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Canton police looking for serial robber

BY DARRELL CLEM AND CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITERS

Canton police are looking for a serial robber and his female accomplice who may have held up as many as six businesses in Canton, Westland and Northville.

The most recent of the robberies was at a Citgo gas station at Michigan Avenue and Lotz on Saturday, June 18.

According to police, the robber came into the store at about 10:40 p.m. He's described as a white man, about 20 years old, and was wearing blue jeans, a blue T-shirt, and a ball cap.

Police said he pulled out a silver handgun and tried to rob the business. The clerk refused to give the suspect any money and he left, taking only a magazine and a couple packs of cigarettes.

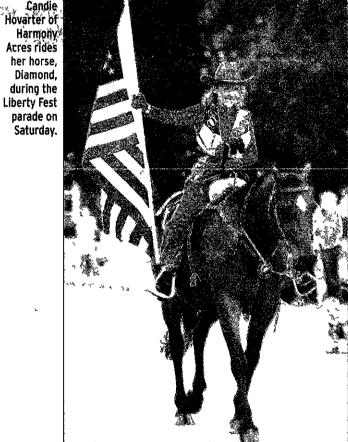
Just a few days earlier and a few miles away, a Westland store clerk reported a similar hold-up on June 13.

A man held up a Westland business at Michigan Avenue and Merriman, police Lt.

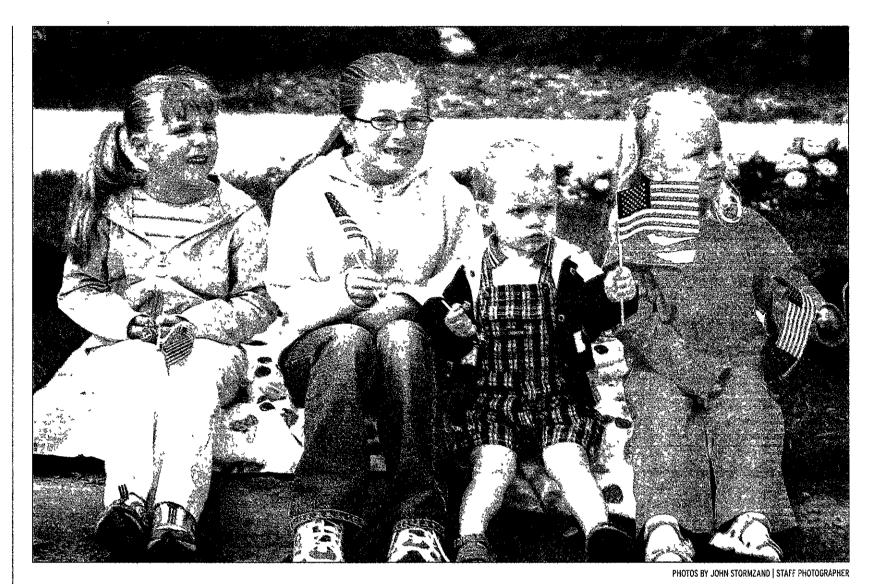
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Day care owner charged with sexual abuse

Parade watchers, left to right, Brenna Joyce, 6, Kelsey Joyce, 8, Seth Yeakle, 2, and Aydan Joyce, 3, all from Canton, take in the sights at Liberty Fest on Saturday.







BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A 43-year-old Canton woman could serve up to 15 years in jail if found guilty of sexual



abuse against a 2-year-old girl who was in the woman's care. Nancy Podorsek ran a licensed daycare facility in her home on London Court in Canton. According to the state of Michigan, her license allowed her to care for as many as six children at a time. But on May 16, 2005, the day of the alleged abuse, the tod-

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dler was the only child in her care, said Canton Police Detective Chad Baugh.

PLEASE SEE ABUSE, A5

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Liberty Fest proved once again that it is a Canton tradition, as big crowds turned out all weekend to make the event a huge success, according to organizers.

"We're very pleased with the four days," said Bob Dates, who has coordinated Liberty Fest for all of its 14 years. "The crowds seemed bigger or just as big as any of the other festivals in the past. The crowd Saturday night for the fireworks was the biggest I've ever seen."

With the exception of a few unruly teens attempting to start fights on Friday, there were very few problems during the four-day event. According to Public Safety Directory John

Santomauro, police only had to make one arrest all weekend, when they picked up a 22-year-old male for public intoxication on Saturday during the fireworks.

'We did not see any incidents that were abnormal for a special event of this kind. It was pretty quiet," he said.

Many who attended the festival said it was much bigger this year, with many new activities.

Canton resident Jerry Naujokas came out Saturday with his wife and daughter. It was his first Liberty Fest in a couple years, because he was living out of state due to a work assignment. He definitely noticed a difference over the last Liberty Fest he attended.

PLEASE SEE FEST, A8

Lansing rally pushes Legislature for more school funding

Berkshire Middle School Principal Jim Moll (holding sign) joined more than 10,000 others Tuesday on the lawn of the state Capitol building in Lansing at the rally to support passage of education funding bills before legislators.



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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Karen Ensor said she's felt the effects of the lack of state funding for education, both personally and professionally.

As a media specialist at Smith Elementary in Plymouth the past dozen years, Ensor has seen how the lack of state foundation grant increases is affecting her professional life in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"I can't buy books, I can't buy software, I can't give the staff the time and support they deserve," Ensor said. "I now have to share the media center with the before and after school programs, so that makes it off-limits to students who want to use the library as a library."

As a parent, the Plymouth mother of two has noticed a difference in the quality of education her son and daughter have received while being educated in Plymouth-Canton schools.

"There are 10 years between my children, and my son is not getting the same level of resources available to him that my daughter did when she went through," she said.

Ensor decided enough was enough and traveled Tuesday to Lansing to join more than 10,000 parents, educators and school officials in one of the largest rallies in recent memory on the lawn of the state Capitol, sponsored by the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future. The 400,000-member group is supporting two bills that would increase state funding for public education.

"We envision a quality education for every child in the state of Michigan, and failure is not an option," Donna Oser, director of the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, told the crowd. "We've had enough, and we've come here to say we won't stand for less than enough to provide a future for our children."

The K-16 Coalition is pressing the state Legislature to pass House Bill 4582 and Senate Bill 246, which call for a minimum yearly funding increase in state budgets for K-12 schools, community colleges and universities. The minimum funding increase would be based on the rate of inflation, or 5 percent, whichever is less.

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School openings

St. Michael Christian School still has openings available for 4year olds (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) in the afternoon session (12:40-3:10 p.m.) and for 3year olds (Tuesday and Thursday) in the morning (9:00 - 11:30 a.m.) and afternoon (12:40-3:10 p.m.) sessions. The school also has openings in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Our summer office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Thursday. St. Michael Christian School is located inside of St.

DEATHS

A Ester Ann Brown McKinney Atkin, 83, of Dearborn, died June 19. B

Elizabeth Ann Bowman, of Beverly Hills, died June 9.

Natalie Cherundolo, 86, died June 18.

Thomas F. Daly Jr., 93, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died June 15. Ronald J. "Ron" DuCharme, 77, of Clarkston, died June 14.

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H. Howard Flint II, 66, died June 14.

Hazel Dittrich Geiger, 87, formerly of Beverly Hills and Rochester Hills, died June 2.

Norbert "Joe" Halliday, 77, of Westland, died June 20. Pamelia T. Hamilton, 51, of Morriston, Fla., formerly of Auburn Hills, died June 19. John Neil Hays, 87, died June 12. Kenneth A. Jahnke, of Clarkston, died June 10.

William S. (Bill) Kenyon Jr., 83, formerly of Birmingham, died June 16. Þ

AROUND CANTON

Michael Lutheran Church at 7000 Sheldon Rd in Canton. For more information please call (734) 459-9720.

Concerts in the park

Thursday Concerts in the Park series continues this evening when The Classics play the Heritage Park Amphitheater from 7:30-9 p.m. The free concerts continue through Aug. 4. The remainder of the schedule includes:

🖬 June 30 --- Terri Lea & The Mustangs



found inside today's At Home in Passages on page B5.

Arnold C. "Whitey" Peterson, 83, of Green Oak Township, died June Deborah Polkowski, 52, died June 20. Arthur Frederick Schmidt, 89, of

Westland, died June 16. Otis Andrew Smith, 83, of Bloomfield Hills, died June 19. w Robert John Wilson, 80, of

Hillman, died June 15. Laudray R. Yoerg, 76, of Farmington Hills, died June 16.

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🖬 July 28 -- The YellowSub Marines

Aug. 4 -- The Secrets

Water quality testing

On May 18, Tonda Elementary students along with students from Logan Elementary School in Ann Arbor, and Romulus Middle School participated in the Rouge Education Project, a program that promotes awareness and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed through school-based water quality monitoring, investigating and problem solving.

The students monitored biological, chemical and physical characteristics of the Lower 1 subwatershed, which includes most of Canton.

After monitoring nine different chemical parameters of water quality, including pH, dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand, total phosphates. nitrates, fecal coliform bacteria, turbidity, change in temperature, and total solids, results showed the Lower 1 to have the highest overall water quality value.

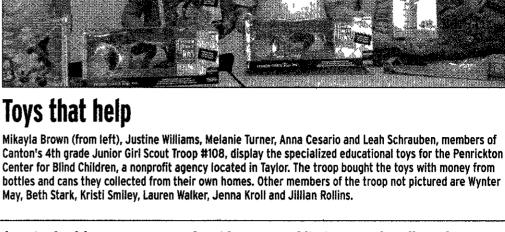
Last fall the Lower 1 scored a 67.8 in overall water quality value, giving it a "medium" rating. This year it received a score of 80.1 moving it up to "good." Other areas of the Rouge that

received a "good" rating were the Middle 1 subwatershed and the Upper subwatershed. The remaining areas received a "medium" rating.

The student data is posted on the Friends of the Rouge Web site at www.therouge.org. For more information please call Courtney Shosh, Rouge Education Project Coordinator, at (313) 792-9626.

Library Essay Contest

Has the Canton Public Library made a difference in your life? Write about it and you could win \$100.



The Friends of the Canton Public Library and the Multicultural Initiative Committee are sponsoring a Summer Writing 2005 essay contest, open to all Canton residents entering 3rd through 12th grade. The top two winners in each category will receive a \$100 cash prize and a custom READ poster using their picture.

It's easy to enter. Just pick up an application at the reception desk in the library or submit your essay online at www.cantonpl.org/essay.htm. All

submissions must be received by August 12. There are three different age categories with prizes awarded

to the top two essayists in each group. For students entering 3rd - 5th grade, write a one page essay on the topic "Why I Love the Canton Public Library."

Students entering 6th - 8th grade have a 250 word limit to explain "How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me in School and in Life.

"How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me Grow as an Individual" is the theme for students entering 9th - 12th



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grade, with a 500 word limit. A judging panel consisting of library staff, Friends of the Canton Public Library board and the Multicultural Initiative Committee will determine the winners in each category. Prizes will be awarded the week of August 20. Entrants must be Canton residents.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 397-0999 or ask at the reception desk at the library.

NMU grads

Several Canton residents graduated from Northern Michigan University in May 2004, including: Katherine A. Chamulak (practical nursing); Tiffany Grubaugh (B.S. in sports science); Toni T. Hernalsteen (B.S. in communication disorders); and Nicole F. Lang (B.S. in entrepreneurship).

Make a craft

Michael's Arts and Crafts, located at 41904 Ford Road in Canton, will be hosting a free family event from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. Families are invited to drop in and make a craft, play carnival games, win prizes and enjoy refreshments.

All activities are free. For more information, call (734) 981-6578.

Spotlight auditions Spotlight Players is holding

auditions for "The Sound of Music" on July 18 and July 19

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at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge --- use stage door at rear).

Registration is at 6:30 p.m. Bring a non-returnable photo and resume. For more information, go to www.spotlightplayers.net or call (734) 480-4945.

Meet the author

Canton author Ray Fraser will participate in Meet the Author Night at 5:30 p.m. on June 28 at Mystiques-West in Westland, which is located at 36356 Ford Road. There will be discussion on all of Fraser's books, which will also be available for sale. All books will be autographed if desired by the purchaser.

At 8 p.m., Fraser will give a lecture on his books, publishing and the upcoming release of his newest novel "Featherless Wings."

Fraser has penned five suspense-filled novels. "I am the Father's son" is Ray's most recent offering and was released in January of 2005. This book follows as the author presents an autobiographical journey of his quest for spiritual enlightenment. Included in this book is a "How To" section with information to help those seeking spiritual enfoldment.

For more information go to Fraser's Web site at www.mystiques-west.com, or contact Mystiques-West at (734) 729-8019.

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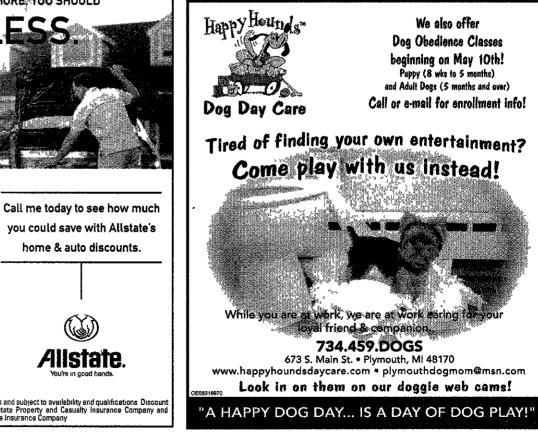
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Strolling through Sweetwater

Crimboli Nursery transformed into miniature village

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It has no Zip code. Nor does it have a permanent population. But Sweetwater Farm Village is offering a welcome to town with a grand celebration this weekend.

Sweetwater Farm Village is a replica of a miniature town, sitting on a few acres at Dennis Crimboli Nursery and Landscape, 50145 Ford Road in Canton. Its six buildings house garden and landscaping merchandise, and near the edge of the village, a farm critter coral is the home to miniature horses, a hen, ducks, sheep and Betsy, a rescued goat.

"This is one of my favorite buildings," said Linda Crimboli, Duchess of Sweetwater Farm Village (who also happens to own the lawn and garden business with her husband, Dennis). She walked around the inside of Chester's Barber Shop and Bath House, inspecting bird baths and sprinklers. "My dad was a barber for many, many years, so the barbershop has special meaning for me." Though each of the build-

ings in the village is set up to display merchandise (priced anywhere from \$3 to \$2,000) Sweetwater Farms is more than a sales tool, Crimboli said.

It would have been easier to just construct additional space, but building the village was a way of giving back to the community, she said.

"Really, people don't have to buy a thing," she said. "Of course we hope they want to, but it's OK with me if they just come and enjoy the village like I do. It's so pretty here."

Sweetwater Farms Village will host an open house this weekend. Saturday, the village will welcome a clown who will entertain guests, as will a fiddler and a barbershop quartet. Guests will enjoy popcorn and snow cones and there will be a



There's an assortment of animals at the zoo.

raffle of items from a variety of restaurants and service providers in the Canton area. The village is stroller-friendly and handicap accessible.

In the future, Crimboli hopes the village will be host to garden clubs and landscaping workshops, as well as pet adoption days and other events that benefit the community. For more information, call Dennis Crimboli Nursery and Landscape at (734) 495-1700, or stop by 50145 Ford Road in Canton. Hours are Monday -Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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"Red" California

Dennis, and Linda Crimboli, known for palm trees on Ford Road, built a small village to display their products.

Congregation to meet one last time before moving

BY CAROT MARSHALL STAFF WRITER ----

A little Canton church is moving forward, but in order to do that it will for a time be back where it started.

Crosswinds Community Church began in 1978, and met in a local high school before moving into its current building on Ford Road. Starting July 10, the congregation of between 150 and 200 will meet at Dodson Elementary while its new church is being planned and constructed.

"Crosswinds in the midst of a pretty significant transition," said the Rev. Jon Beyer. "We've sold our existing land at Ford and Canton Center, which will be part of a commercial development."

The church made enough money from the sale to buy a larger parcel - 25 acres - on Cherry Hill between Beck and

ROBBER

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James Ridener said.

ing to police reports.

ed the robber as saying.

No shots were fired.

A man entered the store about

7:40 p.m., asked a male employee

shelf and then revealed what was

semiautomatic handgun, accord-

"There's been a change in the

The bandit pointed the gun at

the employee, demanded money

from the cash register and then

fled with the money and some

Xbox merchandise, police said.

man as a white male, about 5-

foot-11, unshaven with a thin

build. He wore a baggy, a navy

The worker described the gun-

transaction," the employee quot-

to get two Xbox games from a

described as a nickel-plated,

Canton Center. This Sunday

This Sunday, the congregation will hold its final service on Ford Road.

"It's going to be a celebration of God's faithfulness and the telling of the story of the church that was started in the high school and is now moving back into a school," Beyer said.

Seven years ago, the church had been struggling for a while and Beyer was brought in to help revitalize the congregation.

The church has since been blessed, and hopes to break ground on its new building this fall, he said.

Crosswinds Community Church meets at 10 a.m. on Sundays. For more information call (734) 981-0499 or visit online at www.crosswindscanton.org.

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blue Polo-style shirt and a baseball cap. He also wore blue jean shorts or pants.

One witness told police she saw a man run to a vehicle parked behind the location and throw merchandise into the trunk. A white woman was in the car, and got out to open the trunk for the robber, according to police. She drove away, but the man left on foot.

Authorities brought a police dog in from the Wayne Police Department, but the suspect couldn't be found.

Part of the unusual nature of the suspect's robberies is that the robber doesn't make off with much merchandise or cash, according to police, who believe he may have robbed two gas stations, two Radio Shack stores, and two'video game stores.



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To see a complete list of new materials added to the library's catalog this week, visit http://catalog.cantonpl.org/ftlist.

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TOOLS TAKEN

Canton police are investigating a theft from a driveway in the 7000 block of Heron Way. According to police reports, the homeowner, a 37-year-old man, left his home at around 5 p.m. June 15, and when he returned just 15 minutes later, his tool box was missing.

He said he had left the toolbox and \$600 worth of tools in the driveway. There are no suspects.

TABLE TAKEN

A manager at Stylecraft Printing, 8558 Ronda Drive, called police after someone took a white plastic table from outside the building.

According to police reports, the table was used by employees during breaks, and sometime between June 11 and June 13. the table went missing. It's valued at \$375.

ABUSE

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Podorsek was charged with second-degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony, and third-degree child abuse, a two-year misdemeanor. She was arraigned June 17 and a plea of not guilty was entered on her behalf at the 35th District Court.

According to Baugh, Podorsek had become angry with the little girl when the toddler soiled herself and needed a bath, and that's when the abuse occurred. The girl's mother (the girl and mother do not live in Canton) discovered bruising on the girl's genitals and took her

COP CALLS

PURSE MISSING

A Canton woman called police at 10 a.m. on June 15 after someone took her purse from a grocery cart.

She told police that she had been shopping at the Kroger on Michigan Avenue, and had paid for her groceries. She unloaded her cart and

drove home, then noticed that her purse was missing. She said she's certain she had the purse when she paid for her groceries and thinks someone may have stolen it while she was loading bags into her car. Her purse contained cash, credit cards, a cell phone and checkbook.

TRAILER BREAK-IN

The manager of West Pointe mobile home park called police on June 16 when she discovered that someone had stolen a new washer and dryer from a newly delivered trailer.

to see a doctor, who confirmed the bruising. Podorsek admitted she may

have scrubbed too hard with a towel during her bath, and has been "remorseful" about hurting her, Baugh said. Though Podorsek has not

said her actions were sexual in nature, state law as it applies to sexual abuse addresses an element of humiliation, and because the injury was in a sexual area of the girl's body, the law allows for a sexual abuse charge, Baugh said.

The parents of the other children in Podorsek's daycare were informed of the abuse, and Podorsek has voluntarily closed the day care during the investigation and upcoming legal process, Baugh said.

She said the trailer arrived on site on June 1, and it has been locked and unoccupied since. However, on June 16, she noticed the washing machine and dryer, valued at \$800, missing from the mobile home.

There were no signs of forced entry and police have no suspects.

LAWN GOODS LIFTED

Canton police are investigating a series of lawn ornament thefts.

According to police, residents on Amsterdam Street reported the lawn ornaments missing on June 16. They think someone took them during the previous night. Missing are a \$25 flower pot,

a kitten statue valued at \$25, a \$25 gazing ball, and a \$125 statue of Puss in Boots. There were no witnesses and police have no suspects.

-- By Carol Marshall

"There had been no prior complaints against her and no other parent had noticed anything unusual," Baugh said. "I think this was uncharacteristic (of Podorsek), from my understanding." Podorsek will appear in

court on July 1 for a preliminary examination. She has been released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

According to state records, there are in Michigan more than 18,000 regulated child care homes and centers, including 10,000 family child care homes, 3,500 group child care homes and more than

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4,500 child care centers.

Detroit Pistons score with donation to Haven

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Like Chauncey Billups sinking a crucial 3-pointer or Tayshaun Prince blocking an opponent's game-winning shot, the Detroit Pistons have emerged as true victors this NBA season for a local veterans group.

The Pistons and their home, The Palace of Auburn Hills, donated \$33,300 to Veterans Haven Inc. during the halftime of Sunday's game against the San Antonio Spurs. The money, given by The Pistons-Palace Foundation, came from the \$5 admission that fans pay to get inside The Palace for an opportunity to watch out-of-town games on "Palace Vision," said Dennis Sampier, the foundation's director of community relations.

"It's a way to give back to the community," he said.

Specifically, the money donated to Veterans Haven came from Pistons fans who paid money to watch the seventh game against the Miami Heat and the first game against the Spurs.

"This is just fantastic," Veterans Haven President Vince Berna said.

Sam Jenkins, Veterans Haven counselor and housing manager, accepted the check on Sunday.

The Pistons-Palace Foundation chose the veterans group as part of a program this NBA season to recognize Michigan heroes, Sampier said.

"As part of that, we wanted to recognize (Veterans Haven) as being the true heroes that they are," he said.

Veterans Haven has an outreach center in Wayne and a transitional housing facility in Westland for veterans who are down on their luck.

Since it was formed in 1994, the organization has helped veterans by donating more than 250 vehicles, more than 1 million pounds of food, three mobile homes, clothing, medical equipment, household appliances and financial assistance for housing, Berna said.

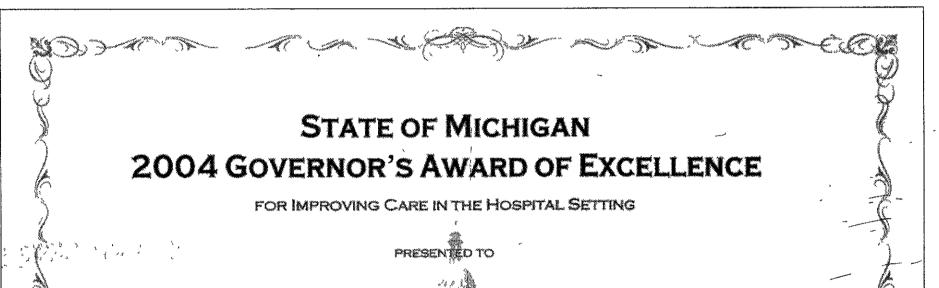
Veterans Haven uses at least 94 cents for every dollar it raises to directly help veterans. Its next goal is to build an \$1 million affordable housing complex to serve western Wayne County veterans from such communities as Westland, Garden City, Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne, among others.

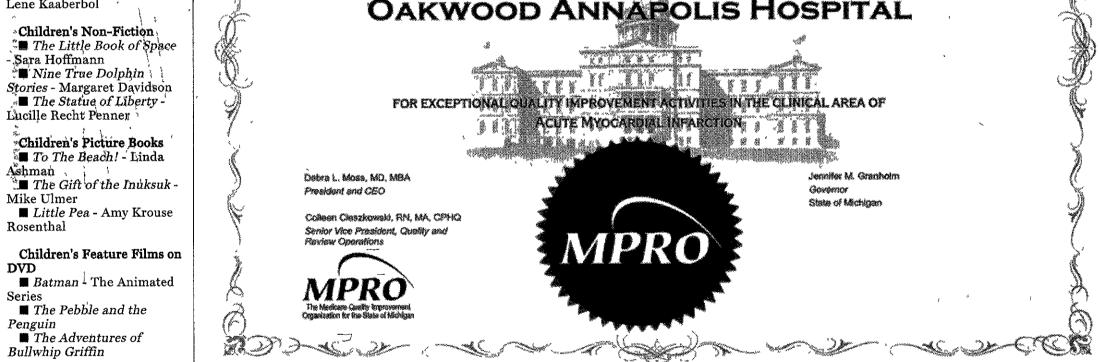
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The \$33,300 received from The Pistons-Palace Foundation will be put aside for that project, Berna said. Veterans Haven has received accolades for helping hard-luck veterans - some of them homeless - find jobs and work their way toward independent living.

The Pistons-Palace Foundation also has helped other charities, including the **Epilepsy Foundation of** Michigan and Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit, Sampier said.

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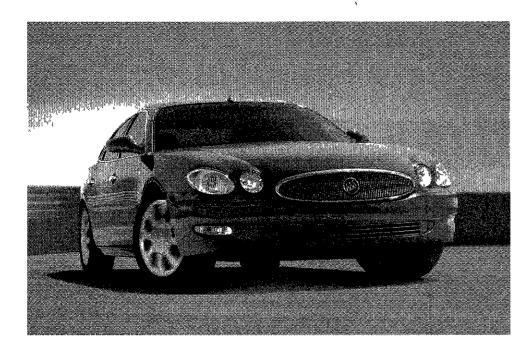
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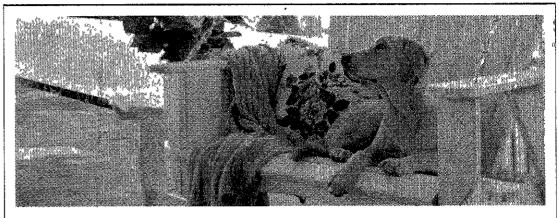
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"It's gotten a lot larger than the last time I came. It is just nuge, ne said. Canton is growing, so I guess Liberty Fest is growing along with it."

Canton resident Danielle Potter, 19, who came out Saturday to watch the fireworks, said it was nice to see a few activities targeted toward teens. She said her favorite part of Liberty Fest is the people watching.

"Liberty Fest is a nice place to come and gather," she said. "It's just fun walking around and checking everybody out."

Kim Hauk-Hart, who manages Mary's Farm Market, was one of the vendors with a booth at the Liberty Fest MarketPlace, which featured entertainers, local businesses and arts and crafts It was the

first time she participated in Liberty Fest, and she was happy with the results. She made some decent sales, and gained some exposure for her business. She also enjoyed the festival.

It was definitely worth it to get a booth. We sold a lot of perennial flowers," she said. "I brought three employees, and they were able to get around to all the other activities. We had a lot of fun."

Dates said organizers are still trying to assess how many people came out, which they do by counting receipts from some of the activities.

"We haven't counted all the revenues yet, but it appears we had record sales in both the Kids Fun Zone and the Taste of Canton. From all indications, it was the most successful Liberty Fest in 14 years," Dates said.

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Keith Volante (left) puts a New York strip steak on Steve Steffani's plate during the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Steak and Ale dinner on Saturday.





Canton resident Rebecca Zhou, 15, and her sister (standing behind her), Patricia, 11, perform the Peacock Dance on Saturday.







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RALLY

FROM PAGE A1

"We're willing to sacrifice everything and anything to make sure that message is heard," said Terrance McClain, a member of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

McClain said the \$175 increase in the per-pupil foundation grant allowance proposed by legislators is a sleightof-hand.

"They're taking it from other areas in order to bring it back to the foundation allowance, McClain said. "But they're cutting back some of the grants for reading recovery and other categoricals. It looks to the public like they're in favor of public education, when they are really moving money from one place to the other."

Judy Morante, retired for two years after a 34-year teaching career at Thurston High School in the South Redford district, made the trek to lend her support.

"My whole career I saw funding problems," Morante said. "When I taught, the district was able to provide field trips and could use school buses. Now students have to pay to go on field trips, and materials have been cut dramatically."



ALAN WARD I DAILY PRESS & ARGUS Thousands rallied in Lansing to show

support for increased funding of public education.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm. whose long-term goal is to increase the number of college graduates in the state, received a rousing welcome, especially when the Democratic governor criticized Republican lawmakers.

"We have to make the Republican-controlled Legislature do the right thing for children," Granholm said. "We have to ask them to chose between investing in our kids, and pouring money into tax giveaways for special interests."

Carolyn Norris-Deyell, presi-

dent of the 1,200-member Livonia teachers union, said Proposal A is failing school districts.

"It's based on an economy that's booming, and our economy in Michigan isn't booming, Norris-Devell said. "The priority has to be to turn this state around, and change it from an industrial into a technology base. And the best way to do that is to educate our children. That's where the priority has to be.'

In 1997, Mark Slavens of Canton Township started the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding. After three major summits which attracted school districts and legislators from across the state, the funding issue appeared to be dormant, until Tuesday's rally.

'Education funding is getting worse and worse, and my prediction is coming true: the state Legislature and the governor were not adequately funding schools." Slavens now president of the **Plymouth-Canton Schools** Board of Education - said before the rally. "I think they (legislators) will listen, but whether they have the courage to stand up and do something for children, I'm not so sure."

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Retiring Schoolcraft VP Tomey has seen college grow, change

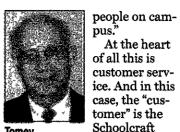
BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Life for a Schoolcraft College student has changed quite a bit during the 31-year tenure of John Tomey, who is retiring as executive vice president on June 30.

For starters, Schoolcraft students see a greater number of other students milling around the campus than they did in the past. When Tomey joined Schoolcraft in 1974, enrollment hovered around 10,000. Today, enrollment is about 30,000. Another big change is that the

big lines students traditionally waited in to enroll for classes and buy books can be circumvented via the Internet. Now, students may register for classes on-line, as well as purchase books and perform a number of other functions, including checking grades and applying for financial aid, electronically.

"We try to make things convenient while trying to maintain a personal touch." Tomey said. "We have found that students need to connect with



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look at," Tomey said of offering

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It's an exciting possibility." Offering nursing as a four-

year program is just one option Schoolcraft would have, if the JI state legislature approved the Lag change.

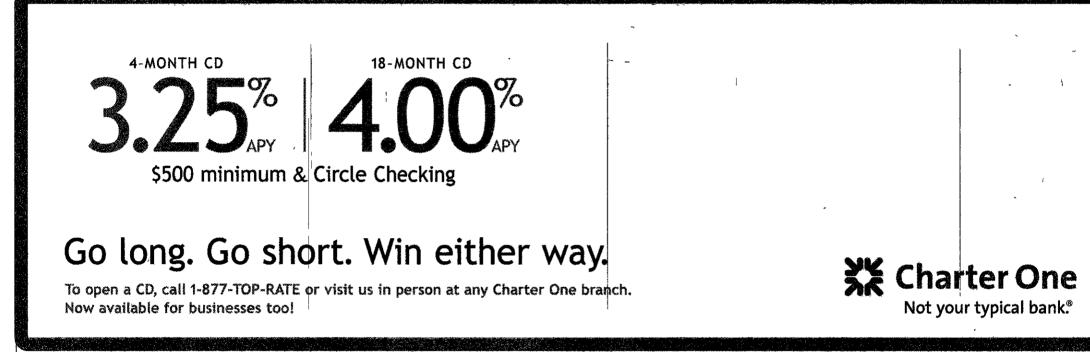
"There is a drastic nursing shortage," Tomey said.

When he first arrived at Schoolcraft, Tomey's job was director of financial aid. In 1974, an estimated \$500,000 of was distributed to students through financial aid. n 6

"This year, we'll probably exceed \$10 million," he said. Financial aid remains an

essential lifeline for students. "Without those funds, there's probably be a lot of student who couldn't afford to go to college. The need for financial aid has increased substantially over the years."

Tomey's second job at Schoolcraft began in 1980, when he became director of admissions in addition to financial aid. In 1995, he became dean of student services, became vice president for enrollment services in 2000 and executive vice president in 2004.



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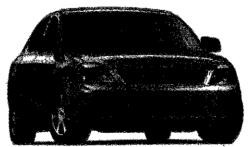
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OUR VIEWS Liberty Fest is a Canton tradition

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All of the people - both township officials and the countless volunteers - who helped organize this year's Liberty Fest are probably still catching their breath now that the event is in the rear-view mirror.

A lot of planning went into this year's festival, which was evident in all the entertainment, activities and displays that blanketed Heritage Park over the weekend. Organizers promised a bigger and better event, and that's what they produced. It didn't matter if you were young or old, Liberty Fest had all the bases covered.

All weekend the Kids Fun Zone was filled with laughter and giddy shrieks, as the little ones rode the carnival rides, tested the climbing wall and bounced on the many inflatables that were set up. This year there were also several activities geared toward teens, who definitely turned out in droves, particularly to see the Battle of the Bands. Although there were a few reports of teens being unruly, most behaved themselves.

Adults and seniors also had many choices at Liberty Fest, including bingo, excellent cuisine at the Taste of Canton and browsing the many vendor booths set up at Marketplace, which was a new feature this year. And that's just to name a few, because there were more activities than one person could do in a day.

Although festival organizers are still assessing the fourday event, they believe crowds were as big or bigger than past Liberty Fest events. The Saturday night fireworks were particularly well-attended. It didn't hurt that the weather was fair to excellent all weekend.

Despite the big crowds, there were just a few instances where the police were needed. Only one person was arrested all weekend — an intoxicated man who was later taken to the hospital due to alcohol poisoning.

Without a doubt, the festival is one of the main ways people in the Canton community come out to show their hometown pride. Appealing to that pride has been the mission of Liberty Fest since its inception 14 years ago.

Bob Dates, who has coordinated the event since the beginning, said his main goal, and that of others festival organizers, has been to create a Canton family tradition. Canton itself has changed much in the decade and a half since the first Liberty Fest. Dates and others have done a good job making sure the festival has evolved to reflect those changes. And, like Canton itself, the crowds over the weekend were very diverse — both in age and ethnicity. It was evident over the weekend that the community

as definitely embraced Liberty Fest. Kudos to all those



Poger not reasonable

Leonard Poger (guest column, June 12) claims the Palestinian state should be created east of the Jordan River in what is now Jordan. Never mind that Israel has signed a peace treaty with this nation. Peace is not on his agenda.

He claims the occupied territories of the West Bank are not really occupied, rather disputed. Tell that to children who have to pass by Israeli armor on their way to school or to a mother who lost her child to one of Israel's "accidental" killings.

The Observer & Eccentric should reserve space for people who are informed and reasonable. Mr. Poger is neither.

> Ibrahim Kandah Canton

Thanks – whoever you are

I am writing this letter to tell what happened to five senior ladies who were dining at the Mexican Fiesta restaurant in Canton on June 9. We are all friends that live at Canton Place. It wasn't very busy when we got to the restaurant. We were seated at a round table in the front of the place. The waiter's name was Sam. He took our orders - we all had hamburgers, fries and cold drinks. There was a lady sitting in a booth in back of us who we didn't know, and she didn't know us. She was by herself and wearing a pink shirt. Our five people were having a good time when it came time to ask for our bill. The waiter Same told us it was our lucky day, because our bill was paid for. We were all stunned by this. We found out it was the lady sitting by herself who paid it. I am writing this to let her know we thank her very much. It was a kind thing to do. We appreciate it much more than we can say. In our book, this lady is an angel. This is something that has never happened to us. **Betty Marudas Betty Zaczek Rosemary Patera** Bette Bologna Patricia Crawford Canton

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A quick visit to the Canton DDA Web page at www.canton-mi.org will provide a wealth of information about the DDA and its activities. In particular, we have highlighted an impressive array of new businesses there, which speaks to the success of the efforts of the DDA and the Canton community as a whole, to support its retail and commercial district. I consider it a privilege to help represent an outstanding community that can attract a highly sought-after business like IKEA and all that it will bring Canton and to the state of Michigan.

Contrary to what David Coleman may suggest, these parents were not armed with "enough money," but rather with hard data. Data that Coleman and the housing committee could have analyzed themselves were they not too lazy or inept to do so. The parents had to do Coleman's job for him.

Apparently Coleman prefers to base his conclusions, not on facts and figures, but rather on stereotypes and hearsay. There is a real problem in the school district when someone responsible for the kid's education tries to set policy based on his resentment toward "Plymouth-Canton's wealthiest homeowners," and what he may have "overheard" while "walking through the hallways."

> **Tom Roelofs** Plymouth

Game of denial

It's a shame that Leonard Poger wishes to regurgitate the old argument that Jordan is Palestine in his June 12 Op-Ed. I don't really feel like going into histor lessons, but I would advise people with Poger's mindset to look at a map pre-May of 1948. Or is he suggesting that maps for the past 2,000 years have all been wrong and that the world has been involved in an elaborate centuries-old conspiracy? And for those who negate Palestinian existence by brushing them off as generic Arabs who can melt into other Arab countries, think about it like this - what do you think the reaction would be if we told Argentina's Spurs star Manu Ginobili to move to Mexico when the NBA series is over? After all, Mexicans and Argentines both speak Spanish and most are Roman Catholic. People in the Arab world may speak Arabic and most are Muslim, but they have their own unique history, dialects, monuments, and tradition. Similar concepts. Pssst, I recommend that we not excite Manu anymore than we need to, and that others stop playing this game of denial. **Sherri Muzher** Mason, Mich.

involved in making the event what it has become.

Let schools decide their election dates

What the public schools do not need from Lansing now is any more meddling in their affairs.

It's bad enough the state Legislature treats funding as a fiscal yo-yo, stringing the districts along with their per pupil allotments. Now the Legislature wants all the school districts to hold their annual elections in November.

Sounds reasonable, but it isn't that simple even though it would bring everyone onto one unified date, which would result in a savings by combining the school elections with general elections.

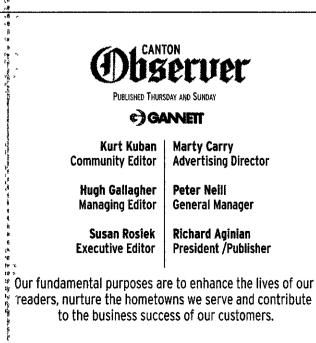
Last year the Legislature gave the state the option of holding their elections on one of four dates throughout the year. Most districts, including 27 of 28 in Oakland County, opted for a date in May. That was closest to the traditional June election date.

For the most part, the schools chose not to go with the November election date because they want their issues to stand alone and not get buried in potentially massive ballots littered with local, state and national issues and candidates.

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If the state Legislature wants a single election date, it should have proposed that to begin with. To come back after the fact with still another change only demonstrates the legislators' inability to think issues through before enacting legislation.

There's no excuse for that. And if the state really wants to help the schools, the legislators should come up with a consistent, realistic funding system that will stop the bleeding wound opened by Proposal A.



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Brock needs help

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As a member of the Board of Directors for the Canton Downtown Development Authority, I am writing to make clear some revenue questions that Mr. Alfred Brock has misstated in his letter, which appeared in the Canton Observer on June 9. Mr. Brock is considerably illinformed or confused about revenue sources for Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Districts. Maybe I can help.

The future IKEA development will most certainly have an important economic impact on the Canton community. However, none of the sales tax generated by IKEA or any other store, gets " ... plowed back into the DDA." The tax revenues managed by DDA consist of property taxes paid on improvements made to properties that lie within the DDA

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Mark R. Waldbauer Canton

A wonderful event

On April 30th I had the opportunity to work with hundreds of other Canton residents on the first ever Christmas in Action Day doing spring cleanup and home repairs for needy seniors in our area. It was an amazing undertaking and a tremendous example of how volunteers can come together within our own community, pool their talents and skills, and really make a difference in people's lives. I became aware of the initiative after hearing about it through the Canton Newcomers - a social, civic and charitable organization, and from Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo (a Christmas in Action board member).

The home I was part of was in need of extensive repairs inside and out -- evervthing from siding, roofing and plumbing, to tree removal and yard cleanup. It was incredible to see so many people from our community (young and not so young!) willing to give of their time, talents and just plain hard work for someone in need within our community. It was a wonderful community event that I hope will continue and grow in the years to come.

> **Michelle MacLellan** Canton

Don't shift overcrowding

I was at the school board meeting at Discovery Middle School when a group of parents from Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions presented their facts and figures on school overcrowding. The parents had researched the data extensively, and their findings made it quite clear that moving some Bird students to Farrand would shift, but not alleviate, the overcrowding problem in the district. It was also clear that there were numerous more effective alternatives.

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"It's impossible for us to tell if an applicant in any department, not just public safety, is a minority. We don't even want people to send us their photographs when they apply for a job, because we believe race and ethnic background should have no part in the hiring process."

- Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, on the township's hiring practices

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OTHER OPINIONS

May 5 might be symbolic start of crisis, but certainly not end

istorians take note: May 5, 2005, is going to turn out to have been a red-letter date in Michigan's history.

And I'm not thinking about Cinco de Mayo, the Mexican national holiday which commemorates the Mexican army's stunning defeat of the imperialist forces of France and the Austrian Emperor Maximilian at Puebla in 1862, a major milestone on the way to Mexican independence.

No, ours is a much more gloomy May 5. We are talking about the date when Standard & Poor's downgraded the bond ratings of both General Motors and Ford Motor Co. to what the headliners call "junk." Put in the fancy language the bond



Phil

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"investors should not invest in bonds of either of these companies for the long term."

rating agencies use, that means

When historians look back on our times, I suspect they'll seize on May 5 as the symbolic date at which it became painfully clear to all that Michigan was in a major economic crisis of a new kind.

The symptoms have been clear for years. Manufacturing employment, the traditional core of our economy, is hemor-

rhaging. Our largest employers - GM, Ford, Chrysler and much of the automotive supply chain - are losing market share and their investment grade credit rating.

Soon, some may be facing bankruptcy. We're tops in the nation for unemployment — and dead last when it comes to forming new companies. The state budget is structured to produce a chronic billion-dollar plus deficit every year, while the political system seems paralyzed and the politicians unable to do anything about it.

We're in serious trouble. We've had tough times in the past, yes. But today's crisis is quite unlike what we've faced before. It is the result of complex and widespread changes in the worldwide economy - think of outsourcing and offshoring jobs to China and India as just the start.

The causes are far deeper than the usual cyclical changes in the economy; as a result, this crisis will not be resolved merely by an upturn in the domestic business cycle and a few more domestic auto sales someday.

These facts are finally beginning to penetrate even the thick walls of denial put up by Lansing's political class. Take Gov. Jennifer Granholm, without a doubt the most gifted political communicator Michigan has seen in many years.

My sense is that her re-election strategy (she's up next year) has been to run as Ms. Congeniality. This means she intended to try to slide through the recurrent budget problems, cut deals with the GOP-controlled Legislature where possible and generally argue that while things may be tough

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just now, she's doing the best she can.

But the crisis has caught up with her careful, cautious planning. As anybody who heard the governor's speech at the Mackinac Island policy gathering (I wasn't there, but I read the text and have talked to plenty of people who were in the room), she didn't fudge this time around.

The governor made it clear that the biggest issue in Michigan is responding to the crisis, right now, and she talked about how vital it was to invest in Michigan's economic future via the \$2 billion bond proposal she wants to put on a statewide ballot later this year.

So what are the Republicans in the Legislature doing? Slow walking, that's what, doing just barely enough to avoid being labeled as obstructionists, but making sure nothing significant gets done before 2006.

That's to set up Richard De Vos, Amway heir and near-certain Republican nominee for governor, to proclaim that Granholm has done nothing to resolve Michigan's economic crisis, that he's an experienced businessman, that he has a plan ... you get the picture.

Even if that were true, Michigan can't wait. Personally, I think the governor should be telling the Republicans to follow, lead or get the hell out of the way. I think she should be talking about \$5 billion for her bond program, not a measly \$2 billion.

And I think she needs to be much, much more hard-edged, bold and comprehensive in proposing a strategy to tackle Michigan's crisis than she has been. We're in major trouble, and we can't afford to fool around.

Incidentally, I think that positioning a "bond" as the remedy for our crisis is making a basic linguistic mistake. Nobody associates the word "bond" with "crisis." The solution to this crisis is a serious restructuring plan, and the word emergency probably needs to be used. Often.

Mark my words. From now until the next statewide election in November 2006, Michigan politics and policy are bound to center around our present economic crisis. Like it or not, both parties will be obliged to address it - and they better do so realistically.

My friend, Mark Murray, now president of Grand Valley State University, offers another interesting historic parallel. He notes that May 5, 1959, was the date when Michigan suffered another symbolic financial and political crisis: payless paydays for state government employees, thanks to another financial crisis during which the politicians couldn't agree.

History always repeats itself, but seldom quite as neatly as this.

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Painful as it may be, experts say not to interfere with nature's course

he circle of life is painful to watch. A couple of weeks ago, I buried six wild bun-

nies in my back yard. I don't ever want to do that again. It was a thrill to watch them wriggle out of the nest in search of milk from their mother, but that joy quickly turned to sadness when my sister and I discovered them huddled together and lifeless.

We aren't sure if the mother was run over by a car — or if she was feeding them and they drowned during a downpour in the middle of the night. Either way, the experts say not to interfere with nature. I didn't. That's what makes it so painful. I can't help but feel that maybe if I had taken them into the

house and fed them with an eye dropper, they might have survived.

"We get calls in spring and fall about people finding babies," said Tim Patino, a Plymouth resident who serves on the board of the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary in Whittaker. "A man recently called about two bunnies that had fallen through a grate over a window well. I told him to pull them out of there and

release them in the morning or night, not during the day when they could be attacked."

Linda

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Patino would never bring them into the home he shares with two domestic rabbits adopted through the Rabbit Sanctuary. Although the nonprofit doesn't take in wild rabbits, it is available to answer questions at (734) 461-1726.

"I'd contact the wildlife rehabilitators," Patino said. "Bringing them in is not a good option because wild animals carry disease. If any animal is hurt, contact a veterinarian. A lot of them will take care of them, but then you have to get them back into the wild."

Anita McCranie suggests waiting to see if the mother returns. One of the pieces of advice she gives when answering the Friends of Wildlife helpline for cottontail rabbits is to place twigs on a nest in a tic tac toe pattern to see if it's disturbed. For more information, call

Good advice

In (Hugh Gallagher's) recent piece on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, he referenced the story of six blind men asked to describe an elephant, and stated that "As journalists, we work to 'see' the complete elephant and understand it. We seek out different sources, we track down different points of view, but

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(734) 670-1407. For squirrels, possums, raccoons, woodchuck, deer, fox, turtles and snakes, call (734) 913-9843. The help lines receive about 500 phone calls a year. The rabbit birthing season runs from April 1 until October. Friends of Wildlife is licensed through the Department of Natural Resources to rehabilitate and release animals into the wild whenever possible. Even with the training volunteers receive every spring only 10 percent of orphaned baby bunnies survive.

"A mother rabbit does not stay with her nest and visits twice a day to feed. If you find a baby and it can hop, it does not need rehab-y bing," McCranie said. "Only if we really think that mom has been killed do we recommend rehabilitation. Almost every cat caught rabbit will die. That's why they have five litters a year. Life expectancy is only about one year in the wild. They're a prey animal."

If you do find baby bunnies in your back yard, as I did, McCranie's advice is to tie up your dog. My Irish wolfhound, Shamrock, never realized the bunnies were there even though he's a sight hound. Squirrels frequently run right by him without a worry.

"Lots of times a mother will have a nest in the middle of a yard, where it's safer. Lots choose yards with dogs to keep prey away," McCranie said.

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we also try to nail down facts." (He should) follow his own good advice and present a balanced view regarding this conflict that includes fact checking and the Israeli perspective. Journalistic ethics demand it.

With a prayer for peace,

Karen Rosenstein

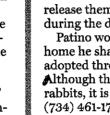
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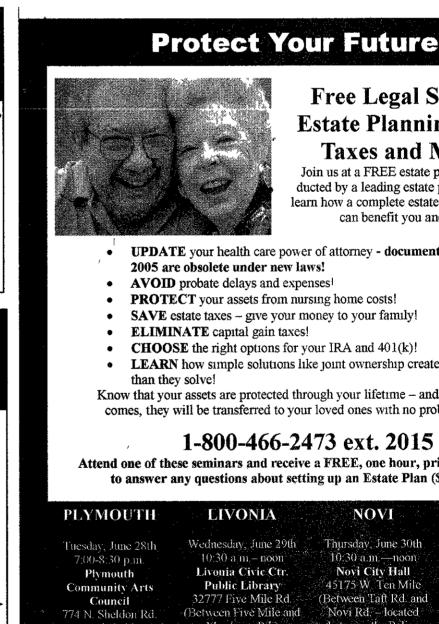
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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Organizing a garden walk isn't always as easy as you might think.

It seems like every year it gets more difficult for many of the local clubs to find new homes and gardeners who are willing to clean up their yards in a hurry and fill them with colorful perennials.

"A lot of people have lawns and foundation" plants, but they don't have the gardens," said. Georgia Randinitis, president of the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth. "Others may not want people walking through their yards." But the club always manages to get beautiful

vards for the walk.

Trailwood will feature six gardens on the club's 10th annual Flowers are Forever garden walk Tuesday, June 28. (See related chart.) The club chooses from gardeners who have volung teered their yard or from someone who has suggested a yard to be on the tour.

"People have different, interesting objects in their yard, many

are Forever garden walk in Plymouth. Features six gardens, many with water features, including an in-ground pool. The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden' Association, is the sponsor. When: noon to 8 p.m.,

shine. the day of the walk. Tickets are available at Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main St. in Plymouth, and Saxton's Garden Center.

have perennials that were given to them by family members or friends, or some have ponds," Randinitis said. One of the gardeners has more than 100 hostas in his yard. Two of the gardeners belong to the garden club, another was on last year's walk! Randinitis * drove down Harvey one dây looking for gardens for the walk. "They

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This "conversation pit" at Jimmies Rustics in Birmingham adds to the comforts of a patio for guests to enjoy a glass of iced tea and a little relaxation during the warm summer months.

Observer

Inside out Furniture for outdoors looks like it's in

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

Walk outdoors these days and you'll think you're indoors, especially if you're stepping onto a patio that has been decked out in the latest fur-

chairs with wood, synthetic wicker, cast iron and other frames, accessories, such as lamps, clocks and wall hangings, and marble, and faux stone-topped tables.

"It's no longer just a picnic table or a glass-topped umbrella table with

because she thought she had walked into a regular furniture store, Wilkinson said. "This is how far outdoor furniture has come."

Customers can choose from a wide selection of styles and colors when making fabric decisions, said Gerry Viseel, owner of Cornwell Pool and Patio, with locations in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. Cornwell has been open «for 40 years.

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

What: 10th annual Flowers Tuesday, June 28, rain or

Tickets: \$7 pre-sale and \$8

587 W. Ann Arbor Trail. always have really nice yards on

Harvey," she said. She left two notes for homeowners, and one of those homeowners responded and walked to be on the walk.

"These are not estate gardens," Randinitis said of this year's gardens. "These are very dow able gardens where people can get an idea."

niture fashions.

The patio isn't the only outdoor space that has a new look and feel. Decks and porches are also becoming areas where you can entertain, relax and enjoy, according to Jerry Wilkinson, manager of Jimmies Rustics in Birmingham.

"New technology in weather-resistant materials is turning outdoor areas into another room of the house with all the comforts of home," he said. He pointed to deep-seating furniture collections of couches, sectionals and

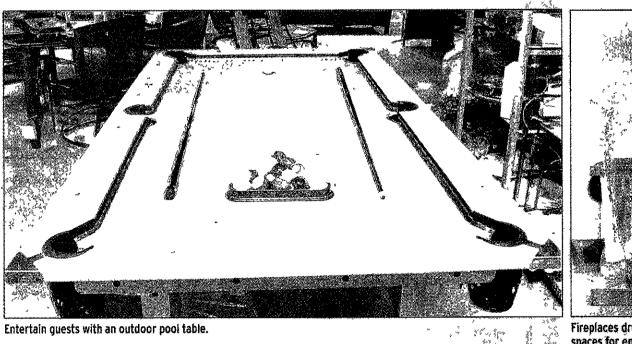
chairs here and there that fill outdoor spaces. Customers are transforming these areas into comfortable living areas that are an extension of their home and mark their lifestyle," Wilkinson said.

SO MUCH LIKE INDOORS

New furnishings for the outdoors are so similar to indoor furniture that customers are often confused when they enter the store, Wilkinson said:

"I had a customer who was about to walk out when she saw our stock

"Not long ago customer choices in patio furniture were limited to a few styles and colors, especially the ever-popular dark green, said Viscel "Now customers can select from furniture collections ranging from traditional to contemporary with everything in between.



Fireplaces dress up patios and other

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spaces for entertainment.

Today these yards are all shade. "Everybody 🍇 once had a sun garden, but now the trees have grown and now everybody has an older gardan," Randinitis said. "It's a progression of your yard."

The walk is the only fund-raiser for the Trailwood club. The club features speakers at its monthly meetings and volunteers plant flowers in the Old Village and downtown Plymouth. The club participates in the Festival of Trees. Trailwood donated trees for schools and \$2,000 to Plymouth Township.

Here are some of the gardens:

Eugene and Justina McNamara on Spicer -Drive: Last year all the garden beds were combined and redesigned to relocate plants that had outgrown their site. Beds include herbs, irises, peonies, ferns, daisies and other flowers.

All plants have been collected from family members and friends. Old birdhouses add a nice attraction to the garden, and provide a 🕵 haven to sparrows and hummingbirds. Evelyn and John Olszewski of Hillside Drive:

After the couple moved to the home in December 1982, iris (Evelyn's favorite flower was the first plant put in the following spring Since that time the garden has been a work in progress with most of the changes taking place in the last five years. John has developed a loce for growing orchids. The couple's goal is to have color for spring, summer and fall.

Karen Hyland on South Harvey: Hyland took what she calls her gardening "addiction" a step further when she became an advanced master. gardener and started gardening professionally, Hyland's gardens are described as an eclectic

mix of specimen trees, unique collection of perennials and discarded plant material. Stroll

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Choose the perfect MP3 player for your music collection

lot of MP3 players cross my desk. Recently I've spent time with a few noteworthy models, each of them intended for a different kind of listener.

Take the Oregon Scientific MP120 (www.oregonscientific.com). Available with 512MB of storage for \$129.95, it looks like a fairly traditional compact player.

However, the MP120 is



waterproof, meaning you can not only take it to the pool, you

can take it in the pool as well. So I took it for a swim. Coldplay, Green Day, Moby and Anna Nalick kept me company. I must admit it was pretty cool listening to my favorite tunes while logging laps. And when I'm on dry land, the MP120 doubles as an FM radio.

Unfortunately, the included earbuds sound pretty crummy, especially when you move

above and below water. The change in pressure causes distracting changes in tone and loudness. You can replace the earbuds with your favorite headphones, but then you can't take the MP120 in the water. Another innovative player,

the Radio YourWay LX (www.pogoproducts.com), enables you to record AM and FM radio to its internal memory - great for saving, say, your

favorite National Public Radio shows for later listening.

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The slim and sexy Rio Carbon holds over 1,000 songs and sells for just \$180 (after a \$20 mail-in rebate).

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"And there are hundreds of fabric colors and prints from which to choose for furniture coverings, cushions and pillows. There are so many options that we can accommodate just about anybody's personal taste."

Once all-weather materials became available, designers were able to create pieces similar in style to those found in the home, Wilkinson said. As an example, synthetic wicker furniture that looks just like the real stuff is now available for outdoor use.

FURNITURE DRIES QUICKLY

One producer,

Lloyd/Flanders in Menominee, Mich., makes "wicker" on a loom with a material made of paper and wood that covers ultra-thin stainless steel rods. The sheets of wicker-like fabric, which is available in a variety of colors, are then fashioned over aluminum frames for couches, chairs, ottomans, rockers, tables and other pieces. Fabric cushions and pillows cover the furniture. "Acrylic fabrics that don't

hold water are now available. They also resist fading by the sun and stains," said Wilkinson.

Wilkinson said that pillows and cushions are stuffed by acrylic fibers that dry quickly. "The new fabrics available are unlike other materials that soak up water like a sponge," Wilkinson said.

According to Viseel, the new deep-seating collections replace sling chairs - fabric material attached to the chair's sides or front and back. "For the last 10 to 15 years, sling seating was popular because it was comfortable and the fabric dried quickly, " Viseel said. "Furniture choices now available for the outdoors allow people to be as comfortable as they are when they sit on the couches and chairs in their home."

In addition to synthetic wicker pieces, treated natural woods, such as teak and cherry, offered in a variety of stains, are also making their way into the furniture selections available for the outdoors. These wood pieces are available with carved legs and ornate trims for more traditional styles, as well as straight lines for a contemporary look.

Viseel said that in addition to the switch to "real" furniture for the outdoors, customers are discarding glass-topped tables for the new marble and faux stone varieties now on the market. "Prior to three years ago, glass-topped tables accounted for 80 to 90 percent of the market. Now the demand for these tables is less than 50 percent," he said.

Marble, faux marble, cultured slate (synthetic slate-like material) and synthetic stone, in a multitude of color choices. are now popular. These attractive table tops are more durable and require less upkeep.

In addition to the beauty and comfort of today's fine furniture for the outdoors, sitting around on the patio or deck can be even more appealing with the multitude of accessories available. Fireplaces and pits have become a "must" for the well-dressed outdoor space.

And they don't have to be small in size. Jimmies Rustics sells an 8- by 5-1/2- by 4-foot "traditional" fireplace with a hearth that burns wood or natural gas. Stainless steel coverings over the chimney prevent water from entering the fireplace.

Another important accessory is the table or floor lamp. "These have water repelling shades, covers over the light bulbs and outdoor electric cords making them a safe addition to outdoor groupings," Wilkinson said.

Defining outdoor seating areas are screened-in gazebos and expansive cantilever umbrellas. This type of umbrella, which expands to almost 12-feet in diameter, is hung from a stand and can be titled to any angle. The stand is filled with 500 pounds of pea gravel, which stabilizes it and makes it sturdy enough to withstand strong winds.

Outdoor living spaces will soon take on the look of home even more with the addition of a pool table. The table is made of aluminum with resin bumpers and a treated acrylic bed.

Other outdoors accessories on the horizon are televisions and other electronics, as well as rugs that "drain" (and not hold) water. "Current floor coverings do not have this capability," Wilkinson said.

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The Canton Garden Club, a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of 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 Saturday. 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 Saturday. 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. The Greenmead office is at Eight Mile and Newburgh. The Civic Center Library Gift Shop and Livonia City Hall are at Five Mile and Farmington roads. 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

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Redford

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

A Garden Walk, a tour of several lovely gardens in Redford, will take place 10 a.m to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 9. Tickets are \$5. Tickets and maps of gardens are available at Redford Township Hall (15145 Beech Daly), the Redford Community Center (12121 Hemingway), Seven Mile Garden Center (26346 W. Seven Mile) and The Flower Station (25801 Plymouth Road); or by calling Janet Watson at (313) 255-5293. Free transportation will be available to seniors. Call Dorothy Morris at the Redford Senior Center, (313) 387-2784. A Garden Walk is sponsored by the Redford Township Beautification Commission.

Northville

The Gardens of Northville Annual Garden Walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Advance tickets are \$10 and available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. The event will feature five gardens, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside Cady Inn at Mill Race Village will be transformed into an English cottage, where complimentary, homemade sweets and lemonade will be served. Visitors will enjoy music as they browse through plants and garden items. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village on the day of the walk.

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What is the repair company's responsibility?

received an e-mail from Louis who asked me a great question. He writes: "Maybe you can give me an idea of a repairman's résponsibility. I had an Asko dishwasher which was purchased in

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Joe Gagnon

who took about two hours to replace the gasket. He did not disconnect the power. He checked to see if it was functioning and all was well, but upon reassembling, he did something to cause the breaker to flip. I reset the breaker, but he could no longer make the dishwasher work, even though it had power.

"I was asked to pay the \$79 service call, which I told him I would pay when the repair company got it running again. The following day a different repairman checked the unit and I was informed that it needed a \$250 circuit board. I said I would speak to their supervisor. At this point I could see no point in paying the \$79 service charge plus three hours of labor plus a \$250 circuit board for a 14year-old dishwasher. Presently I have paid them nothing but the \$19 and change for the gasket.

"Since that time I have purchased a new Asko dishwasher. I had a working quality dishwasher with matching wood front panel albeit leaking. I considered it worth fixing with a \$20 gasket.

"Am I being unreasonable in thinking that they owe me more than just walking away from an unfortunate situation?

Dear Louis, Let me start with the last sentence of your e-mail. I do not believe that the repair company owes you anything. I realize that you ended up buying a new dishwasher because of this service call, but I also

must consider that the circuit board may have gone bad or failed, having reached its life expectancy, at that very moment.

I know that you called them to repair a leaking door which means it was leaking for some time.

Water leaks splashing or spraying onto electrical wires can also damage a circuit board. I cannot criticize the repair service man because a part became defective while he was holding it in his hand.

This sort of thing happens when you're in the service business.

Even with the good knowledgeable service person, it happens, but only infrequently and unfortunately, it is a part of doing business.

The company you called on is now out the dollars they would have received from you for repairs. They certainly didn't make any money off you and they lost a few dollars in wages, but they also understand that being in business is not always taking, but that sometimes you have to give a little.

From your explanation of the visit by the first service technician, it appears he may have been inexperienced working on Asko dishwashers. As you know Asko is a special

brand of appliances and one which can present problems to the untrained technician.

It is important when calling for service to ask if that company is trained by the factory on repairs of the product you own. You now have the same brand product you just removed from the house, so I trust you felt it gave you good service for the past 14 years.

I'll bet you also know who to call for factory service should you require it now.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals, His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and your question will be forwarded to Joe Benefit

English Gardens will host Art in the Garden, a benefit for Forgotten Harvest and a preview to the West Bloomfield Fine Art Festival, BLOOM, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple (15 Mile) Tickets are \$30 and available at English Gardens in West Bloomfield or Royal Oak/Troy, 4901 Coolidge Highway, between Maple and 14 Mile. Call (248) 855-9240, Ext. 238, for information.

The event will include a wine tasting. culinary presentations from West Bloomfield's finest restaurants, art displayed with a beautiful garden setting, and a silent auction Forgotten Harvest collects surplus and perishable food from food retailers and other Health Departmentapproved sources and supplies it, free of charge, to emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area.

Perennial gardening

English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900).

Perennial Gardening will be the topic June 29.

Learn how to create a colorful garden with perennials. Among the topics will be how to select plants, combine colors, and provide proper care during and after the growing season. Landscape basics

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This four-session class is a prerequisite for future classes in the series. It will take place Thursdays, June 30 to 2 July 21 Fee is \$92. Discussion will include site assessment, design principles, pruning and + 20 maintenance, and understanding Oi plants' needs. Instructor Christine Ĩv 5.5 Walbridge owns Enchanted Gardens and has worked as a landscape designer for 10 years with Bordine's and English Gardens. To register and 💵 🗠 for more information, call The 54. Community House at (248) 644-5832 🕆 🔊 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Rose programs Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of 👘 🙃 Great Lakes Roses, present a series of dt $\mathcal{O}^{\mathbf{X}}$ free programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow - 🛄

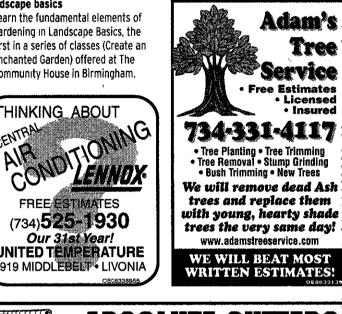
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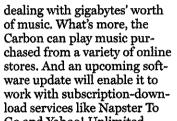
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Alas, you'll pay a big premium for the player's unique radio-recording capabilities. The 256MB and 512MB models sell for \$200 and \$250, respectively. I should note that neither the MP120 nor the Radio YourWay support copyright-protected digital music purchased from online services like Musicmatch, Napster and Wal-Mart. If you want that capability (or just a lot more storage space), consider a play-

er with a built-in hard drive. One of my new favorites is the Rio Carbon (www.rioaudio.com), which gives the beloved Apple iPod Mini a run for the money in the sexappeal department.

The gorgeous little player runs for 20 hours on a battery charge and comes with a voice recorder. The 5GB model sells for \$200, but there's a \$20 mail-in rebate available through July 31.

Admittedly, the Carbon's interface isn't quite as slick as the iPod's, but it's very easy to learn and navigate - an impor-



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Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com





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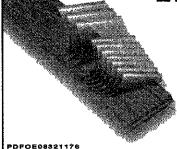
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under the arbor at the front of the house, past the Japanese maples, into a side garden where a dawn redwood towers to the right and a large wisteria

twists up the side of the house. Hydrangeas, hostas and unique perennials are planted. The backyard garden features a grape arbor and a small pond, and Rose of Sharon takes center stage.

Ornamental grasses, heirloom perennials, and poppies and a small vegetable garden are integrated into the garden sanctuary.

Matthew and Lynn Pawlak of

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McKinley Street: The couple created more garden spaces in front of the house and slowly moved around to the back yard. Having lost three large ash trees a few years ago, the opportunity presented itself to add more sun-loving perennials and to create a large, new full sun garden along the south side of the front yard.

After the spring's show of tulips, daffodils and white trillium, the gardens feature a variety of perennials and annuals. Some of the couple's favorite and best-performing perennials include: black-eyed Susans, campanula, clematis, columbine, delphiniums, liatris, monarda, pink coneflower and sedum. Matt enjoys growing both popular and unusual flowers from seed. He has had particular success with aster, dianthus, hollyhock, kale, lobelia and millet.

Robert Henry of Leighwood Drive: The trillium, anise, geraniums and jack-in-the pulpit are still remembrances of an 8-year-old daughter's diligence 30 years ago. She dug the wildflowers up to rescue them from lots being excavated by construction crews.

A little pond was built for a grandson, who enjoys his fish and frog. The large pine trees and evergreens provide privacy and a sanctuary for birds. The cactus plants once belonging to Henry's parents are over 30 years old.



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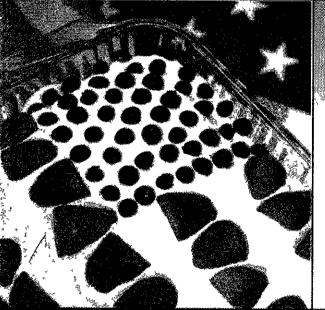
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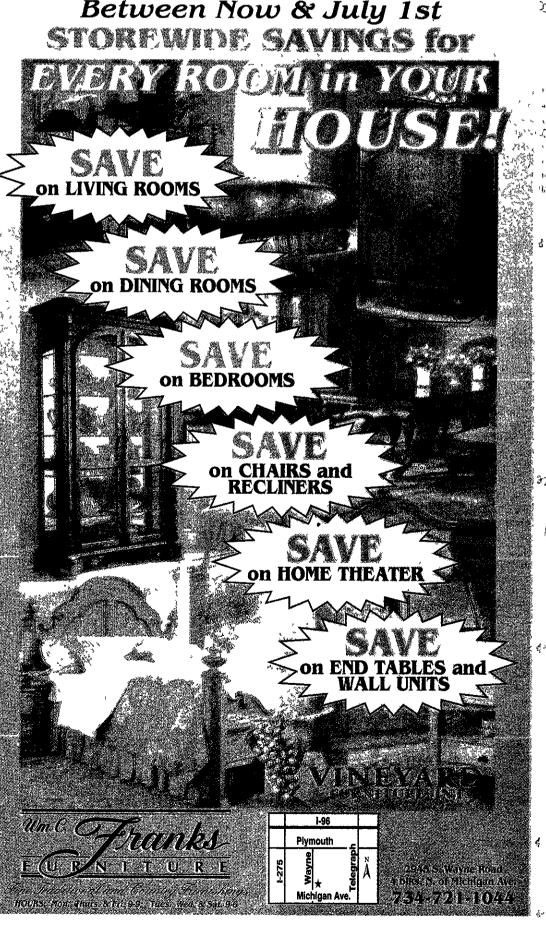
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Archdiocese chancellor praises new pope; sees little change in Catholic church's policy

BY CAROLE MCGRAW CORRESPONDENT

The Rev. Robert McClory, the chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit, shared some endearing details of Pope Benedict XVI's present life during a recent interview.

For example, the new pope loves animals, he said. The story goes that during the 24 years of his diligent service to Pope John Paul II, he cared for many of the Vatican cats on the Borgio Pio, a neighborhood near Vatican Square.

As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, he was always accessible to the press and the faithful, McClory added. During his daily walks across St. Peter's Square to Pope John Paul's chambers, he shook hands with the pilgrims who traveled from all over the world to see the Vatican. He even took pictures of them, if requested. "He has a warmth," said

McClory.

McClory speaks from personal experience, as he was a student in Rome for five years. There, he got to know both the cardinal and Pope John Paul.

He knew that the cardinal loved to relax at the end of a busy day by playing Mozart on his classical piano. Ratzinger looked forward to returning to Bavaria to live with his 81-year-old brother to build on his collection of writings while immersing himself in the music he loves he said. But, this was not to be.

Instead Ratzinger was assigned to coordinate the details of Pope John Paul's funeral in April, speak at the funeral Mass, and direct the conclave of cardinals that quickly elected him as pope.

As he saw the votes going in his favor, he told the cardinal beside him that "his head was under the guillotine." The cardinal replied that Christ's message is always very clear: "Follow me." And so he accepted his new office as pope of the Roman



The Rev. Robert McClory

A TRANSITIONARY PERIOD

McClory spoke from his office on the seventh floor of the Chancery building. The building stands in the heart of Detroit on Washington Boulevard, which in its heyday looked like a boulevard in Paris. Inside, it still displays the opulence of the Detroit neighborhood's past glory with its expansive, elegantly furnished lounge and exquisite conference room.

The young, vibrant president of the archdiocese is a Royal Oak native and former member of the Shrine of the Little Flower parish in Royal Oak. He practiced civil law before abandoning his career to become a priest and then quickly rising in church ranks. Along with his duties as chancellor, McClory teaches canon law at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit.

McClory refers to Pope Benedict XVI as "The humble genius ... a still, small voice in a very noisy world." He says the new pope is one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church. "He analyzes situations quickly and sees all the implications. He is a shining theological star."

Because of these qualities, and the fact that he was Pope John Paul's longtime immediate adviser, McClory maintains that the cardinals of the conclave quickly recognized him as the right man to head

'He analyzes situations quickly and sees all the implications. He is a shining theological star.'

Rev. Robert McClory Archdiocese of Detroit chancellor

Ratzinger has also written 20 books and headed up a radio show to discuss Catholic policy.

According to McClory, however, we will see little change in church policy during his papacy. Priests will still be men. Women will have only secondary roles in the church. And birth control will still be by the "natural method" or abstinence. He cited as reasons that Ratzinger, 78, is a "transitionary pope," and was the policy maker and enforcer of Pope John Paul.

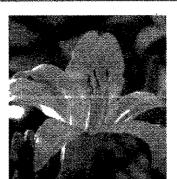
MUSICAL FAMILY

McClory said that the young Ratzinger grew up in a musical family in Bavaria, a very Catholic area of Germany. When World War II broke out in Germany, his became a family on the run. Eventually the Nazis caught up with the Ratzingers and forced young Joseph to join the Hitler

Youth. When an officer asked the Hitler Youth boys what their greatest dream was, many replied "fighting for the Fuhrer." Joseph, on the other hand, replied, "I would like to be a Roman Catholic priest," a statement that could have gotten him killed. He was later conscripted into the German army. At the first opportunity he defected. He was captured and freed by the Allies.

The new pope accepted his mission with the simple words, "I am a humble worker in the Lord's vineyard."

Now, time will tell what his legacy will be, said McClory



ARNOLD C. "WHITEY" PETERSON

Age 83, passed away June 16, 2005. He was born on September 11, 1921, in Malden, Essex County, Ontario, Canada to the late Martin and Louise (Steifvater) Peterson. Whitey is survived by his wife Gloria M. Peterson of Green Oak Township, 9 children: John (Deborah) Peterson of Petoskey, Kim (Joanne) Parzuchowski of Westland, Gail (Dale) French of South Lyon, Lynn (Ken) Gentner of Brighton, Chris (Sue) Parzuchowski of Farmington Hills, Paul (Kathy) Parzuchowski of South Lyon, Scott (Mary) Parzuchowski of South Lyon, Ĵohn (Linda) Parzuchowski of (Michele) Howell. Steven Parzuchowski of Livonia; sister, Emma Morrison; 22 grandchildren and 6 great grand-children. He was preceded in death by his sister, Margarite Wilson, and brother Allen Peterson. A Funeral Mass was held on Age 77, June 20, 2005, of Westland, Mi. Beloved husband of the late Angie. Dear father of Chuck (Kini) Halliday, Julie (Steve) Noder and the late Bob Halliday, Also, leaves, ince grandchildren, Bobby, Stephen & Kaitlyn; two Sisters, Tackie Cummings and Par Peterson, Funeral corrige Ecidev, 11, 2000, and Varmeulan June 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108-3351 or Parkinson Foundation, PO Box 56, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

DEBORAH POLKOWSKI

Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn, Ford and Cherry Hill). Visitation Thursday, 3-9pm Age 52, June 20, 2005. Beloved wife of Steven. Loving mother of Christa Berger, Carrie Ventimiglia (Chip) Corrie Bertera (Joe), Jayna Berger and Stefani. Dear grandmother of Brendan. Daughter of Hilda Lou Valleskey and the late Aron A. Valleskey. Sister of Dianne and Donna. Visitation Friday 3-9pm and Saturday 10am until the Funeral Service at 1:30 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia Donations may be made to Mother Teresa, The Missionaries of Charity, 1596 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117

ELLERY "BUD" YORK

Passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Munson Medical Center, after a brief illness, surrounded by loving daughter Laurie and special grandsons. He was born August 14, 1924 to Ellery and Cassie (Johnson) York. Honorably discharged from the Navy, he served in World War II and was a life-time member of the VFW. For over 19 years Bud was a building inspector for the City of Livonia, retiring in 1984. Most cherished memories were of family times together, especially at the cot-Bloomfield Hills. Through-out his life, he served God, country, tage. Surviving are his beloved wife of 56 years, Mary Louise; a very special daughter, Laurie York Anderson; three and his fellow man. Otis was a ser geant in the United States Army, 88 cherished and adored grandchildren, Eric and Ryan Anderson and Christopher Burns; a sister, Marjorie Platoon. He earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star during his service in the Reich; three nieces; and two nephews Italian Campaign of WWII. Working Bud was preceded in death by his parnights in a factory, Dr. Smith attended ents; a daughter, Linda Burns; and a University of Michigan Dental brother, Richard. Cremation has taken School, graduating in 1956. He pracace as Bud desired and memoria services were held June 11, 2005 at the for over 48 years, caring for many with integrity and honesty. Dr. Smith Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Homer Nye officiatwas an active member and officer of ing Visitation took place one hour the Southwestern component of the prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, Detroit District Dental Society, as well memorial contributions may be direct to the Munson Regional Healthcare Foundation, specifically to the Staff of Intensive Care for further education. Please include your return address. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.



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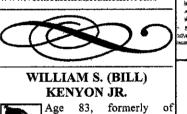
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PAMELIA T. HAMILTON

Age 51, Sunday, June 19, 2005 at her residence in Morriston, FL. Pamelia was born in Detroit, MI and had resided in Auburn' Hills, MI until 1975. Ms. Hamilton was Vice President of Hamilton Products. She from Golden Hills graduated Academy in Ocala, and attended Oakland University in Rochester, MI. She loved to travel and had the opportunity to experience many different cultures during her extensive business travels for Hamilton Products, Inc. She loved animals, she rode Hunter-Jumpers at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mi and rode Cutting Horses in the Florida Cutting Horse Circuit. She owned and operated Early Rise Farm in Morriston, a breeding and training facility. Pamelia also owned a profes-sionally schooled Frissian Horse. Her thoroughbred horses raced at Calder and Tampa Downs. She was a member of the Florida Thoroughbred ber of the Florida Thoroughbred Bredders and Owners Associations, Pamelia is survived by her mother, Gwendolyn Hamilton Odala, FL; her fiancee, Scott Lackey, Morriston, FL; sister, Judith Burtendaw, Rairfield, CA, brother, Thomas C. Hamilton II, American Canyon, CA; incle, Everet "Bud" Wheat, Wister, OK and aunt, Donna Hass, Red Oak, OK, She is Donna Hass, Red Oak, OK, She is also survived by two nices, one nephew, four great neces; two great nephews and many consins and friends. She was preceded in death by her father T. Edward Hamilton in 2003, uncles, F. Lamar Handton and Vic Wheat and aunts Louise Booth and Elynor Boggess. Arrangements by Hiers Funeral Home, Ocala Florida. (352) 629-7171



Of Plymouth age 87, June 22, 2005. Beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of Barbara (Boston) Luka-Pritchard; Donna (Ron) Brzuch; Diana (Steve) Reohr-Jinks; and the late John Negus. Also leaves 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren; 1 sister and 7 brothers Visitation Thursday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (west of Sheldon) Plymouth. Funeral service Friday I PM. Interment at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia MI 48154-5010. To view obituary and leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



Birmingham, died on June

16, 2005 in Fort Myers, Florida. He was born on

November 8, 1921 in Highland Park,

Michigan, to William and Jesse Kenyon. In 1941, he married E Ruth

Sanderson. She preceded him in death

1997. Bill is survived by three chil-dren, Susan Kenyon of St. Marys.

Georgia, Richard Kenyon (Kathleen) of Yarmouthport, Massachusetts, and

William Kenyon III (Diane) of Adrian,

Michigan. Bill is also survived by six

grandchildren. Bill was an automotive

engineer having spent 37 years work-ing for General Motors. He served in

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Summer events

Church organist Val Bogdan performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West 10 Mile, Novi. Call (248 349-2345. . There is no cost for this event, however a free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to support the Beaumont Hospital HOPE program. The HOPE program offers classes for parent's of autistic chil-dren.

Worship continues at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school and nursery care offered at both services. The adult golf league continues Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at Coyote Golf Course Concert

Mike Allen, a member of the Gaither Choral Organization and a professional Christian musician, shares hismusic at the Mustard Seed Service 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. A dessert reception follows with the opportunity to meet Allen. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling (734) 421-7620, or at the door.

Single Point events

(Age 30 and older) Lighthouse Cafe 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 24 (\$5) with live entertainment, games, fellowship, music, snacks and specialty coffees; 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

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 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

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

Continue 8 p.m. Wednesday, 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.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

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 **Bible talks**

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship

Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

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Neighborhood Bible time

A youth crusade for children and teenagers that focuses on faith, family and freedom 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 10-15, at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of 1-96, between Middlebelt and inkstergFor more information, call (734) 425-6215 or visit www.GBCofLivonia.org. 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 children or more) through July 3, \$10 afterward. Call (734) 422-6038.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren, west of Sheldon, canton, Call (734) 459-9704 or (734) 397-8495 for an appointment. On a safari

Gospel Light's Prayer Safari Vacation Bible School, a free community program for ages 3-12, includes games, snack, bible stories, crafts and skits 6:20-8:30 p.m.Monday-Friday, July 18-22, at Lake Pointer Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. Call (734)420-0515.

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.



ESTHER ANN BROWN MCKINNEY ATKIN

Age 83, of Dearborn and a former resident of Franklin Village, passed away June 19, 2005. Esther was born in Royal Oak on December 30, 1921. She was a graduate of Cass Technical High School and received Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Wayne State University. She taught Home Economics in the St. Clair Shores School District before starting her family. She was a librarian with the Bloomfield Hills School District for 15 years. She was the beloved wife of the late Dillion Lloyd McKinney, who died in 1995, and she is the loving wife of 2 years to Rupert Atkin. She is also survived by her loving children Jan (husband, Larry) Kraemer, James (husband, Larry) Kitachiel, Jahres McKinney, Robert McKinney (wife, Marye), & William McKinney; three grandchildren, Nancy Molnar, Tina Wilheim & Tyler McKinney; and six great-grandchildren. In addition to her first husband she was preceded in death by an infant-son, Thomas McKinney in 1950. Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. on Thursday at Franklin Community United Methodist Church (26425 Wellington Rd) in Franklin Village. Visitation with the family will begin one hour prior to the memorial service. In lieu of flowers memorials will be accepted to the Franklin Church Memorial or Endowment

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as long standing member of the Michigan Dental Association. He was a board member and past president of the 88th Infantry Division Association, the "Blue Devils". Dr. Division Smith also served the communities he lived and worked in, including the Redford Little League and the Franklin Baseball League, coaching for 16 years and serving on the Board. He also served as an ordained minister in the Community of Christ church for many years. Dr. Smith was an active, loving parent who educated and supported his children in so many ways. He continued to be just as active in his grandchildren's lives. He was an avid U of M fan, attending football games for may years. He will be sorely missed. Go Blue! Otis is the beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Clark (Kim), Kurtis (Pamela), Joan Allison (Glenn) Curtis Clayton D. (Annette), Andrea (Ed) Ford, Karla (Dave) Mallett. Proud grandfather of Leigh, Ashley, Torie, Bradley, Eddie, Christopher, Andrew, Maddie, Katie, Caroline, Laine, Natalie and Alexis. Brother of Joye Giroux. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends, Visitation was held at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills Funeral Thursday at Community of Christ Church, 12401 Ridge Rd., Plymouth, in-state at 10:30 am with the service at 11:00 am. Memorials may be made to Community of Christ Church, Southern Great Lakes International Mission § Center, Bluewater Reunion Grounds, 809 Center St., Suite 8A, Lansing, MI 48906, U of M School Dentistry, Alumni Association, Alumni Center, 200 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109 or the 88th Division Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 8795 Lancaster, PA 17604. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information.



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Observer & Eccentric Call 1-800-579-7355 the U.S. Naval Reserve in both World War II and the Korean War. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service celebrating bill's life will be held at the First Christian Church in Adrian, Michigan, in early August. The family asks that gifts be made in Bill's memory to the Hospice of one's choices Paying Tribute Your Loved One OBITUARY POLICY The first five "billed" lines of st bituary are published at no cost. All additional impavell be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional crist of niy Su Symbolic emblems ma be included at no cost.

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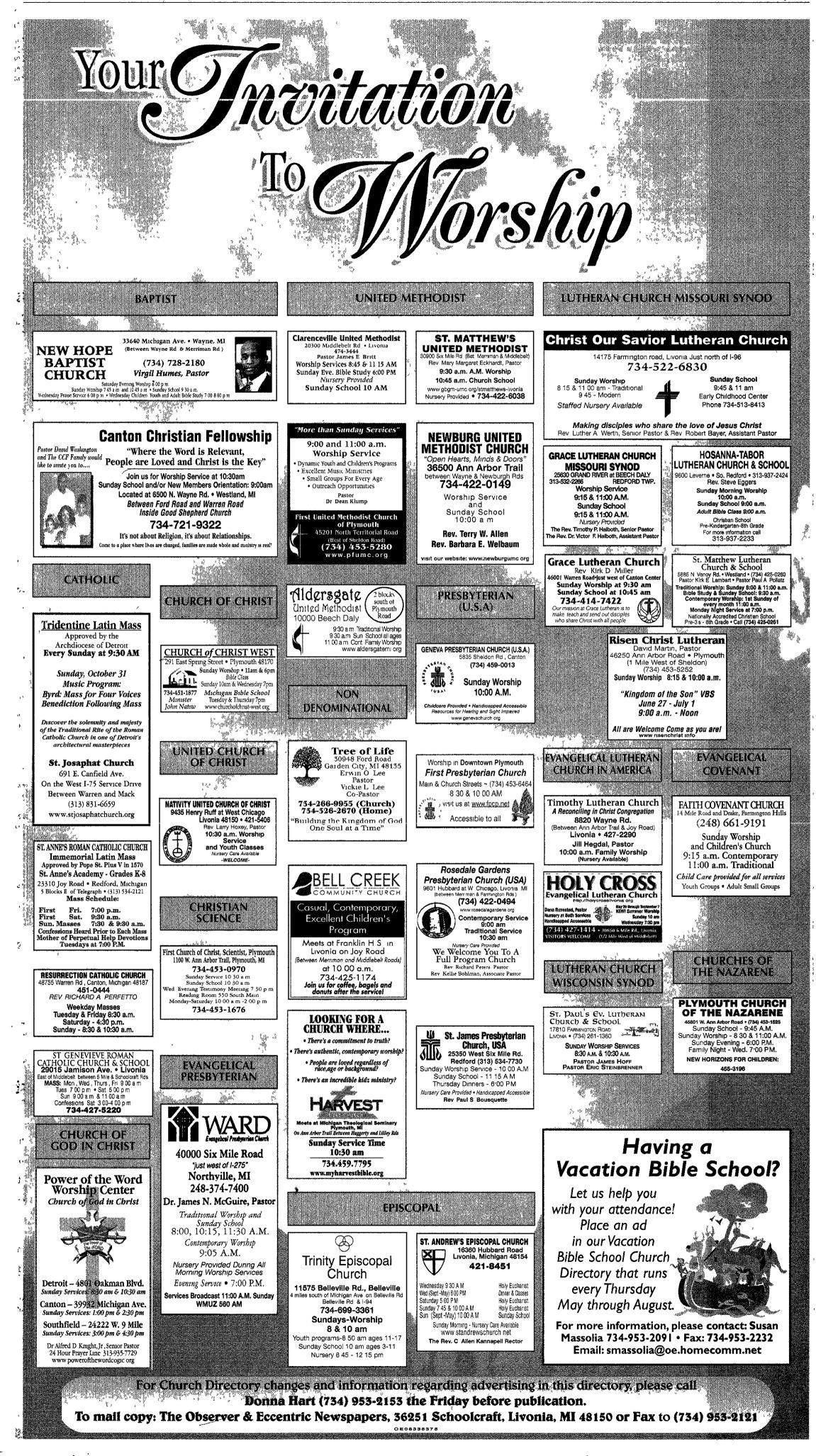
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OREGANO - Herb adds variety to favorite foods

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FRITTATA - Egg dish perfect for warm-weather meals

When life gives you lemons

Observer

Fruit syrups blend summer flavors

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A simple variation on a classic theme can be a welcome refresher on a hot, thirsty day. Lemonade and other fruit flavors mix and match pleasantly.

Trying out different combinations can be as easy as filling a glass or pitcher with your basic cool drinks and adding a splash or two of fruit syrup. Don't forget to add a berry or two, or mint leaves, for garnish. Here are some suggestions, starting with the most simple, classic homemade lemonade (which you can also vary by adjusting ingredients to taste).

RASPBERRY LEMONADE

2 tablespoons raspberry syrup 1 cup lemonade Ice Optional 3 or 4 fresh or frozen BASIC LEMONADE

6 lemons 6 cups cold water 1 cup sugar Juice the lemons, creating about

Enjoy sweet drinks

Sweet & Snappy Cherry Drinks - a collection of 204 cherry drink recipes - has been released to the national book trade by Independent Publishers Group, a Chicago-based distributor.

The book extols the many moods of a classic fruit that's gained a devoted following for its health benefits (from easing gout and insomnia to relieving arthritis and migraine pains).

The 128-page softcover book, listed for \$9.95, was published by Eighth Sea Books and is available through IPG. For more information, visit www.cherrydrinks.com.

Deli added

American House Senior Living Residences have added deli service, supplementing meals served once or twice daily to residents at 13 of the 31 American Houses in southeast Michigan.

Until now, American House dining rooms have served lunch at noon and dinner at 5 p.m. "With deli service, residents can come to the dining room and place their orders and carry them back to their apartments, if they prefer," said Brian Rosso, food and beverage director for Bloomfield-based American House, "Or if they have guests visiting, we can seat them all at cafe tables underneath the deli awning in each dining room." The new service will be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. It will be free to residents enrolled in daily meal programs at the residences for independent and semi-independent living. Residents not in the meal program or their guests will pay a charge ranging from \$1 for salads and soups to \$7 for a full meal. American Houses adding deli service are in West Bloomfield, Hazel Park, Southfield, Dearborn Heights, Sterling Heights, serve it on a bed of chopped romaine Livonia, Northville and Riverview. Others are in Westland, Oakland in Pontiac, Elmwood and the Village in Rochester Hills, and East 1 in Roseville. Additional American

raspoernes

Fill a tall glass with ice. Add lemonade and syrup, and stir. Garnish, if desired, with floating raspberries. Makes 1 serving.

> **Recipes from Torani Italian Syrups** Recipes continued on B9.

1 cup of juice. In a large pitcher, mix juice, water and sugar. Stir lemonade well to thoroughly dissolve sugar, and serve over ice.

Makes 7 to 8 cups.

Houses will be added to the program later.

Field Guide to Meat

A compact book, Field Guide to Meat, by Aliza Green, Quirk Books, \$14.95 paperback, is something you may wish to tuck into pocket or purse when you go off to the market.

According to the cover, it tells "how to identify, choose and prepare practically every meat, poultry and game cut." Most consumers in the United States would indeed find their needs for information met - yes, detailed accounts of beef, lamb and chicken are included, as 🖞 may be expected.

But this is also the place to read up on alligator, bear, raccoon and rattlesnake, among other game meats, often shown in small color photos to help in shopping. An option the book offers for your rattlesnake purchase: Deep fry and serve with salsa.

Spanish wines are a stampede of great value

Spanish wines continue to be among the best values in European wines. If you're bored with chardonnay and cabernet, seek out some wines from Spain.

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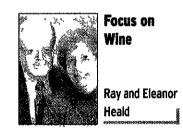
The Rioja area gets its name from the Rio (River) Oja, a tributary of the Ebro River, flowing through the center of the region. Diversity of soil types and climate create three grape-growing subzones: Rioja Alta, with an Atlantic climate; Rioja Baja with Mediterranean-Continental climate and a mixture of Atlantic and Mediterranean influences

in the Rioja Alavesa. Tempranillo, a red grape, makes up

61 percent of the vineyards and is regarded as the authentic variety of

Rioja. Other varieties of prominence include garnacha (grenache), graciano, mazuelo and the white grape viura.

Although wine has been made in the Rioja for thousands of years, in 1780 the practice of aging wine in barrels began and propelled Rioja to the forefront. Over the modern era of winemaking, Rioja embraced new techniques to create brighter. more fruit-forward styles, especially pleasing to the modern palate.



CAMPO VIEJO

Overseeing 1,000 acres of vines in the heart of the Rioja Alta region, Campo Viejo is a regional leader. At the highest point of the estate, on a hill overlooking the Ebro Valley lies the underground cellar of Campo Viejo's new bodega (winery).

At 23 feet underground 70,000 oak barrels and 6 million bottles rest free from air currents or temperature changes.

Talk about energy efficient! Subterranean and covered by vegetation, the bodega enjoys the advantages of traditional wine cellars including stable temperature, humidity and steady ventilation - all occurring naturally.

WHAT TO BUY

2001 Campo Viejo Crianza (\$10) was aged 12 months in a combination of American and French oak. Deeply colored and smooth with dark berry flavors, it's a good accompaniment to a tapa of olives stuffed with cheese, readily available in cans in markets such as Trader Joe's.

1999 Campo Viejo Reserva (\$13) aged two years in oak before being bottled. Berries and vanilla dominate the aromas and flavors in a wine that harmonizes with grilled or barbecued meats.

🗰 1997 Campo Viejo Gran Reserva

PLEASE SEE SPANISH, B9

Throw a fish on the grill

Just remember grilling does not have to mean meat. Substitute fish and some colorful vegetables, and you'll never miss the meat. Some experts advise people with heart disease, or at high risk for this condition, to eat two servings a week of fish highest in omega-3 fats. like salmon, herring, rainbow trout, sardines, albacore tuna and mackerel.

Marinate chunks of tuna in lime juice, soy sauce, garlic, basil and a few red pepper flakes. The marinade will keep the fish moist as it cooks. Only 15 minutes of marinating is necessary. After marinating, thread the tuna on skewers for grilling. In addition to the tuna, add big cherry tomatoes, onion wedges and cucumber. Cucumbers are usually eaten raw, but cooking them can bring out their often-overlooked citrus flavor. To further keep the lean tuna moist while grilling, cut the cucumber into crescents and nestle the fish between a cucumber crescent and a wedge of onion - a position that helps protect the tuna from excess heat.

Use tomatoes and cucumbers that are firm, with smooth, brightly-colored skin. Avoid those that have soft spots or are shriveled. Store tomatoes at room temperature. Whole cucumbers may be stored in the refrigerator, washed and in a plastic bag, up to 10 days. Wash them thoroughly just before using.

Since these kebabs only get better when their flavors meld overnight, they can even be made ahead. They are good at room temperature. If you have leftovers, take the tuna off the skewers and lettuce for a chunky, grilled tuna salad. TUNA KEBABS

% cup fresh lime juice (about 2 limes) 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce 1 garlic clove, minced 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves ¼r½ teaspoon red pepper flakes ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil I pound fresh tuna, cut in 12 chunks I large cucumber, peeled, seeded and sliced 8 large cherry tomatoes 1 medium red onion, halved vertically and

cut into crescents

Preheat grill or broiler.

In a glass or other non-reactive bowl, combine the lime juice, soy sauce, garlic, basil, pepper flakes, pepper and oil. Add the tuna to the marinade, turning to coat. Cover and marinate up to 1 hour, turning tuna chunks occasionally.

Using four 10-inch metal or (wellsoaked) bamboo skewers, assemble the kebabs, alternating the fish with pieces of cucumber, onion and tomato.

Broil the kebabs 5 minutes. Turn and cook until the fish is firm to the touch and the vegetables browned, about 5 minutes more. Do not overcook or the tuna will be dry. Serve either hot or at room temperature with hot steamed rice.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 211 calories, 8 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 8 g. carbohydrate, 27 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 96 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of American Institute for Cancer Research.

Serve sesame-chili chicken with watermelon salsa

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The gingered watermelon salsa served with this spicy chicken dish is a creative way to conjure up a fresh taste of summer that will satisfy the palate and do no damage to the waistline.

The low-fat recipe is from the Summer Cookbook selection in the June issue of Cooking Light magazine. If the cook sensibly prefers to shorten time spent in the kitchen, an editor's note points out that, for ease of preparation, you could buy a container of cut-up watermelon from the produce section of your supermarket; then all you have to do is cut the chunks into small pieces. Note: While the liquid from the salsa is tasty, you might want to use a slotted spoon when you serve the salsa.

Serve the chicken over a bed of jasmine or basmati rice.

Sesame-Chili Chicken With GINGERED WATERMELON SALSA

For the chicken: 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce to 2 tablespoons chili sauce with garlic 3 tablespoon dark sesame oil Four 6-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast halves For the salsa:

2 cups diced seeded watermelon "¼ cup diced yellow bell pepper 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions

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1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro I teaspoon grated peeled fresh

ginger 2 teaspoons mirin (sweet rice wine) 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced **Remaining ingredients:**

¼ teaspoon salt Cooking spray Cilantro sprigs, optional Lime wedges, optional

To prepare chicken: Combine soy sauce, chili sauce and sesame oil in a large zip-top plastic bag. Add chicken to bag; seal and marinate in refrigerator for one hour, turning bag occasionally. Prepare grill.

To prepare salsa: Combine watermelon, bell pepper, onions, cilantro, ginger, mirin, lime____ juice, salt and jalapeno; cover and chill until ready to serve.

Remove chicken from marinade: discard marinade. Sprinkle chicken evenly with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Place chicken on a grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill 6 minutes on each side or until done. Remove chicken from grill; let stand 5 minutes. Cut chicken diagonally across grain into thin slices; serve with salsa. Garnish with cilantro sprigs and lime wedges, if desired.

Makes 4 servings (serving size: 1 chicken breast half and about/2 cup salsa). Nutrition information per serving: 247 cal., 4.6 g fat (0.9 g saturated), 40.2 g pro., 8.7 g carbo., 0.7 g fiber, 99 mg chol., 722 mg sodium.



Oregano can add flavor to many foods, including pasta.

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Many people think of pizza when they think of oregano, for a good reason. Oregano has a strong natural affinity for tomatoes. And it is an indispensable element of Italian cooking.

The International Herb Association has chosen oregano as the herb of the year.

Oregano was almost unknown in the United States before soldiers' returned from fighting in Italy during World War II, bringing with them a taste for pizza. And it wouldn't be pizza without oregano.

Sometimes called wild marjoram, both oregano and marjoram are members of the mint family. Oregano, Greek for "joy of the mountain." is not as sweet as marjoram. It has a stronger, more pungent flavor and smell. Oregano not only smells good and tastes good, it has properties that protect our

health, too. Every herb and spice is distinctive in the particular phytochemicals it contains. Natural plant substances. called phytochemicals, have been shown to have cancerfighting properties. Hundreds of phytochemicals have been identified, each highly specialized in the way it can protect health.

A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture study shows that oregano offers the most antioxidant activity of all herbs examined: 42 times more antioxidant activity than



apples, 30 times more than potatoes and 12 times more than oranges. Oregano contains quercetin, which has strong antioxidant properties and may be especially protective against breast, ovarian and endometrial cancers.

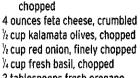
When choosing oregano, look for bright-green, freshlooking bunches with no sign of wilting or yellowing. Refrigerate for up to three days, ideally in a container with a small amount of water and covered loosely in a plastic bag.

Dried Mediterranean oregano is available both crumbled and powdered at most supermarkets. As with all dried herbs, oregano should be stored in a cool, dark place for no more than six months.

PASTA WITH FRESH TOMATOES and Herbs

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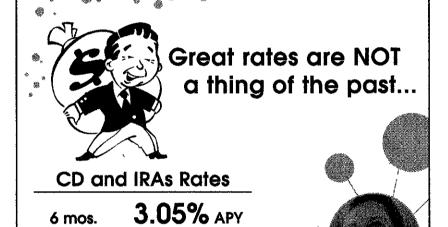
- 2 tablespoons fresh oregano, chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 12 ounces whole wheat penne, freshly cooked
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Grated Parmesan cheese to taste

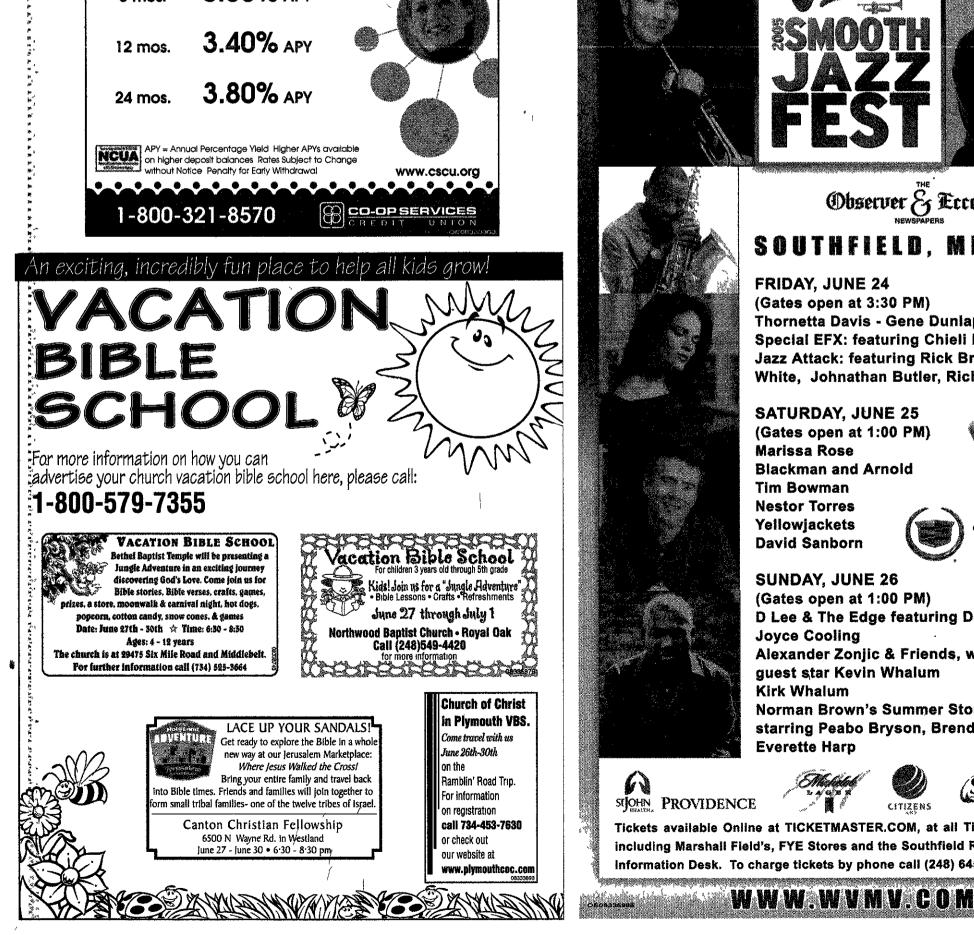
In a bowl large enough to hold the pasta, combine first eight ingredients. Add freshly cooked pasta and toss well. Season with pepper to taste. Top with Parme san cheese. Serve immediately. 🚿

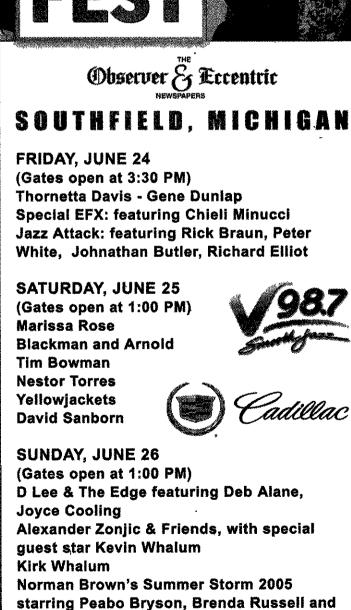
Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 409 calories, 9 g.,A total fat (5 g. saturated fat), 70 g_A carbohydrate, 18 g. protein, 12 g_A dietary fiber, 481 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute 🗢 🔿 for Cancer Research.









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CITIZENS

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Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date they should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or enail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net Healthy Cooking Classes

getarian, whole foods cooking cosses with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wison. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your famin a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming

CALENDAR

classes include: Quick and Easy Dishes on July 27, fee \$30, and a four-week Beginning Series. This class is the most informative. The next Beginning Series dates are posted online. Class fee is \$120 (or \$30 for each class) Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are scheduled 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information. Picnic in the park

The third annual Potluck Picnic in the Park will be hosted by Valerie Wilson (MacroVal) noon-5 p.m. Saturday, July 23. All food is vegetarian, vegan and macrobiotic. Bring one healthy dish to

share and the fee is \$5, or come for the food and fun for \$12 (the fee covers the cost of food and supplies) Call Val for more information or if you are planning to attend at (734) 261-2856. Beer workshop

Whether you are a casual beer fan or a serious beer enthusiast, learn and develop the sensory skills necessary to evaluate good beer and flawed beer. Learn about brewing ingredients and processes of 26 beer styles. Be introduced to the Beer Judge Certification Program and learn aroma and flavor exercises to aid in your ability to define and evaluate beers. Beer enthusiasts wanting to

to take the optional BJCP Exam. Class is 7-10 pm and runs five weeks, beginning Thursday, July 14 Fee is \$132 or \$105 60 for seniors Session is at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia. For more information, call **Continuing Education Services at** (734) 462-4448 Cooking Demonstrations Williams-Sonoma at Laurel Park Place

become beer judges will be prepared

in Livonia offers cooking demonstrations at 5:30, 6 15 and 7 p m on Wednesdays For more information on each week's special topic. call (734) 953-0515

RECIPES FROM PAGE B7

PEACH SANGRIA

1 cup peach syrup 4 firm-ripe peaches cut into wedges % cup superfine sugar 6 cups chilled rose wine 4 cups chilled sparkling water Ice

Fresh mint for garnish

Stir together peach syrup, peaches and sugar and let sit 1 hour. Add peach mixture to a large pitcher or punch bowl, stir in wine, sparkling water and ice. Garnish with mint.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

WATERMELON AGUA FRESCA

6 cups water 1¹/₂ cups watermelon syrup 2 cups sliced strawberries Juice of 2 limes 20 melon balls (from can-

taloupe or honeydew). 14 mint leaves, torn by hand

Combine ingredients and stir well.

Makes 6 12-ounce servings or 12 6-ounce servings, and E.F. the recipe may be doubled.

PEACH MELBA LEMONADE

1 tablespoon peach syrup 1 tablespoon raspberry syrup 1 cup lemonade Ice

Fill a tall glass with ice. Add lemonade, then syrups. Stir well, Makes 1 serving.

SPARKLING RASPBERRY PUNCH	444 36
24 5-fluid ounce bottle sparkling apple cider 1 cup pineapple juice ¼ cup raspberry syrup	- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1
Combine all ingredients in a punch bowl filled with ice. Makes 6 to 8 servings.	- 5 Ca. - 5 Ca.

Recipes from Torani Italian Syrups.



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SPANISH FROM PAGE B7 (\$20). Did you ever regret not starting a small wine cellar? When you can find older wines

like this from Spain at \$20, fret no longer. With layered complexity, subtle curry powder spice, coffee hints and a lengthy finish, this wine is a steal at the price. Try it with char-grilled rib-eye steaks or serve it with a plate of aged cheeses and crusty bread.

WINECAM CREATED

A group of concerned wine consumers across Michigan has banded together to form WineCAM (Wine Consumers Across Michigan) for the purpose of reminding Michigan's government and wine industry that they need to serve the interests of the state's wine consumers - not the other way around.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court

declared Michigan and New York's wine laws banning directto-consumer wine shipping unconstitutional last month, WineCAM organizers learned that Gov. George Pataki proposed a bill to allow direct shipment of wine into and out of the state, meaning New Yorkers could see lower prices for California wines and state vintners could see higher profits.

WineCAM organizers wonder why Michigan's Gov. Jennifer Granholm has not acted similarly in their interest and that of the state's wine industry. If you have similar concerns, check out WineCAM's Web site www.winecam.org and join the group.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Although Focus on Wine features the Spanish wines from Campo Viejo, the following are value-priced wines from other producers.

MARQUES DE CACERES, RIOJA:

2004 Rioja White (\$7), 100 percent viura.

🔳 2004 Rioja Rose (\$8), perfect wine for summer served chilled.

■ 2003 Antea (\$10), something different.

2001 Crianza (\$13), excellent for the price.

1996 Reserva (\$22), also excellent.

🔳 2002 MC (\$39), a new juicy, plump wine from Caceres, a perfect red for summer.

■ 1998 Gaudium (\$50) is guite simply outstanding. **PRODUCERS FROM OTHER SPANISH REGIONS:**

2002 Castro Ventosa El Castro de Valtuille (Bierzo), \$26.

🔳 2000 Ardevol Coma D'en Romeu (Priorat), \$48.

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TASTE



frittatas use a variety of lavish vegetables.

Flip a frittata with leek and zucchini

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

For warm-weather entertaining, I like colorful dishes that can be made ahead.

I favor those flexible enough to accommodate spur-of-themoment gatherings and variations based on what looks good at the market or happens to be on hand. Such dishes are easily stretched by adding more of something or by doubling the recipe, and can be served lukewarm or at room temperature.

Frittatas are my favorite choice, easily fitting all these requirements. They can also be served as a one-dish meal, encompassing generous servings of vegetables, cheese and even grains, like rice or pasta, or become part of a larger spread of dishes, from salads to grilled fish and kebabs. And a frittata can be easily packed and transported, to take to a potluck or picnic.

A good frittata uses a lavish amount of sautéed or roasted vegetables and just enough egg, or a combination of whole eggs and whites, to bind them together in a firm but moist cake. Herbs, fresh or dried, beautifully complement that mixture. Unless a family member or guest is lactose-intolerance, or avoids saturated fats or animal products, you can include grated Parmesan, pecorino, or goat cheese, whichever cheese best complements other ingredients.

If flipping a frittata intimidates you, use a skillet that can go into the oven or under the broiler to set the top and cook the frittata all the way through. Or, place a flat plate somewhat larger than the skillet upside down over the frittata and, firmly holding the skillet handle in one hand and firmly pressing the plate against the skillet, flip and slide the frittata onto the plate. Then slide it, browned side up, back into the skillet to lightly brown the other side. You can also try this recipe for individual frittatas baked in heatproof ramekins or custard cups.

ZUCCHINI AND LEEK FRITTATA

Canola cooking spray 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil 1 medium red onion, finely chopped 1 small leek, thinly sliced 2 small zucchini (6-inches), thinly sliced 2 teaspoons dried oregano 3 large eggs 6 large egg whites or3/4 cup liquid egg whites 2 tablespoons reduced-fat (2 percent) milk ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese ¼ cup chopped fresh basil ½ teaspoon salt Pinch cayenne pepper 2 large plum tomatoes, thinly sliced crosswise Minced flat-leaf parsley, for garnish (optional)

Place a rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 375º F. Coat 6 6-ounce heatproof

ramekins or custard cups generously with cooking oil spray and set aside. (For dishes holding more or less volume, count on enough to hold a total of $4^{1/2}$ cups of egg mixture.)

Heat the oil in a medium, non-stick skillet over mediumhigh heat. Sauté the onion until soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Mix in the leek, zucchini and oregano. Cook until the zucchini is just soft, about 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set the vegetables aside to cool.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk the eggs, whites and milk to combine them. Mix in the vegetables, cheese, basil, salt and cayenne. Spoon the mixture into the prepared dishes, dividing it evenly. Arrange 2 tomato slices on the top of each frittata.

Set a baking sheet on the oven rack. Place the ramekins on the baking sheet. Bake 25 minutes or until the frittatas are puffed, browned and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove from the oven and let them sit 5 minutes. Unmold the frittatas and serve hot, or let stand up to 2 hours, to serve at room temperature. Garnish with parsley just before serving.

Makes 6 6-ounce ramekins or custard cups.

Per serving: 113 calories, 6 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 6 g. carbohydrate, 9 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 359 mg. sodium.

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





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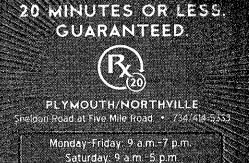
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SPORTS

14-year-old shatters 26-year-old CYO mile record

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The stakes were high for David Funke as he lined up to compete in the 1,600-meter run for his Livonia St. Michael's Catholic School track-and-field team June 16 at the Warren Community Center.

A solid performance would earn the 14year-old Canton resident a CYO title. Anything less than a gold-medal effort

would cost him his hair.

"David made a bet with his coach the week before the CYO championship meet," revealed Cheryl Funke, David's mom. "If he took first in the 1,600 at the CYO championship meet, David would get to shave his coach's head. If David didn't finish first, his coach would get to shave David's head."

Funke not only crossed the line first and saved his scalp, but his time of 4:47.8 broke a 26-year-old CYO record in the 1,600. The previous mark was 4:48.0.

"It was a phenomenal accomplishment for David," said David's coach Dennis Murray,

'I've never seen him guit in a race. In practice, he often stayed after and ran one or two extra laps. He understood that the extra work he put in is what would help him break the record.'

Dennis Murray David Funke's coach

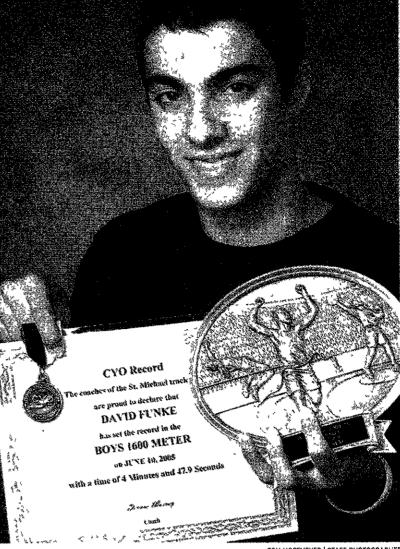
who now sports a military-style haircut as a result of the eighth-grader's record-breaking performance. "Before the track season started, David told me his goal was to win the CYO championship in the mile. He figured out what he had to do, he laid out a plan and then he executed the plan. It showed a lot of maturity on his part."

FAST START

The roots of Funke's golden mile were planted three years ago when the sixth-grader decided to try out for the St. Michael's track team. He began running sprints until a twist of fate sent in the direction of the distance events.

"David's main event in sixth grade was the

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident David Funke displays the awards he earned after he broke the record for the 1,600-meter run at the CYO track meet earlier this month at the Warren **Community Center.**

Canton youngster crowned state PH&R champion

Seven-year-old Dante Toppi of Canton placed first in Michigan in his age group in the Pitch, Hit & Run competition, which is sponsored by Major League



BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

From McClumpha Park to Comerica Park — with a lot of practice in

between. That sums up the past month's baseball journey for 7-year-old Canton resident Dante Toppi, who was crowned the state champion in his age group in the Pitch, Hit & Run competition, a national skills contest that is sponsored by Major League Baseball. To win the competition, Dante, who will be a third grader at Plymouth's All Saints Catholic School in the fall, outhit, out-pitched and out-ran hundreds of 7- and 8-year-old players from throughout Michigan. The state finals were held Saturday at Comerica Park several hours before the Detroit Tigers' game against the San Francisco Giants. While the big stage may have been

intimidating to many elementary school-aged kids, it didn't faze Dante, who posted his best point totals in the three events in the shadow of the Tigers' huge scoreboard.

"Being down on the field at Comerica Park was very inspirational for Dante," said Sally Toppi, Dante's mom. "He was probably the youngest kid out there, but he didn't seem nervous. He was very focused.

"Dante practiced every night - hitting baseballs and pitching - in our yard and at the park to get ready for this. He loves sports, but especially baseball." As one of 30 national winners (there will be one for each of the 30 Major League teams), Dante may be eligible to compete for the national PH&R title, which will be held at Comerica Park the week of the All-Star game.

All-Star game," Sally Toppi said. "All of the teams haven't finished their state competitions, so we don't know yet if Dante is one of the final four."

Dante's path to Comerica started at the Canton Sports Center, where he finished first in the local portion of the event. He then won the sectional event held in Dearborn Heights, which earned him a berth in the state finals.

Participants earned points by hitting a strike zone-sized target while pitching from 45 feet away; getting timed while running from second base to home plate; and hitting a ball off a tee (both distance and accuracy were measured).



Plymouth Christian Academy will be hosting 4 the nationally recognized Doyle Basebali School July 11-15. The school will instruct baseball and softball players ages 6 and older in hitting, throwing and fielding during the five days of instruction.

The school will be held . from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton.

Doyle Baseball, which is in its 26th year of operation, conducts satellite schools across the country and in Canada.

Doyle Baseball uses a step-by-step teaching approach that allows every player to improve and build confidence. The tuition for the school is \$100 per player. To register, call Bob Unis at (734) 454-5725. For a free Doyle brochure, call (863) 326-6303.

Cheer tryouts

Tryouts for the newly formed P-CEP, parkwide co-ed cheer team will be from 7-9 p.m Monday, June 27, through Thursday, June 30, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Tryouts are open to all Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school students. For more information,

contact Jodee Dillon at (734) 459-3393.

Whalers' schedule

state competition after winning local and sectional rounds. Toppi is pictured sitting on a paw of one of the huge tiger sculptures outside Comerica Park, the site of the state finals.

"The top four kids in each age group get to compete during the week of the

"Dante is extremely fast, so he always did well in the running," his mom said. "But he won first place at Comerica Park because he hit the target with three of his six pitches. Most of the kids — even the older ones — had a hard time hitting the target with two pitches."

Early success

Tomasso leads Canton kickers to stellar record in 1st year as coach

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

George Tomasso learned how to coach soccer from one of the best - Don Smith, who retired as coach of the Canton girls soccer team last season after a long and successful career.



Based on the success the Chiefs had this past spring in Tomasso's first year at the helm, the former All-State goalie also took good notes. Canton finished 15-5-1 and advanced to the Division 1 regional final before falling 1-0 to eventual state champion

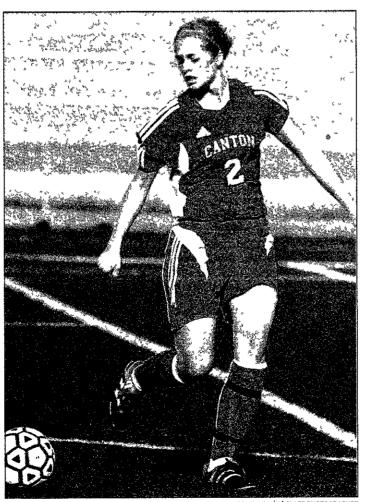
George Tomasso Novi. Tomasso's accomplish-

ments earned him the nod as the Observerland girls soccer coach of the year.

"Don had such a great career," Tomasso said, referring to his mentor and former coach. "He left big shoes to fill. I was hoping I could just fill one of them. I played for Don and coached for him, so I definitely learned a lot from the man."

Following a shaky start, the Chiefs came on strong during the middle and latter stages of the season. Among their 15 wins were victo-

PLEASE SEE TOMASSO, C3



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Andrea Johnson earned first-team All-Observerland honors for the second consecutive year despite moving from forward to defender five games into the season. Johnson was also voted to the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's All-State team.

26th Father's Day Run draws 1,400

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Since its inception in 1980, the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run has evolved from a small, family-oriented event to a "can't-miss" happening for avid runners in the metro Detroit area and beyond.

The 26th annual run, which was held Sunday through the streets of Plymouth, attracted a record 1,400 competitors, according to race director Cindy Morency.

"Even though it's a lot See race results on Page C3. bigger now, it's still family-

oriented," said Morency. "We have divisions for

runners of all ages -- from the 'Diaper Dash' to people in their 70s — so I think that is one reason it's such a popular event. Plus, it's a certified race, not a fun run, so all the times are official."

Another feature of the race that draws top-notch distance runners to the Kellogg Park starting line is the triple, a unique offering that allows runners to compete in the one-mile, five-kilometer and 10-kilometer races. Times from all three events — which are held just 15minutes apart - are combined to determine the winner. "The triple has become very popular," Morency said. "We had 80 runners complete the triple this year, which was the most we've ever had."

Greg Thomas, a resident of Clio, won the men's 2005 triple with a combined time of 58:53. The female triple champion is Rebekah Smeltzer, who resides in Monroe. Morency said the Father's Day Run would not have reached the heights it has without the assistance of many behind-the-scenes helpers. "We had over 100 volunteers and 30 local businesses pitch in to help us this year," said Morency. "One of our contributors, Dr. Tom Morris, has been sponsoring the 'triple' for 11 years now."

The Plymouth whaters will get an early start to their newest rivalry when they kick off their 68game 2005-06 regularseason schedule Wednesday, Sept. 21, in Saginaw.

The Whalers and Spirit will play eight times for the fourth consecutive season since the Spirit moved from North Bay in: 2002.

Plymouth's home opener is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, against Sarnia at the **Compuware Sports Arena** in Plymouth Township. ' Saturday nights remain the primary home date for the Whalers, with 20 Saturdays on the slate. Plymouth will play nine home games on Fridays, three on Sunday afternoons and two on Wednesdays.

Fall soccer

The City of Plymouth **Recreation Department** will be accepting registrations for its fall youth soccer program during business hours throughout the month of June. Business hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St.

All first-time registrants must bring a birth certificate.

The fee for U6 through U8 divisions is \$60 for **Plymouth residents and** \$85 for non-residents. Plavers in U9 and older divisions will be required to pay \$65 (Plymouth residents) or \$95 (nonresidents).

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, ext. 304.

It's kicks for all-area girls soccer team

FIRST TEAM Melissa Frederick, Jr. GK, Westland Glenn: The junior earned the respect of her Western Lakes Activities Association counterparts despite playing on a team that finished 4-14-1 overall.

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Frederick faced a total of 450 shots while allowing 70. She had two shutouts and stopped two breakaways in a game against Livonia Franklin. Frederick also saved two penalty kicks.

"The amount of shots she faced was unbelievable," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "Melissa knows when to come out and when to stay in. She's very loose in goal, very flexible. She can go up and down.

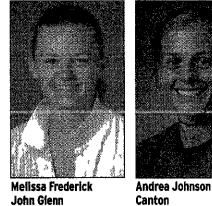
"She's a nice kid and very deserving of this."

Andrea Johnson, Sr. Def., Canton: Johnson earned firstteam All-State honors for this season's accomplishments, which came on both the offensive and defensive ends of the field. The senior was moved from forward to sweeper five games into the season. Not surprisingly, her goals total dropped, but not her effectiveness as she helped lead the Chiefs to the Division 1 regional final. Johnson, who is a repeat first team All-Observerland selection, was voted to the WLAA's first team.

"Andrea is a great all-around player," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "She was asked to play a different role when we moved her to defense early in the season, but she did a great job. She also scored some clutch goals for us against Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer. Andrea's knowledge of the game is far superior at the high school level."

Kathryn Wheatley, Sr., Salem: A captain, Wheatley was the backbone of the Rocks' defense for most of the season. When she wasn't playing defense, the talented senior tallied five goals and five assists. Wheatley's efforts earned her first-team WLAA accolades and third-team All-State honors.

"Kathryn was the best leader I've ever coached," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "After I spoke to the team before every game, she would always say something positive to the team to get everyone going. She was like the team's big sister. She made sure everyone was ready. "The Huron game kind of summed up her season. Before she took the fifth penalty kick, she turned around and said to the team, 'I'm going to win it for you,' and she did." Andrea Muscat, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior, a threeyear starter, usually marked the opposing team's most dangerous offensive player. "Her primary job was to shut down the opposition," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said of the All-WLAA pick. "I can't pick out a time when they scored on her. She's extremely tough. She's our best leader. She tackled hard and played smart. "And even though she only scored one goal, she helped us offensively quite a bit."





Salem



Andrea Muscat

Stevenson



Wendy Hoots

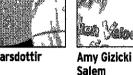
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Lisa Ealy TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Canton

Canton's Lisa Ealy, a junior, scored a team-high 17 goals to help lead the Chiefs to a 15-5-1 record. Ealy was awarded for her efforts by being named to the All-Observerland first team.

and Muscat.

"Wendy consistently makes good decisions, tackles well and is difficult to beat. She's been that way for four years."

Renee Farrell, Sr., Liv. Franklin: A four-year starter and captain, Farrell has earned first-team All-Observer honors for the third straight year.

coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She's never been a goal scorer because she usually sets up her teammates so it took three or four game until she started to score and she basically did it (23 goals) in 14 games. She scored some unbelievable, jawdropping goals.

"She's got great command of the ball. She really

to do," Logsdon said. The All-Central Division pick, who made third-team All-State in Division II, is undecided about what college she'll attend.

Lisa Ealy, Jr., Canton: Ealy was the Chiefs' leading scorer this season, knocking 17 goals into the back of the net. Many of the junior's goals cam clutch situations, including one in Canton's 3-2 Division 1 district final victory over





2005 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM GK-Melissa Frederick, Jr., Westland Glenn D-Andrea Johnson, Sr., Canton D-Kathryn Wheatley, Sr., Salem D-Andrea Muscat, Sr., Liv. Stevenson D-Wendy Hoots, Sr., Liv Stevenson D-Renee Farrell, Sr., Liv Franklin MF-Katrin Omarsdottir, Sr., Liv Churchill MF-Lindsay Rowe, Sr., Liv Ladywood MF-Amy Gizicki, Sr., Salem F-Lisa Ealy, Jr., Canton F-Bernadette Fisher, So., Red. Thurston

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Muscat, who made secondteam All-State in Division I, is going to play for Madonna University.

Wendy Hoots, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior, bound for Eastern Kentucky University, helped solidify a strong Stevenson defense.

The All-Division selection was a four-year starter for the Spartans.

"She's another one of our tough defenders," Pinta said. "We did not give up a lot of goals and the reason is Hoots

The two-time All-WLAA pick helped the Patriots to 14 shutouts and only 11 goals against this season, while scoring six goals herself.

Headed for Eastern Michigan University on a scholarship, Farrell has made All-Region three times and was All-District all four years.

She was named first-team All-State in Division I. "Renee was truly the anchor

of our backfield," Franklin coach Jenny Barker said. "She is a smart player who knows the game and knows her abilities. She's one of the fastest defender out there and used her speed to her advantage.

"Renee helped bring our team and program to a new level. She's leaving awfully big shoes to fill."

Katrin Omarsdottir, Sr., Liv. **Churchill:** The senior exchange student from Iceland led the WLAA in scoring, finishing overall with 23 goals and eight assists.

She made both All-WLAA and first-team All-State in Division I.

Omarsdottir, a member of Iceland's Under-19 National Team, missed three games at the end of the season with an ankle injury.

"Katrin is an all-around, complete player who has talent like I've never seen," Churchill

thing with the ball."

Amy Gizicki, Sr., Salem: An honorable mention All-State performer, Gizicki was named to the All-District, All-WLAA and All-Regional teams after compiling 11 goals and eight assists. Four of the two-year captain's goals this season were game-winners.

"Amy was one of the hardestworking players I've ever coached," said Nora. "From the beginning of the game until the end, she never stopped. She could play physical or with finesse, depending on the situation, which is why she had her best year as far as scoring."

Lindsay Rowe, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The center-midfielder was a four-year starter for the Blazers. She made firstteam All-Observer as a sophomore and second-team last year.

"Lindsay really came on in the playoffs," Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon said. "She was our playmaker. We'd look to get her the ball and distribute because she has such great ball skills."

Rowe had three goals this season, but was more of a creator.

"Her vision is amazing because she can move the ball and get passes into spaces most other players aren't able Salem. "Lisa had a phenomenal year for us," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "A lot of her goals came in key situations. She was always at the top of her game. Lisa is a hard worker who I'm looking forward to coaching next year, too."

Bernadette Fisher, Soph., Red. Thurston: Standing just 5-3, Fisher already is making a big mark on Thurston's soccer program. The relentless forward scored 24 goals and assisted on 10 others to spark the Eagles to the Mega White championship.

"Bernie was an integral part of our success this year," said Thurston head coach Jason Brater. "We certainly couldn't have won the Mega White without her."

Fisher earned All-Conference honors and was named the team's co-MVP for the second consecutive year; as a freshman, she registered 30 goals.

"She's a tenacious attacker, with quick footwork, field speed and she's constantly pushing to get an edge on the defense," Brater said. "And she loves to play. She brings the team up and people rally off

F-Samantha Wiemer, Sr , Luth. Westland SECOND TEAM **GK-Brittany Cervi, Sr, Canton GK-**Brittany Warner, So , Plymouth D-Lisa Hellen, Jr., Red Thurston D-Megan McCarthy, Sr., Salem D-Jessica Cadwell, Sr., Liv. Franklin D-Lauren Hess, Sr., Liv, Ladywood MF-Lia Williamson, Sr., Liv, Stevensor MF-Vanita Shukla, Sr., Liv Franklin F-Abby Lorion, So , Ply. Christian F-Holty Walker, Sr., Garden City F-Stefanie Stephens, Sr, Redford Union F-Kelly Adsit, So , Salem COACH OF YEAR George Tomasso, Canton **HONORABLE MENTION**

Churchill: Kellie Green, Michele Allen, Julie Dzwonkowski, Julie Mitchell, Franklin: Kacie* Horn, Carly Muncy, Jessica Austin, Mechan Horgan; Stevenson: Caitlyn Boyak, Ally King, Vicky Slavin, Kate Howe, Dina Allie, Lauren Brodie, Jamie Radley, Ladywood: Danica Rodriguez, Kathleen Bohrer, Jessica Tuggle, John Glenn: Megan Johnson, Jessika Williams, Wayne: Kelly MacDonald, Katle Sweeney, Jillian Rudy, Becky Sikora, Whitney Jacobs; Lutheran Westland: Megan Bahr, Amanda Poole, Andrea Guse', Clarenceville: Lisa Rotenheber, Cheisea Gregg; Canton: Becci Houdek, Katie Raker, Molly Priebe, Christie Daniels, Salem: Kristin March, Alyssa Guerin, Tara Duncan, Erica Arndt, Ashley Stoychoff; Plymouth Christian: Sara Ross, Karen Cleary: Garden City: Liz Raleigh, Amanda Bonner, Trisha Eilola Redford Thurston: Cindy Wyler, Kelley Murphy, Alyssa Cooke, Tara Novak, Redford Union: Jessica Petriches, Jennifer Glinski; Plymouth: Courtney Picard, Claire Baptist, Chelsey Quinlan, Val Klemmer

that."

Samantha Wiemer, Sr., Luth. Westland: The senior captain led Observerland in scoring with 30 goals after scoring just five as a junior. She also added three assists.

"Samantha became more comfortable around the net, and once she got in the scoring zone, she scored goals," Lutheran Westland coach Ken

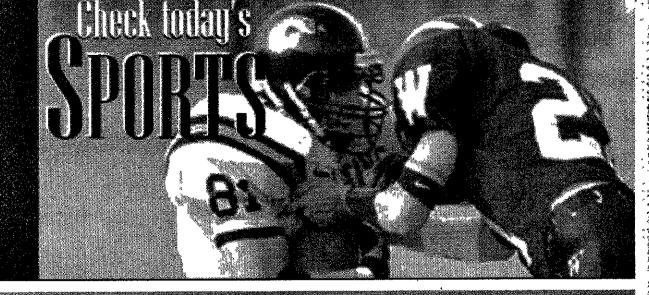
Shingledecker said. "She also scored goals when we needed them scored."

The four-year varsity starter will play for Saginaw Valley State next season.

"She organized our indoor soccer program and it made a difference in our season all the way through," said Shingledecker, whose Warriors finished 10-7-2 overall.

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Got Game? Yep, got scores, too.



FATHER'S DAY RUN RESULTS

26th Annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run June 19 in Plymouth Event Results 10-K RUN

Male overall: 1 Greg Thomas, 3616, 2 Tim Emmett, 36 42, 3. Thomas Dew (Canton), 36 47

Female overall: 1 Rebekah Smeltzer, 39 36, Marybeth Reader, 40.00; 3 Nicole Schromski (Westland), 4011

Male 13-15: 1 Christian Chagos (Canton), 40 07, 2 Alex Noble (Plymouth), 42 22, 3, Bobby Schmitz (Plymouth), 52.28.

Female 13-15: 1 Erin Maxam (Canton), 1.0133

Male 16-19: 1 Patrick Slavens (Canton), 40 31, 2 Nathan Kostesian (Plymouth), 41.52, 3 David Maycock (Plymouth), 45:37

Female 16-19: 1 Allison Smith, 47 14, 2. Annie Murphy (Plymouth) 48 34 3 Amanda Fricke (Plymouth), 51.11

Male 20-24: 1. Joshua Monthei (Westland), 37 44, 2. Steve Wolbert, 44 46, 3. Kevin 0'Beirne (Canton), 5714.

Female 20-24: 1. Caralyn Smeltzer, 44 06; 2 Lindsay Vechio (Westland), 50 38, 3 Lauren Keshishian, 52:24.

Male 25-29: 1 Sanjay, 42 43, 2 Kreg Hatfield, 43 05, 3 Peter Minjoe, 43 49.

Female 25-29: 1 Emily Martin, 49 39, 2 Jennifer Currier (Wayne), 50°16; 3 Jamie

Pawloski (Canton), 50.57 Male 30-34: 1 Chris Machniak, 38.09, 2 Jason Stewart (Canton), 40 44; 3. Michael

Sheppard (Canton), 41:07. Female 30-34: 1 Suzanne Caban, 42:30, 2

Mariann Dolman (Livonia), 50:46; 3. Dana Lewis (Plymouth), 52 30. Male 35-39: 1. Steve Menovcik, 38:33, 2

Eric Pahl (Canton), 39 29, 3 Jim Oleksinski, 40.39

Female 35-39: 1 Katherine Gillman, 45:05. 2 Jennifer Schwartz, 45.20, 3 Soojin Koh (Canton)

Male 40-44: 1 Todd Kelly, 37.15, 2 James Bumbul, 37:35; 3 Eric Pagac, 39 21.

Female 40-44: 1 Connie Scaparo (Canton). 45:40, 2 Dorsi Raynolds, 4719, 3 Ruth Lara,

47 29. Male 45-49: 1 Dave Wolbert, 37 57, 2 Rick Armes (Livonia) 38 07; 3 Roger Lara, 39:34

Female 45-49: 1 Kathy Murphy (Plymouth), 44.58; 2 Marie Rivard, 49 24; 3 Sandy Smith, 50 37

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Rick Straub, 4212, 3. Ray Pilon (Belleville), 43 16 Female 50-54: 1 Kathy Maliszewski, 51 51,

2 Susan Cline (Canton), 54 42, 3 Mary Lou Bosworth, 56 05

Male 55-59: 1 Thomas Butler, 41.38, 2. BB Kosen, 46:39, 3 Hub copp, 48:00

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slowly during the coaching transition, but the rate of improvement after that was incredible. They always com-

ries over area powerhouses Livonia Stevenson, Salem and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"This team never gave up, not one minute, all year," Tomasso said. "Even when we were down 5-0 against Novi early in the year, they played as hard as ever. We started a little

Female 55-59:1 Maggy Zidar, 47 26, 2 Sue Wilson (Plymouth), 54-56. Male 60-64: 1 James Carlton, 38 42, 2 Bob Stewart, 50.25, 3 Lee Karvola, 51:06 Male 65-69: 1 Larry Mishler (Plymouth),

55 25 Female 65-69:1 Jennie Patterson, 5434 Male 70-74:1 Bob Littky, 110 00

5-K RUN Male overall: 1 Chris Pankow, 16 43; 2. B.J Pankow, 16 52; 3 Ryan Pletzke, 17 16.

Female overall: 1. Rebekah Smeltzer, 18 24, 2 Marybeth Reader, 19:08; 3 Kim Bruce-

Bumbel, 19 30 Male 1-8: 1 Sammy Mersel 26 18 2 Lance Allen (Plymouth), 27 33

Female 1-8: 1 Rebecca Giacobbi (Livonia), 31.53

Male 9-12: 1 Frank Griffiths, 19:00, 2 Jesse Buchsbaum, 22 07, 3 Adam Seroka (Canton), 22 13

Female 9-12: 1 Taylor Burgoon (Canton), 24 26, 2. Lauren Seroka (Canton), 25.33, 3 Allison Walker (Canton) 26.41.

Male 13-15: 1 Derek Lax (Plymouth), 19 19, 2 Matt Carlson (Plymouth), 19 27, 3 Duncan Spitz (Plymouth), 19 30

Female 13-15: 1 Katie Glynn (Livonia), 22 32 2 Sarah Thomas (Canton), 22.37, 3 Molly Slavens (Canton), 23.53

Male 16-19: 1 Kellen Duke, 18 44, 2 Ryan Gregory, 20-24, 3 Justin Huev (Canton), 23 05 Female 16-19: 1 Rebecca McCormack (Canton), 22.47, 2 Jennifer Thomas (Canton),

22:56, 3 Nicole Boeving, 23 30. Male 20-24: 1 Jason Priebe (Plymouth). 22.54: 2. Matt Smith (Livonia), 23 17, 3

Matthew Patterson (Westland), 23 34 Female 20-24: 1 Caralyn Smeltzer, 20 32, 2

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Ransford, 18 06 3 Ian Bedford (Plymouth), 18 31 Female 25-29:1 Rachel Bowman, 20 49 2

Heather Marshall (Livonia), 22 56, 3 Lindsay Parsell, 23 05

Male 30-34: 1 Chris Machniak 17 48, 2 Daniel Rosol (Plymouth), 20.40, 3 Marc Dickison (Plymouth), 20.43

Female 30-34: 1. Irene Ryan (Plymouth), 20:30, 2 Karen Eckchoff 23 17, 3 Mariann Dolman (Livonia), 23 32

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Female 35-39:1 Alicia Gresser (Plymouth), 23 38; 2 Kathy Seurynck (Plymouth), 24 33 3 Sue Fairchild (Canton), 24 41

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peted and worked hard to

"Whenever you can beat

teams like Salem, Stevenson,

Pioneer and even Dearborn,

you know you've had a good

season. We lost to Novi, 1-0, in

the regional final, but they won

their next two games 5-0 and

reach a higher level.

Female 40-44: 1 Rosie Marano, 21 41, 2 Ruth Lara 22 33, 3 Cindy Hazen (Plymouth),



Greg Thomas, a resident of Clio, was the male open triple champion at Sunday's Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run. Thomas turned in a combined time of 58:53 for the onemile, 5K and 10K races.

Male 45-49: 1 Dave Wolbert 17 52, 2 Roger Shambaugh, 18 21. 3 Kurt Schneider, 18 52 Female 45-49: 1 robin Sarris-Hallop 2104

Sandy Smith, 22 39, 3 Rosalia Mandrigal 23 39 Male 50-54: 1 Gary Rizzo, 18 03, 2 Rick

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Shirley Torrance, 27 30, 3 Merry Joseph (Plymouth), 28.39 Male 60-64: 1 Lee Karvola, 24 09 2 David

Kull, 24 28, 3 Bill Anderson (Westland), 24 47 Female 60-64: 1 Charlene Kull, 27 45, 2 Kallie Michels (Plymouth), 34 07, 3 Mimi Bogdasarian, 39 18

3-0. If we win that one, who

knows how far we could have

of the Chiefs varsity squad,

junior varsity coach. He has

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See All-Area girls soccer team on page

Tomasso served as the school's

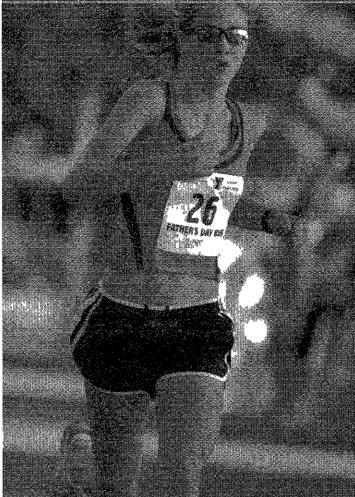
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Male 65-69: 1 Art Kitze, 25 05, 2 Richard Peters (Plymouth), 28 14, 3 Ed Torrance 28 40



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Rebekah Smeitzer, a 16-year-old resident of Monroe, was the female open triple champion at Sunday's Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run. She turned in a time of 1:03:43.

Female 65-69:1 Jennie Patterson, 2719 Male 70-74: 1 G Michael Abbott (Canton), 29 26, 2 Harrison Hensley, 35 11

Male 75-99: 1 Jim Forshee, 25:58, 2 Brian Downey (Westland), 30.40 1-MILE RUN

Male overall: 1 Greg Thomas, 5 00 2 Chris Machniak, 5 00, 3 Todd Kelly, 5.04.

Female overall: 1. Rebekah Smeltzer, 5 43, 2 Kayla Duke 5 45, 3 Marybeth Reader, 5 52

Male 1-8: 1 Nathan Hall (Plymouth) 7.41, 2 Kevin Boran 747, 3 Jacob Stephan (Plymouth), 7 52

Female 1-8: 1 Paige Zimmer, 8 03, 2 Annie McDougall (Canton), 8 33, 3 Carly Bartes (Plymouth), 917

Male 9-12: 1 Mitch Clinton (Plymouth), 5:39; 2 Eric Volstromer (Plymouth), 621, 3 Sam Sonnega (Plymouth) 627

Female 9-12: 1 Noelle Milad (Plymouth),

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Male 13-15: 1. Jacob Shannon (Plymouth) 6 12, 2 Paul Napolitano (Plymouth), 6.24, 3. Josh Evans (Plymouth), 6:39.

Female 13-15: 1. Emily Hall (Plymouth), 6:23, 2. Shelby Skinner, 6:39; 3 Lindsey Rey, 7:45

Male 16-19: 1. Justin Huey (Canton), 5:24. Female 16-19: 1. Amy Doenitz (Plymouth),

715, 2 Halle Doenitz (Plymouth), 7.38, 3 Allison Keshishian, 739

Female 20-24: 1. Caralyn Smeltzer, 6:25; 2 Alexa Smith (Plymouth), 10.47.

Male 25-29: 1 Ian Bedford (Plymouth), 5:12, 2. Kreg Hatfield, 516, 3 Christopher Parsell, 6 0 5

Female 25-29: 1 Karleen Ahuja 6:42, 2 Lindsay Parsell, 6 50

Male 30-34: 1 Warren Cureton (Belleville), 6.08; 2 Rick Fanning (Plymouth), 6.24; 3 Joe Witt, 6 26.

Female 30-34: 1. Mariann Dolman (Livonia). 713; 2. Paula Dudley, 802, 3. Theresa Padilla (Plymouth), 12.04.

Male 35-39: 1 Steve Menovcik. 517, 2 Jav Michaelson, 5:52; 3 Geoff Albin (Canton), 5 59. Female 35-39: 1 Heidi Bartes (Plymouth),

917. 2 Tricia Garbarino (Plymouth), 933, 3 Deb Stevenson (Canton), 12.20.

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Female 45-49: 1 Sandy Smith, 6:39, 2 Rosalia Madrigal, 6:58, 3 Diane Himebaugh, 7 31

Male 50-54: 1 Rick Straub, 5 53, 2 John Vraniak (Plymouth), 610, 3 Robin Pearce, 6.26

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Male 65-69: 1. Al Androff (Plymouth), 7 48; 2. George Douglas (Wayne), 9 02

Female 65-69:1 Jennie Patterson, 8 39 Male 75-99: 1 John Paton (Plymouth), 11.07 TRIPLE (three races combined)

Male open: 1. Greg Thomas, 58:53, 2. Chris Machniak, 1.00.57, 3 Steve Menovcik, 1.0146. Female open: 1 Rebekah Smeltzer, 1'03.43, Marybeth Reader, 1.05.00; 3 Caralyn

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Wolbert, 1.01:09, 3 Doug Ogden, 1'04'31. Female masters: 1 Ruth Lara, 1.16:56; 2. Maggy Zidar, 1.16.59, 3 Sandy Smith, 119 55





Oaks are 'tree-mendous'

The Canton Oaks U15 select team from the Canton Soccer Club was crowned champion of the Michigan State Premier Soccer Progra's 2005 spring season. The season ended June 4 with a 2-0 victory over the TSC Rockets in Troy. The Oaks finished 8-0-1. Team members include: Brett Brzys, Steve D'Annunzio, Jesse Forrester, Alex Kemp, Joel Langdon, Gordon Libby, Bryson Machonga and Marty Savage from Canton: Ryan Aubert, Tim Belcher, Brody Coplai, Joe Gill, Joey Massel and Scott Wisniewski from Plymouth; and goalie Geoff Janowiak from Ypsilanti. The team is coached and trained by Kieran Savage and managed by Karen Kemp.



MHSAA is searching for whistle-blowers

Individuals interested in becoming a high school athletic game official for the 2005-06 school year now may register with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and for the first time, new registrants and renewals will be accepted through the MHSAA Web site - mhsaa.com.

Through July 1, Michigan's 12,000-plus game officials in 14 sports are urged to submit their applications. The July date is an important one, as it is the deadline for officials who wish to be listed in the MHSAA's annual printed Officials Directory.

We always encourage officials to register before July 1, so they can be listed in the printed MHSAA Official's Directory," said Mark Uyl, MHSAA Assistant Director. "That is very beneficial for officials looking for work and schools looking for officials. Officials listed in the directory are also more visible candidates for approved association membership. Approved association benefits are numerous, so we encourage officials to either seek membership or be asked to join a local group well before the new school year begins."

Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, officials selected to work MHSAA post-season tournaments in basketball, football and wrestling will be required to be members of an

approved association. While early registration is

heavily encouraged, new officials are free to register with the MHSAA any time during

the year. MHSAA registration fees are among the lowest in the nation.

A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the processing fee is \$20.

Officials registered in 2004-05 will be assessed a late fee of \$20 for registration after July 1. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage of up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Registration for 2005-06 begins as the MHSAA comes off a year where through the addition of lacrosse, the total number of officials again topped the 12,000 mark, but registrations in all other sports were down.

The total of 12,084 registered officials for the just-completed school year ranks third overall. The all-time high came in 2003-04 with 12,268 registrants. Of this year's total, 206 were lacrosse officials.

"Our recruiting efforts for new officials is an ongoing process, and this past year's statistics prove that we will be facing a lot of turnover in the future with the anticipated retirements of many officials," Uyl said. "We must continue to promote the need for more individuals to become involved in officiating, and the recruitment, education and retention of new officials is a key to having younger folks ready when our veterans step down."

The MHSAA will continue to emphasize its efforts that allow high school students to become officials. The Legacy program allows 11th graders, 16 years of age and older, to officiate sub-varsity and junior high/middle school games with a mentor.

Twelfth graders, 17 and older, are also allowed to officiate sub-varsity and junior high/middle school contests without a mentoring official.

The changes made a few years ago in response to the concern that not enough high school students are being recruited into the officiating field through the Legacy Program, and that those who enter at that age tend to leave officiating shortly after graduating.

The 2005-06 school year will be the 14th for the Legacy program. Student officials will benefit from a waiver of the standard \$20 processing fee. Registration of \$10 per sport will be the only requirement. Last year, there were 68 students in the Legacy program.

"If every school and every officials association would deliver us just one young person each year, promoting officiating as a way to stay

active in sports beyond the high school playing days, we can keep our numbers strong," Uyl said. "But we also must remember that once we've recruited new officials, everyone - our officials association, our school administrators and coaches, and even spectators - must assist us in the retainment process by treating these officials - in fact, all officials with respect."

There is an officials' registration test, which is for first-time officials and officials not registered in the past year. The test consists of 75 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which may be used during the open book test.

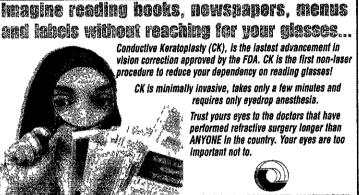
"The guidebook is a good reference that can answer many questions about the way the MHSAA operates," Uyl said. "We implemented this test as a way of insuring familiarity with the guidebook and to assure that new registrants are aware of the policies, practices and protocols expected of MHSAA officials.'

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Web site.

More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. You can also call the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046; or e-mail register@mhsaa.com.

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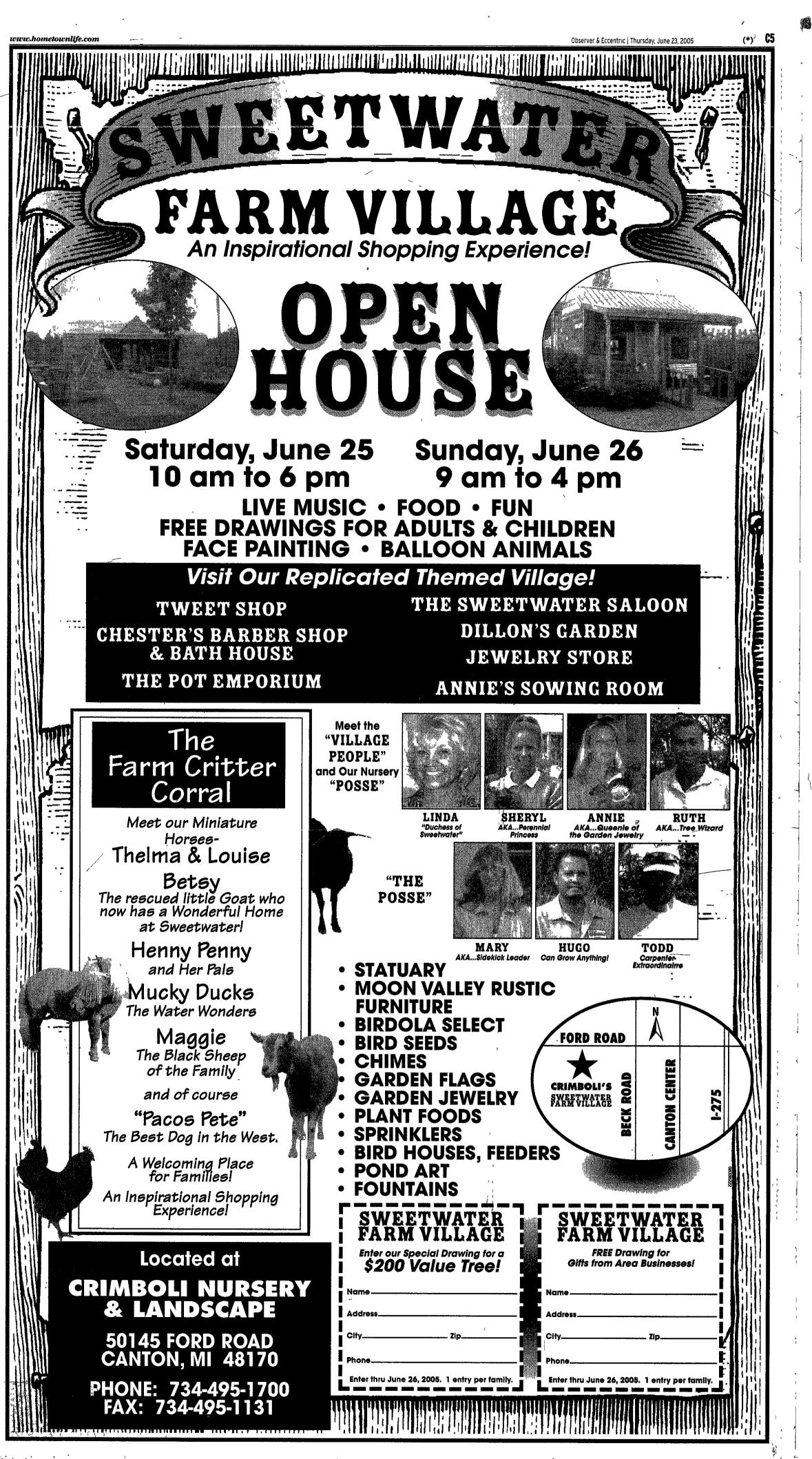




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Bucks kick woes with 7-0 victory

The Michigan Bucks' minor league soccer team took out their frustrations Saturday night with a 7-0 win over the host Fort Wayne Fever in Premier Development League action.

The Bucks, who scored just four goals during their fivegame winless streak, had 10 different players register either a 'goal or an assist in evening their <PDL record at 4-4-1.

The Bucks scored five times in the first half in one of the franchise's most impressive 45 minutes of play in their 10-year [†]history.

"That is an unusual stat, but that happens when you move the ball as quickly as we did going forward and spreading it around," Bucks coach Paul

Snape said. Michigan State University's Ryan McMahen (two goals, one assist) and Doug DeMartin (one goal, two assists) led the early barrage.

"It started with our front guys working hard to get open, the back guys hitting them early, and then the forwards holding the ball and laying off quickly, Snape added. "The ball movement also helped us keep our shape defensively. Our team pressure made a good team play backwards all day."

Africans Brian Ombiji, Joseph Kabwe (one goal) and Mkhokheli Dube (one goal), all from Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.), turned in their best performances of the year, according to Snape.

Other goals came from Scott

Duhl (Salem High/Western Michigan) and Doug Rice. Goalkeeper Jeff Wiese recorded his second shutout of the season, making a stellar save on the Fever's Daniel Broxup in the second minute of the match.

From that point forward. defenders Kevin Taylor (University of Michigan), Rauwshan McKenzie (MSU), Kyle Veris (Ohio State) and Nate Craft (Royal Oak) put the clamps on the Fever's talented front line.

"Our midfield worked really well as a group today, too," Snape said. "The entire team played well defensively, which created a lot of opportunities to counter."

But not all was perfect with

WRESTLING CAMP

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.

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.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

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

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

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

You can register online at www.SolsticeRun.org.

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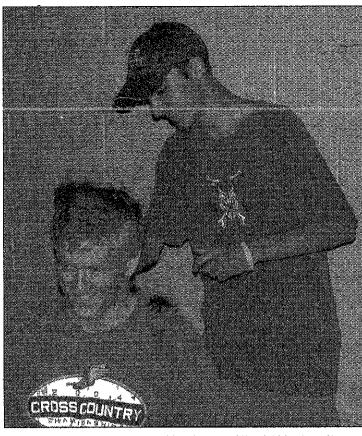
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After winning a friendly wager, David Funke earned the right to shave St. Michael's Catholic School track coach Dennis Murray's head. Funke broke a 26-year-old CYO record when he won the mile in 4:47.8.

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200, but the team needed someone to run the mile in one meet," Cheryl Funke said. "He tried it, did quite well and he's been running the mile ever since."

The following year David added cross country to his athletic agenda. With a diligent workout regimen, he began trimming his times almost as fast the clippers cut through his coach's hair last week.

"David is mentally tough," Murray said, when asked what makes Funke such a strong runner. "I've never seen him quit in a race. In practice, he often stayed after and ran one or two extra laps. He understood that the extra work he put in is what would help him break the record."

13-SECOND SHAVE

Funke eclipsed the 5:00 mark just once during the 2005 track season, which made his 4:47.8 clocking even more impressive.

"David was in second place for most of the race, but he really came on at the end," said Cheryl Funke. "He was bound and determined to win that race — and keep his hair."

Murray said the hair bet wasn't initially directed at David.

"During our last practice, I told our girls team that I would shave my head if our team finished first in the CYO meet," Murray said. "Well, when David heard about it, he asked me I would shave my head if he won the mile. I told him I would, but if he lost, he had to shave his head. He told me he had to think about it. A halfhour later he came back and said the bet's on."

David will be attending U of D Jesuit High School in the fall.

"The sky's the limit for David," said Murray. "I can see him knocking at least 20 to 25 seconds off his mile time in high school. If he keeps making plans and executing them like he did here — which I'm sure he will — it wouldn't surprise me if he was All-State some day."

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-June 14, 2005

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the pledge of allegiance <u>Roll Call</u> Members Present. Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Faas,

Judy Bocklage, Senior Planner Others Steve Favalaro, Municipal Software Corporation Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughhn to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. <u>STUDY SESSION TOPIC</u> Item 1. CITYVIEW SOFTWARE Steve Favalaro, Municipal Software Corporation answered questions from the Board. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 700 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Yack stated the Closed Session was cancelled. Roll Call Members Present Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Staff Present. Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Director Faas, Judy Bocklage, Senior Planner Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of May 24, 2005 Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of May 31, 2005 Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kırchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for June 14, 2005

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General Fund	101	\$ 795,952 41
Fire Fund	206	56,092.57
Police Fund	207	140,788.36
Summit Operating	208	$127,744\ 85$
Street Lighting	219	18,511.39
Cable TV Fund	230	1,934.21
Public Improvement	245	150.00
Twp Improvement	246	14,011.61
E-911 Utility	261	645.99
Federal Grants Fund	274	796.00
Auto Theft Grant	289	34,027.58
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	25,166.27
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	270.13
Golf Fund	584	86,197.67
Water & Sewer Fund	592	$627,081\ 44$
Trust & Agency Fund	701	$5,976\ 00$
Construction Escrows	702	119,933 55
Post Employ Benefits	736	3,137~67
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Total - All Funds 2,062,253.95 <u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2005 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to hear comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs pursuant to the Township Sidewalk Code of Ordinances and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as Provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989. Motion carried unanimously Several residents requested reinspections of the Sidewalk Repairs at their homes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the Public Hearing at 7 30 p m. after hearing the comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs to the Township Sidewalk Code of Ordinances and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as Provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution requiring replacement of sidewalks (account number 101-441-930-0000, Maintenance & Repairs of Sidewalks) in Century Farms, Cherry Hill Orchard, Hampton Court, Hampton Court West, Palmer Manor, Stonegate, and Miscellaneous Locations as indicated on the attached list and published in the Canton Observer on May 29 and June 2, 2005. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Resolution Approving** 2005 Sidewalk Repair Program Parcel List Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the replacement of sidewalks pursuant to the Township Sidewalk Code of Ordinances and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy Provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 in Century Farms, Cherry Hill Orchard, Hampton Court, Hampton Court West, Palmer Manor, Stonegate, and Miscellaneous Locations as indicated on the attached list and published in the Canton Observer on May 29 and June 2, 2005 Terry G. Bennett, Canton Township Clerk 2005 Sidewalk Repair Program -

Summary		
No. Lots	Subdivision Name	Year Built
279	Stonegate	1973
273	Cherry Hill Orchards	1974
166	Century Farms	1974
124	Hampton Court	1976
151	Hampton Court - West	1978
11	Palmer Manor	1978
18	Miscellaneous	

Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. John Schandevel, to approve the preliminary site plan for Phase 2 of The Hamlet, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR POOL TOWN. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Pooltown Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Pooltown WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested site plan approval for Pooltown to be located on Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 036-99-0005-702; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, conditioned upon receipt of the crossaccess easement agreement, revision of the exterior elevations to include more substantial column elements on the front of the building and receipt of a photometric study prior to final occupancy of the building, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Bryan Amann, to approve the site plan for the proposed Pooltown subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to all conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 3. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PURCHASE OF "CITYVIEW" SOFTWARE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to hear the presentation by Municipal Software Corporation regarding the proposed purchase of CityView. Motion carried unanimously. The request to purchase will be before the Board at the June 28th regular meeting due to the need to proceed in a timely manner in order to configure and implement the project during the slower part of the year for MSD staff. Implementation will take roughly seven (7) months to complete Item 4. INTER-FUND TRANSFER AND BUDGET AMENDMENT -ROAD PAVING MILLS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by

ROAD PAVING MILLS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the transfer of \$1,159,498.63 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Road paving fund for road improvements. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer: GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues Current Taxes #101-000-403-0000 \$34,499, Increase Appropriations Transfer to Road Paving Fund #101-959-965-4000 \$34,499 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out

budget from \$3,131,852 to \$3,166,351, and the General Fund budget from \$28,104,818 to \$28,139,317. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. BUDGET AMENDMENT - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND -INTEREST INCOME. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement Fund to recognize land contract interest for 2005. Increase Revenues Interest income-land contract #245-000-665-3000 \$115,920, Increase Appropriations Contribution to Fund Balance #245-265-999-0000 \$115,920 This budget amendment increases the Public Improvement Fund budget from \$100,500 to \$216,420. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF IKON COPIER FOR FIRE STATION 3. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 27 page per minute copier in the amount not to exceed \$6,681 to be paid from account 206-336-975-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. SECOND READING-AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE, INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL AND INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to remove from the table and approve the following amendment to the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance Chapter 74, Utilities Section 74-83(b) 7 & 8, Schedule of Rates and Charges for second reading. This ordinance amendment will be published June 23, 2005 and be effective on July

2005. Motion carried unanimously. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 74 UTILITIES SECTION 74-83(b) 7 & 8,

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74 UTILITIES, ARTICLE II TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, DIVISION 2. FINANCIAL MATTERS, SUBDIVISION II. RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 74-83, SUBSECTION (b) 7 & 8. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, ORDINANCE NO. 30; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT(S) TO SECTION 74-83(b) 7 & 8. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGES AND INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES. Chapter 74 Utilities, Article II Township Water and Sewer Systems, Division 2. Financial Matters, Subdivision II. Rates and Charges, Section 74-83(b) 7 & 8. Schedule of Rates and Charges of The Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, Ordinance No. 30, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows Section 74-83. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES. This section provides for sewer rates and charges for Industrial Waste SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE. This section provides that the balance of the Code of Ordinances, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF **ORDINANCE.** This section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. <u>SECTION 6.</u> <u>REPEAL</u> <u>OF</u> <u>CONFLICTING SECTIONS.</u> This section provides that portions of Section 74-83. of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance becomes effective on the 1st day of July, 2005 after publication of the second reading. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours Item 8. AWARD BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF OVERHEAD LIGHTBARS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of overhead light bars from Priority One Emergency, 12408 Stark Rd , Livonia, MI 48150 in the amount of \$1525.00 per light bar. Account #207-301-977-000, amount not to exceed \$36,000. Motion carried unanimously. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan McCausland commended the Building Department's Inspectors. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that June 21, 2005 Board Study Session is cancelled The next regular Board meeting will be June 28, 2005, Administration Building, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan 48188 Treasurer Kirchgatter reminded everyone of the Liberty Fest beginning this Thursday, June 16, 2005 through Sunday, June 19, 2005. All activities, dates and times are available on the website, . ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk



LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION CITY OF PLYMOUTH ELECTORS

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

Please take notice that a Special Wayne County election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005, IS TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 4:30 IN THE EVENING ON JULY 5, 2005, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county or City Clerk's office Persons planning to register with the respective County or City Clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the Clerk's Office is open for registration

This Notice is given by order of the State of Michigan

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC, Clerk City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 pm, Thursday, July 7, 2005 for the following^o

RIDGE ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION

The project involves the construction of approximately 1,416 lineal feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main by method of open cut with one creek crossing and one road crossing by bore and jack method, gate valve & wells, restoration, and other related work.

Specifications are available at Michael L. Priest & Associates, 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, MI 48187 on Thursday, June 23rd, 2005 A non refundable fee of \$35 dollars if picked up or \$42 if mailed will be charged for the bid packet. The phone number is (734) 459-8560. Bid documents are available for review at the Engingering Department on the 2nd floor of the Township Administration Building, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Market, and at Michael L. Priest & Associates. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK



locations various 1052 Grand Total Lots Impacted

Notes: 1.) Over 600 lots in Sunflower Sub. #1 to #4 were deferred to next year from the Sidewalk Master Plan due to budget restraints in 2005. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> Item 1. INSTALLATION OF "HANDICAPPED CHILD IN AREA" SIGN(S). (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to allow the installation of a "Handicapped Child in Area" sign(s) (\$290.18 for two signs, General Fund Account No. 101-300-970-0000) on Echo Woods Drive, and authorize the Clerk to sign the application. Further, that the Township will assume responsibilities for furnishing, installing and maintaining the sign(s) Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR CANTON GARDEN CLUB'S GARDEN WALK. (MSD) Motion by Bennett. supported by McLaughlin to grant special event status and to approve placement of signs (12 signs to be placed at major intersections and near each "Welcome to Canton" signs on June 18. 2005 and removed on June 26, 2005) for the Canton Garden Club's Garden Walk on June 25, 2005. Motion carried unanimously Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN CENTER'S "MAN TO MAN" SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant special event status and to approve installation of Signs (50 signs placed at major intersections on September 3, 2005 and removed on September 10, 2005) advertising Tri-City Christian Center's, 3855Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188 'Man to Man' sale on September 10, 2005 Motion carried unanimously Item 4. SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR A CLASS "C" LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM ANTONIO'S OF CANTON, INC., 2220 N. CANTON CENTER ROAD. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing date for June 28, 2005 with publication date of June 23, 2005 in the Canton Observer for Antonio's of Canton, Inc., 2220 North Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, Wayne County, for consideration "above all others" of a Class "C" Liquor License. Motion carried unanimously Item 5. CREDIT CARD POLICY UPDATE. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the 2005 Credit Card Policy update which includes the township's use and distribution of credit cards to Finance & Budget, Public Safety and the Supervisor's Office. Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR THE HAMLET, PHASE 2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for preliminary site plan, Phase 2 of The Hamlet Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Site Plan, Phase 2 of The Hamlet WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr John Schandevel, has requested approval of the preliminary site plan for Phase 2 of The Hamlet, located west of Denton Road, north and south of Proctor Road, (the entire PDD is identified by Tax ID #'s 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0013 000, 075 99 0014 000, 076 99 0001 000, 076 99 0006 000, 076 99 0007 001, 117 99 0002 000, 117 99 0003 000, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, 120 99 0001 000.), and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant preliminary site plan approval, conditioned upon submission of a. final home designs and acceptance by staff and the Commission that the designs are in keeping with those presented in the approved PDD pattern book, b. planting plans for the common spaces of the townhome areas, and, as further summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the

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

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MHSAA participation record set

All-time records for participation in high school sports were broken by Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools across the state during the 2004-05 school year, ,topping the 300,000 mark for the first time.

Among all student-athletes, a total of 304,568 participants in sports in which the Association sponsors post-season tournaments during the past school year took part, smashing the 294,012 record set in 2002-03.

The girls numbers were record-setting for the third straight year - the total of 127,890 topping last year's mark of 124,978. Boys participation was also its highest ever, the 176,678 figure surpassing the previous high of 169,619 in 2002-

The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

The participation figures in MHSAA tournament sports for girls are up 22 percent since the 1994-95 school year. Boys are up 14 percent over the same time period, and overall participation is up 17 percent.

Volleyball continues to be the most popular sport for girls, with 21,564 participants in 2004-05, the sports' third-highest total ever.

Girls sports hitting their all-time highs in participation last year for the second straight year were competitive cheer and soccer, while cross country, swimming and diving, and tennis all set new participation records.

The most popular boys sport continues to be football, with 44,253 participants last year. Ice hockey set a new participation record in

2004-05 for the second straight year, and also setting marks were soccer and tennis. Lacrosse, the newest MHSAA post-season

tournament sport, had 3,032 male and 1,435 female participants.

Bowling saw increases in both genders in its second year, with 2,350 boys and 1,955 girls - a total addition of nearly 1,000 participants.

The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling its national participation survey.

The results of the national survey from the 2000-01 school year to the present may be viewed on the NFHS Web site - www.nfhs.org. Nationwide results for 2004-05 will be available later this summer.

Results of Michigan survey from the 2000-01 school year to the present may be viewed on the MHSAA Web site - www.mhsaa.com - and clicking on Administrators.

The following shows participation figures for the 2004-05 school year from MHSAA member schools in sports in which the Association sponsors a post-season tournament:

BOYS SPORTS PARTICIPANTS Baseball: 19,268; basketball: 23,996 bowling: 2,350, cross country: 7,692: football: 44,253, golf: 7,878 gymnastics: 45 ice hockey: 3,994, lacrosse: 3,032; skiing: 882, soccer: 14,418 softball (fastpitch): 56; swimming and diving: 5,126, tennis: 8,723 track and field: 23,374, wrestling: 11,422.

GIRLS SPORTS PARTICIPANTS Baseball: 6; basketball: 20,544 bowling: 1,955, competitive cheer: 4,628, cross country: 7,070, football: 32 golf: 3,740 gymnastics: 860 ice hockey: 308, lacrosse: 1,435, skling: 796; soccer: 13,819; softball (fastpitch): 16 658; swimming and diving: 6,954; tennis: 9,439; track and field: 18,189, volleyball: 18,189, wrestling: 188



Pride-ful performance The Plymouth-Canton Pride 14U White girls fast-pitch softball team finished in

second place in the 14U NSA Super NIT tournament in Port Huron. The second-place finish earned the team a berth in the NSA World Series in Chattanooga, Tenn., later this summer. In its first four tournaments, the team has earned berths in both the USSSA World Series in Orlando, Fla., and the NSA World Series. The coaches said they are really proud of the girls. Members of the Pride 14U White include: Emily Pitcole, Jill Brennan, Ali Taylor, Miranda Rysdorp, Christina Parsons, Jessica Feldscher, Leah Reinhold, Samantha Podorsek, Shelby Anthony and Mary Cox. The coaches are Denny Taylor, Lyle Livingston, Kevin Pitcole and Mike Cox.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY WORKOUTS

The Canton boys varsity hockey team is currently holding an off-ice strength-andconditioning training program for current and future players. The training is being held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Canton High School's Phase III; and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Phase III.

Summer leagues for current and future players will begin in mid-June. For more information, contact coach Michael Behen at (313) 354-3920.

FOOTBALL CAMPS

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 freshmen will be held form 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. Call (734) 582-5700.

ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports has added several roller-hockey camps to its summer schedule:

■ A power-skating camp will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24; and from noon to

p.m. Aug. 8-12;

A power-skating/stickhandling camp will be from noon to 3 p.m. July 25-29; and

■ A passing/positioning camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5.

Other hockey-related camps at High Velocity Sports include floor hockey on Aug. 15-19 and a learn-to-skate camp from July 11-15 and Aug. 22-26. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

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WHALERS GOLF

Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers' eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville. Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers' Player Education Fund.

All participants will receive: 18 holes of golf with cart; a continental breakfast; full use of the golf range, putting green and locker-room facilities: an invitation to the post-outing buffet; and hole-in-one prize opportunities.

Shining Pride Stars

The Plymouth-Canton U12 Pride Stars girls fast-pitch softball team won the

NSA Super NIT 12U tournament held recently in Port Huron. The win gives the Stars a berth to the NSA Super Worlds, which is set for August in East Peoria, III. The Pride Stars beat the Michigan Stars in the semi-finals to earn a spot in the finals against the Michigan Dozers. The championship game was a

pitching duel, but the Pride won, 6-2, due to great defense and excellent base-running. Members of the Pride U12 Stars include: Lauren Roberts, Amy Dunleavy, Heidi Schmidt, Kelli Janiczek, Alyssa Gietl, Taylor Gould, Mary Johnson, Carol Ann Sexauer, Amanda Burnard, Kaitlyn Mattson and Lauren Reinhold. Not pictured are Logan Lankford and Jessica Bondy. The team is coached by Mike Burnard, Dan Bressler and Tony Gould.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ANTONIO'S OF CANTON, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-32, of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the Canton Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Antonio's of Canton, Inc. for issuance of a Class C Liquor License to be located at 2220 Canton Center Road Road, Canton, Michigan 48188

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may shave regarding this request. Written comments may also be "submitted to the Township Clerks Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton Mi., 48188 prior to the hearing date.

> Terry G. Bennett Clerk

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CANTON CINEMA

www.cantoncinema.com

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE** FOR THE AUGUST 02, 2005, SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION to be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2005, for

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Parks Millage Renewal of .2459; and

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH for

Police and Fire Service Millage Renewal of 1.6348; and Police and Fire Service Millage Increase of 0.5631; and

PLEASE NOTE that July 5, 2005, is the last date to register for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Registration for electors within the Charter Township of Plymouth will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office or state designated agency. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

> Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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3 p.m. July 25-29; A stick-handling camp * will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. June 27 to July 1; 🖬 A "Shoot-to-Score" camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 18-22; and from noon to 3

Interested golfers or corporate partners can contact Whalers' Director of Marketing and Corporate Sales Rob Murphy or Whalers' Educational Consultant Andy Madden at (734) 453-8400.

Charter Township of Plymouth

To all residents and other interested parties: The agenda's and minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township website <u>www.plymouthtwp.org</u>.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

> Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish May 8 & 12, June 9 & 23, July 7, August 4, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 2, 2005 SPECIAL ELECTION

WAYNE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION-PARKS MILLAGE

Notice is hereby given that JULY 5, 2005, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday, AUGUST 2, 2005. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by JULY 5, 2005.

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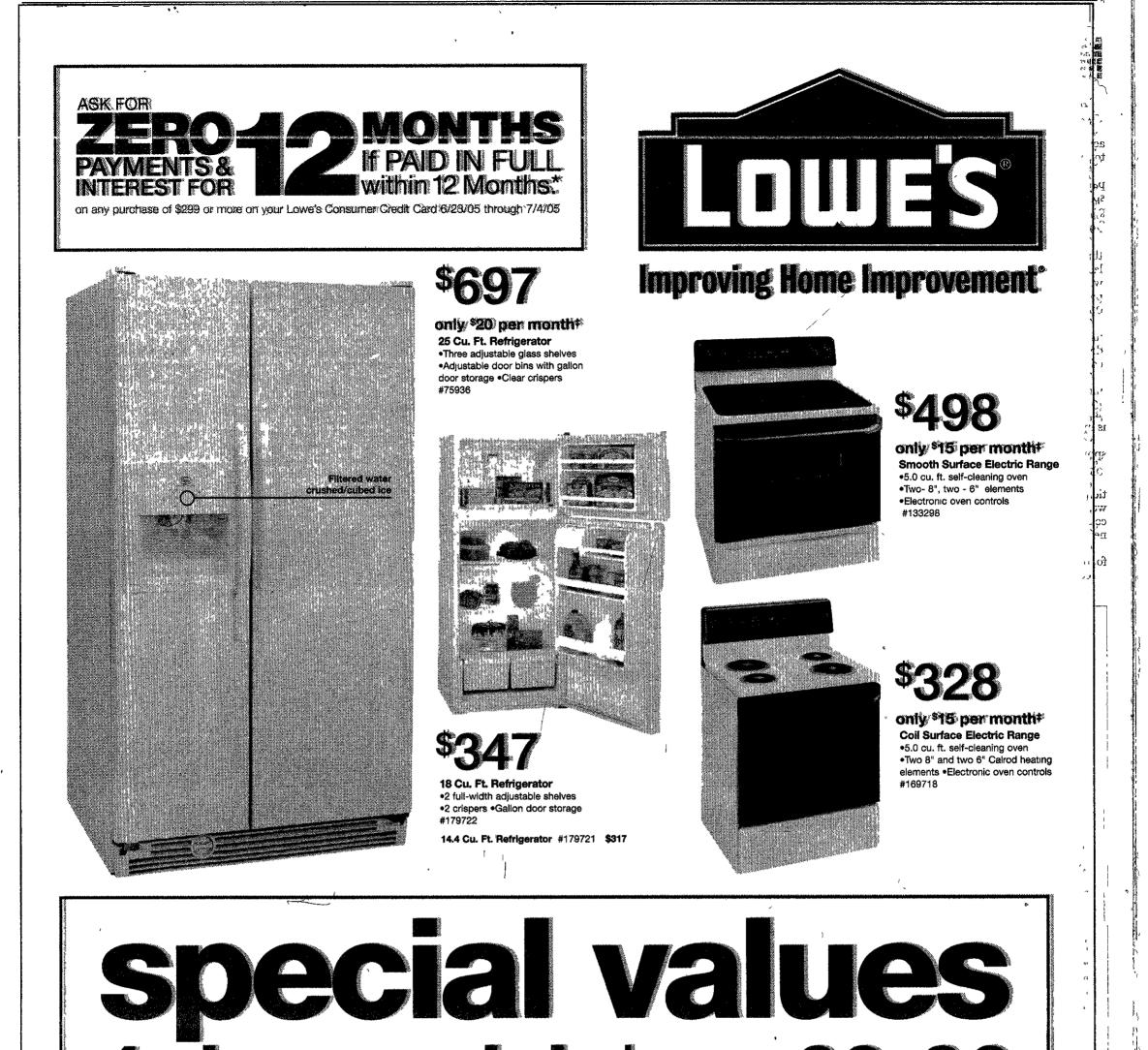
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees shall be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 to make a determination as to whether the Charter Township of Plymouth Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall use local site remediation revolving funds pursuant to a Brownfield Plan for the Township Hall property located at the northeast corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads (legal description attached) remediating the site to commercial use requirements of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act all as allowed by Public, Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended (the Brownfield Act). Members of the public are welcome to attend. The property not being subject to tax, no specific notice is being given to any taxing jurisdictions.

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Foundation's scholarship program recognizes best and brightest

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

For 15 years the Canton **Community Foundation has** been helping local students realize their dream of attending college with its scholarship program. This year, the foundation recognized more than 30 students from Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township with scholarships.

The recipients received their awards at a ceremony last month at the Village Theater.

Many of the scholarships were provided directly by the foundation, while others were provided by local organizations and businesses. In total, the foundation granted out \$34,000 in scholarships to both graduating high school seniors and students already attending college. There were several new scholarships this year, including the \$500 Mans Lumber and Millwork Scholarship, \$300 Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship and the \$500 Canton Lions Club Scholarship.

It's all part of the foundation's goal of supporting higher education and helping students in the community prepare for a meaningful career, according to Canton **Community Foundation** President Joan Noricks.

"We have given out \$330,000 since the inception of the scholarship program in 1990. That is a powerful statement of what we're doing," she said.

A review committee, which included high school counselors, community members and one teacher, chose the scholarship winners.

"It truly is an unbiased committee," Noricks said. "We have developed a scoring matrix, which takes into account financial need, academic record, community service, and leadership."

Several of the winners overcame major challenges in life, including Brad Zonca, a Canton resident who recently graduated from Salem High School.

When he was in third grade, Zonca was diagnosed with brain cancer, which doctors were successfully able to remove with radiation. He went on to be an excellent student athlete at Salem.

Zonca said he will attend Michigan State University, where he plans to study engineering. He said the \$500 scholarship from the foundation will definitely come in handy.

"It is very generous," Zonca said. "It's nice to see the community giving something back to its people."

Most of the scholarships were \$500, but some were larger, including two \$2,000 scholarship provided by Yazaki North America. The Bittinger Team also gave out three \$1,000 scholarships. Noricks said the Yazaki scholarships, which are renewable as long as the recipients maintain a 3.0 grade point average throughout their college years, are the most competitive.

The following scholarships were awarded:

Monica Ajlouny (Canton) -- Canton Business and Professional Women, \$500

🖬 Aysha Ansari (Canton) --Marvin Schulz Memorial, \$300

Matthew Baciak (Canton) -- Canton Lions Club. \$500

Emily Barlage (Canton) --

Penelope Hope Klei, \$500 Alenia Campbell -- The

Bittinger Team, \$1,000 🖬 Brittany Cervi (Canton) --

Canton Community Foundation, \$500

Kenneth Clawson (Canton) -- Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-

Canton Breakfast, \$1,000 Jennifer David (Plymouth)

--The Bittinger Team, \$1,000

Sharlene Day (Canton) --Elizabeth Durack Memorial,

\$500 Kurt Edelbrock (Plymouth) -- Canton

Community Foundation, \$500 Timothy Finch (Canton) --Canton Community Foundation/Youth Leadership,

\$500 Amber Forbes (Canton) --Yazaki North America, Inc., \$2,000

Jason Frye (Canton) ---Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan,

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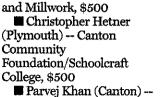
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Canton Community Foundation/University of Michigan, \$500 Lindsey Kitti (Plymouth) --

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🗰 Brendan Krueger (Canton) -- Yazaki North America, Inc., \$2,000

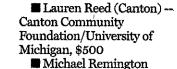
Brian Lent (Plymouth) --Canton Community Foundation/Schoolcraft

College, \$500 Jane MacFarlane (Canton)

-- Harold Rosin/Canton Community Foundation, \$500

Monica Przebienda (Canton) -- Canton Garden

Club, \$500



(Canton) -- Regal Construction, Inc. -- \$500

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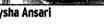


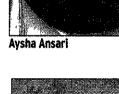


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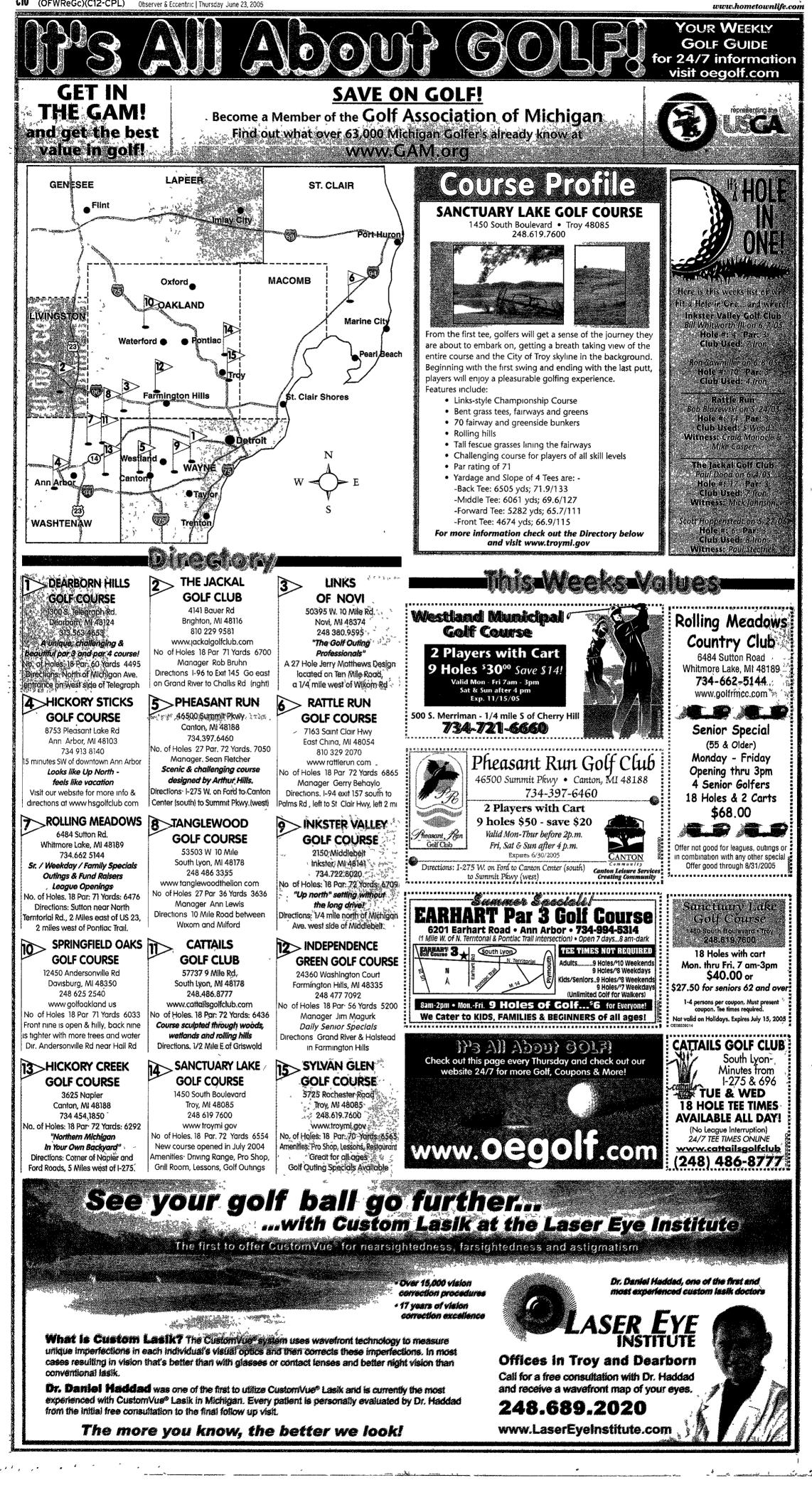
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Designer sinks jump-start kitchen remodeling

(NUI) - Today, home designers are taking the kitchen to an entirely new level.

Simplicity, attractiveness and easy maintenance are among the characteristics homeowners look for in kitchen design

design. If your goal is to make your kitchen more efficient, kitchen and bath product manufacturers recommend starting with the sink.

A kitchen sink can be both functional and beautiful. Whether your kitchen style is traditional or contemporary, the sink's design can make a bold statement and also make your life in the kitchen a little easier. Here are some

suggestions. Divide and conquer. Using a double-basin sink makes separating and cleaning dishes and pots quick and easy. Kohler's new Smart Divide sinks maximize the clearance between the sinkdivider and faucet using a divider that is half the height of a conventional one. The new design gives homeowners the best of both worlds: double-basin convenience with the roominess of a singlebasin sink.

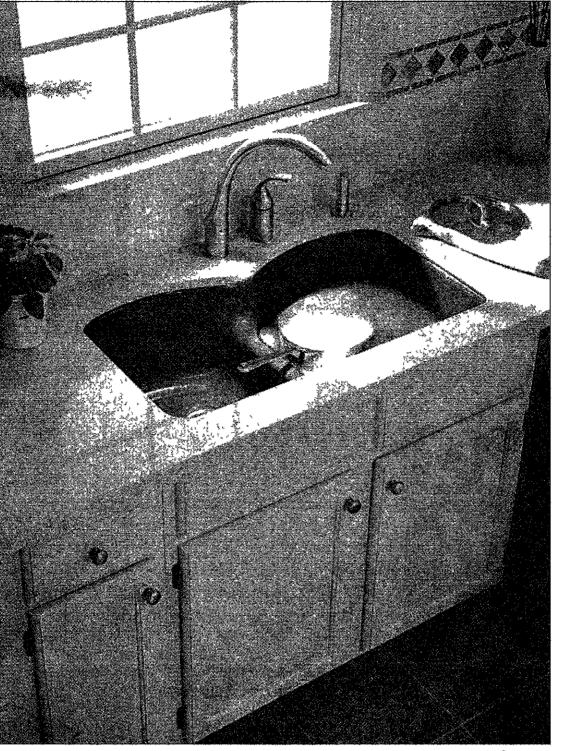
III Find a multi-functional faucet. Think about convenience and durability when choosing a kitchen faucet.

Pullout spray faucets are easy to use, provide greater flexibility when cleaning large pots, and make sink-cleaning a breeze. The FortZ[×] pullout kitchen faucet from Kohler has a spray pattern memory feature that stores the last-used setting; a temperature memory feature that maintains ideal water temperature; and an easy-to-clean spray-face that resists calcium buildup.

Accessorize. Accessories that complement the design and function of your kitchen sink - bottom basin racks, wire rinse baskets, cutting boards and colanders - will keep everything you need at your fingertips.

For more information on other functional and stylish kitchen products available from Kohler, visit www.kohler.com or call (800) 4-KOHLER.

Add flair to your kitchen with a stylish sink.



A kitchen sink can be both functional and beautiful. Whether your kitchen style is traditional or contemporary, the sink's design can make a bold statement and also make your life in the kitchen a little easier. 1 . Set 1

New bankruptcy law jeopardizes homeowner equity

he new bankruptcy laws are now in the books. Everything you could want to know right there

in black and white ... hundreds of pages, in fact. This fall, when the law takes effect, things will never be the same in the bankruptcy world.

The changes are expansive and expensive. The new bankruptcy law makes it tougher for individuals to get relief from their debts. It helps creditors who would have previously been left holding the bag retain some chance of recouping their losses. This means that former safe

havens" for assets may no longer be off limits to creditors. That may include your home's equity.



Timothy

Phillips

How the new bankruptcy law affects your home ownership will vary from state to state. Its impact will be based, in large part, on each individual states' homestead policies. You can determine whether or not your home and equity are at risk by joining the droves of individuals seeking legal counsel right now. (You can also get

some free insights online at www.abiworld.org.)

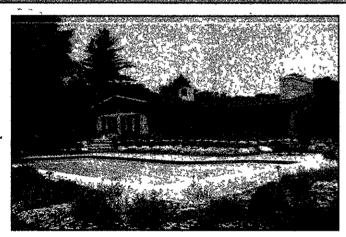
I raise the bankruptcy law changes in this mortgage column not to drag you through doom and gloom, but to shed some light where there may be darkness. The fact is, I already use bankruptcy avoidance strategies for many of my mortgage clients, and have done so for many years.

The concept is to free up a homeowner's pool of equity and us it to negate debt (and avoid bankruptcy) in the most efficient, cost-effective manner possible. I break the process down into the "stop the bleeding" phase and the healing phase.

The process generally involves using a third-party arbitrator to negotiate a reduced-debt settlement, then some method of freeing up home equity to pay them off. Normally, we access equity by using a mortgage or a lease/buy-back agreement.

Today's TIMBIT! It happens more frequently than you might imagine. Some people are sitting on lots of equity in their homes, but they are cash-shy and rich in debt. Even with low credit scores, you can probably avoid bankruptcy and preserve your assets if you let your home's equity work for you.

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.



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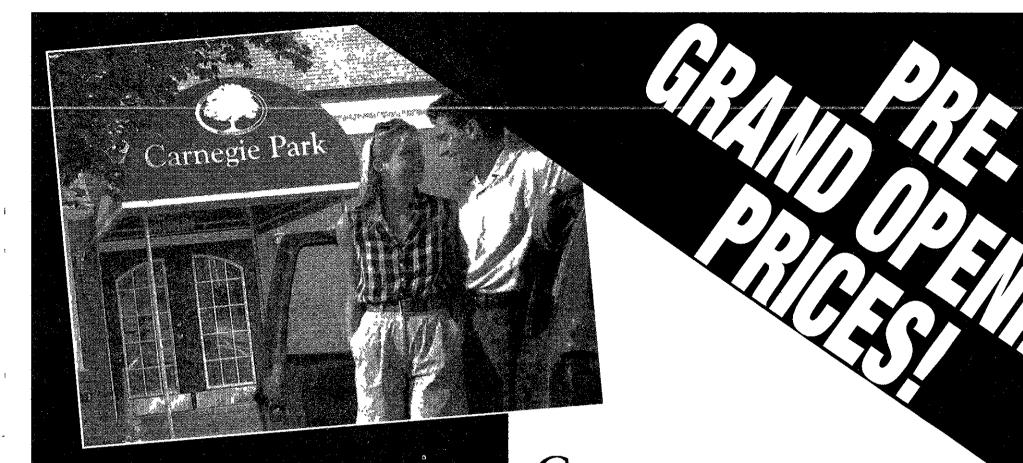
A "new" home in Quarton Lake Estates. Beautifully renovated in the last year, this charming cape cod offers all the amenities today's sophisticated buyer desires. Hardwood floors, formal living room w/FP, dining room, Chef's kitchen with gourmet appliances, granite, natural cherry cabinetry, mosaic tiles, family room with spiral stair to loft 4th bdrm/office/exercise. Second floor offers hall bath, guest suite, master suite w/balcony. Partially finished lower level, oversized garage with storage area, private landscaped lot, patio. Quality and attention to detail throughout. \$1,050,000

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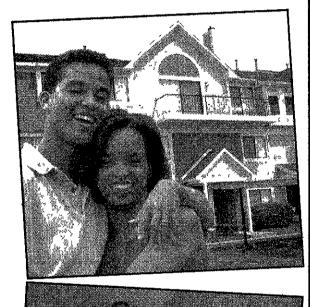
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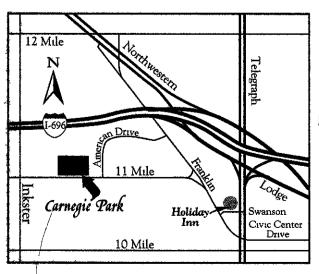
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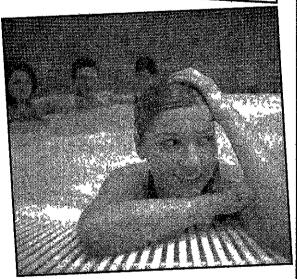
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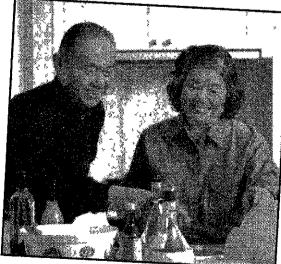
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Oakland Builders Institute will offer a Builder's Pre-License class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdaý/Sunday, July 16, and 17, at Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills. The course will feature math as well as blueprint reading and is for those who own their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people The cost is \$205 and is all inclusive. Pre-registration and a \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, July 14, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. 1-800-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Free Home Buying Seminar

Standard Federal Bank, headquartered in Troy, will hold free home buying seminars from 6-8 p m., Tuesday, July 12, at the Washington Branch, 948 South Washington, Holland, Kelly Kaufman, (616) 396-8362; 9 a.m to 1 p m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Lighthouse Community Development of Oakland County, 46156 Woodward, Pontiac, (248) 920-6200 or 1-800 643-9600 ext. 22532; and 10 a m to noon, Saturday, Aug. 20, Westshire Place Community, 29126 Currier, off Middlebelt south of Michigan Avenue, Westland, (734) 722-1280 or 1-800-643-9600 ext. 22532

An experienced lending officer will provide tips on the home-buying process, including how to set a housing budget, understanding credit reports, and managing the mortgage application process.

Upon completion of the seminar, participants will receive certifi-

cates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable for people with low- to moderate-incomes and offers many benefits, such as modified guidelines, smaller down payments and other less restrictive terms.



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Building Industry Association

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor the following programs:

"Nuts & Bolts of Condominium" Documentation: Part II" from 8:30 a.m. to 10 30 a.m on Tuesday, June 28, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for non-mem-

- bers and guests. (248) 862-1033. Builder's License Preparation course from 8 a m to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees are \$200 per person (248) 862-1033.
- **Build Your Own Home Class** Rochester Hills Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a How to Build Your Own Home class from 6-10 p m., Monday/Wednesday, July 18, 20, 25 and 27 at Adams High School, 3200 W Tienken, Rochester The course will feature home financing, the building process,

builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. Many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor who is also a builder will also be available. The cost is \$199 plus \$30 for two course textbooks Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, July 14, to Rochester Community Education. (248) 726-3165.

Free Home Buyers Seminar

West Cross streets.

Shore Mortgage will offer a free home buyers seminar from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, July 9, at the Southfield Civic Center, Department of Parks & Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

The program is designed to show how to purchase the home of your dreams Space is limited. Reservations are required by Thursday, July 7 (248) 433-4370.

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For more than 25 years, I have been preaching in this column the need to get an experienced condominium attorney before you purchase a condominium unit. Unfortunately, puffing by sales persons sometimes results in problems for coowners/purchasers, such as you. You may have a claim against the Realtor but you had an obligation to review the

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condominium restrictions which are recorded as a matter of public record. I would talk to the association to see if they will give you a waiver but, if not, I would consult with an attorney immediately as to your recourse against the Realtor in regard to the situation.

I have heard about a high rise being constructed on the

Chicago River which will "trump" the other condominiums in the area. Do you have any information about it?

In a recent visit to Chicago, I noted that there are a number of high rise developments, both conversions and new construction, in the downtown area. One, of course, as proposed stands out being the Trump Towers. It carries with it an attendant price with respect to the studios and bedroom units available. You are best advised to consult with a real estate agent in the downtown Chicago area before making any investments.

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GREAT LOCATION! Nestled in desirable Mayflower Village is this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial Welcoming family room w/ fireplace, Florida room, updated kitchen, finished basement and a home warranty. Don't miss itl \$259,900 (P-205BA)



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NESTLED IN THE WOODS. On a PRIDE cul-de-sac for kids! 2 story sky-lit Immaculate four bedroom colonial. vaulted ceilings in the great room, Hardwood floors, a large country bedrooms, 2 baths and a finished custom fireplace, sunken sky-lit bath kitchen opens to the spacious family w/jetted tub, awesome finished room w/fireplace Wonderful loft area



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CONTEMPORARY CONDO. Barely lived in ranch floor plan w/2 basement. Premium end unit with an attached 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry, fireplace and cathedral ceilings. What more could you ask for? \$219,900 (P-201CA)



LOCATION, LOCATION! Hurry on this updated 3 bedroom home situated on a huge treed and fenced lot. Newer roof, windows, updated kitchen w/ appliances, fireplace, attached garage and a warranty! \$183,500 (C-840EL)



LOVELY WOODED LOT. Treed setting with over half an acre and total privacy. Large family room w/ fireplace and doorwall to the tiered deck, master w/private bath, 1st floor home laundry and a very spacious floor basement, 3 car garage, deck w/ plan with over 2688 sq. ft. Immediate retractable awning, paver walk, occupancy. \$379,900 (C-388QU) sprinklers and lavish landscaping.



No A HARVEST OF FEATURES. Has disappointments in this open and bright home. 2 bedrooms each with a full private bath, a cozy fireplace, a garage, appliances remain, new windows and flooring. Common pool and tennis for summer oversized garage \$339,000 (P-643SO) summer and

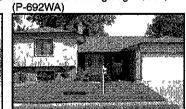


Built in '01 with soaring ceilings, exceptional gourmet kitchen, а library, formal dining w/trey celling, superb master suite, x-deep \$525.000 (P-229IN)



HUGE LOT! Meticulously gone into this beautiful Canton ranch maintained and updated Westland with over 2500 sq. ft.! Large and ranch. Big beautiful oak kitchen with luxurious master, kitchen w/snack nook and doorwall to the patio bar island, built ins and White Bay overlooking a huge 265ft. deep lot. cabinetry. Basement, 9ft. ceilings, Finished basement & neutral décor. more. \$159,900 (C-205SU)

CREEK RUNS THROUGH IT. Α Custom home w/canal frontage & access to Commerce Lake. A private road leads to this 3 bdrm beauty w/ baths. Formal living areas, fireplace, tiered deck, master & princess suites - even a walkout enclosed basement & 3 car garage! \$535,000



deck with hot tub. Updated roof, and a gorgeous kitchen remodel. carpeting, kitchen and windows. Built Great opportunity for only. \$204,000 to entertain. \$249,900 (012SP)

FOUND YOU IT! Gorgeous Northville condo has everything but the maintenance! Clean and beautifully decorated, this end unit offers a great master, new floors and seasonal porch, appliances and a great location



THE BIG THREE. Price, location and EXCITING OFFERING. In Novi with condition¹ All have been surpassed in 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths on a lovely xthis Canton home with a cozy large lot w/park like setting. fireplace & wet bar, or the awesome Dimensional shingles on new roof (C-108LY)



LIVONIA BEAUTY. Great opportunity to own this brick ranch with 3BR/2BA. Updated kitchen w/ nook, new carpet, windows, furnace, HWH and C/A all recently updated. fixtures, dining and study areas, Oversized garage, fenced yard and a basement complete this nice package. \$184,900 (P-460OA)



GREAT APPEAL! Zoned residential or small business. All of the major components of the home updated ie: roof. windows, furnace, air, remodeled kitchen & baths. Basement and garage. Walking distance to downtown Plymouth. \$199,900 (P-469MI)



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SCENIC VIEWS. 2 bedroom - 2 bath end unit backing to the woods with neutral décor, vaulted ceilings, newer roof, Wallside windows, a carport and walking distance to downtown Northville. \$144,900 (C-732TA)



BEAUTIFUL LOT. Paver patio, deck, SEEING IS BELIEVING! This 3



mature trees & nearby park make bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch on a this story book special. All of the big cul-de-sac is more than you could ticket items have been updated hope for with custom remodeled throughout, custom moldings and community pool and a private park needs to be torn down (non-Basement w/new floor, all kitchen kitchen and baths, a finished coved ceilings add to the charm with lake privileges. Neutral décor, conforming use). Land survey done, appliances stay, freshly painted and basement, huge yard, a garage and Many updates, ready to go! \$149,900 (P-563HA) plenty of room to roam. \$158,900 \$194,900 (145SP) (C-641JA)



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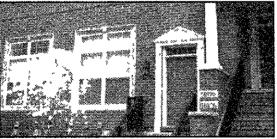
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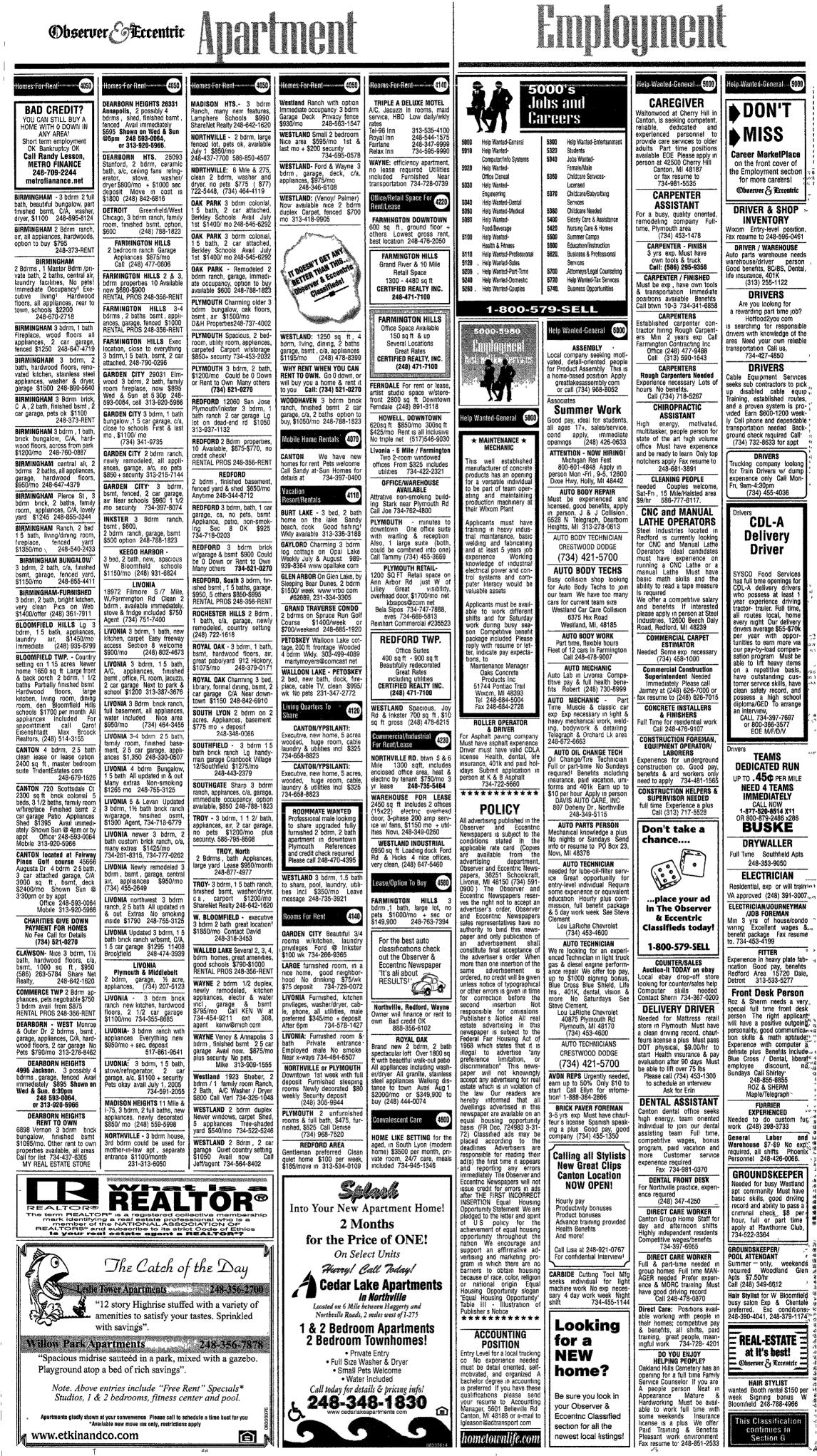
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734-591-9200 LIVONIA Open floor plan w/cath ceil. Hdwd floors in kit, DR & foyer, designer patio with profess landscaping. 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. (25076793) \$325,900

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248-348-6430 PLYMOUTH EXCEPTIONAL HOME W/AN EXCEPTIONAL PRICE 2100 SF 3 BR,3 BA,3 car gar. Updtd kit, BAs, win, roof, brick work, 2 new furns, sprinkler



CANTON 734-455-7000 JUST LIKE OLD TIMES! .54 acre of wide open bckyrd. Enjoy the view from the covered country porch. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/frml LR, DR & FR w/gas FP. Fin'd bsmt. Plymouth Canton Schools (23D44196) \$284,900



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DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200 Great curb appeal on this 3 BR brick colonial. Newer vinyl siding, nicely landscaped, main BA recently remod, fin bsmt w/bar & sauna m. w/shower. Close to schools, shopping & pub. golf course (25076112) \$215,000



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248-348-6430 A PRIVATE AND SECLUDED COMMUNITY Beautiful prvt end unit ranch condo, 2 BR, 2 full BAs, extensive upgrades, gracious LR w/dbl fplc, lib, lg deck, view of pond, 2 car att side entry gar. 349-6200 (25049000) \$309,900



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BR could be office, updtd kit and BAs, patio, newer window & flooring, Ig yard.349-6200 (25065039) \$267,500

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734-455-7000 NEWER CANTON COLONIAL! Best buy in Canton. Very clean, neutral decor. Spacious kit wisland, FR, 3 BRs, 25 BA, 1st fir Indry-lovely landscaping. (23S45615) \$235,000



TROY 734-455-7000 CUL-DE-SAC BEAUTY 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial in beautiful sub on a cul-de-sac. Brick home w/ deck & fenced vard. Numerous advantages inside & outside.Hurry! (23P2658) \$297,900



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HIGHLAND 734-455-7000 MOVE RIGHT IN! 4 BR, 1.5 BA, many updates. Lake privs.Newer carpet, septic field, wndws,furn,C/A,gar door,interior doors,front door,updated BA& more. (23H880) \$224,900





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1/2 BAs, frml DR, FR with fpic, 2 tiered deck,

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734-591-9200 LIVONIA Another beautiful updated Burton Hollow ranch. Newer kit with corian counters & light oak cabinets. Ceramic floors in kit & BAs. Hdwd floors throughout. (25064481) \$239,900



CANTON 734-591-9200 Outstanding ranch! Conveniently Located. 3 BR, 2.5 BAs, FR, eat in kit, & part fin'd bsmt, plumb for lav. Plymouth/Canton School System. Home warranty (25070973) \$219,000





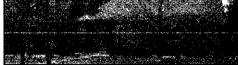


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734-591-9200 Newer Construction Condo w/loads of updates. Fully fin bsmt w/bar Egress wndw Home feat gas fplc, deck, ceramic tile, hdwd flrs, stainless steel appls and more (25074971) \$204,900

LIVONIA 734-326-2000 AVAILABLE TODAY 3 BR vinyl bungalow on a half acre lot in Livonia W/ FR w/fplc, 1 1/2 BAs, redecorated kit, and 2 car gar. (G155) \$198,000

248-348-6430 **ROYAL OAK** ENGLISH COTTAGE LOOK IN ROYAL OAK Charming, clean, & ready. 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs. Updated fin bsmt, deck, wood firs, gar. Don't miss this one. 349-6200 (25063174) \$188,000



FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430 END UNIT RANCH CONDOL OPEN FLOOR PLAN Vaulted ceil w/skylite in kit. New windows, roof-03', new stove, microwave & dishwasher. Gas Fplc; neutral throughout. 1 car gar w/ opener. 349-6200 (25011747) \$165,000



GARDEN CITY

734-326-2000 SERENITY GARDENS IS THIS GORGEOUS RANCH In Garden City. Has a dream kit, MBR has Lav & walk in closet. Newer RF, furn, C/A & wndws. Oversized lot, 2 level pond & perriniais. part fin bsmt, 12x12 barn. (H200) \$160,000

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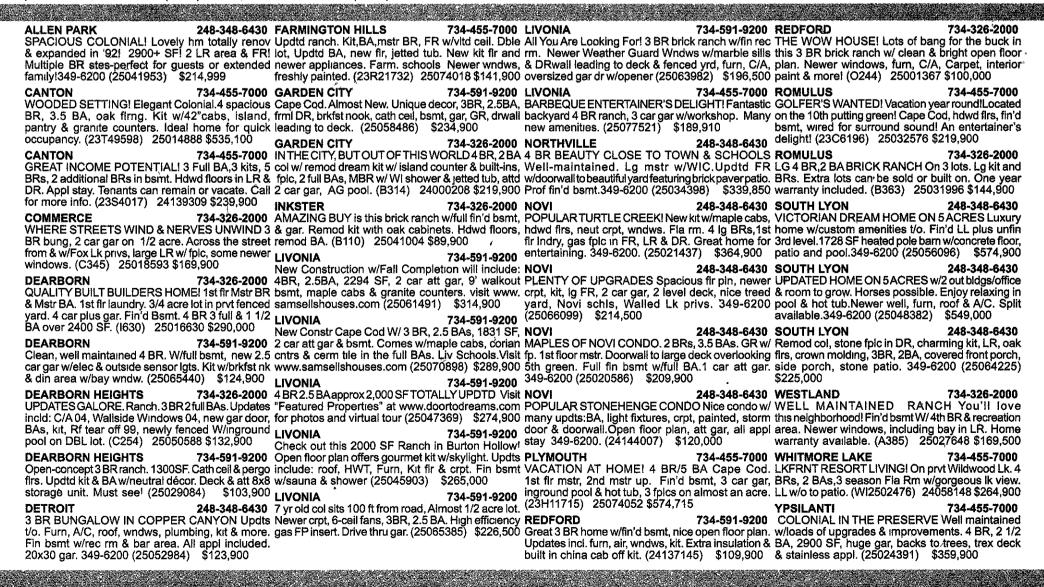
COMFORTABLE MODERN SPLIT LEVEL is this 4 BR, 1 1/2 BA Westland home. Remod kit & BAs, newer windows & carpeting plus many other updates. 2 1/2 car gar & all backing to a wooded area. (C214) 21062 \$159,900



CANTON 248-348-6430 RARE 3 BR W/bsmt & Gar. Updated & freshly painted.Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location clubhouse & pool. 349-6200 (25072066) \$150.000



REDFORD 734-591-9200 Nice home with some updates. New roof 2004, updated furn & hot water tank, outside porch for summer fun, newer carpet in liv rm & hall. Come see (25061226) \$85,500



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CANTON - COMMUNITY

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51074 Mott Rd, (Off Ridge

Rd, between Michigan Ave

& Geddes) Saturday &

Sunday, June 24 & 25

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June 23, 24, 25 9am-4pm Of

Warren, btwn Haggerty & Lily

CANTON, HUGE multi family

moving sale, 2289 North-

woods Ct, Friday/Saturday

6/24 6/25 9-5, North of

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CANTON: The Cheerleaders of

Premier Cheer are having a Garage Sale at 41637 Ford Rd

Btwn Haggerty & Lilley Sun June 26, 9-4 Parking in rear

Westwood Circle Westwood Hills Sub Household, toys

furniture, clothing & much

CLARKSTON Blowout sale

Kid s and other clothing, furni

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WESTLAND - Fri-Sun, June 24-26, 9am-3pm. Dining table, 4 chairs, corner cabinet,

WEST BLOOMFIELD 4559 Deckerland, off Pontiac Trail, E/ of Halstead, Multi Families upscale sale Tons of kids, household items, furniture & tools June 23-24-25, 9-5.

family. Pewter, Precious, Moments, home decor, jewel-

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Sale. Retro items, furniture, iots of stuff! June 23-26, 9-5:30pm 32560 Parkwood Venoy/ Cherry Hill area

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WESTLAND over 30 years of

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Huge Avon/Garage Sale. Pro-ceeds help the Avon Breast-Cancer Foundation A little bit

of everything Fri 6-24 & Sate, 6-25 @ 9am. 34411 Deborah; Wayne and Cowan, off of

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Multi-Family Sale! June 23-24, 9AM-5PM 1903 Wilshue,

btwn Wayne & Newburgh,

WEST BLOOMFIELD June 23-

25, 8·30-4pm., 7009 Wild. Ridge, S of Maple btwn -Middlebelt & Orchard Lk A -

variety of good merchandise.

WESTLAND Carport Sale! Ft: & Sat 9am - 4 30 pm. 8294, Melvin Lots of Tools, house

hold items, furniture, garden tools! Many extras!

WESTLAND 7720 Henry Ruff,

off Ann Arbor trail, btwn

Middlebelt & Merriman Priced

to Sell! Thurs June 23-25, 9-

WESTLAND 3 Families Home

4pm Everything must go!

Palmer & Glenwood

Wildwood

N of Ford, W. of Venoy

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9-5PM 28<u>3</u>8

ry, trains, cabinets,

Bay Dr Off Willow.

10am to 4pm 18617 Walmer Lane Huntley Sub 2 Blocks East of Southfield on 13 Mile

ances Books, china, glass-wate, tools, & misc house-hold items Sat, June 25

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BIRMINGHAM 237 Lake Park Dr, Fri & Sat June 24 & 25, 9am-5pm

Misc items, some furniture BIRMINGHAM Sat . June 25 & Sun, June 26, 9am-3pm Multi-Family Clothing, house-hold goods, tools, jewelry, toys, books and much morel 1966 Bradford, N of 14 mile, Word ton

BIRMINGHAM Sat, 6-25. Sam Little kids items, crib, changing table and dresser set 2330 Fairway, S. of Maple, E of Cranbrook

BIRMINGHAM Multi family, great stuff including furniture 1120 N Glenhurst, N of 15 Mile, E of Cranbrook Thurs-Şat., 10-4

BIRMINGHAM 1321 Pierce Thurs -Sat , 9-5pm Sun 12-3pm S/ Lincoln Newer dryer, Woodard Patro Furniture antiques, lawn equip , pictures

BIRMINGHAM Huge Salel Pierce-St James Neigh-bor-hood Association sponsored 14 Mile to Lincoln, Pierce to Grant Sat & Sun 9am

BIRMINGHAM 1586 Birmingham Blvd, Fri 9-3, Sat 9-Noon Furniture, household items, clothing, etc

BIRMINGHAM - Kids, sports household sale 215 Westchester, S of Maple, E of Cranbrook Rd 215

June 25, 9am-3pm CLARKSTON 2 Families June23-24-25, 9-5 9537 Birmingham: Baldwin House Annual Sale. 200 Chester, off Maple, downtown Birming ham Household goods, ant iques, collectibles, furniture ciothes. Sat., June 25, 10-4

BIRMINGHAM: Garage Sale Fri & Sat 9-3 Westwood Dr N of Maple, E of Cranbrook



Car seat & bike **BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Lots of** Good Stuff Garage Sale Burniture, runs, accessories June 23-25, Thurs-Sat, 9am-4pm Clarkston Road 8 linens, collectibles, games toys, movies, garage & gar

dening items, adult clothing from furs & formals to jeans Misc & household items June 23-24, 9-4pm. 480 Steeple Chase Ct., btwn Wattles & tiong Lake, E off Squirrel

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS, NEIGH-BORHOOD SALE! Fri -Sat COMMERCE TWP. SUB SALE Welch & Callie Drive, N/15 June 24-25, 9-4pm Balmoral Orchards Sub Just W of mile, S/of Pontiac Trail Toro mower, Thule ski box, 5 x 12 Franklin Rd btwn Quarton and Walnut Lk Rd Lots of tandem axle light duty trailer Exercise equip, patio furniture, portable gas grill, children's books June 25 9-4pm families, toys, kid s stuff, furniture, great deals! E 1



FARMINGTON HILLS Garage/ Moving Priced to sell! June 23-25, 9-4pm 35156 Old Timber, S / of 14 mile, W / off Farmington

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage Sale, 32428 Dunford St Thursday, 6/23 and Friday, 6/24, 8am-4pm Longaberge Baskets, Precious Moments Figurines Solid Oak table and chairs, furniture, household items & holiday items Priced to sell!!!



MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Household items, clothes, toys, furniture 6/23-6/25, 9-5 32900 W Ten Mile Rd , btwn Farmington & Orchard Lake

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi sub sale Thurs 6/23 thru Sun 6/26 9am-4pm Days/ time vary by home South off 13, East of Drake Colony 'Park West 2 & 3 Vintage items, Beanie Babies, household, crafts, toys Baby-adult ciothes Remodeling items.

Too much to list! FARMINGTON HILLS Fri & Sat, 6/24-25, 9am - 4 pm 25565 Bridlepath Lane, Hunt Club Sub, SE Corner 11 & Halstead Baby, Kids & More FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Sale¹ 100s of model cars & alrplane kits, housewares Thurs & Fri , 9-4p 21504 Hancock, southside of Shiawassee btwn

Inkster & Middlebelt

GARDEN CITY - June 25-26, 8-5pm 33451 Boch, 4 blks S of Ford Road, off Farmington 4 Family Sale LIVONIA 6/23-25, 9a-5p, Kids & teen clothes, toys, full Street Rod, bot tub, colf collectibles, home computer, 2 desks, clubs, items, bikes, DVDs, clothes, lots of kid's toys games stuffed animals Big variety of items GARDEN CITY Antiques, lots of good stuff 31470 Barton, S of Ford, W of Merriman Thur & Fri GARDEN CITY HUGE 3-Family Garage Sale -Thurs -Sat , June 23-25, 9 00-4 00 32502 Alvin (between Merriman & Venoy) GARDEN CITY Yard Sale, All proceeds go to the LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY AND LYMPHOMA Soult -Clothes, toys, appliances, hou-sehold items, & morel Thurs & Fri 9-5 Sat 9-N 33005 John Hauk, (Ford & Venoy) beddina

GARDEN CITY Sat & Sat 9-4 31705 Marquette, Kids clothing, dolls, household, weight bench, art work, and miscellaneous HOWELL English Gardens Condo Development Garage Sale Multiple Sales, 6/24-25, 9am-5pm Byron, N of M59

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KEEGO HARBOR June 25, 9-5pm, 3252 Bulwer St (Dead nd st behind Keego mobile home park) Golf clubs galore electronics, furniture, household items, lots of good stuff

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9-5 Something for everyone Great prices E of Farmingtor Rd, S of Plymouth Rd Across from park & Middlebelt, S of Lyndon

size bed, bikes, books 35903 Scone, 1 block N of School craft, 1 block E of Levan

Middlebelt, S of Plymouth



LIVONIA 16710 Fairfield, S/of 6 mile June 24-25, 9-5

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American Girls dolls, Silver & LIVONIA 3 Families, June 24-25, 10-4, 8886 Oporto, N/of Joy, W/ of Middlebelt Lots of misc items, clothing, and something for everyone LIVONIA Big Sale! Leather

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LIVONIA 19243 Levan Ct. 7.8 Newburgh area Fri 6/24 & Sat 6/25, 8a - 2p Dining chairs, clothing, baskets, house items storage containers, & morel LIVONIA - June 23-25, 9-2 Toys, clothes, Christmas stuff, lots of misc 29925 Greenland, W of Middlebelt, Nof 5 Mile LIVONIA June 25, 9-4pm 34208 Orange Lawn, S/of Plymouth, W/ of Farmington

Tools, kids clothing, toys household and more LIVONIA - 3 family sale 14046 Berwick, N of School-

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LIVONIA-GARAGE SALE Fri June 24 & Sat June 25, 9-5pm 15520 Loveland, N of 5 Mile, E of Farmington Movingi LIVONIA/ COMPTON VILLAGE 4 Family Sale! June 23-25 14383 Sunbury, Btwn Inkster

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PLYMOUTH Multi-Family Sale Antiques, household, chil dren s items, porcelain dol collection, tools, misc Thurs June 23-Sat , June 25, 9am-5pm 41219 Greenbriar Lane, S of 5, W of Haggerty

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partien, storage shelves, patro furniture, Nordic Track, rowing machine, exercise bike Household goods & appliances collectibles, SSchwinnbikes and much much much lung 5,26 0. much more June 25-26, 9 4pm 13081 Haverhill Btwn Beck & Sheldon off N Territoriały

REDFORD - Good variety of items for both male & female. Sat. & Sun, 9-5 19419 Indian, 4 blocks E of Inkster, N/8 Mi, W of Southbound N of 7 Mile Southfield Service Dr REDFORD - multi family Woodworth & Elsinore June 24, 25, & 26. Toys, house-ST. CLAIR - Art Fair/Garage Sale. 1554 South Riverside Thurs-Sun, 9-6pm hold, antiques, misc TROY Garage/ Moving Sale Thurs, Fri, Sat, June 23, 24, 25, 9am-3pm W of Crooks, N. REDFORD TWP. 8860 Dixie, 5 lks W of Telegraph, off Joy Rd Bikes, luggage, toys household items, collectibles household items, collectit & more! Fri., Sat , 9-4pm. off Wattles Lots of furniture! TROY Lots of furniture. REDFORD TWP. 15138 Woodworth, S off 5, W of Beech Fri -Sat., 9am-4pm An-Corner of Willard & Patterson N of Long Lk btwn John R & Dequindre Enter off Blair of English Fri & Sat June 24 tiques, Collectibles, doil house 25, 9-3pm household, frames, misc

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ROCHESTER HILLS June 23-24, 9-3pm Clothing, baby items, toys, household & sporting goods, go cart 879 Peach Blossom Ln .

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furniture, household items

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yard set, octagon picnic table 920 Trombley, W/off Rochester btwn 16 & 17 mile rd June 24-25-26, 9-6pm TROY Household, furniture and misc items June 24-25 9 30-3 00 pm 38 Gordon, off Livernois btwn Long Lake and Waddles TROY

Moving Sale 6/25, 9am-4pm Home accessories, pictures plants, designer handbags furniture South Blvd, Rochester Rd , 1162 Cadmus

10, babies-antiques, Glass-ware, 18185 Magnolia Fri-Sat.

Woodlands

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Garage Sale - 6-24 2180 Camelot, off of John R,

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THE 2005 CHEVROLET COBALT Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

It should - and could - have been a perfect Chevrolet moment. Here I was on a sun-dappled, summer Saturday afternoon, tooling down my local thoroughfare on the way to run a light errand, with the windows down in the new Chevrolet Cobalt that was getting me there.

The song "Cheap Seats," a stomping-good ode to minor-league baseball and accompanying bits of hometown charm, by the feel-good group Alabama, was playing loudly on the car's more-than-adequate Pioneer sound system. The only bits of iconic Americana that were missing were motherhood and apple pie.

And this was the morning after I had come out of a store to find, parked next to the Cobalt, an Infiniti G35 coupe, which by the way is priced at about \$15,000 more than the sticker reading of \$18,900 on the Cobalt I was driving. At first glance, I was stunned by how closely the profile of Cobalt resembled that of the G35 that was parked right next to it. Oh, sure, the G35 was a bit sleeker, with a sunroof, and with slightly bigger tires than were accommodated by the 15-inch aluminum wheels on the Cobalt. But in their basic profiles - low front end, swooping roof that rounds off the tops of the windows, slightly turned up rear - the two silhouettes were remarkably similar. And for Cobalt, that was impressive too.

But back to my errand of the next day: Beyond the better-than-expected sound system in such an inexpensive car, the 2005 Cobalt LS Coupe that I was driving didn't come through fully in supporting this sublime experience.

I was reminded more than once while accelerating toward my destination that the 2.2-liter, dual-overhead-cam, four-cylinder engine, while sufficient for most city-driving and freeway tasks, wasn't pulling me smoothly and effortlessly ahead of other vehicles when I wanted to do that. I was conscious of the fact that I was notching 24 miles a gallon in city driving (matched by an impressive 32 mpg on the highway), but it didn't make up for the fact that Cobalt wasn't coming through like even an economy-level pocket rocket.



The Cobalt gets 24 m.p.g. in the city, and a very impressive 32 m.p.g. on the highway.

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When I got to the Laundromat, where I was picking up a load of big stuff that wouldn't fit into our washer at home, another shortcoming of Cobalt smacked me in the face. The trunk is impressively huge for a vehicle of this size, apparently able to accommodate several pieces of luggage, or at least three and maybe four sets of golf clubs. So I have no argument on that score.

But the problem is, the opening to Cobalt's trunk is way too small. Don't count on squeezing your cargo into the rear of this car any more than one snug-fitting piece at a time, because it won't work. In my case, I was trying to shove a garbage bag full of linens into a trunk that I knew was more than spacious enough to accommodate the load. But I had real trouble, as malleable as my cargo was, fitting it into the trunk's narrow opening. Not a pleasant experience.

None of this is even to approach the problem of the inadequate amount of back-seat room in the coupe and in the Cobalt four-door LS sedan that I drove several weeks ago. Smaller cars than Cobalt have more room back there: Cobalt is a few inches longer than a Ford Focus or Toyota Corolla, but it has fewer inches of rear legroom and 3% to 8% less passenger space

overall, according to an analysis by James Healey of USAToday.

This is a crucial automobile for General Motors. Given the paucity of new-vehicle hits for the General these days, Cobalt is arguably GM's most important introduction this year. That's because it replaces Chevrolet's long-standard economy-car entry, the Cavalier, an important high-volume placeholder in GM's complete model lineup. And with the pressure on GM more than ever to bring out vehicles that create some buzz in the marketplace, the pressure on Cobalt to make a big impression is even larger.

Give GM lots of credit for many aspects of this car. Clearly, the quality of the vehicle overall is much bet- 6 ter than in its predecessors (and so is the quality of the Saturn model, Ion, that is built on the same basic mechanical platform). Furthermore, GM has done a 👘 good job of insulating the vehicle and making the riding experience quieter and tighter than in any small car that it has produced before.

Clearly, if you're in this segment of the market, you should check out Cobalt and then judge for yourself. But at this point, it's hard to recommend the car to you.



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