bonnie and Carolyn Visitation Thursday 5-9 pm. with a Rosary at 7 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville Funeral Mass Friday 11 am at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 36520 Grand River Ave Ste. 102, Farmington Hills, MI 48335



EDWARD HORACE ROFE

On May 23, 2005, Edward died in his home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan after a long bout with emphysema at the age of 92. He was born in 1912 in Pontiac. He was the eldest of 4 children, sister Beatrice, and brothers Duane and Donald. As a boy he





JEFFREY A. POWERS Age 52, died Friday, June 3, 2005. He was born July 29, 1952 in Adrian, MI, the son of Harold and Maurine (Foster) Powers. Jeffrey graduated from Cadillac High School in 1970. He later obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University Jeffrey worked in the manufactured housing industry for 25 years, and was currently employed at Dick Scoot Nissan, in Canton. Surviving are: two children he adored, Spencer and Mackenzie Powers; three brothers, Curt, Michael and Ken Powers; and several loving nieces and nephews. The funeral service was Wednesday, June 8, at Stark Funeral Service, Moor Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti. Burial was in Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Adrian, MI Memorials to American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Please sign his guest book

AUDREY JEAN LESTER

at www.starkfuneral.com

Age 78, of Lighthouse Way, Manistee, Michigan passed away Thursday morning, June 2, 2005 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee. She was born April 23, 1927 in Pontiac, Michigan and was the daughter of the late Eugene and Mildred P. (Flaherty) Culp Audrey married Henry N Lester on February 23, 1946 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. Audrey received her Bachelor of Arts Degree with distinction in 1972, from the University of Michigan -Dearborn. She taught in the Northville Elementary School System for many years Audrey enjoyed wildlife especially the many different animals, flowers, and plants She was a member of the University of Michigan Alumnae Association Audrey is survived by her husband of over 59 years Henry "Hank" Lester of Manistee, one daughter and son in-law, Genie and Ken Schultz of Valparaiso, Indiana; one son and daughter in-law, Robert and Cyndie Lester of Fredericksburg, Virginia; six grandchildren Elizabeth Ehnis, Jennifer Mountford and her fiancee, Ron Szukala, Geoffrey and his wife, Deborah Ehnis-Clark and their children Samuel and Abigail Ehnis-Clark, Steve Lester, Tracie Lester and Ryan Lester. Cremation has taken place and private family services will take place with Rev. Russ Garrigus officiating In lieu of flowers those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Manistee County Humane Society, P.O. Box 144, Manistee Michigan, 49660 Envelopes are also available at the Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee, who is in charge of funeral arrangements.





Age 92, resident of 16 North River

Road, Milford, NH, died June 4, 2005

at her home. She was born in Airdrie, Scotland on October 7, 1912, a daughter of the late Martin J. & Susan (Baggot) Walker. She had been a resident of Milford for the past 11 years and had formerly resided in Redford Township, Michigan foi many years Mrs. Todd was a member of Daughters of Scotia. She worked for many years for World Medical Relief and Meals on Wheels While residing in Michigan, she also belonged to Circles at Aldersgate Methodist Church and was active in fund raising efforts at the church Mrs Todd loved to read and garden. Betty was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grand-She also was a devoted aunt mother of Bill Simkins, Jim Simkins and Marisue Wyson. She was predeceased by her husband, Floyd O. Todd; two sisters, Susannah Simkins, Katherine Walker and a brother, William Walker. Family members include a daughter and son-in-law, with whom she lived, Susan & Robert Ranck of Milford, NH; a son and daughter-in-law, James & Julie Todd of Columbus, OH; 5 Grandchildren, Leslie Bassett, Karen Cagney, Jonathan Todd, William Todd and Joseph Todd; 5 Great Grandchildren, Susan Meyer, Annie and Bassett, Lee Bassett, Emma Cagney and Jason Cagney. Funeral services were private. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan at a later date. In heu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Souhegan Home & Hospice Care, 24 North River Road, Milford, NH 03055 Smith & Heald Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.



Ed.D. Troy, Michigan

Dr Jopke, age 62 years, passed away peacefully June 1, 2005 at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor after a month-long 「「「「「「」」」 heart related illness. She was born in Bay City, MI on October 4, 1942 to ₽ H and E wence F

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Friday, June 10; Newcomers Luncheon 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26 (newcomers eat free. \$5 for those regularly attending). Crossing Jordan is the young single adult ministry that meets 11:30 a.m. Sundays in the Chapel at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland, Call (734) 728-9157.

Carillon Concert

Enjoy the sounds of 183 bells at the first public concert of the carillon 6 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Hymns of Dixieland

Faith Community Presbyterian Church welcomes the band, The Hymns of Dixieland, to lead their worship services 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 12, at 44400 W. 10 Mile, across the street from the Novi police station. Following the services, the Dixieland band will play for the church picnic which follows immediately. Sunday's worship includes old favorites like "What a Wonderful World," "Down by the Riverside," The Old Rugged Cross," and "When the Saints Go Marchin' In "

Celebration

50th anniversary Revival and Renewal Celebration June 17-19, includes potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. followed by a Prayer and Praise Service on June 17, 9 a.m. Prayer Breakfast June 18, and 10 a.m. worship with Holy Communion at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, east of Middlebelt, Garden City. RSVP for Friday and Saturday events. Call (734) 427-3660.

Vacation Bible School

6:15-8:35 p.m. June 20-24 for children ages 3-17, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford, Call (313) 537-7480.

Serengeti Trek

The Vacation Bible School where kids are wild about God 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 20-24, for children from kindergarten age through grade five, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

Good News Day Camp

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p.m. Monday-Friday, June 20-24, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, in Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. No charge

Vacation Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church turns into a jungle for its Bible school in Canton 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 20-24. includes live drama and lots of active music. No charge, Call (734) 455-0022. Each days focuses on a different theme - God's prayers, God listens, God provides, God forgives, God protects, God rules

Vacation Bible School

9-11 30 a.m. June 20-24, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile in Novi. No charge. Volunteers are always welcome. Registration forms can be downloaded at www@faithcommunitynovilorg, or be found in the church office On June 22 at 6:30 p.m., the Adult Education Committee will be leading a screening and discussion of the movie "The Mission" starring Robert DeNiro. Call (248) 349-2345

Free concerts

Begin 8 p.m. Wednesday June 22, with Spark from the Ashes and runs through Aug. 17. June 29 features an evening of American musical favorites based around a patriotic theme, July 6 elmo THUMM, July 13 Barbershop favorites by The Gentlemen Songsters, July 20 David Bennett and Friends, July 27 Sopranos Three, Aug. 3 Joshua Brodbeck on pipe organ, Aug. 10 PRime Vocal Jazz, Aug. 17 Ken Fourn 🚽 Orchestra, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Safari Adventure

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia This Bible adventure is being offered 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 27 to July 1. There will be Bible stories, crafts, music, games and more as children go on a safari to discover Jesus the King Bible School is free and is open to all children ages 3-11 in the community A program will be held 7 p.m Thursday, June 30. To enroll, call (734) 427-1414 between 9:30 a.m and 4 D.ញ.

Vacation Bible School

Kingdom of the Son Bible school with jungle theme 9 a.m. to noon June 27

children or more) through July 3, \$10 afterward. Call (734) 422-6038

Vacation Bible School

With safari theme 6-8 30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 18-22, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford, Call (313) 937-2233.

Safari fun

Each night kids will be introduced to five different characters - Zack the Zebra, Gigi the Giraffe, Elaine the Crane, Lug the Elephant, and Roary the Lion, 6-20-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 18-22, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. No charge Call (734) 464-0990.

Circus Spectacular

A Vacation Bible School 9 a.m to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5, for age 4 to students completing fifth grade, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$30 for two kids, \$40 for 3 kids, and includes a music CD. To register, call (248) 442-0307.

Praver Safari

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is adding a twist to the African animal theme by calling their Bible school a Prayer Safari 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5. The safari journey introduces kids to interesting lions. giraffes, zebras, rhinos, and elephants while leading them to Jesus. Donations accepted for the Redford school. Call (313) 937-3170. Neighborhood Bible Time

The Youth Crusade/Vacation Bible School takes place 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, Aug. 7-12, for age 4 through sixth grade, at United Baptist Church, 236 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Warrior Wars

For seventh- through 12th-grade students 6:30-9 p.m Sunday-Friday, Aug. 7-12, at United Baptist Church, 236 Middlebelt, Garden Crty Call (734) 421-2373

Circle G Ranch

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First Congregational Church on Wayne Road, between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, turns the sanctuary into the Circle G Ranch 9 a.m to noon Aug. 8-12. No charge Call (734) 729-7550

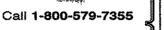
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attended St. Fredricks and later graduated an industrial engineer from GM in Flint. He worked on the Chase C130 military aircraft used during WWII He worked for different companies, many based in Troy and Birmingham. He worked for Fisher Body, Sahlin Engineering Co., I.S I., P.A.S. and Johnstone Pump. He was chief engineer of Sahlin Engineering Co. of Birmingham. And before retir ing had his own company Component Sales & Engineering in Hazel Park Michigan. His interests were many He belonged to the Elks. He was an avid skier, here in Michigan and out West. He loved to be on the water and both sailed and motored all along Lake Huron including sailing many o Michigan's inland lakes. He designed and built throughout his life. He built his own catarman. He received patent #44.668 which was used in conjunction with automated systems in industry throughout the country. He was active throughout his whole life and even after retirement was a part owner of the Birmingham Bike Shop And later owned and ran a Stroh's Ice Cream Parlor in New Baltimore. He also licensed pilot who flew mainly in Michigan. He traveled throughout the Europe, the Caribbean, and South America for both business and pleasure. He loved traveling up North with his friends to enjoy the Michigan outdoors. He was active in Boy Scouts and acted for a time as Scoutmaster of troop 1000 in West Bloomfield He enjoyed lunch with the friendly Troy seniors, where they helped him wher he could hardly walk. He also sup-ported St. Joe's Indian school in N.D. and throughout his life had always been kind to animals. He had been married 45 yrs. And as a Father, was the best Dad a son could ever hope to have in the whole world.



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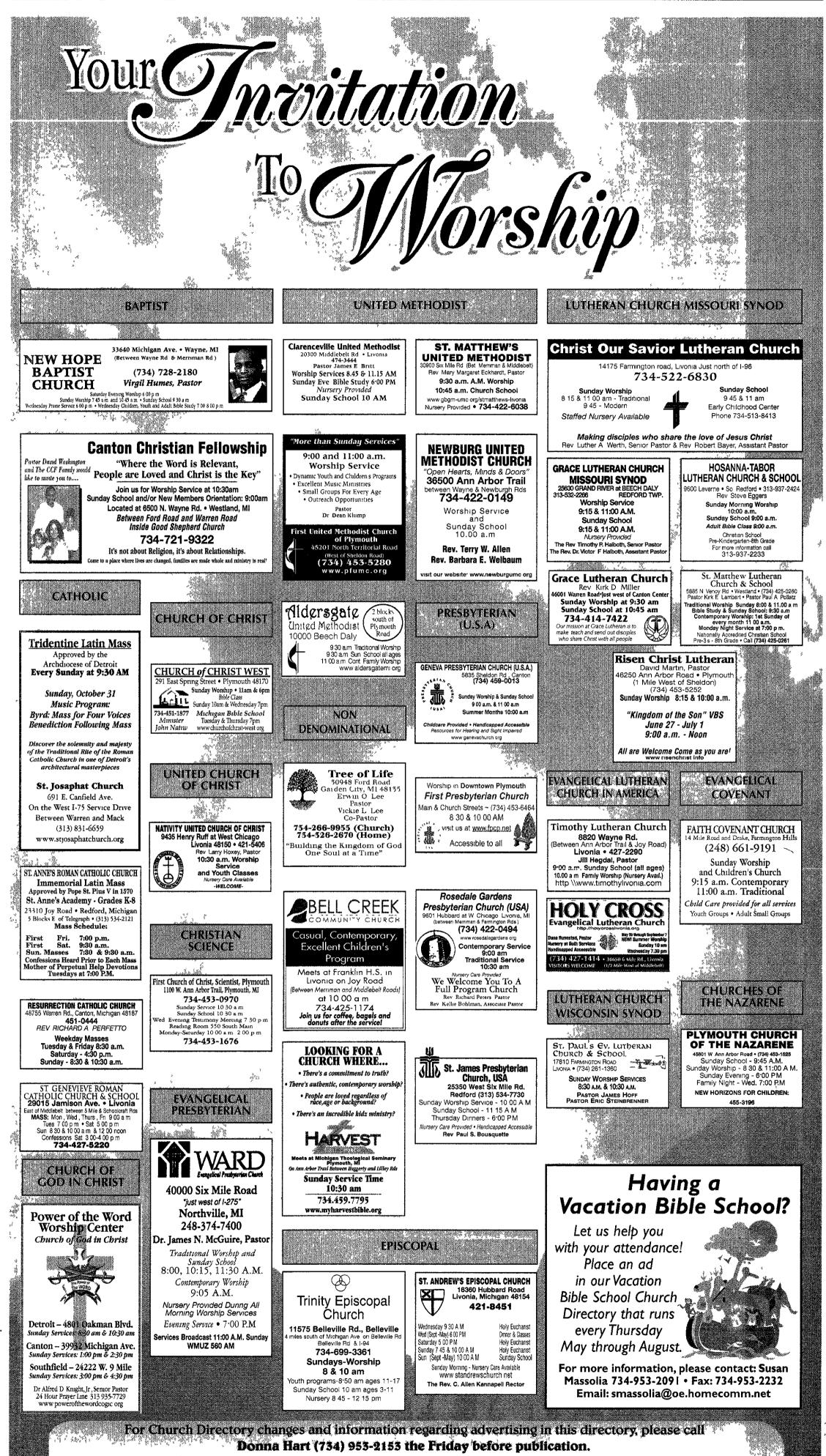
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FREDERICK MERRILL ADAMS, M.D.

(August 4, 1919 to June 4, 2005. Dr. Adams passed away peacefully, with his wife at his bedside, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Oakland. Mercy on Saturday, due to complications from a fall at home three weeks earlier. "Fritz," as he was called by his many friends, was a life long resident of Birmingham, Michigan. He graduated from Birmingham's Baldwin high school in 1938, having decided on a career in medicine after almost losing his life during his teen years from a childhood infection. He then graduated from Albion college and the University of Michigan Medical School and completed the U. S. Navy's V-12 Hospital Program, and under went further training at Johns Hopkin Hospital, becoming Board Certified in Pediatrics he returned to his home town of Birmingham and practices pediatrics for 40 years, retiring in 1987. He is a former Chief of Staff and Pediatric Chairman at St Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac Michigan. A life long avid golfer and gardener, he started his second career with the Michigan Seniors Golf Association. which he served for the next 18 years including terms as president and executive director. He was also a past pres-ident of Orchard Lake Country Club, and a two-time club champion. Fritz was known for his love of family, children, and friends, his great sense of humor, and his willingness to listen, support and above all, lead others by example. His fondest memories included the many summers he spent with his family and friends at Old Orchard Inn on Glen Lake in Northern Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Louise C Adams, of Bloomfield Village, who he met while they both attended the University of Michigan. She is also an avid golfer and gardener. The couple played their last round together just weeks earlier in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Dr Adams is also survived by five chil-dren, Fred (Cheryl) of Bloomfield Township; Dick (Robin) of Ramsay, MI; Bob (Carol) of Bloomfield Township, Sally of Pontiac; Holly (Bill) Lakey of Littleton, N.H. Thirteen grand children and two sisters, Betty Adair of Dearborn and Dorothy (John) Talbott of Golden, CO. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple on Thursday June 9, at 11.00 A.M. The Family requests that memorial donations be made to the Dr. F.M. Adams memorial fund - St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Department of Pediatrics, Oakland, 44405 Woodward, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 or to The Michigan Seniors Golf Association, Suite, Suite 103 - 20630 Harper, Harper Woods Michigan 48225

(Weber) Jopke. She was a member of the Bay City Central High School Class of 1961 and was inducted into the Bay City Central "Hall of Fame.' Her college degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University, a Master of Arts from Oakland University, an Education Specialist and Doctorate from Wayne State University. Dr. Jopke taught in public schools in Bay City, MI, Norwalk, CA. and West Bloomfield, She served as a Reading MI. Consultant, Principal, Coordinator of Primary Programs and Assistant to the Superintendent in Utica, ML. She was the former Superintendent of Schools in St. Clair Shores, MI In its 50 years history, Dr Jopke was the Troy School District's longest serving superintendent having begun her career there in 1993 Under her leadership, Troy gained a national reputation as a premier school district. Honors awarded the district under her leadership included all schools achieving Michigan Exemplary status, all schools accredited by North Central Association and both Athens and Troy high schools being named one of the 98 top high schools by the U.S. News and World Report. 'Her, professional activities include: Executive Board Member of the Metropolitan Bureau of School Studies, Executive Board Member of the Tri-County Alliance, Past National Delegate of the American Association of School Administrators, a member of the Dean's Advisory Board and Alumni Association Board Member for the College of Education at Michigan State University, member of the Dean's Advisory Board at Oakland University, and a Past Officer of Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Educator's Sorority. Dr. Jopke's community involvement includes: Past Member of the Board of Directors of Henry Ford Hospital, Northeast, Past Chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority in Troy, MI and Past Member of the Board of Directors of the Boys' and Girls' Club She was selected for the Michigan State University College of Education Alumni Award for Outstanding K-12 Administrator and was given the "Distinguished Educator" award by Wayne State University College of Education Alumni Association in May 2005. She is survived by her brother Jerry Jopke, a Goddaughter Mrs. Brian (Stacie) Santhany and a Godson Geoffrey Schwartz all of Bay City as well as several cousins. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Troy Athens High School Auditorium in Troy, MI. A private service will be held at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Bay City at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, the Troy Foundation of Educational Excellence or the Utica School Foundation for Educational Excellence Arrangements by Penzien-Steele Funeral Home, 608 N Madison Ave., Bay City, MI 48708



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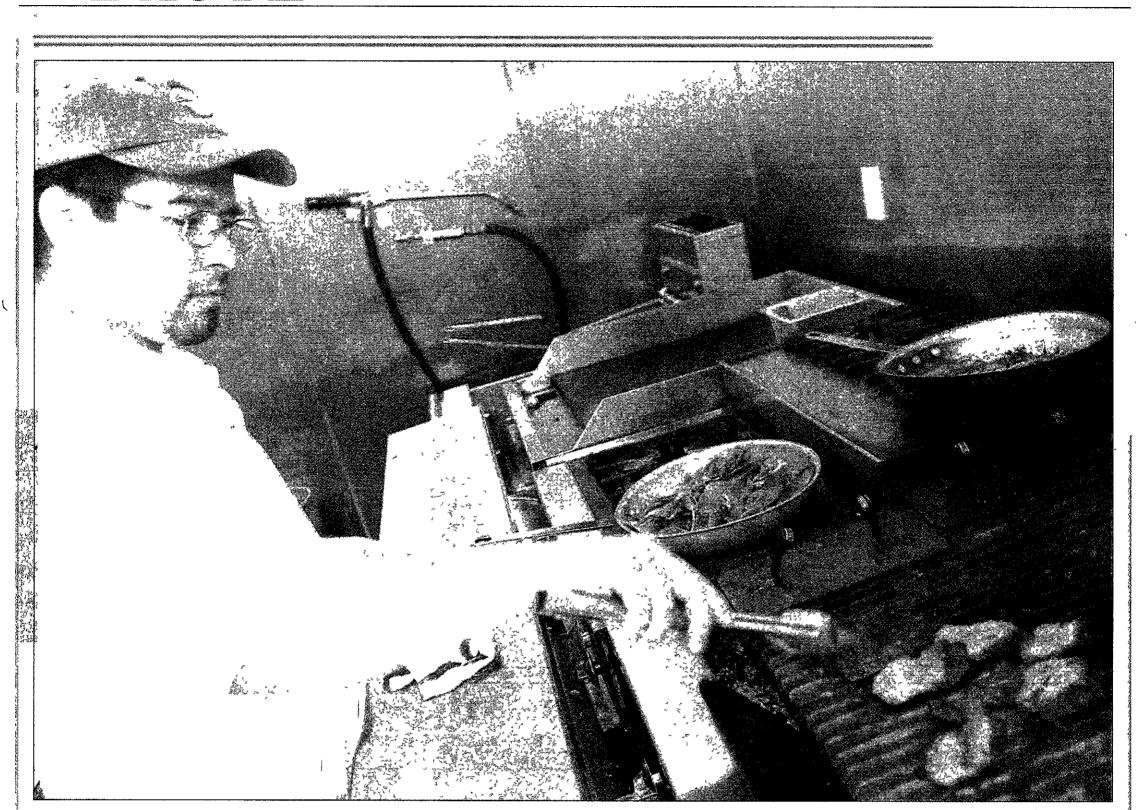
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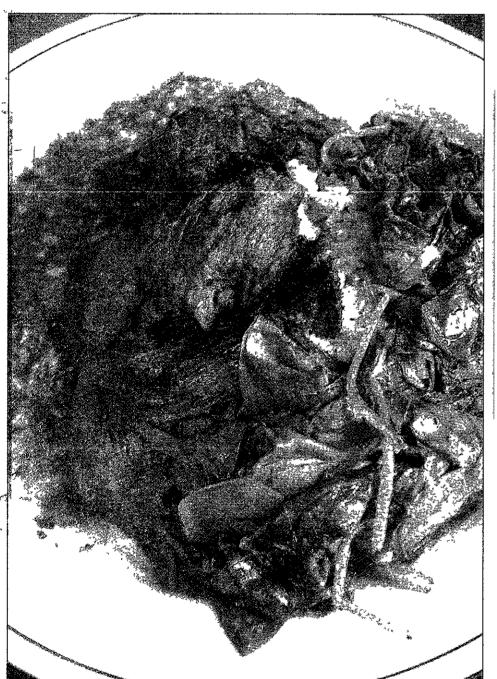
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Café Habana chef Carlos Perez works the grill as he prepares dishes for a lunch rush in the downtown Royal Oak cafe.

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Carne Asada is served at Café Habana.

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BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Think of the tropics and you think of no hassles and simplicity.

But when it comes to cooking from that region, simplicity isn't always an option. In Cuba for instance, the preparation and cooking process for most dishes is as long and unhurried as a lazy day on the beach.

"A good molé sauce can take five hours or more," said Maggie Long, corporate chef for Café Habana Cuban restaurant in Royal Oak. "The shredded beef in the ropa vieja takes a lot of time. When I started studying the cuisine, I was a bit surprised by the long processes."

But, as Long said, good food takes time. And the journey of cooking can be as enjoyable as the destination of dining, if you're prepared.

For instance, if you plan to fry a plantain, be ready to struggle a bit with the peel. It's tremendously more difficult to peel than a banana and nearly impossible to accomplish by hand.

The skin must be scored with a knife, Long said. Make shallow parallel incisions in it with the blade.

After it's peeled, the method_l is simple enough: Slice them anyway you like them and fry in oil until they're very brown. Green-to-

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Expert pinpoints trends in Italian wines

📱 obody talks about the Italian wine scene better than Leonardo LoCascio, chief executive officer and president of the Italian wine importing firm Winebow.

LoCascio scours the Italian countryside to discover its finest wines and best values, from the island of Sicily to the remote reaches of Puglia and Abruzzo and on to the northern regions of Veneto and Alto Adige. He ventures off the beaten path in search of his next wine discovery.

"Italian wines made from native or

heritage varieties are becoming more popular because they are frequently unoaked and provide a taste of a place," LoCascio opined.

Grape names like aglianico, fiano, negroamaro and falanghina may be unfamiliar, yet you can add confidence to your wine shopping by looking for "Leonardo LoCascio Selection" on the label.

TALKING UP SICILY

"The Piedmont is experiencing fatigue because they've had so many



great vintages in a row," LoCascio said. "Consumers have a cellar full of Piedmont wines and are now looking for other wines to try. Values are coming from the south, places like Puglia,

Campania, and Sicily. "As a matter of fact, there is a real explosion of great wines in Sicily. The climate has warm days and cool nights. Vineyards are planted on hillsides and land is cheap and plentiful."

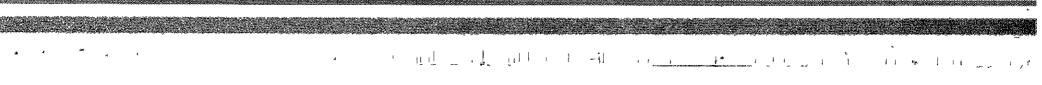
In the past, there was little incentive for quality in Sicily, but today young winemakers are willing to decrease crop loads to improve quality. This has attracted investors to the area and winemakers from other countries. LoCascio calls Sicily "the Australia of Italy." With renewed

interest, winemakers now have the capital to make very good wines.

With the expansion of the European Economic Union, LoCascio is also hot on the wines made from the montepulciano grape (not to be confused with Vino Nobile de Montepuliciano or the Tuscan town of Montepulciano).

In central Italy, the regions of Umbria, Abruzzo, Molise and Marche are home to this variety that produces

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If it's June, it must be picnic time Busch's Kitchens' next cooking class series explores another suggestion for your picnic basket: a "Tapas-Style" picnic Making tapas, which are small plates of food, reflects the Spanish approach to life. In Northern Spain, the tapas tends to be a kind of barhopping - strolling from cafe to cafe - nibbling on small specialties at each location. In southern Spain, the Andålusians tend to linger in one place making a meal of their tapas while sitting at tables. Busch's team of instructors are recasting the tapas tradition to reflect Michiganders love of al fresco

dining - the picnic. At each of our cooking classes instructors will demonstrate and sample Smoked Salmon pinwheels, Gazpacho, Citrus Chicken Skewers with Roasted Red Pepper Spread, Paella-Style Shrimp and Couscous Salad and Dates with Goat Cheese and Chopped Pistachios and Spanish cheeses. The instructor will mention wonderful Spanish wines that would complement this fine picnic. All of Busch's cooking classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m at the following Busch's locations: 15185



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Beer workshop

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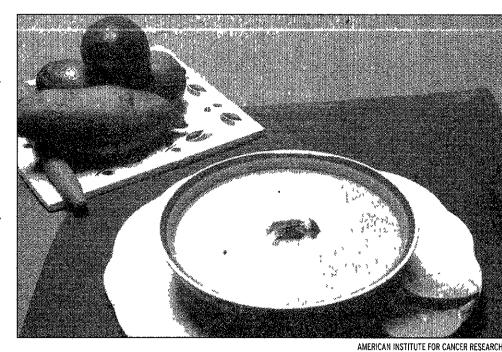
BY DANA JACOB CORRESPONDENT

Kids are the exuberant source for many of today's fads. That's true for clothing and culinary fashions as well. Shooters, a spin-off of outrageous drinks like Jell-O shots, are a perfect example.

Trendy chefs have given healthy makeovers to shooters, transforming them into appetizer-size soups with intense flavor. Served in the slim, tubeshaped glasses used for the shooters served in bars, they make novel starters to today's meals, rich with nutritional benefits.

Popular soup shooters include tomato-basil soup and gazpacho, both loaded with lycopene, and butternut squash or sweet potato-carrot combos like the one below, which is full of carotenoids. They are an alluring way to increase the vegetable consumption on festive occasions, whether a wedding reception or a backyard barbecue.

Shooters are served in a twoto-four ounce glass. It may be any shape, from narrow and tall to a traditional shot glass. Using plastic is fine, especially since most soup shooters are served lukewarm or at room temperature. Adding a garnish with visual appeal that compliments a shooter's flavor is a nice touch. It may be as simple as a thin citrus wedge or grated zest, a minikebab of cubed veggies on a toothpick, or a small shrimp set on the edge of the glass.



Soup shooters are a cool trend

SPICY-SWEET

POTATO SOUP 2 teaspoons canola oil 1 small onion, chopped 1 large shallot, chopped 1 medium carrot, thinly sliced 2 garlic cloves, chopped 1/2 -1 teaspoons green That chill paste, or to taste 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1 medium sweet potato (12 ounces), peeled and diced 1 (15 ounces) can fat-free reduced sodium chicken broth ¹/₂ cup light coconut milk

¼ cup fresh lime juice (juice of 2 limes) Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste Fresh limes, cut in thin wedges,

or lime zest, for garnish (optional)

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion, shallot and carrot until the onion is translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and continue cooking until the mixture is orange and the onion is soft, 4 minutes more. Mix in the chili paste and ginger, and cook until they are fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Add the sweet potato and chicken broth. Pour in 1/2 cups water. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer, cover and cook 20 minutes, or until the carrot and sweet potato are very soft. Let sit to cool slightly.

Purée the soup in a blender of $^{\circ}$ food processor until creamy. Add the coconut milk and lime juice."101 Whirl just until blended. Season the soup to taste with salt and 100 pepper. Serve warm, at room st9 temperature, or slightly chilled, 100 as desired. For "shooters," serve and in small glasses. Garnish each fras serving with a thin lime wedge org or a grating of lime zest.

Makes 20 2-ounce shooters, one 5 individual 1-cup servings. Jisi

Per 1-cup serving: 117 calories, 5 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), is9 17 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 1 A. 3 g. dietary fiber, 253 mg. sodi-3 of um.

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Celebrate fruits and vegetables

There is no longer any doubt that a healthy diet plays a role in reducing the risk of some cancers. And there is no longer any doubt that eating a lot of fruits and vegetables plays a role in a healthy diet.

Eating more fruits, vegetables and grains helps reduce the risk of cancer and other serious diseases according to the American Institute for Cancer Research. And the scientific evidence linking these foods to a host of health benefits is now overwhelming.

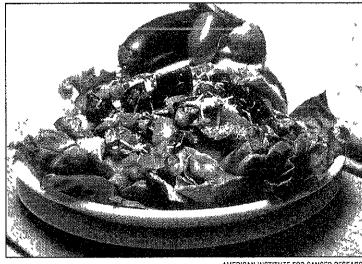
AICR recommends filling at least two-thirds of your plate with a variety of plant foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans, and leaving the remaining onethird of the plate - or less - for animal protein.

This advice coincides with the new U.S. Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005, which emphasize the need to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables contain a rich array of phytochemicals - substances found only in plant foods - that help protect against serious chronic health problems in addition to cancer, such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

AICR's lifetime approach to eating, called the New American Plate, is a good way to start, and an easy one: Just scale back the meat portion to one-third (or less) and fill the other two-thirds of your plate with dishes containing a variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains and beans.

GRILLED VEGETABLE SALAD

3 Japanese eggplants, halved



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This recipe for a grilled vegetable salad will fill your plate with colorful, tasty, healthful vegetables.

lengthwise 1 large red onion cut into³/-inch

rounds 4 small beets, stems trimmed to 1 inch, peeled and halved

lengthwise 3 small zucchini, each cut lengthwise into 4 slices

1 large red, yellow or orange pepper, cut into 1/2-inch slices

2 Roma tomatoes, quartered and seeded Canola oil spray

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 5 large garlic cloves, minced and divided
- ¼ cup plus 5 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, divided ¼ cup fat-free, sodium-reduced
- chicken broth 4 tablespoons fresh basil,
- chopped 1 tablespoon fresh thyme,

chopped 1 tablespoon olive oil 3 cups sliced red leaf lettuce

¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese Preheat grill or barbecue at medium-high heat.

Place first six ingredients cutside up on a baking sheet. Lightly spray with canola oil spray and season with salt and pepper.

Mix three garlic cloves with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vinegar. Drizzle over vegetables. Grill vegetables until tender, turning once. As each vegetable becomes tender, transfer to a bowl. Let cool. Save all vegetable juices.

Mix remaining two garlic cloves and five tablespoons vinegar with broth, basil, thyme and oil. Chop vegetables very coarsely and place in large bowl. Pour saved vegetable juices into mixture. Add lettuce and Parmesan to vegetables and pour vinegar mixture over. Toss well. Season with salt and pepper.

Makes four servings.

Per serving: 173 calories, 5 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 27 g. carbohydrate, 7 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 207 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

'As a matter of fact, there is a real explosion of great wines in Sicily. The climate has warm days and cool nights. Vineyards are planted on hillsides and land is cheap and plentiful."

Leonard LoCascio Winebow

concentrated red wines with great extract, highlighted by soft, sweet tannins. According to LoCascio, "The improved quality of montepulciano wines parallels the quality strides taken in Valpolicella several years ago."

TASTING LEONARDO LOCASCIO WINES

2001 Dezio Rosso (\$17) is made from 100 percent montepulciano grown in the Dezi family vineyards in the region of Marche. It's marked by loads of ripe cherry fruit with concentration and mellow tannins.

🔳 2002 La Carraia Montepulciano Tizzonero, Umbria (\$19), boasts rich black fruits and big, chewy cherry flavors with good structure and supple tannins. ■ 2000 Valle Reale Montepuliciano d'Abruzzo (\$17) is a richly aromatic wine with the taste of red and black fruits, that is structured but supple.

🔳 2000 Don Luigi Montepuliciano Riserva (\$35) from Molise is a cellar worthy wine with intense ripe wild berry flavors, coupled with a note of earth. offering a sense of place.

🛢 2001 Castello di Bossi Chianti Classico (\$23) has elegant balance, with cherry, berry, violet and toasty oak notes and lingering finish.

📕 2003 La Corte Solyss (\$15) is 100 percent negroamaro from Puglia that showcases expressive aromas of orange peel and bright red fruits without oak influence.

2003 Terre Primitivo, Puglia (\$10) is a tasty, no-oak wine with red cherry and cola notes, good structure, spices and soft tannins. A real value!

🖬 2003 Terre di Talamo Morellino di Scansano Tempo (\$26) is 90 percent sangiovese, 10 percent cabernet sauvignon, grown on the Tuscan coast. This is a very attractive, approachable red wine with fresh, bright fruit and dark color due to the warmth of the region.

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WINE PICKS

Especially for Father's Day:

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Forget ties and golf shirts, choose Dow's Trademark Reserve Port (about \$17) as an affordable and luxurious dram for a Portloving dad. Because Reserve Ports, formerly known as "Vintage Character Ports," are a blend of several vintages, they don't require further cellaring or decanting. Dow's Trademark Reserve Port is marked by a smooth, dry finish.

Be square: The Wine Block (containing the equivalent of two 750mL bottles or approximately 10 glasses of wine at \$10 per block) offers ultimate serving convenience for 2004 Chardonnay, 2002 Merlot and 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon. At the equivalent of \$5 per standard bottle, these are wallet friendly go-anywhere wine squares! Available at Farmer Jack, Kroger, Meijer and Whole Foods. All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.



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Quinoa has a delicate, nutty flavor

America's Founding Fathers were great men whose intellect, drive and devotion are still worthy of imitation. But their diet was not one to follow.

Most colonial diets centered on fat, meat, salt and alcohol. Some nutritionists estimate our Founding Fathers consumed well over 5,000 calories a day, much of it from pork and beef that were significantly higher in fat than today's meats. Food often was preserved by salting or

balanced meal. Quinoa is thought of as a grain, although it's actually a fruit. The "grains" are seeds. A complete protein because it contains all eight essential amino acids, quinoa is also a good source of minerals, including calcium, phosphorous, copper, iron, magnesium, potassium and zinc, as well as dietary fiber.

Quinoa looks like small, cream-colored grains of rice but cooks in half the time of rice and expands to four times its origi-

1/2-inch pieces 1 medium tomato, seeded and

chopped 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion 1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced (optional) 1/2 cup lightly packed fresh cilantro leaves, chopped

Juice of 1 orange 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 1 teaspoon olive oil Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a medium saucepan, com-

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smoking. Drinking water was frequently unsafe, so hard cider, ale and rum were consumed in great quantities.

This high-calorie diet supported a life of hard, manual labor. Small farmers and laborers probably did have marginally better health than their wealthien contemporaries because they got regular physical activity and ate more plant foods such as squash and root vegetables.

The predominant grain eaten insthat era was corn, which was ground into refined meal.

Eating corn is one colonial habit we can continue. Although commonly considered a vegetable, corn technically is a grain. While it is high in natural sugar, corn is a good source of dietary fiber and should be enjoyed as a healthful part of a

nal volume. (Before cooking, thoroughly rinse quinoa under cold running water until the water runs clear. This will remove the bitter residue of the original coating, which can give cooked quinoa an unpleasant taste.) Quinoa has a delicate, nutty flavor and chewy texture.

This colorful salad is perfect for any picnic, but especially for the Fourth of July.

CORN, QUINOA AND CHICKEN SALAD

1/2 cup guinoa, well rinsed and drained 1¼ cups cold water 1 cup cooked corn, fresh, canned or frozen* 1 cup (3 ounces) roasted or

grilled chicken breast, cut in

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bine quinoa with water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes or until water is absorbed.

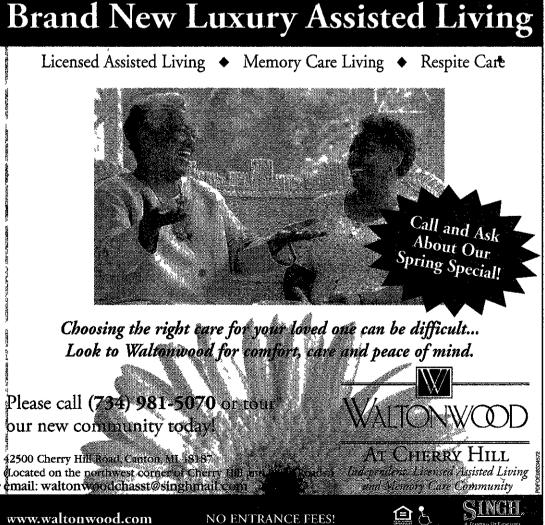
In medium bowl, combine quinoa, corn, chicken, tomato. onion, jalapeno, if desired, and cilantro. Add orange juice, cumin and olive oil. Toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.

*If using canned corn, drain. If using frozen corn, add to hot quinoa before letting it stand.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 208 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 29 g. carbohydrate, 15 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 166 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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CUBAN

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yellow plantains are best for lunch and dinner dishes. (Cafe Habana's plantains are fried when they're in the green-toyellow range.)

Plantains ranging in color from yellow to black can be fried, too, and are best for dessert. But if you want a dessert plantain, buy it at least a week before you're going to fry it - because they ripen very slowly.

The recipes for molé sauce, used very often on meat dishes, varies from family-to-family as much as sauces do throughout Italy.

Molé is traditionally Mexican but has spread throughout some Caribbean areas. At Café Habana, the molé is prepared with pep-pers, chicken stock and chocolate.

Cuban food, except for

some beans and rice dishes and cornmeal cakes with

3 thin slices of ham

FRIED PLANTAINS

(Ripe plantains have peels that are almost completely black and are sweet. The firmripe ones called for in this recipe are black and yellow.)

4 firm-ripe plantains Vegetable oil for deep-frying

With a small sharp knife cut ends from each plantain and cut in half crosswise. Cut a lengthwise slit through skin along inside curve. Beginning in center of slit pry skin from plantain and with rippled blade of a mandoline or decorating knife, cut flesh crosswise into /s-inch-thick slices.

In a deep fryer or large deep skillet heat 11/2 inches oil to 375°F. Fry 12 to 15 plantain slices at a time, turning them, 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden, transferring with a skimmer or slotted spoon to paper towels to drain. Season plantain slices with salt. (Plantain slices should be slightly crisp on outside but soft on inside.)

Plantain slices are best served immediately but may be made one day ahead, cooled completely, and kept in an air-tight container. Reheat plantain slices on a rack in a shallow baking pan in a preheated 350°F oven 5 minutes, or until heated through. Serves eight.

From www.epicurious.com

CUBAN SANDWICH

There are many variations on the Cuban sandwich. On a traditional Cuban, there should not be any mayonnaise, tomatoes, onions, bell pepper or lettuce. Although you can use these to your own liking, in making a good Cuban sandwich, remember this: The roast pork is what will make the sandwich, so you can never leave it out.

Add water as necessary if the dough is too thick.

etarian-friendly.

fast ranchero dishes.

with a twist of lime.

Cuba are alcohol-based.

Long was also surprised by

the most common ingredient used: pork. "It's in everything,"

she said. It's in stews; in the

Cuban sandwich with ham and

roasted pork, and in the break-

Perhaps the easiest recipes of

Place dough on a lightly floured surface and use a rolling pin to roll it out to about¹/₂ inch thickness. Cut out the areas with a large cookie cutter - about 3 inches in diameter. (We've had good luck using a small straight-edged bowl.)

Heat a lightly buttered griddle to medium. Cook the Arepas in batches until crispy and golden brown on each side. Immediately place a slice or two of cheese on one Arepa and cover with another to make a sandwich. Reduce heat to low and continue cooking until the cheese melts, flipping a few times.

You may also make the pancakes only and store them in the refrigerator or freezer until ready to serve. Just lightly butter two pancakes, put a slice of cheese in between, and heat on the griddle at low heat until the cheese melts.

Tip: We also have made these by thinning out the batter slightly with a little water so that it can be spooned directly onto a griddle, like a pancake. This saves all the work of rolling out and cutting!

From: The cookbook, Three Guystfrom Miami Cook Cuban by Glenn M. Lindgren, Raul Musibay & Jorge Castill (Gibbs Smith, 2004), and www.recipelink.com

Μοjito

1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 lime juice
Sprig of mint leaf
White Rum (2 ounces)
Soda water

Mix sugar, lime juice and a sweet mint leaf with ice cubes. Add rum and soda water and stir.

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2 ounces white rum ³/₄ ounce lime juice or fresh squeezed lime 5 ounces cola Put lime into glass. Add rum and fill with cola.

cheese, isn't particularly veg-

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3 thin slices of salami 3 thin slices roast pork, hot or cold 3 thin slices of Swiss cheese 3 or 4 slices of pickles ½ cut Cuban bread hard crust (or French bread)

Slice the bread open face so that both halves are still barely connected and spread mustard on both halves. Add the ham, salami and then the roasted pork. When in a hurry, use one whole piece of roasted pork. Add cheese and then a few pickle slices. Spray sandwich press with butter-flavored Pam cooking spray. Place the sandwich in a sandwich press and press down until the cheese is melted and the bread is slightly hard to the touch. For those without a press, place the sandwich in a hot skillet and press down on it with a heavy kitchen object or a brick. Remove, cut in half and enjoy.

Source: www.tasteofcuba.com

AREPA

1 cup milk 5 tablespoons butter 1 cup frozen corn kernels 1 cup Arepa flour, or 1 cup finely ground yellow cornmeal ¼ teaspoon salt ⅓ cup sugar 1 cup grated mozzarella cheese ½ cup water (approximately) Mild Swiss cheese, sliced

Bring the milk to a boil in a small pan. Add butter. Let stand and cool slightly. Grind frozen yellow corn kernels in a food processor. You'll find Arepa flour at many Latin and Mexican markets. If there isn't one near, use finely ground yellow commeal.

In a large bowl, mix the ground corn, Arepa flour or cornmeal, salt, sugar and mozzarella. Make a well in the center and gradually add the hot milk and butter mixture. Stir until there are no lumps. Work the dough until it is smooth and sticky.

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Canton topples Dearborn, 2-1

BY RYAN DOHERTY CORRESPONDENT

The Canton girls soccer team reeled off two goals in 90 seconds on Tuesday night to beat Dearborn, 2-1, in a thrilling, come-from-behind Division 1 regional semifinal game played at Walled Lake Northern High School.

With the win, the Chiefs (15-4-2) will advance to take on Novi in the regional championship game at 6 p.m. Friday. The Wildcats, who are ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 1, dispatched Saline, 3-0, in Tuesday night's first semifinal contest.

Both teams played well defensively in the first half, and that resulted in much of the action taking place around midfield.

"We defended very well, but our finishing was very average in the first half," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

Combined, both teams managed just three shots on goal in the scoreless open-

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ing 40 minutes. We went into the half feeling calm, and thought this was a very winnable game," said Dearborn coach Chris Grodzicki.

As play got under way in the second half, Dearborn scored the game's first goal. Megan DeShong sent a shot from outside the top of the box that was headed for the far-right corner of the Canton goal. Chief net-minder Brittany Cervi dove to her left and appeared to make the save, but the ball slid through her hands and rolled over the goal line, giving the Pioneers a 1-0 lead just two minutes into the half.

"Right after the goal I thought about what type of adjustment I should make to get the girls back into it," said Tomasso.

At the 10-minute mark, Tomasso decided to inject some life into his

offense by moving Andrea Johnson up to be the third forward.

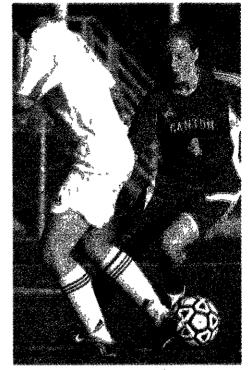
"It sparked our forwards and they seemed to play harder," said the Canton coach.

According to Tomasso, the Chiefs have had this type of plan in place all season when they are trailing by a goal late in a game.

"When we put her (Andrea) up on the forward line with 10 minutes left, she knew what her role was and what she needed to," added Tomasso.

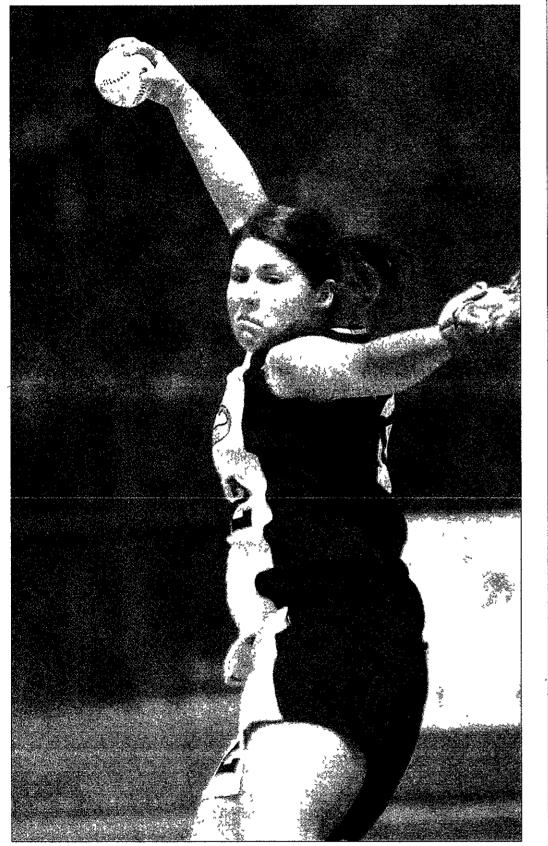
Johnson not only rejuvenated the Chiefs' offensive attack, she helped set up the game-tying goal as well. With 8:36 to go in the game, Johnson penetrated the Pioneer defense and got off a shot from close range that was initially stopped by Pioneer goalkeeper Amy Golem. The rebound landed right on the foot of Canton's Lisa Ealy, who fired a shot into the lower-left corner of the net,

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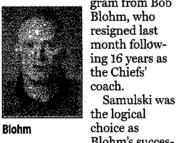
Canton midfielder Becci Houdek works the ball around Dearborn's Adrienne Young during the first half of Tuesday night's 2-1 regional semifinal win at Walled Lake Northern High School.



Samulski replaces **Blohm at Canton**

BY ED WRIGHT STAFE WRITER

Brian Samulski will be succeeding his mentor this fall when he takes over the reins of the Canton girls basketball program from Bob



Blohm's successor, considering he has served on the Canton girls basketball coaching staff since the 2000-01 season. A 1995 graduate of Canton, Samulski coached the freshman team during the

ketball for Canton from 1991-95 and Olivet College from 1995-98. "It's tough to replace a guy like Bob, who is a hall-of-fame caliber coach. I'm not going to change a lot. We're going to keep doing the things that have made the Canton program successful since Bob's been here.

"This is a job I've always wanted, so, in a sense, I guess you could say it's been my 'dream job.' But Bob is in a class by himself, so it is an honor to be able to follow him here at Canton." Samulski met with the Chiefs'

returning players Monday night and said he is anxiously anticipating the upcoming season. "Since I've coached here for

the past five years, I'm familiar with all the girls, which will help the transition," said Samulski, who is a teacher in the Wayne-

Samulski's younger brother, Scott, was named the new jun-

ior-varsity coach while Jim

Reddy, who played at Canton in

the late 1990s, will take over the

Westland School District.

freshman unit.

Football camp

The annual Canton High School Football Camps will be held June 20-24 at Canton High School. A camp for sixth-, seventh-, eighth- and incoming ninth-graders will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. June 20-23 The cost of the camp is \$35.

A winged-T camp for students in 10th through 12th grades will be held from 4-7 p.m. June 22-24. The cost of the winged-T camp is \$25. For more information, contact Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

CAT program Workouts will run from

June 20 through Aug. 5 for the Plymouth High School summer strength and conditioning program (CAT).

On Mondays through Thursdays, football players can attend workouts from 9-11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; or 7-9 p.m. All athletes can report to sessions from 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. On Fridays, football sessions will remain the same, however, all other athletes must report from 5-7 p.m.

Student-athletes participating in the workouts are required to wear a T-shirt, athletic shorts and athletic shoes. No jewelry, hats or cell phones will be allowed.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

High heat

Plymouth pitcher Claire Ostrowski delivers a pitch during Saturday's Division 1 district semi-final game against Garden City. Ostrowski yielded just three hits to lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 victory over the Cougars. See the complete game story on page C2.

2000-01 season and the juniorfor the past three years.

"It's going to be impossible to follow what Bob has brought to Canton girls basketball, but I'm excited about the challenge," said Samulski, who played bas-

Four local diamond teams play Saturday

Two local softball and a pair of area baseball squads will be competing in regional competitions Saturday with their sights set on berths in next week's quarterfinal round of the Michigan High School Athletic Association state tournament.

The Canton softball team will take on Southgate Anderson at 10 a.m. at Saline High School in a Division 1 semifinal game. A victory would advance the Chiefs into the 2 p.m. final against the winner of the noon Belleville-Saline matchup. The Salem baseball team will take on Southgate Anderson in a regional semifinal set for noon. The winner will play either No. 1 ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer or Saline in the regional final at 2 p.m. The Plymouth softball team will host Livonia Churchill at noon in its regional semifinal game. A victory would vault the Wildcats into the 2 p.m. title tilt against either Lincoln Park or Detroit Central.

The Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team will travel to Allen Park Cabrini Saturday to battle the host Monarchs in a 10 a.m. game. With a win, the Eagles would tangle with one of two state-ranked teams - Southfield Christian or Allen Park Inter-City Baptist — in the regional final.



Salem's baseball team celebrates its Division 1 district title Saturday moments after defeating Northville, 7-6, in the championship game at South Lyon High School. The Rocks (18-15) will take on Southgate Anderson (23-9) Saturday at noon at Saline High School.

Salem edges Northville for district title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

One thought raced through Salem relief pitcher John Israel's mind as the baseball he had just delivered to Northville slugger Matt Williams soared off Williams' bat toward the right-field sky with two outs in the seventh inning and the Rocks clinging to a 7-6 lead in Saturday's Division 1 district final game at South Lyon.

"I was thinking, 'Please stay in the park, please stay in the park," Israel said. "I knew if the ball didn't go over the fence, our right-fielder, Bill Leddy, would catch it, because Bill catches everything."

Israel's pleas were answered as Leddy chased down the long fly ball, squeezed it in his mitt and leapt for joy, igniting the first district-championship celebration for the Rocks since 2000.

"Matt WIlliams got a scholarship to go to Duke, so I knew he was capable of hitting it out," Israel

said. "I wasn't nervous out there, but I had a lot of adrenaline going."

The long out by Williams capped an improbable district title for Salem, which has been on a magical ride the past three weeks after struggling during the early stages of the season.

"The boys believe they can win every game now," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "They're playing with a lot of confidence. We're winning even though we're really hurt. Mitch Hosch is out with a broken arm and we have quite a few other kids who are playing hurt.

"We got a lot of good at-bats today and Billy Leddy, Bill Horgan and Scott Holka came through with some big hits against Northville. I know it's a cliché, but we've just been taking things one game at a time and not getting ahead of ourselves. We've picked a good time to start

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The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10-U Stars earned the championship title at the USSSA NIT Super World Series qualifying tournament at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights recently. The Stars ousted the Novi Madness and Michigan Outlaws to win the first-place trophy.

The team consists of: Sarah Blue, Abby Brennan, Andrea Gietl, Brianna Giordano, Kelly Harris, Megan Johnson, Elliott Mitchem, Allison Raylean, Karen Rebain, Kayla Rebain, Carli SanMillan and Lindsay Stemberger.

YMCA camps

The Plymouth YMCA is currently registering youngsters for its summer sports camps. The camps offered are basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and pom/cheerleading. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Dufrane honored

Madonna University junior pitcher Derek Dufrane, a native of Belleville, became the first Crusader to earn second-team All-America honors by the NAIA after his selection to the 2005 All-American teâm June 3.

Dufrane put together one of the most dominant seasons in the school's history, posting a 10-2 record and 158 earned run average. He set new single-season marks in wins and strikeouts (82) and allowed just 10 walks in 79.2 innings.

Dufrane helped lead Madonna to the 2005 WHAC regular-season championship and a trip to the NAIA Region VIII semi-finals.

LOCAL SPORTS

Wildcats earn 2nd straight district softball title

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School may be the new kid on the block, but district girls softball titles are becoming old hat for the Wildcats.

On Saturday, host Plymouth disposed of Garden City, 5-2, and Livonia Franklin, 7-0, to move into their second straight regional.

This Saturday, the Wildcats (23-10) will host Livonia Churchill (24-6) in the second semifinal, beginning 30 minutes after the first semifinal (at 10:30 a.m.) pitting Lincoln Park against Detroit Central. The finals will follow the Plymouth-Churchill matchup.

"We can do it next weekend if we come with our game faces on like we did today,' said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, who guided the Wildcats to a Division II district title a year ago.

Franklin, which lost two lopsided games to Plymouth during the regular season, stayed close for five innings, trailing only 2-0 before the Wildcats broke it open with three runs in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Plymouth outfielder Erin Ondusky had an RBI single in the second inning and an RBI double in the sixth. Rachel Juco and Madison Dresser also had RBI singles in the sixth.

In the seventh, Lauren Stemberger contributed an RBI triple, while Allison Ciotti contributed an RBI groundout. "Franklin played a good

game," Canfield said. "We just outhit them. We were aggressive on the basepaths and made them throw the ball around."

The Patriots' strategy was lay down a series of bunts to test Plymouth's infield play.

"They were trying to execute (bunts) to get on base and I was real proud of our girls, they handled it pretty well," Canfield said. "Our third baseman, Lauren Stemberger, was ready to play today. Nothing got by her."

Pitcher Claire Ostrowski, a sophomore, threw her first walkless game of the season. She allowed just three hits and struck out six.

Franklin starter Kim Topolewski, who took the loss, went six innings. She deserved better as her defense fell apart during the later innings. Franklin committed a total of five errors.

Emily Garbutt collected two hits for the Patriots, who bowed out at 11-16 overall. PLYMOUTH 5, GARDEN CITY 2: In the semifinals,

the Cougars (15-14). The sophomore struck out four and walked one. Catcher Madison Dresser led Losing pitcher Hallie Minch

Plymouth's five-hit attack by going 2-for-4 with two runs scored on an RBI. Lauren Stemberger also scored a run, stole two bases and had a hit.

run for the Cougars.

PCA sluggers surge to district baseball title

Claire Ostrowski tossed a six-

hitter as the Wildcats downed

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Plymouth Christian Academy coach Kurt Johnston had to endure a storm-related power outage in his Superior Township home.

One day earlier, he experienced a power surge when his PCA baseball team rocked Lutheran Westland, 10-7, and Canton Agape Christian, 17-2, to capture the school's second consecutive Division 4 district title and improve their record to 17-6.

"We seem to be peaking at the right time," said Johnston,

PREP BASEBALL

who didn't get his home's power back until Tuesday afternoon. "The boys are playing focused and we've been having some good practices lately, so I'm expecting good things at the regional.

In the opener, PCA exploded to a 7-0 lead after two innings and 10-2 lead after five before withstanding a five-run fifth by the Warriors to hang on for the victory. Stephen Sumner pitched the first 4.2 innings to earn the win. Andrew Shumaker hurled the final 2.1

to pick up the save. Led by two hits a piece from Nathan Bixler, Stephen Sumner and Bob Unis, the Eagles out-hit LW, 11-10. PCA's Aaron Ciborowski reached base in all four of his plate appearances on a pair of walks, a hit-by-pitch and a single.

The Warriors were paced by Chris Ake, Adam Zehel and Ryan Baglow, all of whom had two-hit games. Baglow suffered the mound loss for the Warriors.

"We played well early, then they made a nice run at us in the fifth," said Johnston.

"Andrew Shumaker came through big for us in the fifth when he relieved Stephen. Andrew struck out a kid with the bases loaded to end the rally."

In the district final, the Eagles outhit Agape, 16-5, scoring five runs in the first and six in both the second and third innings.

Shumaker improved his record to 10-2-1, striking out two and walking one in the mercy rule-shortened threeinning game.

"Agape had played us tough in two games earlier this year, so our kids came out focused,'

Johnston said. "We finally played the way I thought we were capable of playing against

Agape." The Eagles sent 27 batters to the plate in the three-inning game. Jordan Johnston and Bob Unis both contributed three hits while Shumaker. Ciborowski, Sumner and Matt Saagman chipped in with two each.

Unis and Johnston both added three RBI.

Kyle Miller accounted for the Wolverines' lone extra-base hıt, a first-inning triple. He eventually scored on Gabe Molnar's RBI single.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL **REGIONAL PAIRINGS** (all Saturday, June 11) **DIVISION** at PLYMOUTH

Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs Redford Catholic Central 10 30 a m Allen Park vs Detroit Henry Ford, 30 minutes after first semfinal

Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 14 at Carleton-Airport vs Grosse Pointe South regional champion.)

at Saline Semifinals: Ann Pioneer vs Saline 10 am, Salem vs. Southgate Anderson, noon

Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal (Winner Advances to the state guarterfinals Tuesday June 14 at Chelsea)

at Allen Park Cabrini

Semifinals: Plymouth Christian Academy vs Allen Park Cabrini 10 a.m., Southfield Christian vs Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, noon

Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal

GIRLS SOFTBALL **REGIONAL PAIRINGS** (all Saturday, June 11) DIVISION I at Plymouth

Semifinals: Lucoln Park vs. Detroit Central 10.30 a.m., Plymouth vs. Livonia Churchill, 30 minutes after first first semifinal

Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals. Tuesday June 14, at Carleton-Airport-vs. Grosse Pointe South regional champion) at Saline

Semifinals: Canton vs. Southgate Anderson, 10 a m, Belleville vs Saline, 30 minutes after first semifinal

Championship final: 30 minutes after second semifinal (Winner advances to the state guarterfinals Tuesday June 14, at Chelsea)

DIVISION II at BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

Semifinals: Ortonville-Brandon vs Ferndale 10 a m Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs Livonia Ladywood noon

Championship final: 2 pm. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, June 14, at Saline vs Chelsea regional champion)

DIVISION IV at ALLEN PARK CABRINI Semifinals: Southfield Christian vs. Allen Park

Inter-City Baptist, 10 a m , Lutheran Westland vs Allen Park Cabrini, noor Championship final:2 pm (Winner advances

to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, June 14 at Madison Heights Bishop Foley vs. Genesse regional champion] LIVONIA COLLEGIATE

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Plymouth's Madison Dresser slides safely into second base Saturday as Garden City shortstop Ashley Kalinski loses her mitt. The Wildcats won, 5-2, in the district semi-final contest.

gave up just five hits, walked two and struck out two. Kelly Floetke went 2-for-3.

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while Jessica Rayburn added an RBI double and scored a



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Canton softball team makes a point with pair of mercy wins

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

While members of Canton's softball team tried to stay cool in the shade Saturday afternoon between their 11-1 Division 1 district semi-final victory over Salem and their final match-up against Novi, the Chiefs' bats apparently soaked up the scorching heat like sun-bathers on a beach.

Led by their red-hot aluminum bats, the Chiefs hammered the Wildcats, 12-0, in five innings to capture their second consecutive district title.

The pair of victories propelled Canton into Saturday's 10 a.m. regional semi-final game against Southgate Anderson (20-12) at Saline High School.

A win over the Titans would pit the 36-1 Chiefs against the winner of the noon semi-final tilt between Belleville (23-9) and the host Hornets (18-16). The championship game is slated for approximately 2 p.m.

The only time the Wildcats were in the game was during the pre-game coin toss. Minutes later, Canton went on to post five-spots in the first and second innings before adding a pair of unneeded insurance runs in the third.

Novi had about as much chance of overcoming its 12run deficit against Canton hurler Molly Conlon as a popsicle did of surviving 10 minutes in Saturday's unrelenting heat.

"We started our No. 2 pitcher, Canton jumped out to an early lead and we were never able to get anything going," said Novi coach Kevin Southerland. "They hit the ball really well, plus we had a couple of mental errors that cost us.

"I was impressed by their pitcher (Conlon), but we faced another pitcher in a tournament earlier this year who I thought was just as good. My hat is off to them. They have a great team."



The Canton softball team celebrated its Division 1 district title Saturday afternoon moments after downing Novi, 12-0, in the championship game. The Chiefs will take a 36-1 record into Saturday's regional competition at Saline High School.

Led by their red-hot aluminum bats, the Chiefs hammered the Wildcats, 12-0, in five innings to capture their second consecutive district title.

Rachel Wade led the Chiefs at the plate with three hits and three runs scored. Conlon helped her own cause with a pair of hits and four RBI. Brittany Scero scored three runs for the winners.

"We told the girls to go at it hard from the beginning and don't let up because Novi had just made a nice comeback against Northville," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We didn't want to let them back



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Rachel Wade played a key role in the Chiefs' district championship Saturday at South Lyon High School. Canton knocked off Salem and Novi to advance to this Saturday's regional tourney at Saline High School.

in it." Was Arnold surprised at the ease his team won the district

*title, outscoring their opponents, 23-1? "A little bit," Arnold said. "But we've been getting good pitching, playing good defense and hitting the ball, so nothing surprises me with this team."

Conlon was her near-flawless self on the mound, yielding just one hit while striking out 11.

Novi advanced to the district final by edging Northville, 4-3.

CANTON 11, SALEM 1:

Canton starting pitcher Molly Conlon limited the Rocks to a pair of hits — a second-inning RBI triple off the bat of Amy Caves and a fifth-inning three-bagger from Kelly Behr — and struck out six Rocks to lead the Chiefs to a fiveinning, mercy rule-abbreviated win.

Canton secured an early lead with two runs in the first, four in the second and five in the third, and never looked back.

Brittany, Scero (2-for-3, two runs, RBI), Rachel Wade (three runs), Katie Osburn (2for-3, two RBI), Lauren Delapaz (2-for-4, two RBI) and Melissa Cieniuch (3-for-4, four RBI) all contributed to the Chiefs' 11-hit attack.

"We were concerned coming into the game because you never know what can happen when you play an arch-rival like Salem," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "When the playoffs start, every has a 0-0 record, so you never know what can happen. But we played really good defense and we hit the ball hard."

Arnold said he enjoys winning as much as the next coach, but he's not a big fan of mercy rule-shortened games.

"I don't like the mercies," he admitted. "In this case, it may have helped us because it let us get out of the sun a little faster and find some shade so we were rested for the final."

Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said it was a case of the better team winning.

"Canton is ranked fifth in the state, and they showed why today," she said. "Molly Conlon is one of the best pitchers I've seen in the past seven or eight years. She has a great rise ball and a change up. She just knows how to pitch."

Salem starting pitcher Melissa Leach was somewhat effective against Canton until a batted ball collided with her wrist.

The injury forced her to leave the game in the second inning.

"She's only a sophomore and this was her first district game, so Melissa may have been a little nervous," Southerland said. "But she's going to be a good one."

Despite the loss, Southerland was satisfied with her team's final 20-14 mark.

"We lost seven seniors from last year's team and we only had four seniors this year, so considering that, to win 20 games is a nice accomplishment," she said.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Local prep track teams well-represented at D1 state meet

Eight members of the Canton boys track team qualified for the Division 1 state meet last Saturday in Rockford. Pictured are (standing I-r) Rodney Preston, Dave Calille, Cyrus Azizi, Andy Rossow, Eric Piwowar (seated I-r) D'Angelo Pitts, Kevin Burdette and Derek Reeves

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The P-CEP's elite track-andfield athletes matched their abilities with the state's fastest and strongest competitors Saturday at the Division 1 state meet held at Rockford High School.

Points may have been scarce for the local runners and jumpers, but the experience was invaluable.

Canton's boys team earned the most points of the four local contingents that were represented at the meet. The Chiefs racked up eight points to finish tied for 30th with Northville and Jackson in the 114-team field.

Canton's 8004meter relay quartet of Rodney Preston, Andrew Rossow, Cyrus Azizi and David Calille placed sixth with a school-record time of 1:29.4 to earn three points.

Azizi then blazed around the track in 49.8 seconds to place sixth in the 400-meter dash to rack up three more points for the Chiefs.

Canton's final two points came when its 1,600-meter relay foursome of Rossow, D'Angelo Pitts, Calille and Azizi earned a seventh-place standing.

"When you go to the state meet, you expect your kids to fly," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Our kids ran well, but you find out quickly that there are a lot of other kids in the state who can fly, too.

The Salem girls track team finished tied for 40th with four points, all of which were earned thanks to Laura Friedman's fifth-place showing in the 800-meter run. Friedman's clocking of 2:16.71 set a new school record and also cost coach Kevin Conte his six-monthold goatee.

"I told her I shave it off if she broke the school record," Conte said.

When the record fell, so did Conte's facial hair. Plymouth's Brittany Petty

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Plymouth's Brittany Petty (left) and Chrystien Guyton both qualified for the Division 1 state meet last Saturday in Rockford. Petty competed in the high jump while Guyton competed in the long jump.



Ten members of the Salem girls track team qualified for last Saturday's Division 1 track meet in Rockford. Pictured along with coaches Joe Karasin, Nicole Schramski and Kevin Conte are team members Anna Wilson, Lynden Gault, Allison Janda, Marisa Carpinelli, Lauren Kane, Lindsay Miles, Allie Vraniak, Laura Friedman, Brittany Lockhart and Andrea Lang.

racked up her team's only three points when she tied for fourth int he high jump with a leap of 5-feet, 2-inches. Thanks to Petty's efforts, the Wildcats finished in a tie for 42nd with

Midland and Holland West Ottawa.

Ten members of Salem's girls team qualified for the state meet; eight members of the Canton's boys team qualified; Petty was joined by teammate Chrystien Guyton, and Brian Rumao was the lone representative for the Salem boys team.

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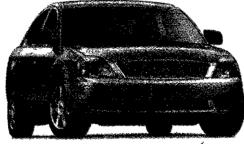
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The Canton High School wrestling camp will be held June 27-30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. There will be two sessions per day.

The camp is designed for kids between the ages of 8 and 18 and no previous wrestling experience is required to participate. Campers will be split into groups based on their experience level. The cost for the camp is \$50.

To register, contact Canton Coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083; or e-mail Randolph at

c_randolph44@yahoo.com.

STRENGTH CAMP

The Plymouth High School athletic department will be hosting a strength-and-conditioning camp for all current seventh- and eighth-grade students from 7-8 p.m. June 6-9 and 7-8 p.m. June 13-16. The camp, which costs \$45, will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Participants must wear athletic clothing and athletic shoes.

For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

PCEP HOCKEY NEWS

A meeting for the Plymouth-**Canton Educational Park** Hockey Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of present and future players are encouraged to attend.

The hockey booster club will be holding its annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton. The cost is \$110 for individual golfers and \$400 for foursomes. The fee includes greens fees, cart, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner. Individuals can attend the dinner only for \$35.

For more information, contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802; Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332; or Noreen Desilets at (734) 397-5691.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will host the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics regional soccer qualifier June 24-26. First- and second-place teams earn a berth in the AAU Junior **Olympic National Tournament** set for late-July in New

For more information, contact Chuck Henry at (734) 398-5975 (day or evening) or call Madonna University at (734) 432-5591.

SOLSTICE RUN

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.

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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 proved medals to all kids participants. You can register

online at www.SolsticeRun.org.

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 Droo 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 yearround. The instructor-tocamper ratio is 1-to-10.

"My staff and I look forward to another exciting camp season," said Finnery. "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 minireunion 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

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The fee for the regular camp is \$139 per player, while the advanced striker/goalkeeper camp runs \$179. Interested players can register at www.goose22.com. For more information on Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, visit www.goose22.com; or call (734) GOOSE-22.

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BASKETBALL CAMPS-----

The annual Canton and Salem girls basketball camps will be held the weeks of June 20-24 and June 27 to July1.

The first camp will be for girls entering eighth and ninth grades and run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Salem and Canton coaches, as well as varsity team members, will serve as instructors at the camps.

The second camp is designed for girls entering fourth through seventh grades.

The cost of each camp is \$70. Each camper will receive a basketball and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact either Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746; Brian Samulski at (734) 673-2555; or the Plymouth-Canton **Community Education** Department at (734) 416-2937.

MADONNA CAMP

Madonna University will stage five different sessions for its popular All-Star Basketball Camps, featuring MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry along with daily appearances and talks by Bernie Holowicki, for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 years old.

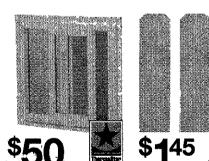
The boys camps include: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 13-17 (cost \$170); 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday through Sunday, June 24-26 (cost \$155); 5-9 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, June 27-28 (cost \$155); 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday through Tuesday, July 15-19 (cost \$170); and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5 (cost \$170).

The girls camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24 (cost \$170).

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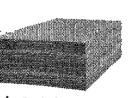


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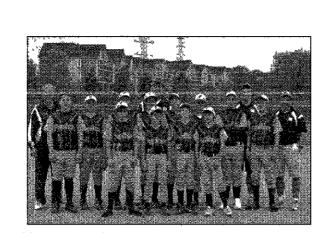
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On the prowl

The Canton Panthers U13 boys travel baseball team won the IBC Midwest Baseball Early-Bird Tournament by winning all for of its games and outscoring its opponents 48-2. The tournament title earned the team a berth in this summer's national tournament in Clearwater, Fla. The team consists of: Jackson Burdette, Brian Byrne, Casey Clark, Preston Currie, Alex Dixon, Joshua Gatt, Alex King, Kevin Lozier, Bryan Palmer, Pat Riedy, Ben Staley, Max Stratton and Gee Williams. The team is coached by Tom Byrne, Tom Dixon, Jeff Gatt and Don.Staley.



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Canton kickers nip Salem in cross-campus district classic

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Canton's Lisa Ealy hadn't had much luck from in close during Saturday's Division 1 district soccer title game against Salem at the P-CEP field.

So Ealy, a junior forward, backed up a little and scored one of the biggest goals of her career, netting the clinching score in a 3-2 win over the Rocks. The goal came from about 22 yards out with 1:38 left in a game that had moments earlier seemed destined for overtime.

Instead, the Chiefs advanced to Tuesday's regional opener at Walled Lake Northern (see story on page CI).

"I was missing close shots, so I decided to try one from a long way away," said Ealy, who tucked the shot just above Rock goalkeeper Alyssa Guerin. "I think I caught them off guard, I think (Guerin) was expecting me to take it in."

Ealy's goal capped a game Canton had dominated early, but had nearly given back to the Rocks late. The Chiefs were quicker to the ball early and

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took advantage, getting a goal from junior Kelsey Zemanski with 34:16 left in the first half. Ealy helped set up the goal,

leading sophomore Becci Houdek into the box, where she lofted a pass toward the net. The pass glanced off Guerin's fingertips, and Zemanski was there for an easy tap-in.

The second half started much the same way, with Canton missing the game's best scoring chance barely a minute into the half when Ealy fed Houdek, whose header just missed the left corner of the net.

Houdek's own second effort netted the Chiefs' second goal with 32:28 left in the game. She took a centering pass from freshman Jenna Dreher but couldn't convert. The Salem defense failed to clear and Houdek wound up with the ball again, knocking the second chance past Guerin for the 2-0 lead.

A minute later, Salem had a perfect chance to get back in the game when Canton was whistled for a handball in the box, setting up the Rocks' Kathryn Wheatley for a penalty kick. But Canton goalkeeper Brittany Cervi stoned Wheatley on the initial shot, then stopped her again on the rebound.

"Those were amazing stops," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "We've been working on that a couple of weeks, and (Cervi) came up big when we needed her."

Instead of folding, Salem came right back three minutes later, when senior midfielder Amy Gizicki tucked a shot above Cervi into the upper right corner to cut the Canton lead in half. The Rocks then tied the game with 3:37 left on a goal from senior forward Megan McCarthy.

"I don't think we played really well until the pressure was on," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "Canton wanted it, and it showed early. We went down 2-0, and then we decided to play. I'm proud they never gave up. We didn't start the way we wanted to, but we played right through."

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knotting the game up at 1-1. "I was getting frustrated," said Ealy, describing her offensive chances to that point, "and then coach brought Andrea (Johnson) up to help give our offense a boost and that made a huge difference," The Chiefe didn't stop there

The Chiefs didn't stop there. Just over a minute later, Canton again worked the ball deep into the Dearborn end and Ealy launched a quick shot from just left of the goal. Golem slid across and made the save, but senior Christie Daniels was there to slam the rebound into the wide open net, securing the lead and the win for the Chiefs.

"I had the ball right in front of the open net, and the whole time I was thinking to myself just don't miss it," said a relieved Daniels, smiling after

the game. Tomasso praised the character of his seniors.

"That is the type of senior leadership you look for all season long and it came out tonight," Tomasso said. The Chiefs will look for that

The Chiefs will look for that leadership when they play Novi on Friday night. The Wildcats beat Canton, 5-0, earlier in the season.

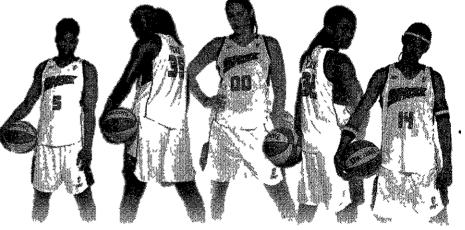
"This win proves to our team how we can overcome adversity and still win a big game," said Tomasso.



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playing our best baseball." The Mustangs played the first game of the day Saturday — downing Novi, 8-6 — so they had the benefit of finding refuge from the rising heat index while Salem took down Canton, 9-1, in the second semi-final contest.

Northville looked like the fresher team in the top of the first in the title game when they pushed across three quick runs against Salem starter Josh Ritter.

Undaunted, the Rocks answered with two of their own against Northville starter Bryce Jenney when lead-off batter Jim Sroka singled and scored on a two-out hit from Holka. Leddy followed with a single and Holka scored on an error to make it 3-2 after one.

Northville cushioned its lead to 4–2 in the third when Tyler Laing led off with a walk, stole second and reached third on a wild pitch. The senior speedster scored on Brett Spencer's two-out single.

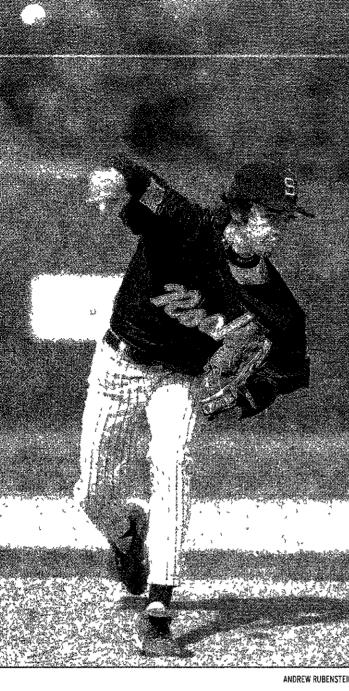
One inning later, the Rocks mounted possibly their most impressive rally of the season — a five-run performance that gave them the lead for good. Jenney walked the first three batters — Dave Cardenas, Sroka and Steve Myers before he was yanked in favor of junior lefty Tim Parent. Cardenas was picked off first, however, Salem re-loaded the bases when Parent issued a base on balls to Andy Ciantar. Holka then drilled a pitch up

Holka then drilled a pitch up the middle to plate Sroka and Myers. Leddy then singled to drive home Ciantar, Andy Psilis walked before Horgan greeted the Mustangs' third pitcher of the inning — Spencer — with a two-run single off the left-field fence.

"I didn't quite get all of it," Horgan said, who admitted it was probably the longest single in his baseball career.

Salem threatened to add to its 7-4 lead when Warren walked to re-load the bases with one out, but Spencer recorded a strike out and ground out to end the threat. Spencer was brilliant the

rest of the way, retiring eight of the final nine batters he faced.



Salem senior relief pitcher John Israel put the Iid on the Rocks' Division 1 district title Saturday afternoon when he shut the door on Northville over the final two innings of Salem's 7-6 victory. It was Israel's fourth save of the season.

When Northville's Charles Thomas led off the fifth with a double, Rumberger replaced Ritter with sophomore southpaw Brad Way, who was greeted by a single off the bat of Laing that appeared headed into the mitt of shortstop Cardenas until it caromed off second base and into center field, scoring Thomas. Laing scored on a Williams' single, but Way sent the next three batters down in order to secure Salem's 7-6 lead with two innings to play. Israel took over in the sixth and was lights out, retiring the final six batters to save the game for Ritter. First baseman Horgan was responsible for one of the outs when he backhanded a shot by Northville's Steve Besk that appeared headed down the right-field line.

"We're all friends and we've all been playing baseball together for a long time," said Horgan, when asked why he thought the Rocks turned their fortunes around after a rocky start. "Northville almost mercied us earlier this season (the Mustangs won 13-5 on April 20), so this was a big win for us."

Ritter improved his record to 5-3 with the win, giving up eight hits in four-plus innings of work. Israel earned his fourth save of the season.

Offensively, Holka was the Rock of Gibraltar, going 2-for-2 with a pair of walks, three RBI and two runs scored. Sroka, Leddy and Psilis all reached base three times each to help pace the winners' 10hit attack.

SALEM 9, CANTON 1: The Rocks

used an eight-run fourth inning to upend the Chiefs in the Division 1 district semifinal Saturday morning.

Canton junior starting pitcher Shawn Little accounted for the game's first run when he launched a 380-foot home run into the road behind left-center field in the top of the fourth inning. However, the Rocks rebounded with an eight-spot in the bottom of the frame thanks to four Canton walks, a hit batsman and two fielding miscues. Amazingly, the first five Salem runs scored without the ball leaving the infield. Bill Leddy contributed a key two-run single in the inning. Salem senior starting pitcher Nic England was solid in the win, throwing a completegame five-hitter. England only struck out three, but he consistently kept the Canton hitters off balance with a variety of off-speed stuff mixed in with some well-timed heat.

Little and Justin Latin had two hits a piece for the Chiefs, who finished 12-19.

Leddy had three of Salem's five hits. Andy Ciantar had a walk, single and two runs scored for the winners.

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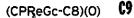
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NEW DREAM TEAM?

SWM, 39, 5' 8", 165lbs, brown/ brown, tan, average build, Capri-Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realiscorn, N/S, loves bowling, the outdoors, seeks attractive, fit womtic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. 2550046 an, 20-45, for friendship, possible romance 2686438 YOUTH IS A STATE OF MIND

SWEETHEART ATHEIST Retired SWPM, 80, N/S, in good SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown hair, blue eyes, loves old cars, and health, financially secure, intera girl that melts in my arms. No drugs, booze, kids. 2114917 ested in music, travel, is compassionate and caring, seeks attrac-tive, intelligent SWF, 45-75, for possible relationship. 2658373 IT MUST BE YOU.

SBM, 38, 5'8", black/brown, heavy set, Virgo, N/S, enjoys reading, star trek, great conversation seeks intelligent, roman-tic woman, 28-43, N/S, for friendship, LTR. 2677393

ROMANTIC AND CARING ersonable, sincere SWM, 40, healthy looking, outgoing and adventurous. Seeks intelligent, friendly, playful lady, for friendship, maybe more. 2987480 TAKE A CHANCE

SWM, 52, 5'6", 160lbs, with good SWM, 35, musician, enjoys quiet evenings, talks. Looking for some-one special, to share life, laughter, job, financially secure, seeks attractive, intelligent, sweet lady, 35-48, with good morals, for possible long-term relationship. H/W nights on the town and just having proportionate. 2134345 a good time. 2679436

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, Sweet SWM, 36, 5'6", 130lbs, brownish/blue, Leo, enjoys fast easygoing, enjoys movies, music, cars, boats, adventure, not into travel, dining. Seeking very att-ractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39, bar scene Seeking sweet SWF, 25-41, for possible relationship. **2437557**

STARTING OVER

SWM, 36, Aquarius, smoker, en-joys checking out local bands, dining in, and spending time with JUST PLAIN TALK A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, conthat special person seeks WF, 22-40, for LTR 2680035 siderate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. 2733275 SOME ONE LIKE YOU

2760359

LITTLE WILD

SWM, 40, Taurus, N/S, easy go-Sincere, sensible SWM, 45, gentleman, down-to-earth, mild-maning enjoys sports, music of all nered, quite attractive, seeks fun-loving, romantic SWF, age open types, seeks woman, 25-50, just as a friend. 2680902 **2**472867

SWM, DESIRES SBF Call me if you desire a nice

LET'S TRY IT OUT Just call this friendly, social, easyshape, bl/eyed blonde, 48-yrs-old, 180lbs. Desires one on one going SWM, 40s, humorous, optifor friendship and definitely rommist, seeks kind, sociable lady for ance. 2672855 casual

WHAT'S UP?

I'LL HELP YOU ... Dark-complected SBM, 21, 5'10", finding true love Cynical, yet hope-ful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, 135lbs, calling from Detroit, look-ing for friendship, possibly more, with SBF, 21-34. 7684514 for caring relationship. 2568641

2513284

TENNIS ANYONE?

SWM, 46, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic, kind, caring, hard-working, look-ing for one special girl to settle down with. 37687036 USI SAY WHEN... USIST SAY WHEN... Willing to go anywhere in the tri-county area SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, dancing and romancing.

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW MORE THAN A DATE! Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, Your heart's desire, SWM, positive outlook, neat, clean, seeks SWF, friend, lover, companion, for dating and possible LTR. 2355547 reading, etc. Seeking compatible GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

CALL TO ACTIVATE Humorous, wonderful, caring, understanding SWM, 40s, 510", brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, looking to share friendship and companionship with attractive SWF. 2434500

ANTIQUES LOVER BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves veg-etable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63. 2628249 JOIN ME

SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, lengineer, likes the outdoors, square dancing, camping, nature walks Seeking easygoing, active, sponta-neous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, pto-portionate, N/S, to enjoy travel, talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? **2**634440

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW

Open-minded, fairly articulate somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking compatible SWF companion. 2114862

LOOKING 4 FUN? Easygoing, sociable SWM, 22, landscaper, enjoys art, skate-boarding, sports, hanging with friends Looking for a fun girl to share these. **1**679456

ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN DWM, 59, 6'1", blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engineer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trips, Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR 2533085

WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7" 180lbs, medium build, employed. self-reliant, D/D-free, easy doing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. 2597126

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors camping, fishing Seeking SWF, happy, good sense of humor, with, similar interests, for possible LTR **m**619803

MY CATEGORY Retired SWM, 55, 5'7", 200lbs,

N/S, loves sports, animals, walks

in the woods. Seeking WF, 40-55,

TRY ANYTHING ONCE

Outgoing, spontaneous SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, likes island get-

aways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S,

STRAIGHT UP. LOW-KEY

Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not

into loud noise and big crowds,

enjoys art, wine tastings, char-

for friendship, maybe more

ONE-WOMAN MAN

SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/ brown, employed, homeowner,

no children, looking for attrac-

tive woman, 35-50, to build life-

long relationship. 2663251

seeks similar-minded lady

N/S. 624662

for LTR. 2632686

*****548455

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for mu-sic and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and lit, to share this interests and more **2**600106

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU SBF, 27, 5'3". N/S. works in customer service, likes opera, reading, baking, art museums, seeks man, 25-32, N/S, with same interests, for LTR 2662460

POSITIVE OUTLOOK DWCF, 68, looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives, holding hands. 2656264 VERY SOCIABLE

SHF, 56, 5'8", 140lbs, smoker, enjoys the outdoors, museums, art galleries, theater, movies, blues and jazz festivals. Seeking open-minded, intelligent man, 55-65. N/S. 2666385

MUST BE RESPECTFUL Very attractive BF, financially/ emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. **2**595277

UNATTACHED ...

but very together. SWF, 47, 5'6", average build, Pisces, legal secretary, smoker, loves flea markets, dancing, meditation, and antiques Seeking WM, 44-55, for LTR. 2619246

🗘 LOYAL

SWF, 44, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef (cake decorator), green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 40-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. 2956732 · SEEKS PROFESSIONAL

SWPF, 5'7", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. 2529129

SINGLE & FLEXIBLE DWF, 40, 5'5", 110lbs, brown/ brown, Gemini, smoker, enjoys watching sports, taking long walks. Seeking WM, 38-45, smoker, interested in meeting me. **2665985**

SLOW DANCING,

ROMANCING DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times 2576279

WHY NOT CALL? Employed SAF, 49, 5'3", 110lbs, mother, likes outdoor sports, park walks, movies and more Seeking easygoing, child-friendly fun-lov-ing man to share life and it's simple pleasures. 2690621

GREAT COMPANION SE 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How

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about you? Seeking non-smok-ing counterpart, 62-70 2633527

simple dates and then we'll see what happens. 2679157 HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE

SF, 36, enjoys dining out, dancing, more. Seeking honest, nice, youthful, church-going man, with sturdy/healthy build, 5'8"+, someone funny and light-hearted, to share lasting friendship and happiness 2679177

EASY GOING

SBF, 35, Aries, N/S, down-toearth, easygoing woman seeks BM, 32-38, N/S, down-to-earth and drama-free, 2681425 **BELIEVE IT**

SWF 38, 5'5", 180lbs, brown/ green, Capricorn, N/S, enjoys the outdoors, bowling, children, ani-mals, seeks WM, 35-50, for pos-

sible romance. 2686403 **RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM** SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smok-ing man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. **2115795**

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT SM, 45, blonde, attractive, friendly, kind, considerate, polite, seek-ing a SW/DM, 42-62, for friendship, possibly more. 2512857

WHERE ARE YOU? Looking for a emotionally and financially stable man, who is kind, generous, honest, commu-nicative, for friendship first, possi-ble marriage. Me: SWCF, 5'5", brown/blue, good person, gentle lady. 2779434

QUALITY TIME SWF, 48, 5', 115lbs, petite, dark/ dark, N/S, seeks easygoing dark, N/S, seeks easygoing WPM, 45-50, N/S, who enjoys dining in/out, movies, travel, conplays, and ball games. certs. **2**670169

SEXY REDHEAD SWF, 48, 5'4" ,175lbs, Cancer, N/S, seeks man, 32-55, for possible romance. 2684879

MAKE IT HAPPEN Seperated WF, 40, N/S, mother of 3, seeks SHM, 40-48, for friendship Maybe we can spend the rest of our lives together. 2679724

HAPPY, HEALTHY ... adventurous, athletic SWF, 39, 5'2", smoker, mother of 2, seeks adventurous, energetic WM, 35-46, with a good sense of humor. **2542710**

SEARCHING FOR YOU Sexy, attractive SBPF, 34, 5'2", 160lbs, Aries, seeks honest, outgoing SBM, 38-52, for friendship, quality time, and possibly more. **2**615717

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE SWF,62, 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel, boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more. ISO sociable SWM. 55-67, who's active and has a great sense of humor. 2654265

EBONY SEEKS IVORY DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. 2455323 panionship. 2962703

brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. **5**669606

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE. sexy SWF, 27, 5'6", Libra, N/S, graphic designer, seeks man, 26-37, N/S, who enjoys life, for friendship, maybe more. 2667756

LOVE & COMMUNICATION ... are the best things. Very passion-ate and romantic SWF, 59, 5'6", medium build, redhead, seeks down-to-earth WM, 50-65, not into games 2669032 LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND

SWF, 51, 5'4", light brown/blue, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, with grown children and grandchildren, loves flea markets, garage sales, and church. Seeking WM, 49-60, sm-oker ok. \$\$\mathbf{a}\$669889

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, plans to retire soon, stays physically ac-tive, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S.

2672174 LETS GET AWAY

SBF, 27, 5' 7", slim build, Taurus, smoker, enjoys reading, writing, and shopping seeks man, 24-32, just as a friend. 2673171 WHAT ARE

YOU LOOKING FOR? I could be it! Attractive SWF. 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. 2418068

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, home-owner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR.

35548938 CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. 2574342

HEY, OVER HERE Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out. Seeking SCM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant. 2611221

JOURNEY WITH ME ... through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish. slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! 2605996

SEMI-RETIRED SBF, 61, 5'8", 165lbs, very carefree, loyal, honest, enjoys reading,

flea markets, antiques, long walks and travel Seeking BM, 58-61, with similar interests 2649333 CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH? Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for com-

Catholic, 10 years in the U.S. Seeking caring relationship with warm-hearted, independent man who enjoys family, theater travel **2**512135

THICK AND HEALTHY SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no, kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. **\$534802**

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, good conversation, trivia, genealogy, restaurants, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60. 2260061

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **2**692418

LOOKING FOR A LADY SWM, 38, Scorpio, smoker, seeks WF, 28-47, for a long-term relationship 2679744

SPONTANEOUS SPIRIT Italian SWM, 39, 6'4", average build, N/S, likes to stay active, enjoys romantic weekend getaways, spending time outdoors, all kinds of music, seeks woman, 35-42, N/S, for LTR. 2688188

EASYGOING GUY SWM, 51, 6'1", 210lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for LTR 2255073

CALL ME SBM, 28, 5'9", 170lbs, independent, down-to-earth, seeks fun-loving, down-to-earth, honest BF, 20-39, for dating, possibly leading to more. **26**676077

QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE SWM, 56, 5'8", brown/blue, physical build, N/S, enjoys every moment of life, ISO SF, 45-58, who loves motorcycles and freedom 23491099

PICK A WINNER SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with 2730508

GENTLE AND CUTE Active and attractive SWM, 58, good-natured, friendly gent eniovs outdoors, dancing, casinos, romantic, friendly lady. \$341899

BORED AND RESTLESS This blind date can be very inter-esting. Call me. A good guy! SWM, 40s, seeks SWF. 27891601 OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524

TAKE A CHANCE

SBM, 20, 6'1", athletic build, smoker Pistons fan loves to play basketball and cook, seeks SWF, 18-33, smoker, for LTR 2688854

MOVIE BUFF

Well-spoken SBM, 25, smoker, would like to chill with a single woman, 18-35, smoker. Friendship first, then see where it goes **2689101**

A HONEST GENTLEMAN DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest caring S/ DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. 2507073

MAGIC IN THE MAKING? Mystical man, SWM, 39, trusting

and warm-hearted, enjoys life's adventures, exploring, and taking new chances. Seeks a mysterious, magnificent female compan-ion. 234512

I REALLY BELIEVE ...

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50 2686509

ROMANCE AND YOU...

over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make you really happy. 2799032

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age and height open, who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading to LTR. 2837750

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Dance, flirt and have fun with me! SWM, 40s, seeks friendship with good-natured, fun-to-be-with SWF, 35-50. 2283848

NEW TO THIS

WM, 45, loves exercise, playing music and more. Looking for a WF with similar interests. A plus if you like classic rock 2647670

WILLING TO SHARE SWM, 47, 5'11", smoker, muscular build, carpenter, enjoys woodworking, art, music, spending time outdoors, seeks SWF, 35-55, who is mature, not into games. **a**681688

NEED A SEXY LADY SWM, 48, average build, hardworking, loves to have fun, looking for a sincere woman, 45-50, for LTR. Redford area. 2604036 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities seek friendly SF, age/location open 2531308 ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, ikes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor But will consider others. **T**642092

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Seeks sincere lady companion. **5**604683

dating. Age

JUST SAY WHEN ...

open.

FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA Handsome, fit, fun, honest, sec-ure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/ daughter age 11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! 2711245

COULD WE MEET? and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, goodlooking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s. 2764071 I PREFER KINDHEARTED ... with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks good friend and true partner Looks and age not that im-

portant I just want someone reall **2783752**

YOU AND ME

SBM, 52, 5'8", 190lbs, takes good care of himself, and is seeking woman, 32-46, who is easy the eyes and fun to be with ******496257 JUMP START YOUR LOVE Realistic, respectful SWM, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry. Seeks a special SWF sweet-

heart. 2878507 WANT TO BE MY SWEET-

HEART? SWM, 49, fit, healthy, nice-looking,

with good attitude, seeks charm-ing, cheerful SWF, 39-59, for dating and relating. 2956021

LETS TRY THIS OUT Nice SWM, 40s, energetic, accommodating, easy to talk to, seeks a great lady for friendship

VERY INTERESTING Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops 2259844

JUST WANT TO BE HAPPY How about you? BM, 51, 5'8", 190ibs, looking for BF, 42-53, for dating, possibly more, \$674290

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure Seeking honest S/DWF, sense of humor, enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. a 269646

LOOKING FOR MY SMILE Retired DWM, 5'9", sweet pea looking to meet pretty SJF, 55-65, who enjoys dining out, movies, dancing, and romance Me: 72 and cuddly. 2497872

WHY NOT CALL???

Your sweetheart is waiting! Goodlooking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has a plan if he's your man, so why not call??? 2358502

BRINGING US TOGETHER Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nicelooking, upscale SWM, 40s, looking to connect. \$534514

AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 46, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the out-doors, friendship, possible LTR.



LOCAL SPORTS

Brother Rice drops PCS, 20-1 MU baseball squad lauded

The Madonna University

cial season with its annual

the University Ballpark in

Joe Greene was named the

2005 team Most Valuable

Player after slugging 17 dou-

bles and a conference-high 61

RBI. Greene was named first-

team All-Wolverine Hoosier

NAIA Region VIII earlier in

the season and on Friday he

was recognized as an NAIA

Junior pitcher Derek

Belleville High School, was

named the team's "Pitcher of

the Year" after posting a team-

with a 1.58 earned run average

and 82 strikeouts - both con-

ference highs, Dufrane was

honoree and NAIA Region

as NAIA second-team All-

American selection.

also an All-WHAC first team

VIII Player of the Year as well

Sophomore shortstop Matt

Humenay (Livonia Churchill)

was named the team's Most

and WHAC-high 10-2 record

Dufrane, a graduate of

tion selection.

All-America honorable men-

Athletic Conference and ALL-

Livonia.

baseball team celebrated a spe-

post-season banquet Friday at

Madonna senior right fielder

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team found out why Birmingham Brother Rice is the top-ranked team in the state Friday evening.

The Warriors bounced the Warriors out of the post-season playoffs with a resounding 20-1 victory.

Brother Rice outshot PCS,

LACROSSE

58-8, and set the tone early by scoring seven goals within the first five minutes of the second quarter.

PCS actually led the nationally ranked Warriors 1-0 when Mitch French scored off a pass from Jared Ruark to make it 1-0.

PCS held the lead throughout most of the first quarter until the Warriors heated up and began the goal-scoring onslaught.

PCS ended its first official varsity season with a 9-10 record.

Brother Rice, which led 4-1 after one quarter, 13-1 at the half and 16-1 with 10 minutes to play, is now 20-0.



PHOTO BY JOE FARAONI

Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Joe Savino (left) and his teammates saw their first official varsity season come to a crashing halt Friday night when they dropped a 20-1 decision to top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice.

Salem golfers place 11th at state meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Led by junior Ashley Smith and senior Jamie Siedlaczek, the Salem girls golf team barely missed a top 10 finish at last weekend's Division 1 state meet.

The Rocks finished with a two-day score of 751, which put them in 11th place, 89 strokes behind medalist Grand Blanc, which was led by tournament medalist Ashley Bauer (74-74). Rochester (674), Ann Arbor Pioneer (688), Livonia Stevenson (689) and Grosse Pointe North (700) rounded out the top five spots.

In the individual competition, Smith fired rounds of 77 and 81 at Ypsilanti's Eagle Crest Golf Course to finish in a three-way tie for sixth. Siedlaczek carded rounds of 82 and 78 to tie for 10th with Stevenson's Jennifer Kubert.

"Jamie's 78 was probably one

DIVISION 1

of the better rounds of her career here at Salem," said Rock coach Rick Wilson. "She really had a positive attitude heading into the round and it paid off. I think Ashley was a little disappointed with her second round, but overall, they both had great seasons. Any time you can finish in the top 10 in the state, it's a great accomplishment."

Other scorers for Salem included Alyssa Mastic (108-

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108), Anna Ross (108-115) and Kate Rzetelny (117-109).

"Things went pretty much as I thought they would," said Wilson. "To move up into the top five, we would have needed a couple more rounds in the 90s. But overall, it was a great experience for the girls who were playing in the state meet for the first time, and it was a great season for the team. Finishing 11th in the state says a lot."

Improved Player after raising his average over 100 points to .296 in 2005, a career high. Humenay split time on the infield with Kyle Fedorka, who was recognized for earning honorable mention All-America honors as a relief pitcher. Fedorka posted a 6-1 mound mark with six saves. He also became MU's all-time

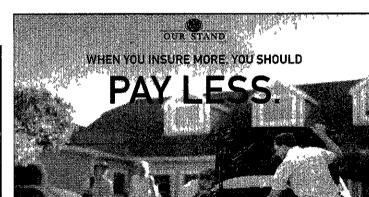
saves leader in 2005. Freshman pitcher Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) was named the team's "Rookie of the Year" after posting a 4-1 record with 49 strikeouts in 56.2 innings of work. Kennedy appeared in 14 games

as a red-shirt freshman and

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Madonna senior right fielder Joe Greene was named the 2005 team Most Valuable Player after slugging 17 doubles and a conferencehigh 61 RBI.

also added a save to his ledger while holding opponents to a .276 average.

Junior transfer Todd Kalmbach was named the team's "Offensive Player of the Year" after leading the team in hitting (.370) and finishing second in hits (57). Kalmbach finished the year with 11 doubles and 25 RBI and slugged at a .481 clip. Kalmbach was also recognized for his academic prowess after earning Academic All-conference and NAIA Academic All-American honors.

Junior catcher Justin Fabian was named the team's "Defensive Player of the Year." Fabian was a rock behind the plate for the Crusaders, guiding a pitching staff that finished the season with a 3.95 team ERA. Fabian had just two passed balls during the season and threw out 50 percent of would-be base-stealers. A premedicine major, Fabian was also named Academic All-Conference and an NAIA Academic All-American.

The Bryan Rizzo Champion

of Character Award went to senior pitcher Adam Kline (Redford Catholic Central), who posted a 5-4 record with 77 strikeouts in 69 innings of work in his final season as a Crusader. Kline was recognized for exhibiting the five core values the NAIA Champions of Character initiative represents: respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. The award was started in 2004 and named after Madonna athletics director Bryan Rizzo, who presented the award to Kline.

"The baseball team surprised me by starting this award last season," stated Rizzo to the crowd of over 100 at the banquet. "Over the last four years, -I have had the pleasure to watch this student-athlete grow into one of the nicest young men to ever come through our athletic department and also a great athlete on the field. I have learned through the years that kids are very much a reflection of their parents, and in this case, it is a mirror image. I am pleased to present this award to a great ambassador of Madonna baseball and the entire athletic department."

The team also said good-bye to its six-member senior class: Kellen Fry, Tony Kern, Matt Gorske, Dan Duffey, Kline and Greene.

Neighborly Advice from Sandy Pattock-Beeler Your Real Estate Expert!

THE PROPERTY DISCLOSURE

Michigan is a state that requires home sellers to provide a property disclosure statement when placing their homes on the market. The disclosure should list any material defects in the home Be sure to read the disclosure carefully, and ask questions

Most forms will specify interior and exterior walls, ceilings, roof, insulation, windows, fences, driveway, sidewalks, floors, doors, foundation, and the electrical and plumbing systems. As the buyer you will want to know of defects in any of these areas. Sellers are also required to note the presence of the following conditions: 1, Environmental hazards, 2. Walls or fences shared with adjoining landowners; 3. Any encroachments or easements; 4. Room additions or repairs made without the necessary permits or not in compliance with building codes; 5. Zoning violations; 6. Citations against the property and lawsuits against the seller affecting the property If any such conditions appear on

If any such conditions appear on the disclosure form, consult with your agent regarding how to proceed with negotiation.

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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 Kitchen Equipment for Allen, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools.** Bidding documents will be available by contacting Laura Hagan of the District's Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953 on or after Friday, June 3rd, 2005 Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center, RE "Kitchen Bids", 454 S Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form 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

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> Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -May 31, 2005

A Study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at Fellows Creek Golf club, 2036 S. Lotz, Canton, Michigan, 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. <u>Roll Call</u> Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Conklin, Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Brad Sharpe, Dan Ross Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. <u>STUDY SESSION:</u> Item 1. R I B B O N CUTTING FOR TWO HOLES OF GOLF AT FELLOWS CREEK. Item 2. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE **UPGRADES FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE. Item 3.** GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PARKS/ MAINTENANCE FACILITY Item 4. DISCUSSION OF SIGNAGE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that the next study session will be June 7, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at 1150 Canton Center S. 1st Floor, Administration Building. GIS is on the agenda. Mr. Yack reminded the Board that the Administration Open House will be June 18, 2005. Dedication of the Freedom documents will be done at 1:00 PM. There may also be an additional dedication of a flagpole and if completed the Rotary Clock Plaza. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 43188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <u>www.canton-mi.org</u> after Board Approval

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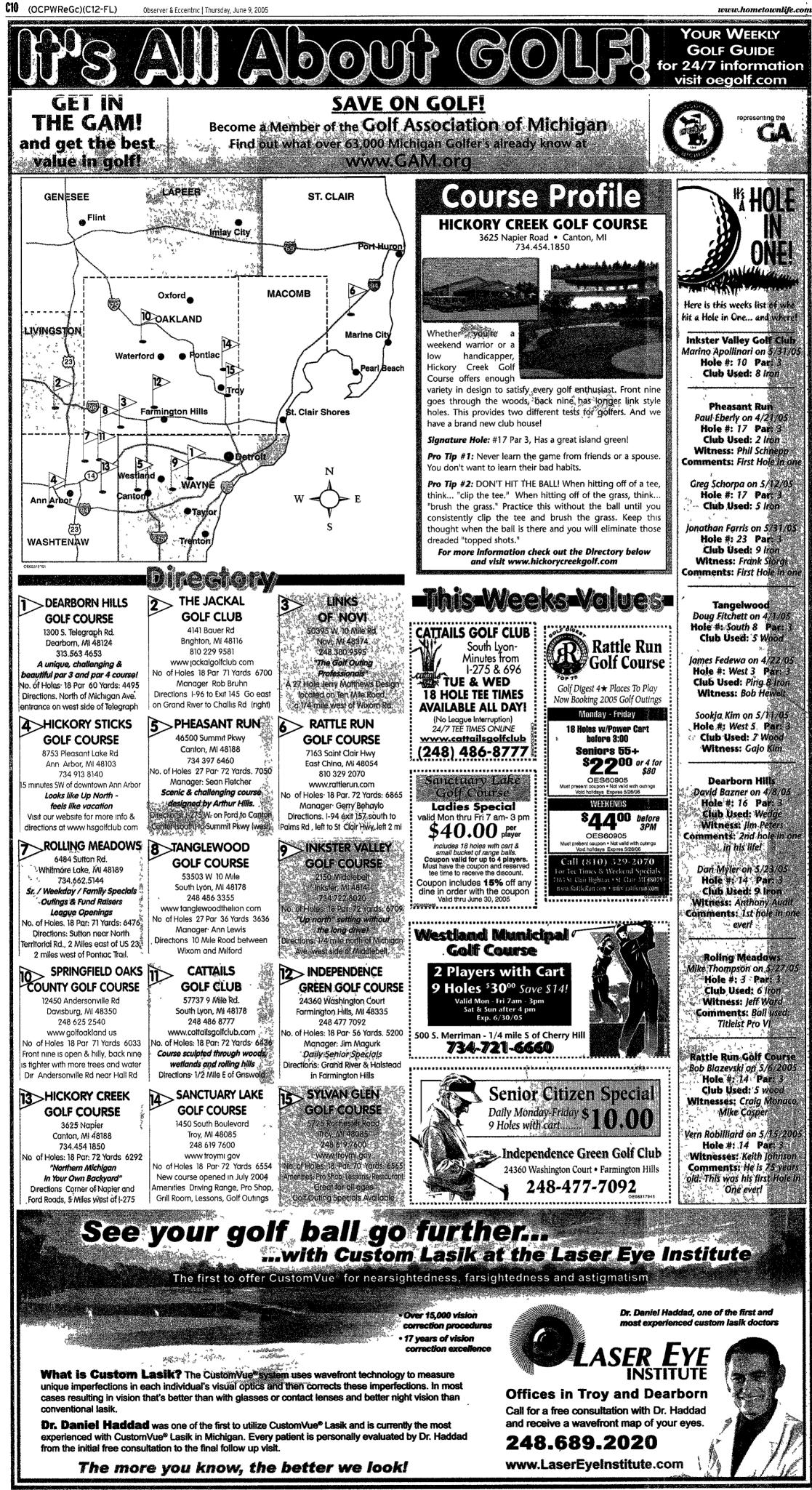
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Deciding to invest in a

BY AMANDA KNOLES CORRESPONDENT

Unless you've been living in a cave for the last 10 years, you've probably received an invitation for a timeshare presentation. Some companies send out colorful brochures with promises of fabulous prizes, while others station representatives at popular shopping malls and tourist attractions to lure potential buyers to spend 90 minutes listening to a timeshare sales pitch.

Over the last two decades many timeshare operators earned a bad reputation for their high-pressure sales tactics and rude treatment of people who attended the presentation but declined to buy. Today many worldclass resort companies are setting higher quality standards for new developments.

There are two types of timeshare owners. Users find a resort they enjoy going to on vacation for one week and return annually. These people find comfort in returning to a vacation destination with a set price and know they will encounter no surprises. Traders own a timeshare at one destination but trade their one-week stay with a timeshare owner at another resort.

. If the idea of trading a timeshare appeals to you, experts recommend that you buy your timeshare in a city that doesn't have an abundance of units.

For the average person buying a timeshare is a very expensive way to spend vacation dollars. If you absolutely fall in love with a resort and decide you like the idea of spending every vacation there, you can expect to pay \$25,000 or more to buy into the resort system. On top of that you will be required to pay closing costs and a yearly maintenance fee ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

Other resort amenities such as spas, restaurants and club memberships add to the tab. Timeshare owners also must pay a yearly membership fee from \$75-\$200 for easier access to domestic and international timeshare trades.

By purchasing a timeshare on the resale market, you may gain access to a world-class resort property for a lower price than you would pay buying a new timeshare. Depending on the location and degree of luxury the resort offers you might be able to pick up a bargain timeshare for under \$2,000 and pay an additional \$400 per year in maintenance costs. If you are considering

investing in a resale timeshare, make sure the maintenance fee is not too high and check to make sure the owner has no unpaid taxes or liens.

When you are buying a timeshare you also need to consider the cost of getting to the location. Can you afford to fly your family to Mexico, Europe or Hawaii every year or would a resort within driving distance meet your needs better?

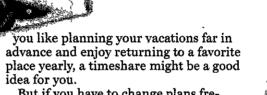
Many companies offer potential buyers a chance to try the resort before buying. If a particular resort interests you, inquire about a complimentary or lowcost visit. You will be required to tour the property and attend a 45-90 minute sales pitch, but you may also enjoy a luxury suite and resort amenities for a small fee. Spending a couple of days at a timeshare property is a good way to get a feel for a resort and decide if it is a place you might want to visit regularly.

One of the biggest turnoffs in timeshare presentations is the pressure to make a decision on the spot. Don't allow yourself to be pressured into signing a contract. The salesperson may try to scare you into

thinking the price will go up if you don't sign immediately. Take your time and make sure you understand all of the financial costs involved.

You should not buy a timeshare with the idea of making a profit, since resellers may only recoup 50 cents or less on the dollar. If





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years. If you are a real estate investor — or you are aspiring to emerge as one — there may not be another opportunity like this for many years to come.

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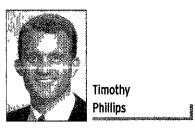
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that tough down påyment requirement altogether. Since the idea is to reduce lender risk for investment properties, the solution is for investors to prove there's no reason to fret.

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pension? No problem, if your credit scores are in the high-600s or better. If you cannot document enough income to qualify for your purchases, you can ride on your good credit and ask the lender to either disregard your income or to give you credit for a larger one. Sounds too good to be true, but it is!

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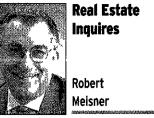
Today's TIMBIT! The market is ripe with homes and there is easy money on the table. Investors, there is nothing else to say.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516 Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation Do you have any information regarding the median sale price of condos in 2004 as opposed to single family homes?

Based upon information obtained from the National Association of Realtors, the median sale price of condo/co-op units in 2004 was nearly 20,000 more than the median for single family homes. The median price was \$203,200. Obviously, what happens in a particular geographic area in the country may be different.

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It depends on your restrictions but if the Association's Board of Review has authority to approve or disapprove architectural or structural modifications, you may be out of luck.



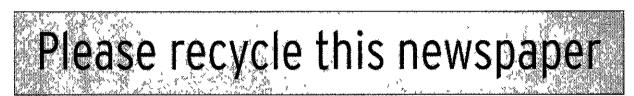
alternative source of energy.

In New Mexico, by way of example, the Governor's special assistant is talking about passing legislation to allow solar panels to take advantage of an

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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11704 Farmington		\$198 000	778 Summerfield
11784 Farmington		\$181,000	794 Summerfield
11786 Farmington		\$169 000	798 Summerfield
11788 Farmington		\$188 000	806 Summerfield
11824 Farmington		\$165 000	2656 Treadwell
11832 Farmington		\$172 000	38690 Warren

\$155 000	New Property Manager
\$140 000	Finsilver/Friedman Management Corp wel-
\$85 000	comes Will Gruzwalski as a Property
\$169 000	Manager in their property management
\$205 000	division. He will be handling a portfolio of
\$110 000	commercial properties. Gruzwalski comes
	to Finsilver/Friedman with six years experi-
\$257 000	ence at KIRCO Management. He received
\$575 000	his BBA from Walsh Business College with a
\$108,000	minor in management.
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welcomes Bridget Mikolajczak as an accounting assistant in their construction group. Mikolajczak comes to Finsilver/Friedman from Bay Regional Medical Center where she held the position of accounting clerk. Mikolajczak received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

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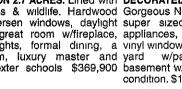


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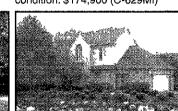
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to build new. Large enclosed front master, an oversized kitchen w/ Neutral interior w/finished basement roof, Wallsde windows, newer carpet basement, great room w/fireplace, appliances, spacious living room, porch, big seasonal room, appliances center isle/snack bar, finished & hardwood floors. Updated roof, and a huge floor plan. Many more recessed lights, formal dining, a vinyl windows, 25 car garage, fenced & heated garage w/workshop. walkout, 3 inviting deck and a 3 car windows and more. Home warranty updates just call for the list. \$259,900 bonus room, luxury master and yard w/patio, partly finished \$149,900 (P-015HA) ______ A rated Dexter schools \$369,900 basement w/washer & dryer. Move in

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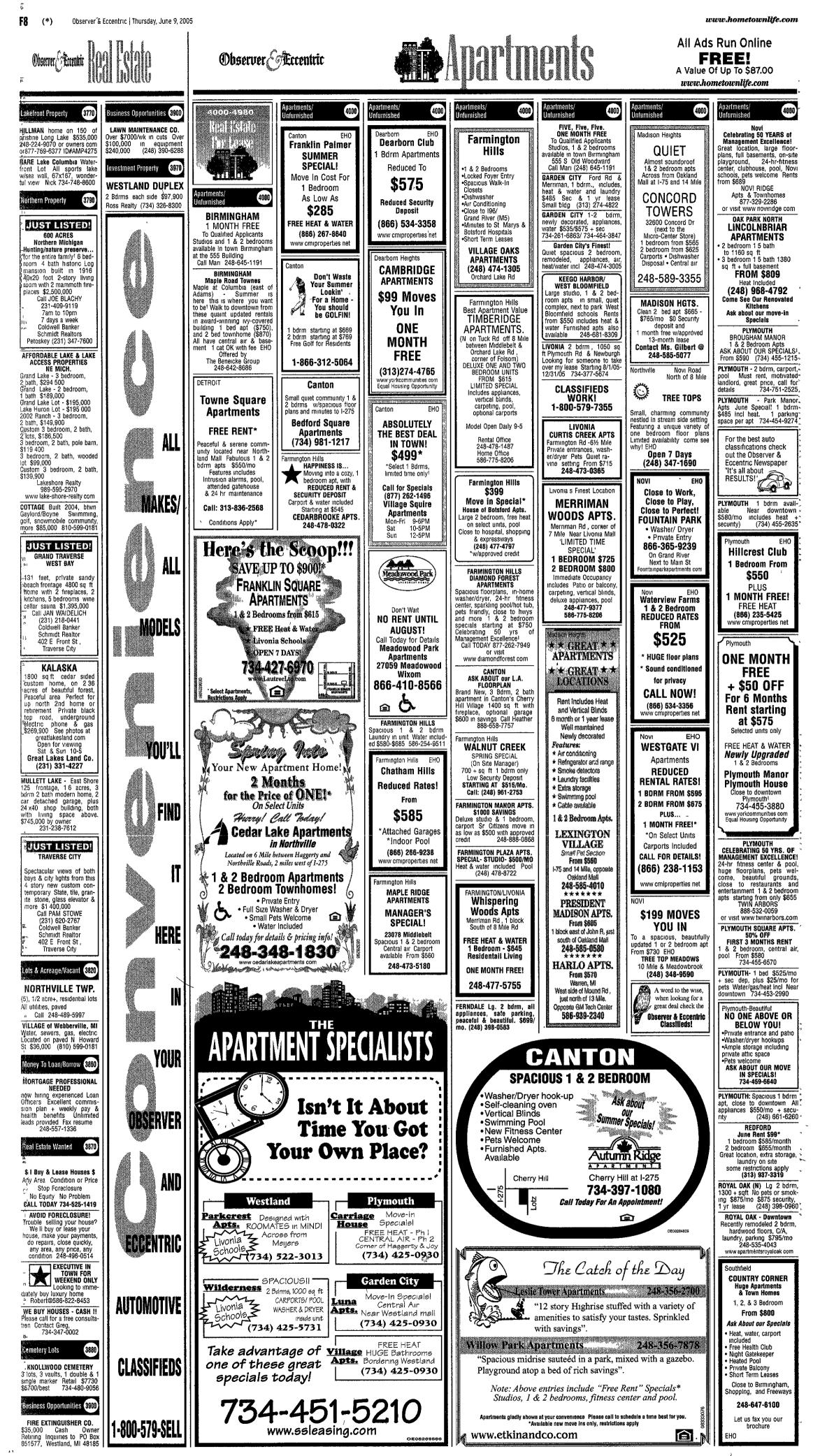
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LIVONIA 248-348-6430 GORGEOUS RAVINE LOT. Ranch backs to natural wooded ravine. Many updates include roof, central air, HWH, windows, marble sills & fabulous kit & Florida room.349-6200 (25066631) \$273,900



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734-591-9200 Charming 7 yr old colonial that sits 100 ft from road, Almost 1/2 acre lot. Newer carpet, 6 ceil fans, 3BR, 2.5 BA. High efficiency gas FP insert. Drive thru gar. (25065385) \$226,500



WESTLAND 734-326-2000 GREAT FAMILY HOME 4 BRs, 3 BAs and a 16x23 kit. Almost 2,100 Sq Ft of living space. R. FR, librar/study 8 2 car gar. (V372) \$189,900





734-455-7000 CANTON TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4BR, 2.5BA, 2983 SF. Hampton model. Lndscp, sprinkler, paver patio. Huge mstr suite & BA. Quick close. (23G2588) \$389,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200 Popular Burton Hollow Sub. 4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 SF. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceil in LR, DR & kit. New Roof (04), wndw & DR. Fla Rm overlooking Indscp & fenced yrd. (24142312) \$254,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200 New Construction Cape Cod W/3BR, 2.5 BAs, 1,831 SF, 2 car att gar & bsmt. Comes w/maple cabs, corian cntrs & cer tile in the full BAs. Liv Schools.Visit www.samsellshouses. com (25070898) \$289,900



PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200 Absolutely stunning bungalow with enormous GR addition with vaulted ceiling, floor to ceiling stone folc & dining area. Mstr suite w/sitting area & full BA (25052277) \$249,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430 PICTURE PERFECT BRICK RANCH on over 1/2 acre park like lot, gracious LR, 3 BRs, 2 BAs, huge FR w/fplc overlooking fabulous sunroom, nice kt, prized backyard & patio 349-6200 (25067882) \$285,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000 **BRAND NEW CONSTRUTION is this 3 BR 2 5** BA 2 story Garden City colonial. Featuring a full bsmt, GR, Kit with island, and 2 car att gar. (M288) \$239,900



LIVONIA 734-326-2000 AVAILABLE TODAY Is this 3 BR vinyl bungalow on a half acre lot in Livonia W/ FR with fplc, .5 BAs, redecorated kit, and 2 car gar. (G155) \$198.000



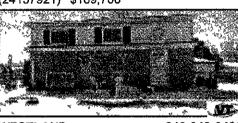
734-326-2000 GARDEN CITY EXPANSE NOT EXPENSE is this remodeled 3 BR Garden City Cape Cod w/ 2400 SF, remod -ceils, sky-lights, 2.car, gar, 2. BRs, 2.5 BAs, <u>skit w</u> all appl's & BA w/ vanity, deck, 3 car gar fplc.Convenient location. Quick Occupancy. & huge mstr BR. (P330) \$169,900



NOVI 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL RANCH!! Sharp 3 BR/2 BA home! 2 fplcslSuper sunroom!Newer roof, furn, CA! Over 1/2 acre lot, 2+car garl Novi schools! Quiet street. You will be pleased!349-6200 (25012019) \$219,900



WYANDOTTE 248-348-6430 BETTER THAN NEW DOUBLE LOT COL Perfect for the new house buyer. Updts incld: rf, wndws, siding, gutters, paint, carp, BA All this on a double lot with 2 car gar.349-6200 (24157921) \$189,700





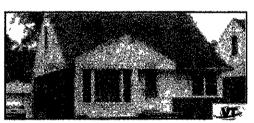
CANTON 734-455-7000 GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR,1.5 BA. Upgrades in the last six years inc roof, furn, A/C, kit, carpet, wndws, doorwall, BA, etc. Bonus-oversized gar. (23L41617) \$199,900



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430 SUPER BUY. LOWEST PRICE IN THE COM-PLEX! Contemp flair, spacious condo! VItd 349-6200 (25050935) \$174,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200 Don't miss out on this updated 4 BR 2 BA, 1175 sq ft, 2 car gar, fin'd walkout bsmt, brick ranch overlooking wooded ravine! Visit www. samsellshouses.com (25072301) \$164,900



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734-591-9200 Super cute & clean brick bungalow is ready now. 3 BR w/ 2 full BAs. 2nd BA is on 2nd fir off Mstr Br Fin'd bsmt w/dry bar & 2 car gar. Wayne/Westland Schools. All newer appls

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included too! (25072303) \$124,900

734-455-7000 GARDEN CITY

CANTON 248-348-6430 GARDEN CITY

gar. Jetted tub in remodeled BA.Updated kit,all appl's stay! (23S42506) 25038215 \$119,900

25001667 \$1,150

734-455-7000 LIVONIA Great location for first time buyers, handicapped, or down-sizers (23E25585) 25000547 \$140,000

734-326-2000 LIVONIA DETROIT 734-455-7000 (25022258) \$189,900 DETROIT BR SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH! LIVONIA

floors. (23B20526) 25070176 \$125,000 DETROIT

734-326-2000 LIVONIA

You can move in immed to this 3 BR 2 story aluminum

248-348-6430 WESTLAND COMFY AND COZY HOME IN WESTLAND Lovely home w/a light & bright kit & brkfst area, comfortable FR, charming LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, newer roof, some hrdwd firs, fenced yard & sidewalks.349-6200 (25023377) \$159,900



734-591-9200 **DEARBORN HEIGHTS** A charming bungalow in the Westwood School District. Updated kit & BA, Nwr hot water tank, entry doors, roof, & storm windows. Over sized gar and cement in 1998 (25070568) \$109,900

CANTON 734-455-7000 RENTATRUCK and start moving. This well maintained condo is waiting for new owners. Back of sub location. Spacious mstr w/private BA. Appliances stay. Call soon! (23L42744) \$127,497



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200 Beautiful, open-concept 3 BR ranch 1300SF. Cath ceil & pergo firs. Updated kit & BA w/neut décor. Awesome deck & att 8x8 storage unit. Must see! (25029084) \$109,500

NOVI 248-348-6430 IMMACULATE RANCH CONDO 2 BR,1 BA. Neutral paint and carpet.Great kit w/maple cabinets. Updtd BA Two new doorwalls to Trex balcony. Lg closets. New washer and dryer 349-6200 (25060609) \$125,000



REDFORD 248-348-6430 WOW! 3 BR BUNGALOW IN REDFORD Nwr win, furn, front steel door, Maytag dishwasher & HWH. Clarenceville schools, deck & wood privacy fence. Lg 10 x 15 shed. Hurry before its gone.349-6200 (25068203) \$77,800

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734-591-9200 LIVONIA 734-591-9200 REDFORD 734-326-2000 3678 SF of pure luxury Home backs to commons. Cape Cod. Almost New Uniquely decorated, 3 BR, Brick Ranch with one of a kind vaulted ceilings, GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD 3 BR all brick ranch 4 BR,3 BA,Built in 1998. Hrdwd firs & huge deck for 2.5 bas, form din rm, brkfst nook, cathedral ceils, updated kit and refin'd hardwood floors. Fin'd bsmt New vinyl windows, HWH, high eff furn, part fin'd those summer cookouts! (23T47589) 25049396 bsmt, gar, GR, drwall leading to terrific deck. Must with home office or BR, full BA & bar. (25044911) bsmt W/ glass block windows. Hardwood floors. \$489,475 see to appreciate. (25058486) \$234,900 \$171,900 Hurry! (S204) 25021530 \$125,000 248-349-6200 NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430 ROMULUS 734-326-2000 HUNTERSGROVECONDOW/COURTLOCATION! COMPLETELY UPDATED! Kit & priv elegant mst Ranch has moved the garden indoors. 3 BR, 3 BAs JUST LIKE NEW Totally remod in 2003. Updts Well maintained end unit w/neutral decor.GR w/vtd ste are just two of the updts. Mint cond 3BR,3BA w/recently renov kit & hdwd firs. Skylts enlighten include vinyl siding & trim, roof shingles, windows, ceil, gas fplc. Huge loft/BR. Bright kit. All appl's incld bunglow. Come see all the others!Walk to elem & the spirit.349-6200 (25001211) \$375,000 paint, carpet light fixtures, plumbing, electrical, plumbing, electrical CANTON 734-455-7000 Prime Location Close to park. Large corner lot DUPLEX IN DOWNTOWN-LEASE Walking dist to WARREN 248-348-6430 UNDER \$125,000 Great 2 BR condo w/1 car attch w/many updates. Brand new kit, new carpet T/O, Mill Race. Fresh paint, very clean.1 year lease min. GREAT STARTER CLOSE TO GMTECH CENTER fresh paint, vinyl windows, & copper plumb finish \$1800 moves you in.348-6430 (24151629) \$900 LR,carpet,door,& wndws in '04, vault cell w/skylites 734-591-9200 in mstr BR & DR, remod kit w/nwr oak cabs, freshly off this spotless home. (24127607) \$98,900 NOVI CAN LUN 734-455-7000 LIVONIA 734-591-9200 Built by Monogram Homes 2 story brk tudor, over painted. 349-6200 (25055636) \$109,900 CONDO-LEASE FOR \$1050 for 3 mos. \$1150 for Great colonial Located in the heart of Livonia. Very 3000 sq ft w/4 BR, 2.5 BAs. Unique & efficient feats WAYNE 734-32 734-326-2000 remaining 9. 2BA, 1337 SF, appl's, Ig mstr well built house-original owner-needs updating. incl: dual strcase, sitting room off Mstr, prvt Lib, A BEAUTIFUL STARTER IN TIP-TOP SHAPE is ste, end unit w/1 car att gar. Call today. (23E4156) Prime loc on a corner lot, next to a field. HDWD firs granite cntrs & more (25026724) \$479,900 this 3 BR vinyl bungalow with remodeled kit and a bard unit w/1 car att gar. Call today. (23E4156) 248-348-6430 BAs, hardwood floors, full partially fin'd bsmt, and a T/O entire house! (25055701) \$234,900 NOVI

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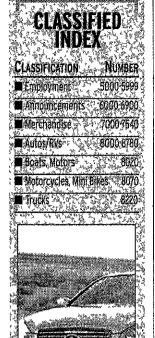
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But what about when you come across a vehicle that pleasantly surprises you, in fact maybe even stuns you, by your regard for it even though by name or reputation it shouldn't be impressing you in that way? Well then, we should be even happier yet!

My newly discovered automotive "secret" is the Suzuki XL-7 mid-sized sport-utility vehicle. In short, this vehicle exceeds in just about every area my justifiable expectations for something that stickers at less than \$26,000, even for the top-level EX version that I drove. And I don't think I'm stretching too much to say that it compares favorably in many ways with other top-ranking, near-luxury and luxury SUVs including Lexus, Acura and Lincoln models. Before I go back and give you a more deliberate evaluation of the 2005 XL-7, here's just a quick list of some

of the many things I like about this vehicle: --Handling and responsiveness are quick and nimble, very reminiscent of one of the best aspects of Lexus SUVs. And in some ways, XL-7 has a more secure road feel than just about any competitor because its slightly bigger length gives it more stability. --The A-pillars (the ones that join the windshield to the roof) are very narrow, and the windshield and side windows are very big, giving the driver, even a shorter one, a fantastic and unobstructed view of the road ahead, to the sides and through the rear mirrors. The "drop-down" side windows are a feature that Suzuki long has used to its advantage.

--The interior has an intimacy that I like in the seating areas, partly because XL-7 is narrower than most other vehicles of its length. Yet it is long and spacious enough to hold much more cargo than you might imagine while you're just sitting in the front seat. --The instrument panel and console are elegantly and simply designed, with pluses including enough room



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Outside, XL-7 isn't remarkable looking, following the gently rounded contours and head- and tail-lamp design cues that are typical of SUVs these days. However, the drop-down side windows do give XL-7 a little flair.

The spare tire is mounted on the tailgate in a hard shell, a concession to Suzuki's past and present as a strong off-roading brand. I don't really like exterior spares, especially in a vehicle that aspires to make an impression as a near-luxury SUV. But I could handle this, in part because the tire impedes little into the rear view and in part because the outside location of the spare enables Suzuki to make the most of one of the XL-7's best features: its copious interior room. The only engine offered in XL-7 is Suzuki's 2.7-liter V6, and the powertrain, along with the five-speed automatic transmission I drove, seems more than up

to the task. The vehicle moves well at most speeds, although it's a little bit heavy with a curb weight of more than 3,700 pounds, so acceleration isn't anything to write home about. At 17mpg in the city and 22 on the highway, XL-7's fuel economy is serviceable. The very large range and strong capabilities of XL-7's four-wheel-drive system mean that this model can be relied upon during a Michigan winter. Inside, XL-7 comes as close to a luxury vehicle as Suzuki ever has designed. The design is up to date and, in the EX version, features leather seating surfaces and real-looking woodgrain trim. While the seats aren't power adjustable, seat comfort is fine. There are little storage pockets all over including a couple of very handy compartments between the gearshift lever and the instrument panel. The sunroof is sized just right. The rear doors are longer than you'll find in competitive vehicles, another way in which Suzuki makes best use of the vehicle's length dimension – and so entering and exiting the five-passenger configuration of the vehicle is painless. The step-up height is navigable even for shorter folks. Give Suzuki credit - and maybe some of your cash for XL-7.

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Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the atten-tion of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! 23:449585 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's cre-ate sparks and watch them fly. **B**639272

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 28, Aquarius, N/S, is looking for a friend, SBM, 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor. must be hard-working, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. 2759073 **GREEN-EYED LADY**

SIIm SW mom, 30, 5'7", 110lbs, loves outdoor activities like fishing and hunting. Seeking a man who has the same, or similar interests. 2976510

GET TO KNOW ME Easygoing, sensitive SWF, 31, enjoys dining out, romance, laughter, the outdoors, traveling, honesty and more. Seeking sense tive, sweet, trustworthy SWM, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. **206863**

FUN TO BE AROUND Lovable, energetic, athletic SF, 30, N/S, loves shopping, movies, earth, understanding, lovable, caring SM, 29-39. 2257129

SLIM AND PETITE Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **a**271793

IT'S ALL GOOD Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. 27476802

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER Pretty, slender Ukrainian lady, 54, Catholic, 10 years in the U.S.

Ready to meet great new people?

GREET AND MEET

ITALIAN SEEKS SBF

corn, N/S, loves bowling, the out-doors, seeks attractive, fit wom-

an, 20-45, for friendship, possible

LOOKING FOR

A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, mous-tache, father of one, loves chil-

dren, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll

SEARCHING FOR AN ANGEL

Serious, honest, warm-hearted,

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41,

5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S,

easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very att-ractive, pretty SH/A/WF, 28-39,

friendship, possible relationship.

treat you right. 2266345

romance. 2686438

UPSTANDING & ENTERTAINING Stable SWM, 43, enjoys family and friends, can laugh and cry, cook and clean, seeks fun, smil-ing, happy SWF, for possible LTR. **1**21597 SWF companion. 2631197

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly att-FIT, ATTRACTIVE, AND FUN Considerate, easygoing, down-to-earth SWM, 40s, enjoys music, reading, sporting events, seeks SWF, for friendship and companionship 2262919 ractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. 210772

STARTING ANEW WITH .. SWM, 50, looks young, fit, acjust me and you! Sociable, gen-tlemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to tive, enjoys fishing, picnics, wa-ter sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. 2660062 open. 2241526

ROMANCE AND REALITY Handsome gent, SWM, 40s, one-of-a-kind, lots of great interests, willing to share them. Seeking athletic, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, jazz. Seeking attractive SBF for LTR 2688959 special lady in my life to adore. \$283228

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s 2550046

SWEETHEART ATHEIST YOUTH IS A STATE OF MIND Retired SWPM, 80, N/S, in good health, financially secure, inter-SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown hair, blue eves, loves old cars, and a girl that melts in my arms. No ested in music, travel, is compassionate and caring, seeks attrac-tive, intelligent SWF, 45-75, for possible relationship. 27658373 drugs, booze, kids. 2114917 IT MUST BE YOU.

SBM, 38, 5'8", black/brown, heavy set, Virgo, N/S, enjoys reading, star trek, great conver-sation seeks intelligent, roman-tic woman, 28-43, N/S, for friendship, LTR **T**677393

ROMANTIC AND CARING Personable, sincere SWM, 40, healthy looking, outgoing and adventurous. Seeks intelligent, friendly, playful lady, for friend-ship, maybe more. 2987480 TAKE A CHANCE

fun-loving, sincere, well-educated SWM, 52, 5'6", 160lbs, with good job, financially secure, seeks attractive, intelligent, sweet lady, SWM, 35, musician, enjoys quiet evenings, talks. Looking for some-35-48, with good morals, for pos-sible long-term relationship, H/W one special, to share life, laughter, nights on the town and just having a good time \$679436 proportionate. 2134345

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Sweet SWM, 36, 5'6", 130lbs, brownish/blue, Leo, enjoys fast cars, boats, adventure, not into bar scene. Seeking sweet SWF, 25-41, for possible relationship. **2**437557

STARTING OVER

SWM, 36, Aquarius, smoker, en-joys checking out local bands, dining in, and spending time with that special person seeks WF, 22-40, for LTR. **75**680035 JUST PLAIN TALK A strong shoulder to lean ont Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. 2733275 SOME ONE LIKE YOU

2760359

LITTLE WILD

SWM, 40, Taurus, N/S, easy go-Sincere, sensible SWM, 45, gentleman, down-to-earth, mild-man-nered, quite attractive, seeks funing enjoys sports, music of types, seeks woman, 25-50, just loving, romantic SWF, age open. as a friend. 2680902 **2**472867

SWM, DESIRES SBF

Call me if you desire a nice shape, bl/eyed blonde, 48-yrs-LET'S TRY IT OUT Just call this friendly, social, easy going SWM, 40s, humorous, optiold, 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely rom-ance. 2672855 mist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. **2**513284

WHAT'S UP?

Dark-complected SBM, 21, 5'10", 135lbs, calling from Detroit, lookfinding true love. Cynical, yet hopeing for friendship, possibly more, with SBF, 21-34. 2684514 ful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, for caring relationship. \$568641

TENNIS ANYONE?

Willing to go anywhere in the tri-SWM, 46, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic, county area. SWM, 44, articulate, kind, caring, hard-working, look-ing for one special girl to settle friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, down with. 🕿

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW **MORE THAN A DATE!** Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, Your heart's desire, SWM, 45 positive outlook, neat, clean, seeks SWF, friend, lover, comenjoys talks and walks, pets. panion, for dating and possible LTR. 23355547 reading, etc. Seeking compatible

CALL TO ACTIVATE Humorous, wonderful, caring, understanding SWM, 40s, 5'10', brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, looking to share friendship and companionship with attractive SWF. 57434500

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ANTIQUES LOVER

BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves veg-ហោ etable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63. 27628249

JOIN ME

Italian SWM, 35, dark/dark, fit, SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer, likes the outdoors, square dancing, camping, nature walks. See king easygoing, active, sponta-neous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, pro-portionate, N/S, to enjoy travel, talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? 80 t WORTH THE WAIT SWM, 39, 5' 8", 165lbs, brown/ brown, tan, average build, Capri-**2**634440

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW

Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking compatible SWF companion. 2114862

LOOKING 4 FUN? Easygoing, sociable SWM, 22, landscaper, enjoys art, skate-boarding, sports, hanging with friends. Looking for a fun girl to share these. **1**679456

ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN DWM, 59, 6'1", blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engiemo neer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trips. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR. 2533085

WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7" 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs **5**597126

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length 60d brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, happy, good sense of humor, with 350 NO. sımılar interests, for possible LTR. **2619803**

MY CATEGORY

Retired SWM, 55, 5'7", 200lbs, N/S, loves sports, animals, walks 10W 10 in the woods. Seeking WF, 40-55, 101 N/S. 2624662 2-5 (61

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Outgoing, spontaneous SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, likes Island get-aways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S, for LTR. **1**632686

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds enjoys art, whe tastings, chari-ty, seeks similar-minded lady

for friendship, maybe more

ONE-WOMAN MAN

SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/

tive woman, 35-50, to build life-

brown, employed, homeowner, and

no children, looking for attrac- gig

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LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU SBF, 27, 5'3", N/S, works in customer service, likes opera, reading, baking, art museums, seeks man, 25-32, N/S, with same interests. for LTB. 2662460

POSITIVE OUTLOOK DWCF, 68, looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives, holding hands. \$66264

VERY SOCIABLE SHF, 56, 5'8", 140lbs, smoker, enjoys the outdoors, museums, art galleries, theater, movies, blues and jazz festivals. Seeking open-minded, intelligent man, 55 65, N/S. 2666385

MUST BE RESPECTFUL Very attractive BF, financially/ emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. **2**595277

UNATTACHED ...

but very together. SWF, 47, 5'6", average build, Pisces, legal sec-retary, smoker, loves flea markets, dancing, meditation, and antiques. Seeking WM, 44-55, for LTR. 2619246

SWF, 44, Leo, N/S, bionde/blue, professional chef (cake decorator), green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 40-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. 27956732 SEEKS PROFESSIONAL

MALE SWPF, 5'7", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. \$\$\prox 529129\$

SINGLE & FLEXIBLE DWF, 40, 5'5", 110lbs, brown/ brown, Gemini, smoker, enjoys watching sports, taking long walks. Seeking WM, 38-45, sm-oker, interested in meeting me. **2**665985

SLOW DANCING. ROMANCING

DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportion-ate, perky brown-eyed girl; hon-est and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and project times \$75720 and special times. 2576279

WHY NOT CALL? Employed SAF, 49, 5'3", 110lbs, mother, likes outdoor sports, park walks, movies and more. Seeking easygoing, child-friendly fun-lov-ing man to share life and it's simple pleasures. 2690621

GREAT COMPANION SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smok-ing counterpart, 62-70. 2633527

ple dates and then we'll see what happens. 2679157 HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE

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GET TO KNOW THIS ...

IN THIS LIFE

WHY NOT TRY?

smoker. 2677188

R&B and more. 2674119

SF, 36, enjoys dining out, danc-ing, more. Seeking honest, nice, youthful, church-going man, with sturdy/healthy build, 5'8"+, someone funny and light-hearted, to share lasting friendship and hap-piness. 2679177

EASY GOING

SBF, 35, Aries, N/S, down-to-earth, easygoing woman seeks BM, 32-38, N/S, down-to-earth and drama-free. **1**681425 BELIEVE IT

SWF, 38, 5'5", 180lbs, brown/ green, Capricorn, N/S, enjoys the outdoors, bowling, children, ani-mals, seeks WM, 35-50, for possible romance. 2686403 RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smok-ing man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family.

2115795 SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT SM. 45. blonde, attractive, friendly, kind, considerate, polite, seeking a SW/DM, 42-62, for friend-ship, possibly more. 2512857

WHERE ARE YOU? Looking for a emotionally and financially stable man, who is kind, generous, honest, communicative, for friendship first, possi-ble marriage. Me: SWCF, 5'5", brown/blue, good person, gentle lady. 2779434

QUALITY TIME

SWF, 48, 5', 115lbs, petite, dark/ dark, N/S, seeks easygoing WPM, 45-50, N/S, who enjoys dining in/out, movies, travel, conplays, and ball games. certs. **2**670169

SEXY REDHEAD SWF, 48, 5'4" ,175lbs, Cancer, N/S, seeks man, 32-55, for possible romance. 2684879

MAKE IT HAPPEN Seperated WF, 40, N/S, mother of 3, seeks SHM, 40-48, for friendship. Maybe we can spend the rest of our lives together. 2679724

HAPPY, HEALTHY ... adventurous, athletic SWF, 39, 5'2", smoker, mother of 2, seeks adventurous, energetic WM, 35-46, with a good sense of humor. **25**42710

SEARCHING FOR YOU Sexy, attractive SBPF, 34, 5'2" 160lbs, Aries, seeks honest, out-going SBM, 38-52, for friendship, quality time, and possibly more. **2**615717

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE SWF,62, 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel, boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more. ISO sociable SWM, 55-67, who's active and has a great sense of humor. 2654265

EBONY SEEKS IVORY DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. 2455323

itive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. **2669606**

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE ... sexy SWF, 27, 5'6", Libra, N/S, graphic designer, seeks man, 26-37, N/S, who enjoys life, for friend-ship, maybe more. 2667756

LOVE & COMMUNICATION ... are the best things Very passion-ate and romantic SWF, 59, 5'6", medium build, redhead, N/S, seeks down-to-earth WM, 50-65, not into games. 2669032

LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND SWF, 51, 5'4", light brown/blue, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, with grown children and grandchildren, loves

flea markets, garage sales, and church. Seeking WM, 49-60, sm-oker ok. 12669889 **ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS** Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, plans to

retire soon, stays physically ac-tive, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. £672174

LETS GET AWAY SBF, 27, 5'7", slim build, Taurus,

smoker, enjoys reading, writing, and shopping seeks man, 24-32, just as a friend. 2673171 WHAT ARE

YOU LOOKING FOR? could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! eking SBM, 32-50, for special

relationship. 27418068 SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, home-owner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR.

2548938 CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, con-certs, quiet evenings. 27574342 HEY, OVER HERE

Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out. Seeking SCM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant. \$611221

JOURNEY WITH ME... through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance. travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries to-

gether! 2605996 SEMI-RETIRED SBF, 61, 5'8", 165lbs, very care-free, loyal, honest, enjoys reading,

flea markets, antiques, long walks and travel. Seeking BM, 58-61, with similar interests. \$\$649333 CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH? Spontaneous SWF, 61. 5'4". average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, trav-el, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. 2962703

Seeking caring relationship with warm-hearted, independent man who enjoys family, theater, travel.

THICK AND HEALTHY SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. **2**534802

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, good conversation, trivia, genealogy, restaurants, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60. **2**260061

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **5**692418

LOOKING FOR A LADY SWM, 38, Scorpio, smoker, seeks WF, 28-47, for a long-term relationship. 2679744

SPONTANEOUS SPIRIT Italian SWM, 39, 6'4", average build, N/S, likes to stay active, enjoys romantic weekend getaways, spending time outdoors, all kinds of music, seeks woman, 35-42, N/S, for LTR. 2688188

EASYGOING GUY SWM, 51, 6'1", 210lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for LTR. 2255073

CALL ME SBM, 28, 5'9', 170lbs, independ-ent, down-to-earth, seeks fun-loving, down-to-earth, honest BF, 20-39, for dating, possibly leading to more. \$\$676077

QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE SWM, 56, 5'8", brown/blue, physical build, N/S, enjoys every moment of life, ISO SF, 45-58, who loves motorcycles and freedom. 2491099

PICK A WINNER SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-look-ing, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. \$730508

GENTLE AND CUTE Active and attractive SWM, 58, good-natured, friendly gent enjoys outdoors, dancing, casinos, estate sales, etc. Seeking sincere, romantic, friendly lady. 23341899

BORED AND RESTLESS This blind date can be very interesting. Call me. A good guyl SWM, 40s, seeks SWF. 27891601 **OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING** Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spinted, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524

TAKE A CHANCE SBM, 20, 61", athletic build, smoker, Pistons fan, loves to play basketball and cook, seeks SWF, 18-33, smoker, for LTR. 2688854

MOVIE BUFF

Well-spoken SBM, 25, smoker, would like to chill with a single woman, 18-35, smoker. Friendship first, then see where it goes. **2689101**

A HONEST GENTLEMAN DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest, caring S/ DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candielight dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, mo-vies, for friendship, possible LTR. **2**507073

MAGIC IN THE MAKING? Mystical man, SWM, 39, trusting and warm-hearted, enjoys life's adventures, exploring, and taking new chances. Seeks a mysterious, magnificent female compan-ion. 2234512

I REALLY BELIEVE ...

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. 2686509

ROMANCE AND YOU... over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could

make you really happy. 2799032 LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, attractive SW/HF,age and height open, who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading to LTR. 2837750

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Dance, flirt and have fun with me! SWM, 40s, seeks friendship with a good-natured, fun-to-be-with SWF, 35-50. 2283848

NEW TO THIS WM, 45, loves exercise, playing music and more. Looking for a WF with similar interests. A plus if you like classic rock. 2647670

WILLING TO SHARE SWM, 47, 5'11", smoker, muscular build, carpenter, enjoys woodworking, art, music, spending time outdoors, seeks SWF, 35-55, who is mature, not into games. **2**681688

NEED A SEXY LADY SWM, 48, average build, hard-working, loves to have fun, looking for a sincere woman, 45-50, for LTR. Redford area. 2604036 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/

blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities seek friendly SF, age/location open. 2531308 ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor. But will consider others. **2**642092

a and ro Seeks sincere lady companion. **2**604683

I'LL HELP YOU ...

JUST SAY WHEN ...

FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA Handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/ daughter age 11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! 2711245

COULD WE MEET? and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, goodlooking SWM wants to meet inter-esting SWF, 30s-40s. 2764071 I PREFER KINDHEARTED ... with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks good friend and true part-

ner. Looks and age not that important. I just want someone real! 2783752

YOU AND ME SBM, 52, 5'8", 190lbs, takes good care of himself, and is seeking woman, 32-46, who is easy on the eyes and fun to be with. **22**496257 JUMP START YOUR LOVE Realistic, respectful SWM. 45. believes in destiny and chemistry.

Seeks a special SWF sweet-heart. 27878507 WANT TO BE MY SWEET-

HEART? SWM, 49, fit, healthy, nice-looking, with good attitude, seeks charming, cheenful SWF, 39-59, for dating and relating. 2956021

LETS TRY THIS OUT Nice SWM, 40s, energetic, accommodating, easy to talk to, seeks a great lady for friendship and love. 2258398

VERY INTERESTING Well-maintained SWM, 56, who 131, enjoys keeping in touch with cur-

long relationship. 2663251

Rea! rent events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations Let's meet limit. over coffee and see what devel-080 ops. 2259844 οŝ

JUST WANT TO BE HAPPY How about you? BM, 51, 5'8", 190lbs, looking for BF, 42-53, for мен dating, possibly more. 2674290 Dac

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and 66) (3) secure. Seeking honest S/DWF, sense of humor, enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancwer ing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. 283 **2**269646

LOOKING FOR MY SMILE

Retired DWM, 5'9", sweet pea looking to meet pretty SJF 55-65. who enjoys dining out, movies dancing, and romance. Me: 72 and cuddly. 27497872

WHY NOT CALL??? នបខ Your sweetheart is waiting! Good- 91.13 looking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has a plan if he's your man, so why not call??? 2358502 49

BRINGING US TOGETHER Why go it alone? If you're a 38K decent, friendly lady, I'm a niceing to connect. 2534514 nT

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AN EASYGOING GUY Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 46, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, 0...0 who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the out-

doors, friendship, possible LTR. **2**679006



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