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Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter holds a model of one of the three bronze sculptures by world-famous sculptor Peter Rockwell that will be erected in Heritage Park in honor of her late husband, Richard Kirchgatter.

Rockwell sculptures to honor life of longtime resident

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

In the Canton community, Richard Kirchgatter was a well-known and respected veterinarian for more than 35 years. Worldwide, Peter Rockwell is a well-known sculptor and the son of Norman Rockwell. In the spring of 2007, the artist's work will commemorate the life and memory of the doctor's work, in the form of three life-size bronze sculptures, which will be installed at Heritage Park.

Rockwell lives in Rome, Italy and is considered a premier sculptor and art historian. Kirchgatter's widow, Elaine Kirchgatter (well-known in her own right as the longtime treasurer of Canton Township), has during the past year grown to know the artist and love his work, and is looking forward to bringing a little bit of Rockwell to Canton. The new installation is part of Canton Township's cultural and public arts initiative.

"After Dick died (a little more than two years ago) I wanted to do something

in memory of him here in Canton," Kirchgatter said. Family and friends had already contributed very generously to the University of Michigan Cancer Research Center, and Kirchgatter wanted to give to the Canton community where the couple had raised their three daughters.

The bronze sculptures are being commissioned, in part, by the Kirchgatter family in memory of Richard Kirchgatter. He served on the planning

PLEASE SEE STATUE, A3

Families gear up for camping trip, movie at Heritage Park

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Jeff Boczar has a summer ritual.

Every year, the Canton father of three camps out under the stars. Sometimes it's only Boczar and his son, Jack, but other years it's the entire family of five.

They set up their tent early, eat treats, play games and watch a movie before hitting the sack.

In the morning, while it takes a while to pack up, Boczar and his family are only a few minutes from home.

Their camping ground is Heritage Park, and it's a ritual they share with hundreds of other Canton families one night every year.

This year, the annual Family Camp-Out Movie Night is July 8, and the movie shown at the amphitheater will be *Shark Tales*.

"We look forward to it every year," Boczar said. "My son has been gathering gear for the past two weeks."

Boczar always sets up his tent early (setup is between noon and 7 p.m.) to get his favorite spot, which he refuses to divulge, then meets his wife and children at their selected site when he finishes work.

Boczar has attended with friends, who set up their tents nearby, as well as camped alone with just his family. Either way, he said "it's fun."

While hundreds of families attend each year, there's always room for more, and "Bob Dates has always guaranteed good weather," Boczar said.

Bob Dates is Canton's recreation supervisor, and the brainchild behind Movie Night.

PLEASE SEE PARK, A3



Canton's Heritage Park will again be turned into a campground on Friday evening for the annual Family Camp-Out Movie Night, which will feature the movie, 'Shark Tales.'

Westland man linked to area robberies

BY DARRELL CLEM AND KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITERS

A Westland man suspected in a series of armed robberies has been captured in Wayne, authorities said.

The 28-year-old suspect is facing possible armed robbery charges in Canton, Westland and Northville, police said. Jonathan David Pentz, a resident of Willow Creek Apartments in Westland, was arraigned Tuesday in Wayne on armed robbery and felony firearms charges. He was jailed in lieu of a \$20,000 cash bond in Wayne as he awaits charges in other communities.

According to Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, Pentz is expected to be arraigned today in 35th District Court on charges related to three armed robberies in Canton and another in Northville. Pomorski said Pentz is believed to have been involved in a total of nine robberies, including a Citgo gas station at Michigan Avenue and Lotz, a Sunoco gas station at Ford and Haggerty and a Radio Shack at Ford and Sheldon.

Wayne police arrested Pentz on Monday at Westchester Towers in Wayne, where authorities believe he had been staying with a friend.

According to Pomorski, the Canton, Wayne and Westland police departments had been working together for weeks in an effort to apprehend Pentz. Pomorski said they had a photo of the suspected car, which they shared with the Wayne police department. Wayne officers used the photo as they

searched the city, ultimately locating the car at Westchester Towers. Police found a chrome automatic handgun in the closet of the apartment where they found Pentz. Pomorski said it matched the gun used in the Canton robberies.

"We were up Sunday night looking for him. We put in a lot of man-hours looking for this guy," Pomorski said. "We would have liked to have been the department that cuffed this guy, but kudos to Wayne. They did a great job."

According to Westland police Sgt. James Dexter, Pentz confessed this week that he robbed two Westland businesses — the Radio Shack on Ford Road near Wayne and the Game Crazy store at Merriman and Michigan Avenue. The Radio Shack robbery happened June 19; the Game Crazy holdup, June 13.

"He has confessed to both of our robberies," police Lt. James Ridener said.

Pomorski said Canton detectives also interviewed Pentz, and his statements were included in the warrant they sent down to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"This was a cooperative effort between the Canton, Wayne and Westland departments that worked pretty well," Pomorski said.

Pentz has been scheduled for a July 19 preliminary hearing in Wayne District Court. On charges in that city, alone, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if convicted.

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Slavens marks 2nd term at board helm

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After being re-elected in May to a second four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, Tom Wysocki had visions of becoming the next president of the board.

However, Wysocki learned a tough lesson when the board voted 5-2 last week to give Mark Slavens a second consecutive term as president.

"It was a learning experience as far as board politics goes," said Wysocki. "There's some disap-

pointment, but it's not like the end of the world.

"It showed me I just need to work harder on developing the support for the positions I want to take," he said.

"On my part, I probably didn't work as much as I needed on those positions."

Wysocki and Trustee Carol Saunders were the lone dis-



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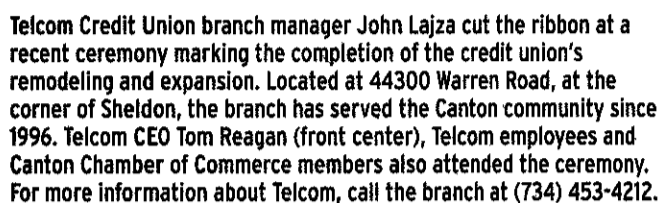
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Coming Sunday
on the PINK page



See what
Fall shoes
to start
collecting
now



A story in the July 3 *Observer* about a 50th anniversary party thrown for Plymouth residents Richard and Violet Koch should have said the party was thrown by fellow walkers at Laurel Park Place Mall. Organizers also wished to thank the retailers who provided items for the party, along with Bernie and Barb Brennan for taking pictures, cataloguing and putting them in albums.

A
Wesley Angles, 87, of Westland,
died June 24.

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Bernice Balsley, 100, of Milford,
died July 1.
Eleanor Beckner, 82, of Clarkston,
formerly of West Bloomfield, died
June 30.

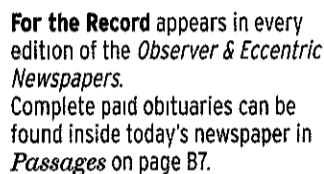
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Jan Coil, 77, of Birmingham, died
June 24.

K
James R. Kent, 62, died July 3.

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Roy McCormick, 71, of West
Branch, died June 28.

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James "Jim" David Roberts Sr.,
42, of Livonia, died July 3.

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Police contacted the owner of the vehicle, a Plymouth resi-

But at about 5 a.m., he heard a sound coming from the garage. He said he thought it sounded like a grocery cart being rolled away. When he got out of bed to see what was happening he found that someone entered the garage and took a small refrigerator, valued at \$149.

According to police reports, the man lives in the 41000 block of Bedford, in a condo with a shared garage. On the morning of June 27, he noticed the garage door was open and

a woman had called earlier to ask if anyone had found it. The employee gave police her phone number, and later that day the woman, a 68-year-old Canton resident, arrived at the station to pick up her handbag. She confirmed that all of her belongings—cash and credit cards, were still in the purse.

By Carol Marshall

The premier "Corvettes at the Summit" is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 at Canton's

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According to school district records, it's not unusual for a board member to serve consecutive terms as president. Before Slavens, the others included Elizabeth Givens, 2001-03; Mark

"I want to keep us focused on academics as the number one goal," Slavens said. "I want to

However, Slavens' agenda isn't all about academics.

"If we want to go out for another bond, we need to fig-

Among the other board positions, Judy Mardigian was elected vice president, Richard Ham Kucharski treasurer and Joanne Lamar secretary.

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Subdivision approved in 1972 finally to be constructed

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

What's old is new again in Canton. Or at least in one part of Canton, where a new subdivision will soon be under construction.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees last week approved that preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates subdivision, a 39-acre parcel east of Sheldon and north of Palmer, which will be the site of 93 lots. The parcel was part of a 316.7-acre piece of property that was part of the Cherry Hill PUD (planned unit development) back in 1972.

The township no longer has PUDs, and has instead adopted the PDD (planned district development) standard, which allows for larger lots, less density and also addresses design standards and features such as open space. But there was no sunset on PUDs, so what was approved in the 1970s can still be built today, according to Township

Supervisor Tom Yack.

"The petitioner has a right to the zoning, which was R-5 (five units per acre), and 60-foot fronts," he said. "This will be one of those very rare developments in Canton that has 60-foot lots."

However, the developer has agreed to build less dense than he could have, and will build approximately half of the homes allowed by the PUD, said Tim Faas, municipal services director.

"Today we build one-acre, down to quarter-acre lots," said Melissa McLaughlin, who serves on the planning commission and the board of trustees. "We're seeing mostly 90-foot lots. Sixty-foot lots went away with the R-5 zoning. We sort of deleted that as a zoning category." The exception, she added, was in Cherry Hill Village, where some of the lots were highly dense, at just 40-feet wide.

Even though the PUD is a thing of the past, McLaughlin said the development will not

only meet the planning commission's standards, but most importantly the standards set by the Canton home-buying market.

"The developer is also voluntarily living up to the standards of today in other areas such as tree plantings, site plan, design, entrances and lighting," she said. "Those things hadn't really been identified in the 70s as being necessary for a quality development. He could develop it to 1972 standards and we couldn't do anything about it, but developers realize that people have standards today that those wouldn't meet so they voluntarily ratchet up their own standards."

The parcel had sat vacant for 30 years mainly due to the increasing cost of property, said project sponsor Don Marhofer. He added that there is one other undeveloped PUD that he knows of, just to the south of Sheldon Estates.

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PARK

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Ten years ago, Dates thought no one in Canton knew where Heritage Park was, since it is set back from the closest main road (Canton Center), and he wanted to change that. He suggested they allow residents to camp in Heritage Park once a year.

"I started it and have been involved ever since. It was very popular right from the start," Dates said. "I know it's a tradition. We get calls in the middle of winter now. Families plan vacations around it."

No reservation is required. Between 200 and 300 tents are usually set up by families for the event, and the township provides entertainment such as inflatables for the kids to jump on, strolling entertainers, and face painting, not to mention the family-rated movie that starts about 9:30 p.m.

This year, prior to the movie, musician Rick Kelley will provide family entertainment.

Concession stands sell food, but families are more than wel-

come to bring their own, Dates said.

The event costs nothing to those that attend, with the exception of any food they buy, but Canton's tab runs about \$2,000, Dates said. Sponsors help defray the cost, he noted. This year, Meijer and Comcast are big supporters. They and other companies are covering close to the entire cost, Dates said.

Pat Fuller, the Canton Meijer store director, points out that the superstore gives to many causes in the community. "We try to help everybody out as much as we can," he said. "They (Canton) serve us, and we try to give back."

However, despite what Boczar may believe, Dates said there are no guarantees when it comes to the weather, though they have been lucky so far. "We've been very blessed," Dates acknowledged. "We've never had a rain-out."

Dates suggests families bring camping gear, coolers, games, and mosquito spray.

Boczar would add marshmallows to the list, and "bring lots of patience," he said, "lots of kids, and a good attitude."

STATUE

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commission for many years and was a veterinarian in the community for more than 35 years.

"We thought about the traditional kinds of things - like a tree. But we all know that trees sometimes wind up getting chopped down or they die, so that wasn't what I wanted. And I thought about a bench, but Dick was not ever the kind to be sitting on a bench," Kirchgatter said. "Then one day I thought of statues."

She searched the Internet for just the right statue to honor her husband, but nothing really seemed right. Until she went on a trip to Italy with two of her daughters and met with Rockwell.

Kirchgatter had met Rockwell 20 years earlier, when he was an artist in residence in Plymouth. The two got caught up a year ago, and shared some stories and a few tears before Kirchgatter asked if he would consider designing some statues for Heritage Park.

Rockwell agreed to do it, and after regular correspondence, another Kirchgatter family trip to Italy, several stone and bronze sculpture mock-ups,

and a couple of games of "rock-paper-scissors," Kirchgatter and her daughters chose the designs to be cast full-size in bronze.

"We are fortunate to have a lasting memorial and tribute to Dick that the children and residents of Canton Township can enjoy for years to come," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The bronze sculptures are being designed as "playscape" features for children to climb on and explore. They will be placed at the 105-acre Heritage Park adjacent to the splash playground and existing play equipment.

In an effort to raise funding for the project, the Kirchgatter family is organizing "Sculptours Roma MMVI," a travel excursion to Rome, Italy. The week-long event will feature custom, guided tours of the area's most renowned outdoor sculptures. The personalized tour will also include a guided session hosted by Peter Rockwell. The tour is open to the public.

Additional information on the public art installation, and tour, can be found at: www.sculptours.org.

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"We wanted to have our own shop," said Youtsey. "We had our own ideas of what we wanted to do."

Together, they specialize in hand-scissored cuts for bichon frises and shitzus, but all dogs are welcome. Youtsey said there seem to be a lot of bichon frises in the area.

New customers will receive \$5 off services when they visit the business. Visit during holidays at Park Avenue and customers will have an opportunity to have their pet's picture taken by The Pooch Photographer.



"We are veterinary recommended and offer all natural shampoos," said Youtsey.

The shop sells medications as well as all-natural dog foods for pets with allergies and other health problems. Services range from nail trims to baths to full service trims for dogs and cats. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Park Avenue Grooming

are in the Parkway Veterinary Clinic at 41395 Wilcox in Plymouth. The clinic also boards pets, and Youtsey said grooming services are available for boarded pets as well. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 453-4677.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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'Green' cars good for the environment and job creation

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Southeast Michigan manufactured engines and vehicles are increasingly environmentally friendly, and the move to a greener industry is simultaneously allowing for the retention, and in some cases creation, of local jobs.

The environmentally friendly vehicles in production or those that are in the development stage were recently on display at a meeting of partners of the Green Machines Tour in Canton.

The Green Machines Tour, which started a year ago, showcases fuel-efficient and reduced-emission vehicles and other technologies currently produced in southeast Michigan, and those planned for the near future. It is a partnership between the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the Ecology Center, which is a Michigan-based environmental group spearheading the tour.

The group is lobbying for government involvement and

the establishment of new policies that would spur companies to work harder on producing environmentally friendly vehicles, by offering tax incentives and funding for these endeavors. At present, while there are financial incentives for companies to stay in Michigan, "there are not necessarily additional tools to attract advanced manufacturing," said Charles Griffith, auto project director at the Ecology Center. The push for more ecological manufacturing is "good for the both jobs and the environment," Griffith said. "They will help increase the fuel economy of more than two million vehicles per year by four to 20 percent, while creating more than \$1.5 billion in new investment and creating or preserving more than 2,300 jobs."

Jim Turner of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's office, who attended the Canton event, agreed that government needs to step up and lend a hand.

"We need the government to be a catalyst and not a spectator," he said. "We're bringing about important fuel efficien-

cies and creating jobs."

One manufacturer included in the push for more efficient and environmentally friendly products is Ford Motor Co. Ford is investing \$170 million in its Livonia transmission plant to manufacture its version of a six-speed transmission. More than 100,000 units will be produced starting in 2005. The new transmissions will be used on a variety of Ford vehicles, including the Lincoln Navigator and the Ford Expedition.

DaimlerChrysler, Hyundai and Mitsubishi are jointly building two new engine plants in Dundee that will make advanced I-4 engines. These will improve fuel efficiency by 5 percent more than DaimlerChrysler's current I-4 engines. The plant will also create 500 new jobs.

The Detroit Diesel's Redford engine plant is building two new advanced diesel engines beginning in 2007. Production of these engines is expected to preserve 1,300 jobs.

In Romulus, the UAW has already started building 5.3

liter V-8 engines that incorporate GM's Displacement on Demand technology—allowing for half of the engine's cylinders to shut down during light driving and automatically reactivate when driving demand increases. The Trailblazer and Envoy are the first vehicles to incorporate this new technology.

At GM's Willow Run plant in Ypsilanti, a new six-speed engine is in the works, with production beginning this summer. It will first be used in Corvettes and Cadillacs, said Chuck Rogers, president of the UAW local 735 in Canton.

"Low volume production will

start next month," he noted. "I give credit to the workers of our plant whose productivity and quality got us this work. We are the first of anybody in the industry to build a six-speed."

The six speeds improve performance and increase fuel efficiency by up to 4 percent depending on the type of vehicle, added GM Power Training Communications Manager Nick Richards. In addition, more than 650 jobs have been retained, he said.

GM is committed to improving efficiency and performance, he noted. "Today we have over 19 models that get 30

miles per gallon on the highway."

The Green Machines Tour is a good because it promotes what all the North American manufacturers are doing, Richards said. "It helps highlight fuel efficiencies developed by the UAW and government right here in the USA."

It will hopefully dispel the myth that foreign cars are more efficient or offer vehicles with lower emissions than those made in the states, said Jim Pedersen, community action representative. "We promote the industry building the fuel efficiency and low emission vehicles here."



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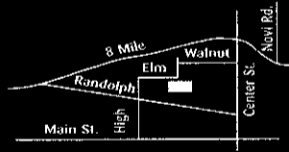
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OUR VIEWS

Focus on real issues facing troubled state

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the state Legislature should forget about installing a replica of the Ten Commandments at the Capitol and instead focus on a real issue: reviving the state's economy.

Last week's split-decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on two cases involving public displays of the Ten Commandments did little to end the controversy. In fact, the rulings almost guarantee a long and costly legal fight if any effort is made to create such a display in Lansing.

Frankly, we are puzzled by Granholm's position on the issue. Aligning herself with the likes of state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy — a favorite of the Christian right of the Republican Party — is more likely to cause her problems with her liberal Democratic supporters than gain her any support from conservative Republicans.

Instead of wasting political capital debating whether it is appropriate to have a religious symbol gracing the grounds of the Capitol building, the governor should be focused on solving the ever-deepening budget crisis, attracting new business and jobs to the state, and addressing the growing K-16 public education funding problem.

The state of Michigan is in real trouble. A week doesn't pass without a major employer announcing major work force reductions; the domestic auto industry is in a full-blown crisis; and the state is losing a growing percentage of its recent college graduates because of a lack of quality jobs.

These are the issues that should be gaining the governor's and Legislature's full attention.

The Supreme Court decisions focused on two states that already had Ten Commandment displays in place, and it was challenges to those displays that led to the lawsuits and eventual court decisions.

No such controversy exists here. In fact, we could not find any public place in the *Observer & Eccentric* coverage area where the Ten Commandments are displayed.

At best, this issue is a misguided attempt by Granholm and a handful of conservative lawmakers to bring a visible sign of their beliefs into the public eye.

At worst, it is being used as a smokescreen to hide the fact that our politicians are either unwilling — or unable — to address the real issues facing our troubled state.

It's a baseball town

Detroit may be the place where the Lions sometimes roar, but fans often moan. It may be where the Pistons found that going to work wins a championship "the right way," but where it's just as easy to get Spur-ed. And, Detroit is still Hockeytown for those whose ice dreams crashed in this season on the rocks.

But Detroit has long been Tiger town and, at times, like when our hometown team gets on a roll, many of us know that Detroit can truly be a magical baseball place.

Remember the way Trammell, Gibson, Parrish and Morris started 1984 rattling off win after win? And remember how gonzo this town followed its blessed boys through that enchanting championship? Those of us old enough can't forget 1968 — that magical summer that followed the riots of 1967 when the song united us, "We're all behind our baseball team ..." and we eagerly went along for a seven-game thrill ride victory.

Yes-s-sir, Detroit may share its sports pride with all its teams, but this is still a baseball town and it's only fitting then that our region's effort to rebuild its national image hits the big time in earnest this week with the Major League Baseball All-Star Game on July 12 at Comerica Park and surrounding festivities leading up to the event.

With baseball as the leadoff hitter — followed by national showcases like the 2006 Super Bowl and the 2009 NCAA men's basketball Final Four — we can hope that metro Detroit can hit this one out of the park.

Now that doesn't mean hiding our blemishes, pretending things are perfect. We all know that our region has suffered and continues to suffer economically, and such world-stage events tend to have little long-term economic impact. But a successful event, followed by another, then another, can build or supplant those old images. With the national spotlight beaming on us, our region as a whole has a lot to gain from helping to turn around some of the negative viewpoints that destroy hope and ignore many of our area's positive attributes.

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LETTERS

Policy a joke

Once again we're told there isn't enough money. We hear that at work, in the community, at church and at school.

Now the Plymouth-Canton school board has approved the possibility of sponsors to fund future budget increases. In return there's talk of putting the sponsor's name on a school building. What a joke.

Instead of sticking to its existing budget it's already looking for ways to fund future budget shortfalls. When is this going to end? When will we be brave enough to say enough is enough?

I have a budget, as do most of my friends, and when we can't make ends meet we cut back or do without. It wouldn't hurt our kids to have to do the same. Give the kids the summer off or nights off to spend more time playing or working and volunteering in the community. Give them more time to spend with their families. The lights are never off in the schools and our kids want for nothing.

The only name that should be on a school is that of an educator, community or national leader or owner of a business that has made a difference in our children's lives, not an advertiser hoping to get publicity for a product or service.

Dennis Neubacher
Plymouth

Self-serving

I have been reading with great interest the many articles and letters to the editor concerning the proposed transfer of elementary students from Bird to Farrand.

I would like more information. What were the alternate plans suggested by the Heather Hills and Rolling Oaks parents? How did they propose to alleviate the overcrowding without moving any students? Or was it a case of move children, but just not mine?

My impression is the school board took a pass and served the needs of a vocal few vs. the majority of Plymouth-Canton elementary students and residents. I feel the board and Dr. Ryan should have supported the housing committee and made the tough call to move the students.

A new elementary school is to be built in southern Canton. How will the classroom populations lower in existing schools unless students are moved? After this debacle, who will volunteer to be on a housing committee and how many parents will refuse to move their children based on the precedent set here?

I suppose you can't blame the parents for fighting the move. Change is often not easy, but their arguments ring hollow and rather self-serving. Regardless, change is inevitable and parents should put as much effort into making change positive and successful rather than, as in this case, divisively arguing against it.

Laura McReynolds
Plymouth

Bird uproar

Our school community is in an uproar and the responsibility lies squarely on the shoulders of the school board. This uproar is the result of the board's failure to consider the boundary change recommendation for Bird Elementary, made at the request of the school board.

As a member of the Housing Committee I had the responsibility to read the numerous controversial communications from the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills communities. This was particularly painful for me since my children attend Farrand Elementary School.

My personal favorite was the letter which stated that Farrand Elementary shouldn't even be allowed in this District. For the record, Farrand is a quality school with an active and caring community of parents, and exceptional teachers and administrators. We are not the worst school in the district nor is Bird the best.

To the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills families — please stop maligning our community. You are talking about our children and our school. How dare you! If you don't like this community, why did you choose to make your home in our District?

Notwithstanding the condescending attitude of these parents, what has been most difficult to accept is the behavior of the Board of Education. They have put all their efforts into placating these two subdivisions with complete indifference to the damage they were causing to other groups.

The Housing Committee never saw a board member through the whole process, yet the board couldn't wait to meet with these parent groups. They knew of the hostile and unrelenting methods being directed at the Housing Committee and district administrators, but never once spoke up on their behalf.

They knew of the demeaning statements made toward and about Farrand, but never attempted to establish acceptable behavior standards nor defend this portion of their constituency. They offered Hulsing as an alternative to Farrand, further insulting the Farrand community. Not satisfied yet, they then specified that a "Bird" teacher would teach at Hulsing because apparently Hulsing isn't worthy either. And what about the other Bird parents who want their school to be safe and their classroom size to be in line with the District Standards? Irrelevant!

But to me the greatest wrong is the double standard being applied regarding busing safety. Supposedly the bus ride is too long and too dangerous for the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills children. However, there are children currently bused to Farrand who are further west than these two subdivisions. Their drive is longer and they have to cross the same "dangerous" railroad tracks. What is the difference? These students live in the mobile home parks. Apparently the drive is short enough and safe enough for them.

The school board needs to be held accountable for its behavior in this fiasco.

co. They have to explain themselves to their Housing Committee, the Farrand population, the Hulsing teachers, the greater Bird Community and all students in the District who have long bus rides or cross train tracks. We all vote, too.

Stephanie Goecke
Plymouth

Flawed funding

I read with interest Phil Power's June 16 column, "University funding plan is flawed." I have great respect and gratitude for Mr. Power and his many contributions to the State of Michigan and higher education throughout the years.

In his column, Mr. Power questions the feasibility of, as well as the motivation behind, the House of Representatives' proposed higher education funding plan.

I, like Mr. Power, am not interested in taking away from universities like Northern Michigan University and Wayne State University, which would lose funding under the plan. However, public policy that directs new dollars first to institutions significantly lower in per-student funding, such as Central Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University and Grand Valley State University, is essential to correcting and leveling the imbalances of the past in which dollars have followed institutions rather than following students.

It is my belief that the manner in which universities have long been funded is actually the "flawed" method.

As president of a university whose students have long been under-funded, I applaud the leadership of Michigan's House and Senate for their efforts to establish a well-defined, quantitative policy for higher education funding.

It is my hope that the final state budget reflects this sort of funding measure, bringing to an end the years of inequity that have plagued many of Michigan's higher education institutions and their students.

Michael Rao
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— Judy Mardigian, school trustee, on Supt. Jim Ryan's performance regarding strategic planning

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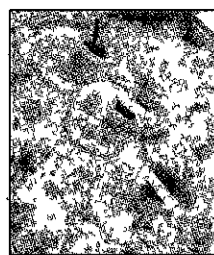
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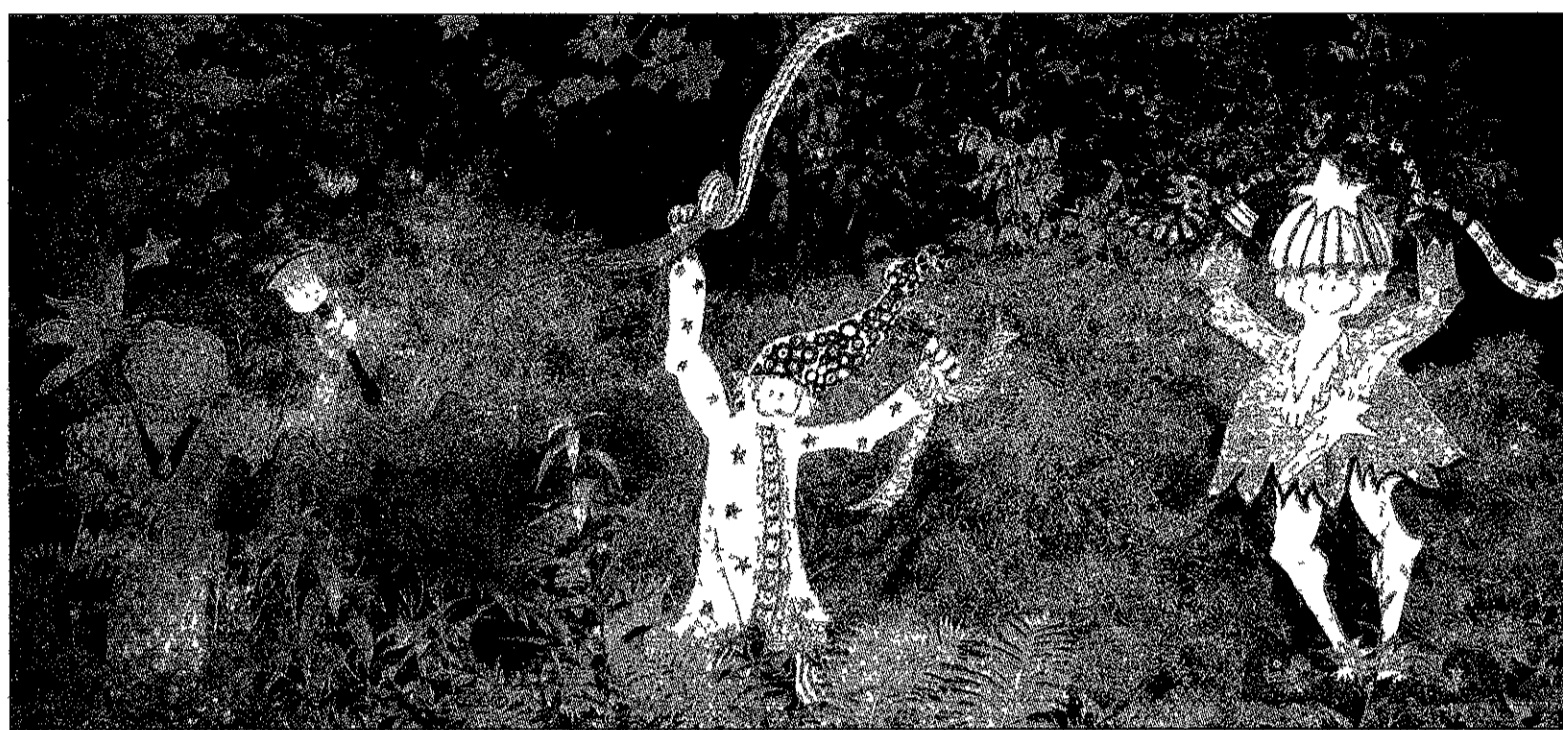
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Open Days

opens yards, eyes



Julie Dawson stands in front of her "outside dining room," where she and husband Peter enjoy meals throughout the summer at their Birmingham home, while taking in the beautiful flowers and plants.



"Silly Billys" are characters painted by the Dawsons and based on a children's book.

7 private gardens highlighted July 17

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Peter and Julie Dawson have what might be described as an "outdoor dining room" in front of their Birmingham home. A table and four chairs are encircled by greenery and color.

"The patio is our dining room in the summer," Julie said.

The front yard is highlighted by spring wildflowers, meadow rue, Jack-in-the-pulpit and bleeding hearts. Allium burst with color and texture above the plants.

"Thirty years ago, we moved here, and there were no flowers," Julie said.

Today there is color and beauty everywhere in the yard, including the 22 varieties of wild flowers.

The yard is one of seven gardens in Beverly Hills, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills highlighted on The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program Sunday, July 17 (see related item).

The Conservancy is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of America's gardens. The Open Days program is the only national program that invites visitors to explore America's best private gardens.

Organizers of the Open Days program hope to increase public appreciation and enjoyment of America's gardens and build support for garden preservation.

The seven gardens are among nearly 400 private gardens from Maine to California that will be open through the program.

The Dawsons' back yard features a hillside garden over the Rouge River. Artistic touches also accent the hillside garden with a touch of whimsy, as three Silly Billys, book characters painted by Julie, accent the plants.

Julie said she gets her love of gardening from



Dr. Alice McCarthy is the regional representative for The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program.

PLEASE SEE OPEN, B4

Koi, pond club presents tour

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER



BRUCE MODETZ

The pond of Mike and Sylvia Paddy is a beautiful example of the water feature. It will be one of eight on the Michigan Koi and Pond Club Pond Tour July 16.

You may not be able to get away to a private island, but a pond or water garden can serve as a smaller substitute in your own back yard.

"It's just the sound of the water, the running is so therapeutic," said Mike Paddy of Bloomfield Hills.

Paddy and his wife, Sylvia, have a 16-by-20-foot, 5,500-gallon pond in their yard.

It will be one of eight featured on the eighth annual Pond Tour of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club (MKPC) Southeast Chapter Saturday, July 16 (see related item).

The tour takes place in a different area each year. This year, the ponds are in Birmingham, Bloomfield and Bingham Farms. Last year's event was in Livonia, Garden City and Westland.

PLEASE SEE POND, B5

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Advance tickets and tour booklets are available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman, between Ford and Warren roads in Westland (phone (734) 421-5959); at The Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road in Milford (phone (248) 889-8400); and by sending a check payable to Michigan Koi and Pond Club to P.O. Box 530399, Livonia 48153-0399.

■ **Starting place:** The Conant Elementary School parking lot, 4100 W. Quarton Road, off the west side of Telegraph, between Maple (15 Mile) and Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

■ **Information:** Call Bruce Modetz at (734) 425-7490, or visit www.mkpc-se.com.

Media center PCs not quite ready to replace TVs



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

As a general rule, your TV should not crash. That's the risk you run by adopting a so-called media center PC — a computer that connects to your TV and takes the place of your VCR, stereo, CD changer, DVD player, and TiVo.

Of course, replacing all those devices with a single box holds endless appeal. That's why I've spent the past several weeks testing a pair of media center systems: the ABS Ultimate E2 (www.buyabs.com) and Winbook PowerSpec MCE 410 (www.winbook.com).

The two machines resemble traditional stereo components, meaning they'll fit nice-

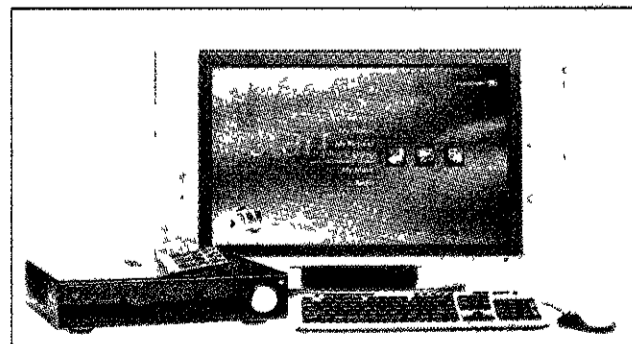
ly into your existing entertainment center.

Because they really are computers, however, they don't pair well with traditional TVs (which lack sufficient resolution). Instead, a media-center PC should connect to a widescreen TV, preferably one with a monitor-like VGA input.

At the heart of these two systems lies Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005, a specialized version of the Windows operating system designed for couch-based operation.

Specifically, the MCE interface makes it a

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B5



A media center PC is a computer that connects to your TV and takes the place of your VCR, stereo, CD changer, DVD player, and TiVo.

Accents

Home safety

Debra Holtzman, a nationally recognized child safety and health expert, offers tips for a safe and fun summer with your children.

"The home harbors a lot of everyday items that parents don't realize can be dangerous to their child," said Holtzman, author of *The Safe Baby: A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Home Safety*.

"Fortunately, it's possible to prevent many injuries associated with common household items by becoming educated about their dangers and by replacing them with safer, less harmful products."

For example:

Choose an alcohol-free, antibacterial mouthwash that is safe for the entire family. Many mouthwashes contain up to 27-percent alcohol; if ingested, it's equivalent to drinking 22 shots of 80-proof vodka.

Opt for digital thermometers. Mercury is a toxic and hazardous chemical often found in outdated glass oral and outdoor thermometers. These thermometers can be dangerous if they break and the mercury is breathed in or absorbed into the skin.

Buy cedar blocks or chips to use when storing clothes. Humans love the smell, but moths and beetles don't.

Mothballs, which are classified as a pesticide, look like candy to a child and are poisonous when eaten. Mothballs contain naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene, both of which can produce harmful effects when inhaled. Irritation to nose, throat and lungs; headache; confusion; excitement or depression; and liver and kidney damage can result from exposure to mothball vapors over a long period of time.

Substitute latex balloons with mylar balloons, which are made of a foil material and don't pop, so there are less likely to be small, ingestible pieces lying around.

The danger from uninflated latex balloons and pieces of balloons comes from them being sucked into the throat and lungs, where they mold to the area and can completely block breathing.

Holtzman has been featured on *The Today Show*, among other programs.

For art's sake

James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features, have suggestions about keeping your framed paintings clean.

"Whether at the Louvre in Paris or in your own home, in cleaning art, don't squirt cleaner directly on the glass because it could seep under the edge and ruin the painting beneath it," they write.

Instead of spraying furniture polish on the frame, spray it on a cloth and then wipe the frame; otherwise you'll get the polish on the painting, they write.

Watch that standing water in dishwasher

Glenda writes: "Recently I have been experiencing a problem with standing water in my dishwasher. Last year, we had granite countertops installed with an undermount sink. With that installation, we



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

removed the overflow drainage that used to sit on top of the overmount sink. Because we never experienced a problem with water overflow from the dishwasher, so we assumed it was OK to remove it. Might this somehow be related to the water problem in my dishwasher?

"Sometimes after a dishwashing cycle there is a little water remaining in the dishwasher, but mostly it occurs between the times I run the dishwasher. For example, I ran the dishwasher on Wednesday,

and not again until Saturday morning. By Saturday morning before I ran the cycle, there was a great deal of standing water at the bottom of the dishwasher. The GE dishwasher is probably at least 15 years old. It was at the house when we moved in. Besides the problem with the standing water, it's performing superbly. Do you have any recommendations on what we can do to solve this standing water problem?"

Standing water in your dishwasher is a common problem and can cause many thousands of dollars worth of damage to a typical home. The water fill valve is the defective part causing the problem and is easily removeable by most homeowners.

Shut off the water supply line to the dishwasher, usually found attached to the plumbing under the kitchen sink. Remove the lower kick panel on the front of the dishwasher and you will see where the fill valve is located. Shut off the electrical power supply to the dishwasher and remove the fill valve, taking it to an appliance

repair or parts outlet for replacement.

The water valve on appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines and your dishwasher has been known to allow water to enter a product while the product is not even turned on. The shut-off mechanism inside the valve doesn't seal properly and water continues to drip through during the shut-off period. The drip can turn into a full force "fil" cycle, just as if you had turned on the unit. As a matter of concern, imagine if you're not even at home when this occurs. Where is all the water going to go? Last year, State Farm Insurance gave me the figures that they had paid out in claims and the dollars totaled into the hundred of thousands of dollars.

The overflow drainage thing that you removed from on top of the old sink has nothing to do with the problem. As a matter of fact, what you removed is called an air-gap and has nothing to do with overflow problems. It was designed to prevent garbage in the disposer from backing up into the dish-

washer. I would check with the city inspector to find out if the air-gap you removed is part of a city code where you live.

As I pointed out earlier, your problem is a frequent one. It is wise to shut off the water supply to appliances when leaving them for an extended period of time.

There are some people, in particular those who have had the experience of a flooded home, who will shut off the water supply after each and every use of a dishwasher or clothes washer.

It doesn't take all that much to have a plumber install a new shut off on the water line which can be operated with the touch of a finger.

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 Gagnon.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Redford

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.

Beverly Hills-Birmingham

Garden Tour, sponsored by the Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills, will take place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 10. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale, \$12 Sunday. Call (248) 647-1871 or e-mail mkban-croft@sbcglobal.net for information. Pre-sale tickets are available at the Beverly Hills Village Offices, 18500 W. 13 Mile, 1/4-mile west of Southfield Road. Sunday, tickets may be bought at Beverly Park, 1/2-mile west of Southfield Road, on Beverly Road, between 13 and 14 Mile. Beverly Park will be the first stop for everyone to pick up a map and booklet for the tour.

The tour will feature six beautiful gardens in the Beverly Hills-Birmingham area.

Northville

The Gardens of Northville Annual Garden Walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Advance tickets are \$10 and available at Gardenvues, 202 W. Main in Northville. The event will feature five gardens, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village Wednesday. The walk is sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

Garden City

The Garden City Garden Club will host the 12th annual Garden City Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, rain or shine. Tickets are \$6 and may be bought at Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt; at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman; and from club members. Tickets will also be sold at each home and the Garden City Historical Museum, 6221 Merriman, the day of the walk. Call Paula Relich at (734) 525-2524 or Cheryl Guck at (734) 525-7299. The self-guided tour will feature seven beautiful gardens, including five ponds. Refreshments will be available, along with a bake sale at one home.

HOME CALENDAR

Meadow Brook Hall

Daily summer tours are offered to Aug. 31 at Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

The summer tour, 75 and Still in Style: A Celebration of Fine Furnishings and Interior Decoration at Meadow Brook Hall, highlights basics of furnishings of the Hall and the fine shops the Wilsons employed to design distinctive pieces of furniture and art displayed throughout their home.

The guided tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes a tour of Knole Cottage. Tours are scheduled 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, free for ages 12 and under. The Meadow Brook Hall Museum Shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The shop sells a variety of unusual items and Meadow Brook Hall mementos, including books on Meadow Brook Hall.

For more information, call the Visitor Services Desk at (248) 364-6200.

Cranbrook House and Gardens

Visit Cranbrook House - Detroit's oldest manor home - and its glorious gardens during Thursdays at Cranbrook or Sundays at Cranbrook. Cranbrook House is the former residence of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth. It is at 380 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Hills. Thursdays at Cranbrook will continue

until Oct. 27, offering guided tours of historic Cranbrook House at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays. Fee for the Thursday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Stay after or come early for a salad buffet lunch at noon in the Oak Room, for an additional \$15. Now through Oct. 30, take a guided tour at 3 p.m. Sundays with a garden visit. Fee for the Sunday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Reservations for the lunch and tours are required. Call (248) 645-3149.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Daylily show

The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will host the annual Daylily Exhibition 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 363-7515. Hundreds of daylilies of all shapes, sizes and colors will be on display. The competition is an opportunity to view some of the most beautiful daylilies on the market. Many daylily experts will be on hand to answer questions. The show is accredited by the American Hemerocallis Society.

Water gardening

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Water Gardening will be the topic July 13. Want to enjoy the soothing sound of water and nature in your back yard? Learn the basics of how to create a healthy ecosystem, including selecting a site, pond construction, keeping the water clean, and adding plants and fish. Landscaping Ideas will be the topic July 20. The right landscaping can increase the value of your home by 15 percent. Learn how to create a workable outdoor area. English Gardens' seasonal favorites, and proper planting tips to ensure your success, will be featured.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday, July 11, in Room 125 at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Horticulturist Joanna Wolford will talk about landscape design. The public may attend. Admission is free. For more information, call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061, e-mail Joan Wysocki at jdwysoc@aol.com or call (248) 349-5310.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a flyer. Japanese Beetle Control for Roses will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9. This is a lecture and hands-on demonstration by Roger Lindley. Admission is free and reservations aren't required. All of the proceeds of rose bush sales Saturday will be donated to the Michigan State University Japanese beetle control project. Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16. In this popular hands-on workshop, participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Reservations are required. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door.

English garden

View a slide tour of gardens in England, and learn the elements of English design and tips on design and plantings to recreate an English garden in your own back yard, in English Gardens: Capturing the Magic, a class offered at The Community House in Birmingham. The class will take place Wednesday, July 13. Fee is \$42. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Instructor Pam Palechek owns and operates Petal Pushers and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years. She has been a senior instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception.

French gardens

Take a visual tour of the lush gardens of France - including Paris vest pocket and public gardens, the fabled gardens of Giverny and Villandry, the Rothschild Garden and Le Val-Rahmed - and learn design lessons that can be used in Michigan gardens, in French Gardens, a class offered at The Community House in Birmingham. The class will take place Wednesday, July 20. Fee is \$42. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Pam Palechek owns and operates Petal Pushers and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years. She has been a senior instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

The schedule includes Computer-assisted Design, Mondays, July 11-25, in Livonia (fee is \$137). Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four sessions beginning Tuesday, July 12, in Livonia (\$137), and Effective Hand-drawn Design, Wednesdays, July 13 to Aug. 8, in Livonia (\$168). A specialty class, Wildflowers in the Garden Workshop, will take place Friday, July 15, at Wild Types Nursery in Mason, Mich. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information.

Lavender festival

Michigan's third annual Lavender Fest will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 16-17, at two lavender farms. The sites are Gabriel's Garden Lavender and Herb Farm, 14000 34 Mile Road in Romeo (one mile east of Van Dyke on the south side of 34 Mile, just east of McKay Road), and Yule Love It Lavender Farm, 960 Yule Road in Leonard (between 32 Mile and Mack roads, one mile east of Rochester Road). Admission is \$5 for both farms, \$3 for one farm, free for under age 12. For a complete itinerary and workshop pre-registration, visit www.michiganlavenderfest.com or call (586) 336-0418. The festival will include lavender lectures, u-pick lavender, garden strolls, live music and dancing, lavender oil massages, herbal refreshments, tea, hardy lavender plants and herbal products for sale, beeswax candle making, beekeeping lessons, a birding presentation, hands-on art and garden workshops, fine and handspun art for sale, storytelling, organic gardening and container garden lectures, fiber arts, jewelry, garden decor, sack races, open mic poetry readings, horseshoes, cooking demonstrations, and lunch at the Lavender Grill. A raffle for *Bramisole*, the original pastel Lavender Fest poster art work by Iris Lee Underwood, will be conducted at both farms. The winner will be notified the evening of July 17. Posters will be sold at both farms for \$2 each. *Bramisole* will be on view through July 15 at Gabriel's Garden French Market Place, 109 S. Main in Romeo, where raffle tickets may be bought in advance of the festival. If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Turn gardening into joy, not pain

Gardeners have grabbed a hoe, hand spade, trowel or hand rake, and prepared their gardens for summer.

But the exertions of planting shrubbery, trimming trees and other outdoor chores can literally be a pain in the neck and back if you're not physically prepared, say Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network.

"Working in a vegetable or flower garden each spring and summer can be an extremely rewarding and nurturing experience," says Dr. Thomas Simmer, chief medical officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "But beginners as well as certified master gardeners need to be sure their bodies are up to the task."

Here are some tips to be sure your experience is a relaxing one, not one that ends with a trip to your doctor:

■ Start with the right tools. A good set of long-sleeved leather gardening gloves can protect hands and forearms against splinters, thorns, poison ivy, biting and stinging insects and the general wear and tear of digging in the dirt. Wear long pants and use shoes that offer good support. If you don't have them already, purchase a comfortable pair of knee pads, or a closed-cell foam gardening pad. Your knees will

rest easier for it. Pads covered in latex or plastic make cleanup easy.

■ Good tools, including quality hand cultivators and pruning scissors, will pay you back many times over with good service. Wrap handles with a stripe of fluorescent tape. You'll spot them easier when you're done so they won't be hit by lawn mowers or cultivators. Thousands of injuries are caused each year nationwide by power equipment mishaps in the yard and garden.

■ Garden "putterers" with knee or other joint replacements can keep on cultivating their hobby by using toolboxes with built-in seats that allow plenty of access to the soil and keep all you need handy at the same time. Planting in raised flower beds or boxes or even in wheeled containers also offers improved access.

■ Before you turn one spade of soil, warm up back and leg muscles and tendons with some simple stretching exercises. Doing so will help prevent pulled muscles or other injuries that could delay your planting schedule. Like any exercise, gradually work up to more strenuous schedules.

■ Don't bend from the waist when picking up heavy items. Bend at the knees instead.



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OPEN DAYS SCHEDULED

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When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

Admission: The Midwest edition of The Garden Conservancy's Open Days directory lists 46 private gardens in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio, and driving directions for Open Days programs at these locations. Other tours are Illinois (July 9, 16, 17, 24 and 31) and Ohio (July 10). The guide is \$6.95 with a free admission ticket. Cost of admission for the Open Days program is \$5 per garden. Discount admission tickets will be available for \$25 (for all six gardens).

Call the Conservancy toll-free at (888) 842-2442 to order the directory with a VISA or MasterCard, or visit www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays.html.

You can send a check or money order to The Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Locations: Visitors may begin the tour at any of the following locations 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the tour.

In Beverly Hills: Faces in the Trees, 32420 Evergreen; The Rose Garden, 32400 Evergreen; San Souci Garden, 32430 Evergreen.

In Birmingham: The Dawson Garden, 988 Gordon Lane.

In Bloomfield Hills: Garden on the Lake, 1288 West Long Lake Road; Lake End, 3950 Franklin Road.

In Bloomfield Village: Eric and Dominic's Garden, 360 Yarmouth Road. No reservations are required.

Information: Call The Garden Conservancy toll-free at (888) 842-2442.

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her mother, but she often uses flowers for her artistry.

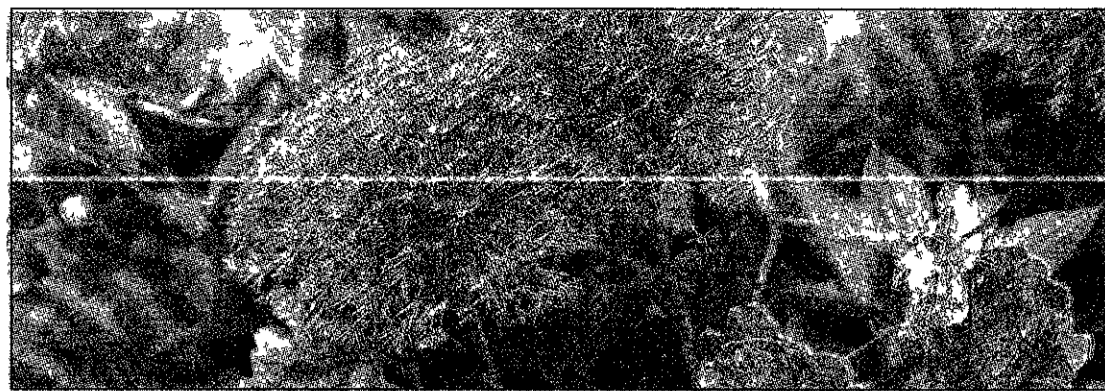
"As an artist, my flowers are favorite subjects for my watercolors and photography," Dawson said. "My studio will be open to see the flowers' progression from gardens to paintings to photos."

Highlights of the Michigan gardens include three homes on Evergreen Road in Beverly Hills. One features the following: A European style stairway leading to the Rouge River with a bench for a better view of wildlife, a shaded yard, steppingstones through old apple trees and garden art.

Another site has a pond and a large stone waterfall, fountains, meandering stone pathways and shade gardens, and the third has arbors canopied with hops, honeysuckle, trumpet and porcelain vines in a yard featuring winding walkways and bird baths.

In Bloomfield Hills, guests will enjoy a gated vegetable garden and children's play area at a home on Long Lake Road, and an extensive rose garden and hydrangea-lined pathway designed by English garden designer David Hicks at a home on Franklin Road.

A garden in Bloomfield Village features heirloom



Allium adds texture to the garden.

tomatoes (passed down from the couple's parents) and herbs, and a mix of flowers with vegetables. Hostas, daisies and daylilies can be viewed, along with a private back patio made of Michigan bluestone and a small koi pond.

At each garden, visitors can participate in a raffle featuring garden-related art, plants and gift certificates from garden stores and centers. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit The Garden Conservancy.

Dr. Alice McCarthy, whose gardens have been shown twice for The Garden Conservancy and on HGTV, chairs a committee that chose these gardens.

Private gardens listed in the directory should be more than 2 years old, exhibit a reasonable standard of maintenance,

and have one or more of the following characteristics: Unity and harmony in the design, strong and distinctive elements within the design, and appropriateness of the design in relation to the setting and surrounding landscape.

Organizers also look for effective or innovative use of plants, interesting and unusual collections of plants, and aesthetics of plants.

The Garden Conservancy's most recent preservation projects include Alcatraz Island, and Steepletop, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Edna St. Vincent Millay's garden in Austerlitz, N.Y.

In the Alcatraz Island project, the Conservancy is a partner with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to rehabili-

tate what remains of 150 years of tenacious gardening within the natural setting.

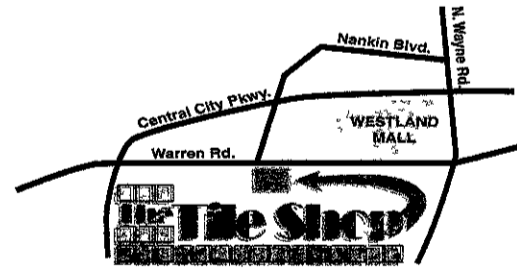
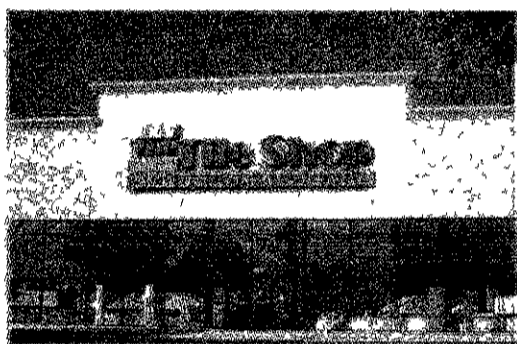
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Garden Conservancy will provide free tickets to six of the gardens (a \$25 value) for anyone who volunteers to help in one of these gardens. And, of course, volunteers enter free into the gardens where they volunteer for two to three hours. So volunteers can see all seven of the gardens free.

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Since then they have made changes to their pond and yard, including adding new fish (koi), replacing a willow tree with other foliage, and putting up a

Its members – about 150 from across southeast Michigan – range in pond experience from novice to expert, and share

The club developed two educational programs for the public - one about the basics of designing and building a pond, one

A presentation by the club on pond design basics, Pond 101, is scheduled 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Bloomfield Township Library, Telegraph and Lone Pine Road.



New koi have been added to the Paddys' pond. A fence helps protect the fish from herons.

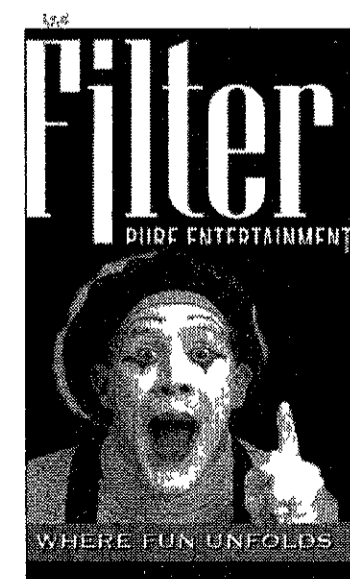
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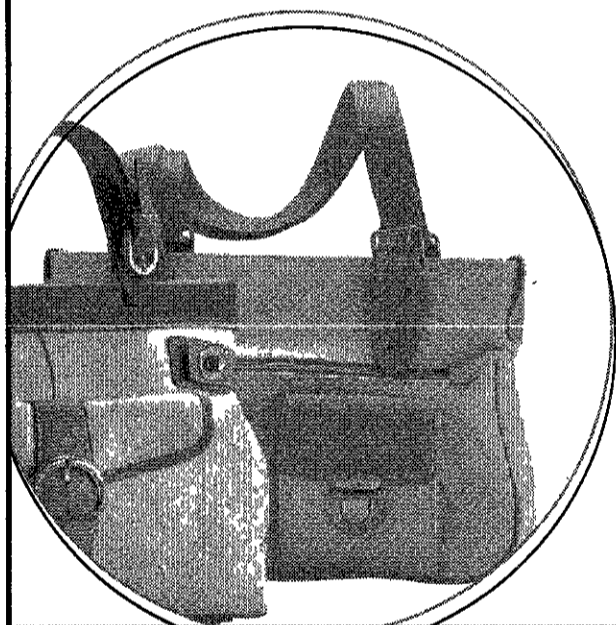
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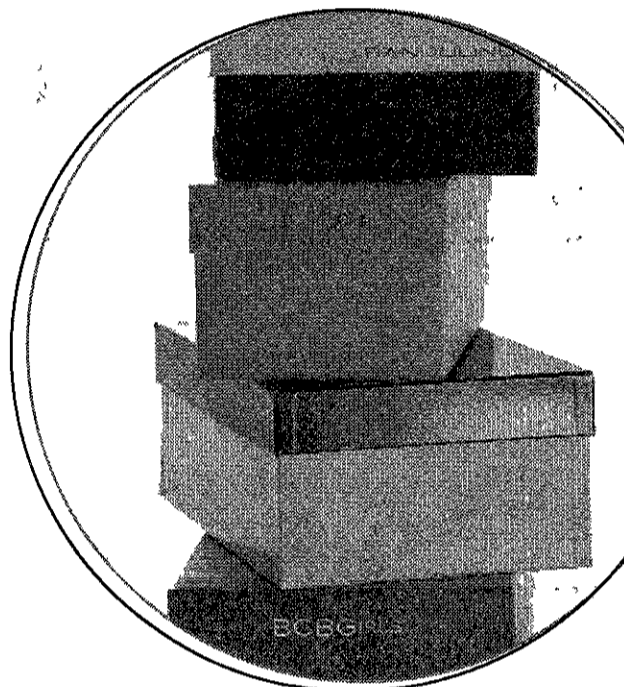


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Participants pause on a playground on the reservation. Standing on the ground, from left to right, are: Carol Bunch, Jamie Berlin, Bryan Smith, Michael Cross, Lindsey Anderson, Michael Archambault, Valerie Hargraves and Dan Degner. On the sides are Patricia Lively and Marissa Cross. On the top from left to right are: Julia Smith, Ian Giodich, Sean Delaney, Elizabeth Cross and Arielle Arsenaute.

Mission trip to Minnesota an eye-opener for teens

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Red Lake, Minn., grabbed the headlines recently when a teen went on a shooting rampage, killing others at his school and then himself. A group of teens and adults from Canton and nearby visited Red Lake for a June 18-25 mission trip.

"I knew I was there as a servant of God and I had to do it anyways," said Elizabeth Cross, 16, a Redford Union High junior about picking up trash as part of the mission. She didn't like being on ladders to paint homes or singing in front of others.

"I barely like to talk in front of people," said Cross to fellow worshipers at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Youth and adults from Geneva traveled to Minnesota, along with those from CrossWinds Community Church of Canton and several others from out of state.

Ian Glodich, 14, a Plymouth Salem High sophomore, is a Boy Scout and thus used to certain primitive conditions. He learned to step out of his spiritual comfort zone as well.

Adult Carol Bunch, like Glodich from Geneva, said the kids trusted in God and did what they needed to. Her group painted houses: "I was really blessed there. It was very, very moving." She said people are getting counseling in the wake of the tragedy, but not enough.

"God was with us every day," she added. "He was with us every minute."

The Ojibwa reservation is home to a number of native Americans and is a low-income area. The local group traveled in Dave and Carol Bunch's motor home, stopping the first night in Eau Claire, Wis. "A lot of friendships were made," said the Rev. Bryan Smith, pastor at Geneva.

What happens inside church walls isn't what matters the most, said Jon Beyer, pastor at CrossWinds. "It needs to be complemented with going out in our community."

There's so much to learn from other cultures, Beyer said, and ways to connect spiritually. "We have much to learn and to offer each other."

The group slept on mattresses on the floor at Red Lake, with the group of 70 missionaries from five churches in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. They picked up trash, fending off heat, mosquitoes and ticks, painted houses and did meal preparation and cleanup.

They also worked with young children from Red Lake, who came in daily for lunch and activities. The senior highs took turns leading the kids in song, arts and crafts.

"We also tried to organize some games," Smith said. "Sometimes we just spent time not doing crafts but being with the kids. A lot of bonding went on."



Group members get some rest at the First Presbyterian Church in Eau Claire, Wis., en route to their mission site in Red Lake, Minn.

'God was with us every day. He was with us every minute.'

Carol Bunch
mission participant

The group played lacrosse, considered a form of prayer for native Americans as a way to resolve conflict, he added.

Julia Smith, 14, a Salem freshman from Geneva, had been nervous. "They also taught me a lot," she said of the people in Red Lake. One boy started out misbehaving but soon warmed up and began to hug Smith. "Those kids just made me feel really good."

CrossWinds' Stephanie Kieft, 16, also enjoyed working with children "and just having a loving heart toward each other." The Canton resident and homeschooler also painted houses. "It was just amazing to see how they lived," she said, adding the time in Red Lake strengthened her faith.

Bryan Smith noted no missionaries come to Canton, Plymouth or neighboring communities. "Here our need gets so easily covered up," he said of suburban spiritual needs.

"Hearts and minds are being shaped by grace," he added. "You are the people God sends forth."



Mike Cross, 14, gives 10-year-old Nicole a piggyback ride during the group's time at Red Lake. Two Canton churches, Geneva Presbyterian and CrossWinds Community, sent missionaries.

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JULY

Talk it over

Single Point Ministries presents speaker Don Jarvi, a licensed therapist, discusses the task of everyday living 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920

Outdoor worship service

10 a.m. Sunday, July 10, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Rev. Ben Bohnsack's sermon is "Of Siblings and Souls." Bring your lawn chairs or sit on benches at the outdoor chapel. For more information, visit www.nardinpark.org

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 I-96, between Middlebelt and Inkster. For more information, call (734) 425-6215 or visit www.GBCofLivonia.org.

Divorce recovery workshop

Summer session begins July 11 and continues on consecutive evenings through July 16, hours are 7-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35 for those who register on first night, \$30 for pre-registration, \$20 for returning participants. Childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920

Wild west

Kids enjoy a wild west theme for the Ranch House Kids: Adventure Open Door vacation Bible school 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

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Picnic

Presented by Single Point Ministries 7 p.m. Friday, July 15, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Tiger Baseball

Presented by Single Point Ministries meet at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, at 5:15 p.m. Friday, July 15 for hot dogs, chips and pop prior to leaving for the game by bus. Cost is \$12 adults, \$8

kids. Call (248) 374-5920.

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 Pointe 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 Leverage, Redford. Call (313) 937-2233.

Kingdom of the Son

A Prayer Safari 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 18-22, for children age 4 (must be 4 by July 18) through grade 6. Closing program and Carnival, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 453-5534 or visit www.plymouthbc.org.

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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.



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BERNICE BALSLEY

Age 100, of Milford, died July 1, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Rollin Balsley (died 1966). Dear mother of Beverly (Bruce) Deyo of Powell, Ohio; Rollin (Linda) Balsley of Milford; grand-mother of Pamela Deyo, Carolyn Deyo, Marianne (William E.) Tisch, Daniel (Karen) Balsley, Diane (Michael) Kern, Michael (Sharolyn) Balsley, Lori (Terry) Conklin, Jennifer (Scott) Howard and Derek Hess; great-grandmother of 12; dear sister of the late Adeline Bloodgood, Thomas C Bloodgood and Bruce Bloodgood. Also many loving extended family members and friends. Funeral from Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors, Milford, Wednesday, July 6, 2005. The Reverend Richard Pape officiated. Burial Parkview Cemetery. For further information, please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home Directors at 248-684-6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JAMES "JIM" DAVID ROBERTS, SR.

of Livonia. Suddenly July 3, 2005. Age 42. Beloved husband of Cheryl for 25 years. Loving father of James David Roberts, Jr. and Allison Breann Roberts. Dear brother of Linda (Leo) Wanstreet and the late Carol Jean Roberts. Also survived by his father Gene Roberts and stepfather Victor (the late Margie) Bailey. Jim was the owner of J.D.R. Alarm Contracting Service in Livonia. A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Friday, July 8th, at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Road). The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until service time. Interment will take place later in Graham, Texas.

ANNE S. SZALANGA

82, Lakeview Arkansas. Funeral services for Anne S. Szalanga will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church, West Plains, MO; under direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Mrs. Szalanga died 5 a.m., Monday, July 4, 2005 in Pine Lane Health Care, Mountain Home, Arkansas. She was born September 16, 1922 in Detroit, MI to Stephen and Agne (Jastrensky) Gawa. She was married at Dearborn, MI to Edward Szalanga. Mrs. Szalanga was of the Catholic faith with her membership in the St. Peter The Fisherman Church, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Anne's granddaughters brought a very special joy to her. She loved hunting mushrooms, doing Ukrainian crossstitching and crocheting. She is survived by her husband, Edward Szalanga, of the family home; four children, Antoinette Freed, husband, Ralph and daughter Emily, Kalamazoo, MI, Edward Szalanga, Westland, MI, Janet Jamison, husband Allen and daughter Danielle, West Plains, MO and Kathleen Markowicz, husband, Jeff Humble, Texas; two sisters, Mary Ladouceur and husband, Leo and Olga Halushka and husband, Don; and several nieces and nephews. Her parents and three brothers preceded her in death. Prayer services will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Of The Ozarks and may be mailed to Robertson-Drago Funeral Home, West Plains, MO

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VIRGINIA WOODWORTH BAKE

Passed away July 1, 2005. She was preceded in death in 1994, by her husband, William A. Bake. Surviving are her children, William A. Bake of Boone, North Carolina, and Robert W. Bake of Plymouth, Michigan; and her grandchildren, William A. Bake of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Sara Lorena Harris of Atlanta, Georgia, and Carrie Bake-Wong of Hiroshima, Japan. Mrs. Bake was a Past President of the Sarah Ann Cochran (Plymouth) Chapter of the DAR and the Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association. Her body was entombed in the Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum following a private family service.

JAMES R. KENT

Age 62. July 3, 2005. Beloved husband of Joyce. Dear Father of James (April), Kristin (James) Frisbee. Son of Cecile and the late Joseph "Clem" Kent. Loving grandfather of four. A Memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations in James memory can be made to the American Liver Foundation, 51700 W. 12 Mile Farmington Hills MI 48334. Online sympathy message at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOHN WESLEY ENGLISH

Noted Michigan educator and civic leader passed away July 3, 2005 after a lengthy illness. Dr. English earned his B.A. degree, MA and PhD from the University of Michigan and remained a strong supporter of the university through out his life. For 30 years he was a teacher/administrator for the Flint public schools. He became superintendent of the Inkster school system in 1954 and went on to Joliet IL, where he was superintendent until 1962. He was appointed superintendent of the Southfield system in 1962 and was the second superintendent in the district's history, he served in that capacity until his retirement in 1976. During his long career, Dr. English received many awards and acknowledgements for his contributions to public education. Two, that he valued, were the naming of an elementary school in his honor in Inkster, and the Southfield Administrative Center, which was dedicated in his name. Dr. English was active in many civic groups and gave freely of his time to public service, serving as President of the Southfield Rotary, Vice President of the Oakland County Mental Health Society, and a Lay Vesterman at St. David Episcopal Church in Southfield to name but a few. Upon his retirement, the Mayor of Southfield, proclaimed March 6, 1976 as "John W. English Day" in recognition of his contributions to the Southfield school system. Dr. English was most gratified by the continued expression of thanks and appreciation from former students, teachers, and administrators, who benefited from his guidance and leadership. Intermittently was a Visiting Professor of Education at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Eastern Michigan University. Beloved Husband of Evelyn Fry English, and the late Ruth J. English. Loving Father of Clifford (Sue) English of Decorah Iowa, Phillip English of Berea Kentucky, David (Susan) English. 5 grandchildren, many loving extended family & friends. Funeral from St. David Episcopal Church, 16200 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, Thursday 11 AM. (Visitation at 10:30 am), Interment Acacia Park Cemetery, friends may visit Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm at the Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (3 blks S. of Maple Road). Memorials to the St. David Episcopal Church (J-2A program). For information call 248-624-2251

ELEANOR BECKNER

Of Clarkston formerly of West Bloomfield, June 30, 2005; age 82; preceded in death by her husband Melvin K., loving mother of Pamela (Bob) Borgman of Clarkston; also survived by 5 step grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren. Funeral service Wednesday 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Tuesday 3-5 & 7-9 p.m.. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. James Presbyterian Church or the Michigan Humane Society. www.legacy.com

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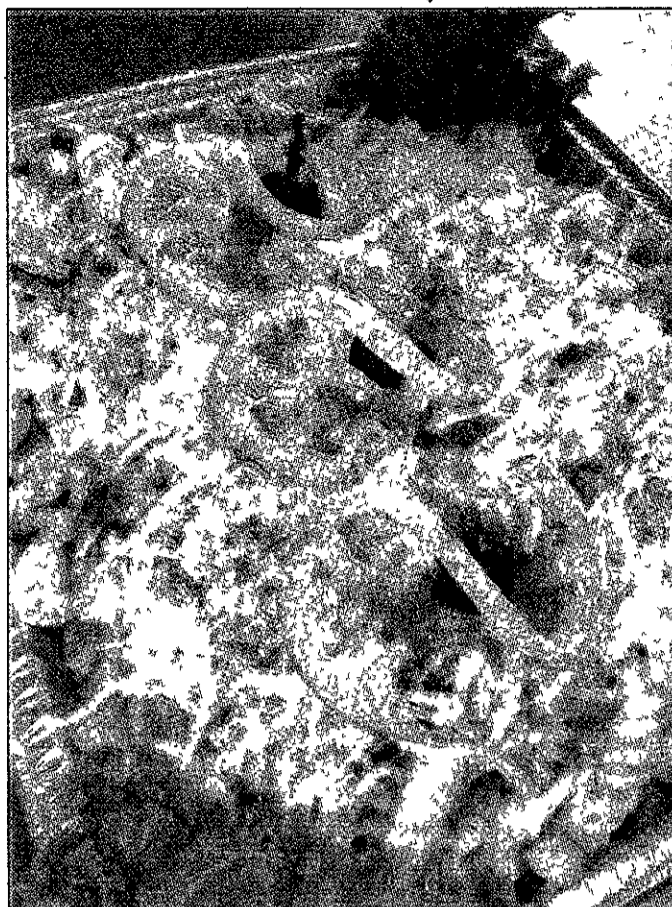


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Take a pick of the picnic



The pasta salad is complete and is a perfect summer picnic dish.

Eating outdoors calls for a variety of flavors



Co-owners of John Edwards Carryout and Catering in Farmington Hills, Ron Bergman Sr. (left) and Kevin Kocaj, put the finishing touches on their pasta salad.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

A little extra attention to common barbecue food and drinks can make your summer buffet table generate the same oohs and ahhs of a fire-works display.

Corn on the cob steps out of the ordinary when it's soaked overnight in milk and barbecued with its husk, and a cold drink becomes a little more refreshing when special ingredients are added.

Make your menu light, simple and fun, according to area caterers. If you're going to barbecue, remember hot dogs and hamburgers aren't the only meat your grill will accept.

"We grill a variety of Italian sausage," said Julie Chimento of Chimento's Italian Market and Catering in Livonia.

Many customers like the shish-kabob, Chimento says.

"Or, they'll special order something, like lamb or a chicken sausage with pine nuts and sundried tomatoes. We make our own sausage."

She tells customers they should always think about keeping their menus simple.

"The more choices guests have, we have found, the more difficult the party will be for the person giving the party," Chimento said.

"They aim to please and, in reality, people are just happy to be invited and to be included with family members or friends. Keep it simple and all your food will go. If they have too many choices, they will have a lot of leftovers."

If there's less hassle, the person giving the party has more time to enjoy the weather and the guests.

Most customers ask for broasted chicken, barbecue chicken, chicken breast sandwiches, ribs cut in two-bone pieces and the ever popular hot dogs and hamburgers, said Kevin Kocaj, owner of John Edwards Carry Out and Catering in Farmington Hills.

Summertime calls for old favorite side dishes, like pasta salad, baked beans and potato salad, he says.

Make sure you keep the cold dishes cold during one of the hottest months of the year. Kocaj places ice in a large aluminum tray and places the salads in half trays on top. He tells his customers that pasta salads and potato salads need to go in the refrigerator after 75 to 90 minutes. Or, if that's not an option, replace the ice.

Barbecues are a natural fit for outdoor gatherings, and Famous-Dave's in Westland is known for its Southern barbecue menus, said Rich Gonzales, manager.

St. Louis-style ribs smoked in-house, chopped pork, and Texas beef brisket, as well as roasted and barbecue chicken, are the biggest sellers for the restaurant's summertime catering job.

End the meal with pecan pie or bread pudding, Gonzales said.

Corn on the cob soaked overnight in a pail filled with a cup of milk and water will definitely

PLEASE SEE PICNIC, B9

Chateau Ste. Michelle: A leader in Washington State

In a wine world, the word icon is often used to distinguish wines believed to be the finest expressions of their type or those having a unique niche.

Ste. Michelle Wine Estates in the state of Washington has assembled one of the finest expressions of icon wines, not solely from its own Columbia Valley vineyards, but also from its California-owned wineries and international partnerships.

At Morton's The



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Steakhouse in Southfield, we had the opportunity to taste Ste. Michelle's icons side by side with some food pairings prepared by Morton's chefs.

STE. MICHELLE ICONS

Conn Creek's Napa Valley 2001 Anthology (\$60), a Bordeaux varietal blend (cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot and malbec) hails from a heritage Napa Valley winery founded in 1973.

Each variety is picked and fermented separately before being blended. Typically, the blend spends 28 months in equal parts new and 1-year-old French oak and is aged an additional year in the bottle before it's released.

Italy's Piero Antinori's attraction to making wines from unique winegrowing regions around the world led to the partnership between him and Ste. Michelle to make Col Solare, which debuted with the 1995 vintage.

The wine is a blend (changing in percentages with each vintage) of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, syrah and malbec, grown in premier Columbia Valley vineyards in south-central Washington state.

The 2001 Col Solare (shining hill) (\$75) is an intensely powerful wine but with such refined tannins that it's eminently approachable in youth. Morton's paired it with succulent Filet Mignon Sliders.

A taste of the 1998 Col Solare indicated that the wine will also age, 10 years or per-

haps longer. You might find it at a fine retail shop and it is available on the Bacco Ristorante (Southfield) wine list.

Northstar 2001 Columbia Valley Merlot (\$60) was complemented by a butter-sautéed shiitake, portabella and crimini mushroom mixture smothered with grilled Brie atop a baguette slice.

The creamy texture of the food softened this powerful merlot, as does, if you can believe winemaker Gordon Hill, the addition of 25 percent cabernet sauvignon. Complex and powerful, Northstar has incredible length.

To these three, we'd add (although Ste. Michelle doesn't do so currently) 2004 Eroica (\$25), an off-dry riesling that's stellar with lump crab meat canapés or spicy Asian dishes.

With true riesling aromas of apple blossom

PLEASE SEE LEADER, B9

Vegetarian cooks can fix this Chinese tofu salad

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Much as I love them, my salads too often get too routine. No matter how seduced I am by new recipes and ingredients, I never seem to vary their construction.

They usually begin with a bed of baby spinach. I top that with a carrot cut into thin rounds, a handful each of slivered almonds, golden raisins and cherry tomatoes, an apple cut into slim wedges, and finally a red radish cut into matchsticks.

Even my dressing is basic. Three parts extra-virgin olive oil, one part balsamic vinegar, a pinch each of kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper and a dollop of raspberry or strawberry jam. Yummy, sure. But it's starting to make me yawn.

I recently realized just how ready I was for something new when dining at the home of friends. They offered a terrific salad of arugula, dried cranberries, toasted pine nuts and Gorgonzola cheese drizzled with olive oil. Wow!

That got me thinking about what goes into superb salads. They don't rely on fancy technique or hard-to-find ingredients. Really great salads stand out because they include one or two high-flavor ingredients.

Take the salad my friends served. The arugula could have been any green. The pine nuts were a nice touch, but croutons would have worked just as well. What made this salad really snap were the cranberries and Gorgonzola.

Add those two ingredients to my basic salad and it's a whole new experience. Even just one of them would be great.

To give your standard salad new life, try adding one or more of the following:

- Capers (for a salty, savory bite).
- Dried figs cut into quarters (for a sweet and almost meaty texture).
- Fresh strawberries (for a sweet and fresh flavor).
- Diced avocado (for creamy decadence).
- Seedless grapes (for juicy sweetness).
- Crumbled blue cheese (for sharp tanginess).

- Cooked and chilled penne, or other small pasta (for chew).
- Toasted pumpkin seeds (for creamy crunch).
- Chive blossoms (for a bite of peppery onion).

Sometimes you need something visually different, too. For that, try flowers. With few exceptions, they generally add little flavor, but they can look fantastic. Most grocers now sell assortments of edible flowers.

If you're ready for something completely different, try the following salads from Janice Cook Knight's *Follow Your Heart Cookbook* (Wiley, 2005, \$18.95).

Chinese tofu salad is a nice sweet-and-sour crunchy salad, while the easier Caesar is a simple, yet high-impact vegetarian version of this salad classic.

CHINESE TOFU SALAD

1/2 cup slivered almonds
1 large head romaine lettuce (or 2

- romaine hearts)
3 cups shredded Chinese cabbage
10 to 12 ounces seasoned tofu, cut into 2-inch-long matchsticks
1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar
4 teaspoons honey
1 tablespoon minced pickled ginger
1 teaspoon pickled ginger juice (retained from pickled ginger)
2 to 4 teaspoons toasted sesame seed oil

Preheat oven to 300° F.

Arrange the almond slivers on a rimmed baking sheet and toast in the oven 10 to 12 minutes, or until just golden and fragrant. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.

Slice the romaine into thin (about 1/8-inch) shreds. Wash with cool water, spin dry and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add the cabbage and toss.

In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, honey, pickled ginger, ginger juice and sesame oil. Just before serving, toss the lettuce mixture with the dressing. Top the greens with strips of tofu and gar-

nish with almonds.

Makes 2 to 4 servings. Recipe from Janice Cook Knight's *Follow Your Heart Cookbook*, Wiley, 2005, \$18.95.)

EASIER CAESAR

For the croutons:
1 small stale baguette or loaf of country-style French bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 4 cups of cubes)
1/4 cup olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary

For the dressing:
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon vegetarian Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon mayonnaise (or vegetarian alternative)
2 small cloves garlic
1/4 cup olive oil
Salt

For the salad:
3 to 4 heads romaine lettuce hearts, roughly torn (about 12 cups)
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
8 to 10 ounces seasoned tofu, cut into small cubes

To prepare croutons, preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, toss together the bread, oil, garlic and rosemary. Transfer the bread to two large baking sheets and toast 20 minutes, or until croutons are golden. Remove from oven and set aside to cool.

To prepare the dressing, combine lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, mayonnaise and garlic in a blender and pulse until smooth. With blender running, slowly pour in olive oil. Add salt to taste.

To prepare the salad, in a large serving bowl toss the romaine lettuce with the dressing, Parmesan and croutons. Top with cubed tofu. Makes 6 servings

Recipe from Janice Cook Knight's *Follow Your Heart Cookbook*, Wiley, 2005, \$18.95.

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on JULY 29, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

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

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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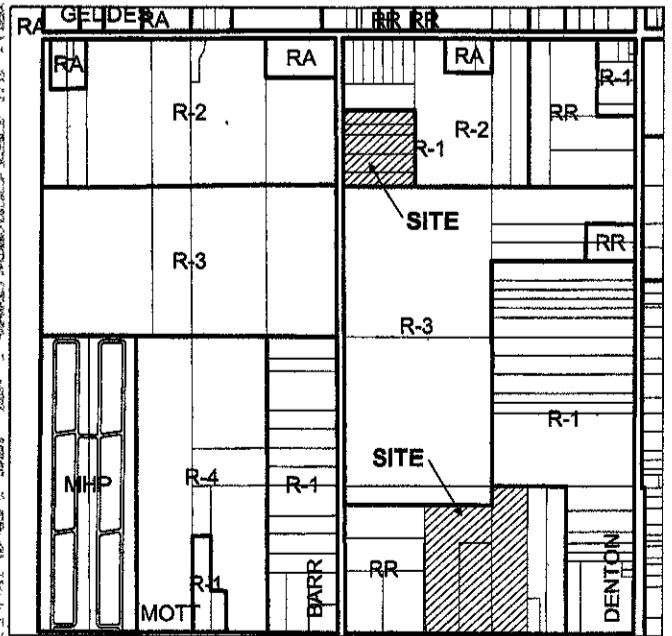
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 11, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRANDVIEW MOTT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0033 000, 121 99 0034 000, 121 99 0035 000, 121 99 0036 000 and 121 99 0037 000 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PARCEL NOS. 124 99 0003 005, 124 99 0004 000 and 124 99 0010 000 FROM, RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Roads.



SECTION 31

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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minerals. And they're delicious, too!

POPCORN GRANOLA SNACK BARS

1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup granola cereal
1 cup roasted and salted peanuts
3 cups popped popcorn

Line an 8- or 9-inch square baking pan with foil. Spray foil lightly with cooking spray; set aside.

Heat honey in a large saucepan until boiling. Stir in peanut butter until well blended. Remove pan from heat and stir in granola, peanuts and popcorn until coated. Press mixture evenly into prepared pan. Refrigerate until cool; cut into bars to serve.

Makes 16 bars.

Nutritional information (based on one serving): Total calories 190, total fat 12g, saturated fat 2g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 110mg, carbohydrate 8g, fiber 2g, sugars 11g, protein 6g

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Recipe from The Popcorn Board.

Blend cranberries, rhubarb into delicious summer dessert

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Summer is sweetened by its abundance of fruit, which naturally plays a major role in the delectable desserts of the season (and beyond, thanks to preservation technology).

Forget reservations about dessert. Think of it not as indulgence, but as a celebration of nature's bounty, and get a bunch of family or friends to enjoy it along with you.

This recipe blends rosy-colored fruit, cranberries and rhubarb, provides for a sweet crunchy topping, and adds another layer of flavor and texture with a tangy marmalade cream. There should be something for all tastes in there.

CRANBERRY AND RHUBARB CRISP WITH MARMALADE CREAM

1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

1 cup low-fat graham crackers, crushed
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup diced toasted hazelnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 tablespoons butter, melted
1-1/2 pounds rhubarb, trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces (see note)
10-ounce bag cranberries, fresh or frozen
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1/4 cup heavy whipping cream, chilled
1/4 cup orange marmalade

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Mix rolled oats, graham crackers, 1/2 cup brown sugar and hazelnuts in medium bowl. Add vanilla to melted butter and stir into oat mixture until blended; set aside.

Place rhubarb, cranberries and 1/2 cup brown sugar in a large saucepan. Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer,

covered, for 10 minutes until cranberries burst. Remove from heat and stir in orange peel. Pour into 9-inch pan. Sprinkle oat mixture over top.

Bake at 350° F for 30 minutes, or until rhubarb is soft and topping is browned.

Meanwhile, whisk cream and marmalade together in chilled medium bowl until soft peaks form. Serve with crisp. Makes 9 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 360 cal., 4 g pro., 48 g carbo., 4 g fiber, 19 g total fat (10 g saturated) 50 mg chol., 160 mg sodium.

Note: The recipe works well with either fresh or frozen fruit. Fresh rhubarb is in season early summer; frozen rhubarb is available if you make this recipe in the fall – when fresh cranberries are in season.

Recipe developed for AP by the Cranberry Marketing Committee

Try mustard pepper strip steaks

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What makes a good meal to enjoy with family and friends al fresco at this season? Let's start with a main dish that doesn't take too much time and work. Let's also throw in that this centerpiece should be an easy-to-find standard, given a tasty presentation.

The solution proposed here is a recipe for grilled strip steaks (top loin steaks), basted with a savory apple juice-Dijon mustard blend, spiked with pepper and the smoky flavor of the grill. Half-an-hour's prep and cooking time, and the meal is ready to serve.

This recipe is based on one steak per serving, since many people like a whole steak.

However, each top loin steak usually makes two of the 3-ounce cooked servings recommended in some guidelines. If you serve 3-ounce portions, the nutrition figures can be halved, too.

Grilled vegetables make an ideal accompaniment to the steaks.

GRILLED MUSTARD-PEPPER STRIP STEAKS

1/4 cup apple juice or apple cider
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons coarse-grind Dijon-style mustard
4 large cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon coarse-grind black pepper
4 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 1/2 to 3 pounds)

To make the mustard-pepper sauce, combine apple juice or cider, parsley, mustard, garlic and pepper in small bowl. Remove and reserve 1/4 cup for basting. Brush steaks with remaining sauce.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill 15 to 18 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Baste steaks with reserved 1/4 cup sauce during last 10 minutes of grilling. Remove steaks from grill; serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per steak: 451 cal., 61 g pro., 2 g carbo., 20 g fat, 236 mg sodium, 162 mg chol.

Recipe developed for AP courtesy Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

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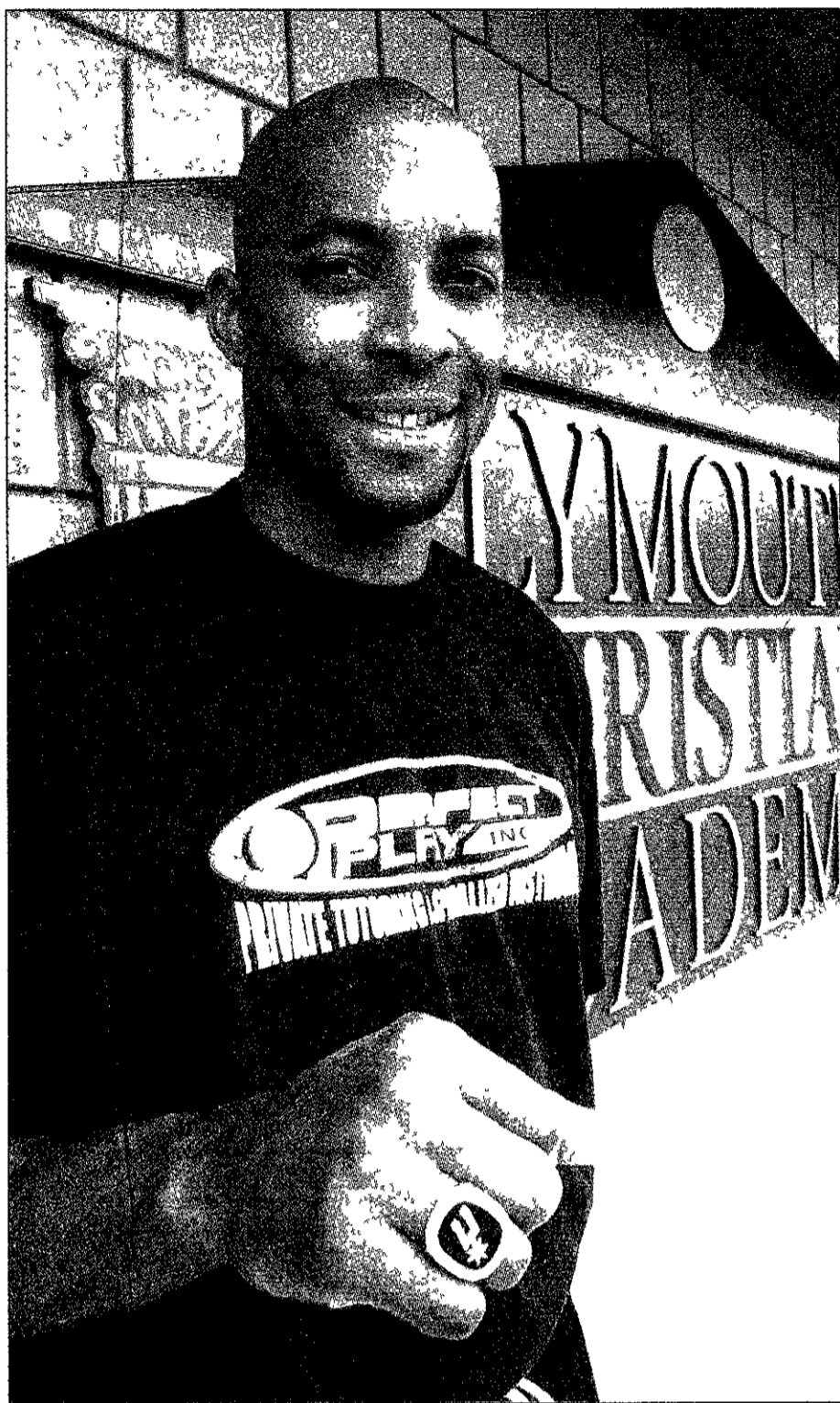
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Canton resident Brandon Williams has a number of fond memories — not to mention an NBA championship ring — that he has collected during his eight-plus years of playing professional basketball. Williams is currently tutoring youth basketball players with his company, Perfect Play Inc.

Globe-trotter

Local resident's basketball skills have led him around the world

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Brandon Williams was just one uninterrupted night of sleep away from making the Toronto Raptors' opening day roster in the fall of 1997.

But at 3 a.m. in the middle of that all-important night, the phone in Williams' Toronto hotel room rang, disrupting his sleep and jolting his NBA dreams.

"When I went to bed that night, I was still on Toronto's roster, and the final roster had to be turned in to the league the following morning," recalled Williams, who currently resides in Canton with his wife and 1-year-old daughter. "I knew that if I could just make it through the night, I would make the team. I knew that once I woke up the following day, I would be an NBA player."

"Well, when I answered the phone at 3 a.m., it was the Raptors head coach, Darrell Walker, and he let me know that I was the last player the team had to cut."

A big reason for Williams' premature departure from the Raptors was the presence of a young high school player the team had drafted the previous June. Coincidentally, the youngster possessed many of the same attributes as Williams — good size, offensive punch and the ability to handle the ball.

"The high school kid's name was Tracy McGrady," Williams said, chuckling. "He took the spot on the roster I would have had."

McGrady has since gone on to become one of the NBA's marquee players — and one of its richest.

Williams, on the other hand, has traveled the globe playing professional basketball the past eight years, building a career that has been highlighted by things money can't buy — resolve, perseverance and determination.

THE BOOK ON WILLIAMS

Age: 30

Home: Canton

College: Davidson (averaged 18.2 points per game, 6.0 rebounds as senior)

NBA teams: Golden State, Atlanta, New York Knicks, San Antonio

Founder: Perfect Play, Inc., a company that offers private basketball tutoring for young players

Career highlight: "When I was in college, we played Clemson, which at the time was one of the top 10 teams in the country. While we were warming up before the game, their fans were saying we were short and didn't have a chance (to win). We came together as a team and ended up winning by 20-something points."

BOUNCING BACK

Within days of getting cut from the Raptors, Williams signed with the Continental Basketball Association's La Crosse (Wis.) Bobcats. At the time, the CBA served as the NBA's minor-league system, so Williams was just a phone call away from the NBA.

Anxious to prove the Raptors wrong, Williams thrived with the Bobcats, averaging more than 15 points and four rebounds a game — until he received another life-altering phone call late in the CBA season.

PLEASE SEE WILLIAMS, C3

FanFest serves up opportunity to showcase heroes

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

Even the heartiest of memorabilia maniacs would love to have a 1935 scorecard with Detroit Tigers great Mickey Cochrane on the cover, or an Al Kaline-signed baseball contract, or even a pair of spikes worn by Jeremy Bonderman during his rookie season of 2003 as part of their storied collection.

Well those items, along with dozens of others with historic ties to the Tigers, will be on display July 8-12 at Cobo-Conference/Exhibition Center as part of the "Hometown Heroes" display and the 15th annual John Hancock All-Star FanFest that kicks off 2005 Major

League Baseball All-Star Week in Detroit.

"This is an opportunity for the hometown team to talk about their history, and in the case of the Tigers, that is a long and rich history in baseball," said Sharon Arend, director of archives and historical documents for Ilitch Holdings Inc. "Hometown Heroes is a part of every All-Star FanFest and always a very popular part of the celebration."

Collectively, four showcases will feature artifacts dating back to the early 1900s and continuing through the present day team. Included are Major League Baseball contracts signed by pitching greats Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout, programs from the previous All-Star

Games hosted by Detroit in 1941, '51 and '71, tickets from the final game played at Tiger Stadium and first game held at Comerica Park, fielding gloves used by Aurelio Rodriguez and Frank Tanana, baseballs autographed by Ty Cobb and Jim Bunning and bats signed by '84 Tigers Dave Bergman, Tom Brookens and Larry Herndon.

In addition, there will be a comprehensive photo display commemorating the achievements of all Tigers Hall of Fame inductees, All-Stars and special moments in team history. The past All-Star Games hosted by the Tigers will be featured prominently and also Cy Young and Gold Glove recipients will be recognized.

"The Ilitch family has always been

interested in preserving our history," Arend said. "To have so much on display at one time is a unique opportunity for not only the baseball fan, but everyone to enjoy."

The opportunity is truly "unique" as Arend says because the items will not appear anywhere else. "Hometown Heroes" is one of more than 40 exhibits and attractions comprising an interactive theme park for fans of all ages. Admission is \$16 for adults and \$11 for military personnel and children under 12 years of age. Kids under 2 years are free. The 76th annual All-Star Game, which will be played Tuesday, July 12, at Comerica Park, will conclude the festivities.

CC baseball coach Salter steps down

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Although he'll be making the move to the new Novi location as a business teacher, John Salter's run as pilot of the Catholic Central High baseball team will stop on Breakfast Drive in Redford.

Salter, one of the state's most successful prep baseball coaches, turned in his resignation last week after 25 years.

The 56-year-old Salter takes with him two state championships — Class A in 1987 and Division 1 in 1999 — along with 16 district, eight regional and six Catholic League crowns.

His overall record at CC was 615-224. "I've been thinking about it for a while and 25 years is enough," Salter said. "It's a good time to let a younger guy take over."

The responsibility that goes with being a head coach gets to be all-consuming.

"I've had a couple of good seasons in a row. I've had a satisfying coaching career."

After reaching the state semifinals in 2004, CC finished 25-12 overall this season and reached the Division 1 state quarterfinals before losing 7-6 Grosse Pointe South.

"We've had a couple of good seasons and I'm going out on an up note and I thought the timing was good," he said. "I probably won't miss the March cold or the tryouts, but I'll miss the games come mid-April. My shoulder has been

PLEASE SEE SALTER, C2



Canton resident and 2005 Dearborn Divine Child graduate Chris Rusin holds his cousin Sean Klotz following the Catholic League championship game at Comerica Park. Behind Rusin's bat and arm the Falcons won the Catholic League title and their second consecutive Division 2 state championship this past spring.

Kentucky next stop for Canton's Rusin

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's not surprising that four of Canton resident Chris Rusin's most memorable high school pitching performances came on the mound at Comerica Park, a baseball field named after a bank.

After all, Rusin has been money for the Dearborn Divine Child baseball team the past three seasons.

Rusin's high school finale at the 24th Annual Michigan All-Star Baseball Classic on June 23 mirrored his career for the two-time Division 2 state champion Falcons. He tossed three scoreless innings from the Comerica Park mound, striking out five while yielding just five hits against an all-star line-up that featured Detroit Tigers draft pick Zach Putnam.

In his first three appearances on the Comerica Park mound, Rusin tossed three shutouts — each one in the championship games of the past three Catholic High League playoffs.

"The first time I pitched at Comerica I was only a sophomore, and I was filling in for our number one pitcher who was hurt," recalled Rusin. "It was against Brother Rice, which was the No. 1 team in the state, so I was nervous. I threw the first pitch in the dirt, but I settled down after that."

GROWTH SPURT

Rusin's rise to greatness can be traced back to the Divine Child weight room, where the once skinny southpaw packed muscle onto his angular frame. The sweat equity paid dividends for Rusin, went from a 5-foot-9, 130-pound freshman to a 6-2, 170-pound senior.

His work regimen was reflected in his fastball, which increased in velocity from the low-80s as a sophomore to the high-80s this past season.

"I credit my high school coach, Tony DeMare, for a lot of my success," Rusin said. "He made us lift three times a week, even after away games. We had to run, too,

PLEASE SEE RUSIN, C2

Sidelines

Salem wrestling

The Salem wrestling team and the Chippewa Wrestling Club will be hosting a camp July 11-15. The camp will be geared toward incoming freshmen and kids in grades 5-8. The fifth- through eighth-graders who participate in the camp will have an opportunity to be a part of the Chippewa Wrestling Club for the upcoming youth league season. For more information, contact Mike Goethe at (734) 416-1754.

'Cat grid meeting

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current and incoming freshmen players are encouraged to attend.

Whalers' draftee

The Plymouth Whalers recently announced the selection of 18-year-old Slovakian center Ondrej Otcenas in the Canadian Hockey League Import Draft.

The 6-foot-1, 198-pound Otcenas, who played last season with the HK Dukla Trencin Under-20 team in Slovakia, was taken with the Whalers' first pick in the draft and 25th overall. He tallied 11 goals and 22 assists with a plus-26 in the plus/minus category for HK Dukla Trencin. Otcenas excelled in the team's playoffs, recording four goals and three assists in eight games.

Otcenas also played for Slovakia in the World Under-18 Championships this past spring and scored four goals with an assist in six games.

"We received excellent reports about Otcenas through (European scout) Willy Langer," Plymouth president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci said.

"Otcenas is coming off a good year overseas and has a chance to make an impact in Plymouth. We look forward to seeing him in training camp."

The CHL Import Draft is designed to distribute non-North American skaters throughout the league. CHL teams are currently allowed to play two import players per season. Vaclav Melid, 19, is the other import currently playing for the Whalers.

Otcenas is the second Slovakian ever taken by the Whalers since the import draft started in 1992. Milan Kostolny played for the team from 1994-96, scoring 18 goals and 32 assists in 69 games.

Salem soccer

The Salem boys soccer team will begin optional conditioning workouts 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, on the soccer fields located in front of Canton High School's Phase III. The optional practices will be for boys in grades 9-12 and will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 22.

Contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

RUSIN

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which was good for my endurance. My summer coach, Steve Putnam, has also taught me a lot about pitching, especially when it comes to my mechanics. He taught me how to throw a cutter, which is my second-best pitch next to my fastball. All of the workouts and the time I have spent on my pitching has really paid off."

IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS

Rusin racked up an impressive 9-2 record his senior year at DC, leaving his career mark at 28-4. The 28 wins tied the school record. Rusin's senior season earned run average was a minuscule 0.42 (75 innings), as he yielded just 39 hits and 19 walks while striking out 109. The left-handed swinger



Chris Rusin watches a low pitch go by during the 2005 Catholic League championship game played at Comerica Park.

also shined at the plate, hitting .419 with 41 RBI and 24 runs.

Rusin's talent drew interest from several Division I college baseball programs, particularly Kentucky, where he will be a

freshman in the fall.

"I really liked Kentucky's campus, and they have a new stadium that is very nice, too," Rusin said, explaining how the Wildcats won out over the University of Michigan and Michigan State, among others. "They're in the same conference as a lot of the great southern teams like Florida and LSU, so I'm looking forward to pitching against the best collegiate players in the country."

MULTI-SPORT STAR

While baseball may have been Rusin's favorite sport, it wasn't the only one he excelled in at DC. Rusin led the Falcons' basketball team in scoring (17.0 ppg) this past winter and earned Division 2 second team All-State honors.

"I like basketball a lot, plus it helped me get in shape for baseball," Rusin said. "I played football until the sixth grade, but I broke my right arm that year, so I decided to give it up." ewright@oe homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

SALTER

FROM PAGE C1

bothering me and I haven't been able to throw batting practice."

Salter, however, isn't going to completely divorce himself from sports activities at CC's new Oakland County location at Grand River and Wixom roads.

"I'll still be doing game statistics for the football team and I'll help out with the (new baseball) fields some in the spring," he said.

Salter, who resides in Novi, has other hobbies including flying out of Mettetal Airport in Canton — where he earned his license six years ago — along with playing golf and running.

Salter's replacement may come by the end of this week, according to CC athletic director Robert Santello.

"I think the success of Catholic Central athletics is

attributable to the fact that so many coaches have been here a long time," Santello said. "John is not only a good 'X and O' guy and has great knowledge of the game, but he's also a great organizer and a motivator. He's truly been one of the backbones of our athletic program."

"But 25 years is a long time, and in coaching you don't see that anymore, especially in this day when there are so many pressures and expectations from the parents and players."

"I just think the day-in and day-out demands coaching kind of wore on John."

Salter was an assistant under Frank Corej when CC captured the 1979 state Class A title.

Salter replaced Corej as varsity coach in 1981.

Salter has had many successes as a skipper, but one game and one season certainly may have defined his baseball coaching career.

"The 1987 game versus Midland Dow that was rain-

delayed and went into extra innings, it was certainly the most nerve-wracking," Salter said. "It was a game that went back-and-forth, great plays made by both sides."

"And the 1999 season where we went 38-1. We lost only the one game, 3-2, to Redford Union on a sacrifice bunt. We had a some great players on that team, several went on to play college and four are still playing in the minor leagues."

That 1999 team featured four current minor leaguers, including Casey Rogowski, a first baseman, and Charlie Haeger, a pitcher, now teammates for the Birmingham (Ala.) Barons of the Class AA Southern League; outfielder Bobby Malek of the Class AA Binghamton (N.Y. Mets); and Anthony Tomey, a pitcher with the Class A West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers).

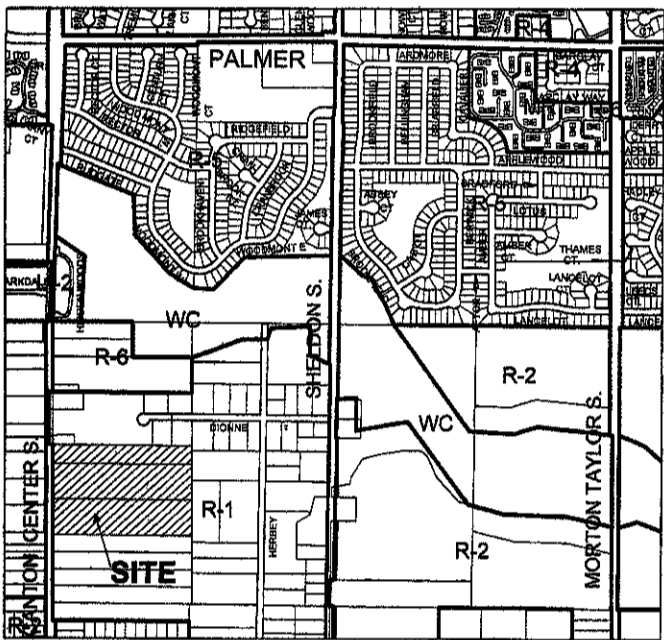
The 1987 team featured current Madonna University coach Greg Haeger.

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SECTION 27

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, July 7, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

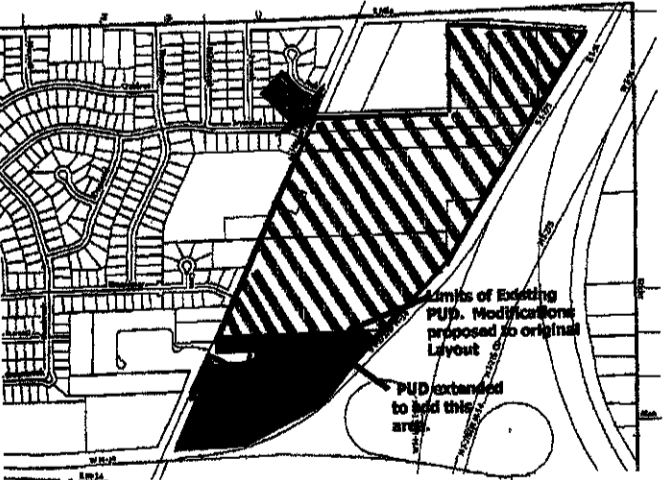
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: The applicant is requesting to amend an existing Planned Unit Development Wednesday, July 20, 2005
DATE OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
TIME OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall,
PLACE OF HEARING: 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting to amend an existing **Planned Unit Development** pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 99. The subject property is located east of Haggerty, south of Five Mile Road, west and north of M-14/I-275 Interchange. Tax ID Nos. 021-99-0001-701, 021-99-0015-000; 021-99-0028-000; 021-99-0027-000; 021-99-0028-001, 023-99-0023-002; 023-99-0023-003; 023-99-0024-001; 024-99-0002-003 Application 1877. Applicant Robert Bosch Corporation



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-021-99-0001-701; R-78-021-99-0015-000; R-78-021-99-0028-000; R-78-021-99-0027-000; R-78-021-99-0028-001; R-78-023-99-0023-002; R-78-023-99-0023-003; R-78-023-99-0024-001; R-78-024-99-0002-003.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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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 www.plymouthtwp.org. 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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Wireless Broadband Wide Area Network (WAN)**. Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after July 6, 2005 from the District's technology consultant: Innovate located at 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or via email at mdavis@innovatetec.com. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center on July 11, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Sealed bids will also be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and clearly marked "PCCS WAN BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on July 20, 2005. The PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Building is located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

Publish July 7 & 14, 2005

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COMBINED NOTIFICATION FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 25, 2005, the above named Township will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following projects located in the Charter Township of Canton:

PROJECT: Human Services Center Construction, 50430 Schoolhouse Road, FY 2005, \$275,000. "Continuing Relevance."
PROJECT: Handicap doors, new or retrofit; Teen Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. \$1,500. "New."

DETERMINATION: It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: Human Services Center Construction was environmentally assessed under 24 CFR 58.36. Handicap doors are categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35. An Environmental Review Record has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination and copying (for a fee) upon request at the office of the Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188-1699, 734-394-5194, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Nor further review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Services Division at the above described address. Such written comments must be received on or before July 22, 2005. All such comments so received will be considered by the Township and the Township will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the projects before the date specified in the preceding sentence.

CERTIFICATION: The Charter Township of Canton will undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J. Yack, in his capacity of Township Supervisor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon approval, the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant; or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at: McNamara Federal Building, 17th Floor, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis of other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after August 9, 2005, will be considered by HUD.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Publish July 7, 2005

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

FIRE PREVENTION PLAN REVIEW & CONSULTING

The specifications are available at the Public Safety Department or you may contact Frank Barrett at (734) 394-5453. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications. 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

Publish July 7, 2005

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA JULY 14, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005 AT 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Gas Ismail of Ford Road Investments, 41915 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187 for property located at 41915 and 41953 Ford Road, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31, 20, sign variance. Zone C-3. Parcel 058-99-0012-703 (Building)

Approval of June 9, 2005 Minutes

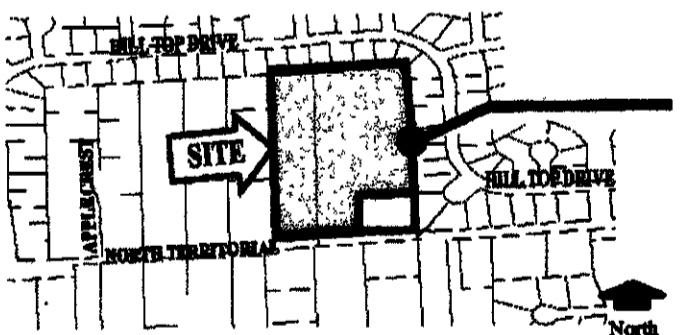
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Tentative Preliminary Plat
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 20, 2005
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall,
42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application for the purpose of considering the Tentative Preliminary Plat for a proposed subdivision located north of North Territorial Road, east of Ridge Road, south of M-14, and west of Beck Road. Tax ID Nos. R-78-038-99-0001-000 and R-78-038-99-0002-000. Application 1881. Applicant, Leo Soave Developments LLC



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-038-99-0001-000; R-78-038-99-0002-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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WILLIAMS

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"One night my agent called about 10 p.m.," Williams said. "He said, 'Brandon, you don't play for La Crosse anymore.' I said, 'You mean they cut me, too?' Then he told me that the Golden State Warriors had signed me to a contract and they wanted me in uniform the following night."

"It was an awesome feeling. I wasn't even the highest-scoring player on my team, but they saw something in me that they liked."

OVERNIGHT SUCCESS

Williams jumped on a plane at 5 a.m. the following morning and met with the Warriors' head coach that afternoon.

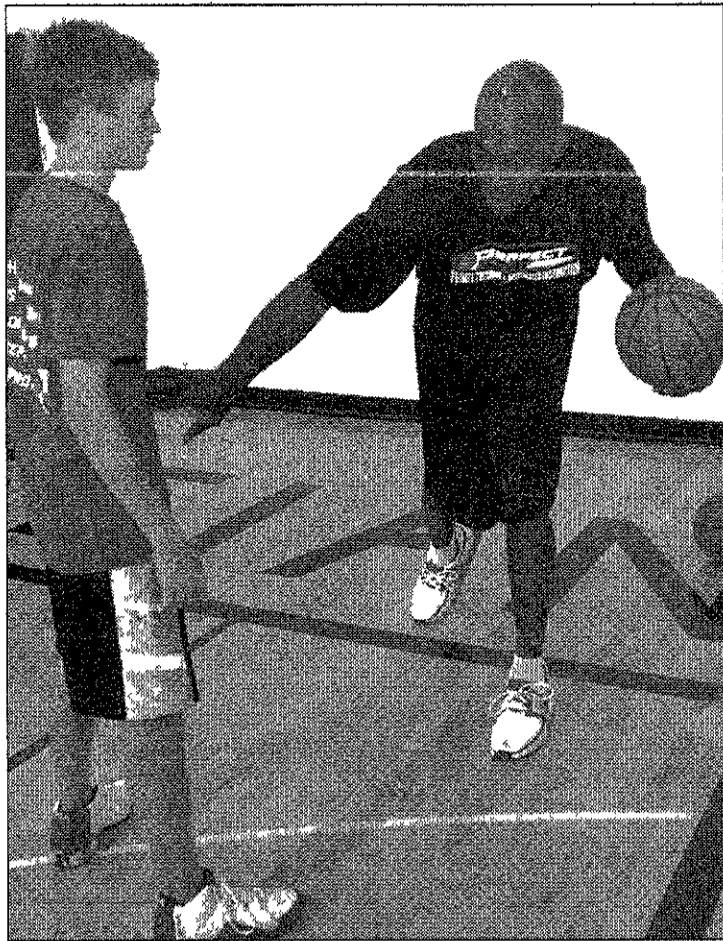
"We had a game that night, so the coach wanted to go over some basic things with me," Williams said. "He told me he didn't expect me to play that night because I didn't know the plays or anything. I'll never forget walking into that arena for the first time. My eyes were huge. I couldn't believe how bright the lights were or how big the players were."

"As things went, whoever I was backing up that night got into foul trouble and I ended up playing half the game. We were playing Sacramento, so I had to cover Mitch Richmond, and this was when Mitch Richmond was still very good. It's a night I'll never forget."

"Williams' stint with the Warriors lasted just nine games, but he played well in a reserve role, averaging 4.1 points and 1.7 rebounds."

"Over the next six years, Williams' career took him everywhere, from Sioux Falls, S.D., to Athens, Greece. He played in practically every professional league that existed — the NBDL, PBA, CBA and ABA — so that he could prove that he was ready for the NBA."

"I spent six years living out of hotels and a suitcase," Williams said. "My bag was always half-packed because I never knew if I was going to get cut, or get signed by a dif-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brandon Williams demonstrates a dribbling drill to Plymouth Christian Academy's Ross Gerullis during a tutoring session Tuesday morning in the PCA gymnasium.

Brandon Williams' patience was rewarded during the 1998-99 campaign when he was signed by the San Antonio Spurs, who won their first NBA title later that season.

ferent team. I was confident that the right opportunity was eventually going to come along."

WORTH THE WAIT

Williams' patience was rewarded during the 1998-99

campaign when he was signed by the San Antonio Spurs, who won their first NBA title later that season.

"I was inactive for most of the year, but I still felt like I was an important part of the team," he said. "In practice, I would be one of the guys who ran the plays that the opponents ran. If we were going to play the Lakers, I was Kobe Bryant; if we were playing the Knicks, I was Latrell Sprewell."

"I had played against (current Spurs point guard) Tony Parker in Europe, so when San Antonio was thinking about signing him, they called me and asked me if I thought he could play in the NBA. I told them, 'I don't know, but he sure is fast.'"

Williams left the Spurs following the championship season, but not before reeling in

several unforgettable memories and a diamond-studded championship ring.

"That was a great group of guys," Williams said. "Whenever I saw Sean Elliott after that, he said he continued to follow my career."

NEW CHALLENGE

While the 30-year-old Williams said he is not completely closing the door on a return to pro basketball, he is currently channeling most of his energy toward his family and his Canton-based business — Perfect Play, Inc., which

offers private basketball tutoring and specialized instruction from Williams and Saddi Washington, a former Western Michigan University star whose pro career has paralleled Williams'.

"I still feel I'm capable of playing professionally, and my dream is still alive, but my priorities have changed now that I have a family," Williams said. "I may still play; I may not. I'm 30, which is young in the real world, but not in professional basketball."

"With Perfect Play, I want to pass along my knowledge of

basketball to younger players. I know there are a lot of kids out there who have dreams of playing basketball at a higher level — not necessarily in the pros or in college — but for their high school team. I've been there and I know what it takes to become a better player."

For more information on Perfect Play, visit the Web site: www.perfectplayinc.com; or contact Williams at (734) 769-9839.

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Trophy time

The Canton Cubs 14U travel baseball team earned first place in the Brighton Youth Baseball Tournament held June 25-26, defeating the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs in the semi-final game and the Brighton Bulldogs in the championship contest. Pictured above are (back row l-r) Mike Lineberry, Wayne Traver, Travis Newton, Joel Schwiebert, Jordan Roshala, Tony Thomas, Eric Cañon, Sam Ott, Larry Ott, (bottom row l-r) Kyle Traver, Marcus Bodner, Ryan Logan, Brad Lineberry and Dave Loos. Not pictured is Drew Grabowski.

2 Rocks sign with HFCC

The Henry Ford Community College women's softball team announced the signings of three area high school players recently.

Salem standouts Crystal Rohn and Amy Caves will join Belleville's Nicole Bliven on the Hawks' roster for the 2006 season. HFCC also received commitments from Ashley Steele and Wendy Rice of Lincoln Park, and Lisa Bates of Taylor.

"We are looking forward to having these wonderful athletes join us at HFCC in September," said HFCC coach Michaelene Ruhl. "They are a great group of young women as well as players."

Caves and Rohn both played key roles in the Rocks' 20-win season. Caves was one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's top defensive outfielders and she also had a stellar offensive season. Rohn pitched and played third base. Bliven, a pitcher, led the



Salem softball players Crystal Rohn (second from left) and Amy Caves are congratulated by Henry Ford Community College coaches Michaelene Ruhl (left) and Julie Jones after they signed letters of intent to play for the Hawks beginning with the 2006 season.

Tigers to the Division 1 state quarterfinals before they were knocked off by eventual state champion Portage Northern. "All of these players will be fighting for starting positions,

as we only have one returner coming back," said Ruhl. "I know that all of them could contribute right away, which makes next season a great thing to look forward to."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY WORKOUTS

The Canton boys varsity hockey team is currently holding an off-ice strength-and-conditioning 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.

ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports has

added several roller-hockey camps to its summer schedule:

■ A "Shoot-to-Score" camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 18-22; and from noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 8-12;

■ A power-skating/stick-handling 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.

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.

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.

V-BALL CAMPS

■ Michigan Technological University will be hosting a series of volleyball camps July 25-30 at Salem High School. A skills camp will be held July 25-27, an elite camp will run July 28 and 29, and a team tournament will cap off the week on July 30. The skills camp costs \$215, the elite camp \$175 and the team tournament \$150.

The camp will be run by the MTU coaching staff and its volleyball players. For more information, contact Krista Mikesch at (906) 487-2427.

■ Plymouth volleyball coach Kelly McCausland will run a camp July 25-27 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for students in grades 6-10 from in the Plymouth high school gymnasium.

The cost is of the camp is \$65.

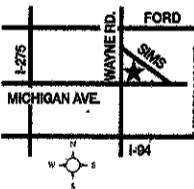
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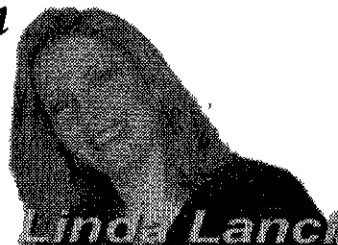
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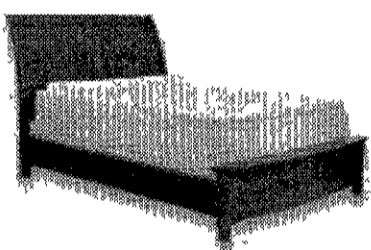
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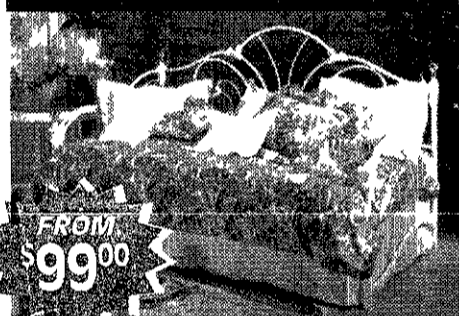
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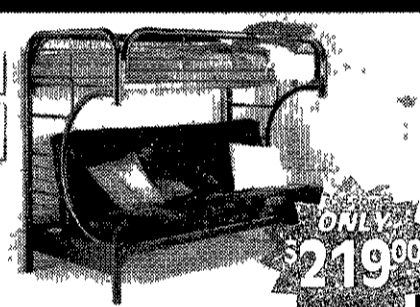
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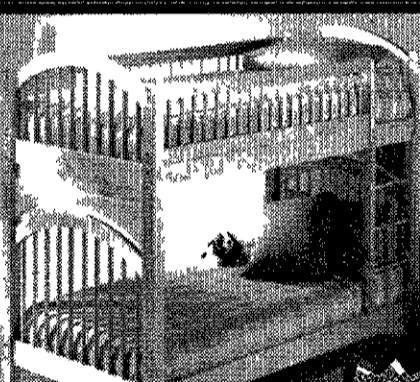
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It seems a little early to start thinking about the upcoming fall hunting seasons. Heck, the mercury has been pushing into the 90s recently.

Bass fishing has been hot on Cass, Kent, Orion and most other lakes in the area, and pan-fish action has been equally impressive. Hunting seasons seem like a distant endeavor.

If you adopt that reasoning and put the hunting seasons out of your mind, you're going to miss out on several opportunities since three hunting application deadlines are approaching.

The elk season application deadline is July 15, and the fall

turkey and public land antlerless deer permit application deadlines are Aug. 1.

The regular elk season will run Dec. 6-13 this year, and two special management hunts will be held outside the typical core area of the elk range Aug. 27-31 and Sept. 9-12. The state Natural Resources Commission is expected to approve 155 permits for this year's hunt at its monthly meeting next week in Lansing.

The state annually receives about 40,000 applications for the limited number of elk permits available.

A new weighted lottery sys-

tem will be used this year to allocate the permits.

For every year an applicant is unsuccessful in receiving a permit, his/her name will remain in the lottery. The system is retroactive to 2003, so anyone who applied in 2003 and 2004, but didn't get picked, will have three chances of being drawn if they apply again this year.

This system still does not guarantee a permit, but it gives someone who applies on a regular basis a slightly better chance than someone who applies occasionally, or for the first time.

The fall turkey season will be



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held in most of southern Michigan, Area J of the northern Lower, and areas M, N and O in the south-central Upper Peninsula.

The fall hunt is a management hunt and only open in areas of high turkey density. Hunters are allowed one turkey of either sex during the fall hunt.

Public land antlerless deer permits are available in different quantities for most DMU's

in the state. The NRC will vote on permit allocations at its meeting later this week, but it is expected that there will be no public land antlerless permits this year 26 deer management units, most in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula.

While we're on the topic of deer, hunters should be aware that there have been some regulation changes this year.

For starters, the price of an antlerless permit has been increased from \$7 to \$10. The muzzleloading deer season in Zone 3 (southern Lower Peninsula) has been extended seven days. The extension will be at the beginning of the season, which this year will start

on Dec. 2 and run through Dec. 18. The state also has decided to end the early antlerless deer season in the Upper Peninsula and in the TB Zone (northeastern Lower Peninsula). However, the late antlerless season has been expanded. The counties of Oakland, Washtenaw, Ottawa and Sanilac have been added to the area open to the late antlerless-only season held in December. The other counties open to the late antlerless hunt are Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Iona, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, St. Joseph and Tuscola.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - June 28, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Roll Call Members Present:** Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. **Members Absent:** None. **Staff Present:** Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher, Judy Blocklage, Karen Fox. **Staff Absent:** Director Santomauro. **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 Zarbo to approve the study session minutes of June 7, 2005. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to amend the minutes of June 7, 2005 to strike all references to rate of return. Motion carried. (Yeas: Yack, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo - Nays: Caccamo, Bennett). Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of June 7, 2005 as amended. Motion carried. (Yeas: Yack, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Bennett - Nays: Caccamo). **Payment of Bills:** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for June 28, 2005			
General Fund	101	\$	507,202.46
Federal Grants Fund	274		2,572.40
Fire Fund	206		590,715.54
Auto Theft Grant	289		238.23
Police Fund	207		297,050.08
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294		15,313.66
Summit Operating	208		90,024.84
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		7,761.74
Cable TV Fund	230		27,813.70
Golf Fund	584		57,259.09
Public Improvement	245		15,599.25
Water & Sewer Fund	592		1,005,120.15
Twp Improvement	246		70,583.98
Construction Escrows	702		7,753.24
E-911 Utility	261		299.79
Post Employ. Benefits	736		33,758.51
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		12,349.82
Total - All Funds			2,741,416.48

PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FOR ANTONIO'S OF CANTON, INC., 2220 CANTON CENTER ROAD. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm to hear comments regarding the request of Antonio's of Canton for approval of a Class C Liquor License, for 2220 Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. No citizens appeared in opposition to this request. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the request for a Class "C" Liquor License for 2220 Canton Center Road, (parcel # 058-99-0003-714) Canton, Wayne County, Michigan 48187, be considered for approval "Above all others" and it is the consensus of this legislative body that application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER CONTRIBUTION FROM YAZAKI NORTH AMERICA TO RIVER DAY ACCOUNT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to increase expenditure line 101-441-880-1000 (deposited in Account #101-000-675-0000 Contributions) and to increase revenue line #101-000-694-0000 by \$1,500. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Supervisor's appointment of Raymond Rolak to the Council for Community Excellence to fulfill the remaining portion of the term ending December 31, 2005. I move to approve the Township Supervisor's appointment of Randal Kuznicki to the Council for Community Excellence to serve a three-year term effective immediately, running through December 31, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER SECOND READING OF AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, UTILITIES-ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 74-316, PROHIBITED CONCENTRATIONS OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS; MERCURY REDUCATION PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the second reading of the amendments to the Utilities Ordinance, Article IV, Chapter 74-316 "Prohibited Concentrations of Certain Pollutants; Mercury Reduction Plan" with a publication and effective date of July 7, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74, SECTION #74-316** A revision to the current Utility ordinance to amend Section #74-316 of Canton's Code of Ordinances "Prohibited concentrations of certain pollutants; mercury reduction plan". BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON that Section 316 (b) and (c) of Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances shall be revised to read as follows: Sec. 74-316 (b) No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample is at or above the following surcharge threshold, except as otherwise permitted in writing by the Director and on payment of a surcharge, and no person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample exceeds the following upper limits, with respect to the following compatible pollutants:

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

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

INORGANICS:		ORGANICS:	
Limit	Pollutant	Limit	Pollutant
1.0 mg/l	Arsenic	1.10 mg/l	Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate
0.0017 mg/l	Beryllium	0.55 mg/l	Total Phenols
0.100 mg/l	Cadmium		Nondetectable PCB
4.0 mg/l	Chromium (Total)		Polychlorinated biphenyls
			(Nondetectable per U.S. EPA method 608. Any detectable sample 3.0 exceeds this limit.)
mg/l			Copper
1.0 mg/l	Cyanides		
0.3 mg/l	Lead		
Nondetectable	Mercury (see subsection (f) of this section)		
3.0 mg/l	Nickel		
0.12 mg/l	Silver		
3.0 mg/l	Zinc		

CERTIFICATION This Ordinance, as amended, shall become effective upon the date of publication as required by law. The foregoing Ordinance consisting of (2) pages was duly approved and adopted by the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 28TH Day of June, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry Bennett, Clerk Introduced on: April 12, 2005, Adopted on:

June 28, 2005, Published on: July 7, 2005, Effective on: July 7, 2005. A complete copy of the ordinance in its entirety can be obtained from the Canton Clerk's Office. **Item 4. ENFORCEMENT OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to effective immediately, to allow enforcement at Village Squire Apartments located off of Ford Road in Canton, Michigan, for traffic enforcement on private property in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70-1. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Canton Public Safety Department to dispose of recovered stolen and abandoned personal property at a public sale at the DPW building on Sheldon Road. Further, that after deducting the cost of the sale, all monies from the sale be placed in Police Fund Account No. 207-000-673-0000 Sale of Fixed Assets. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. 2004 AUDIT PRESENTATION. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the 2004 financial reports for the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR PARTS PLACE PRIVATE DRIVE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the Site Plan for Parts Place Private Drive. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Parts Place Private Drive WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Steve Sorenson, has requested site plan approval for Parts Place Private Drive to be located on Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road, identified as part of tax EDP # 098-99-0028-705; 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 executed road easement and maintenance agreement, 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. Steve Sorenson, to approve the site plan for the proposed Parts Place Private Drive 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 3. CONSIDER OAK CREEK ESTATES PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Preliminary Site Plan for Oak Creek Estates Site Condominiums. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Site Plan for Oak Creek Estates Site Condominiums WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Aldo Stenta, has requested preliminary site plan approval for Oak Creek Estates Site Condominiums to be located on Warren Road between Ridge and Beck Roads, identified as tax EDP # 019-99-0020-000; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant preliminary site plan approval conditioned upon addition of a wetland planting plan to the landscape sheet, 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. Aldo Stenta, to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed Oak Creek Estates subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 4. CONSIDER TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SHELTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Tentative Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Sheldon Estates. WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates to be located east of Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as EDP# 085-99-0005-701; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the Tentative Preliminary Plat and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant tentative approval of the preliminary plat, 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 project sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, to grant tentative approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Sheldon Estates, conditioned upon the applicant providing a wetland planting plan, revision of the covenants and restrictions to include required language regarding fences in landscape easements and revision of the plans to indicate placement of 20 replacement trees on the property of the Cherry Grove Condominiums, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any additional conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 5. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CITYVIEW SOFTWARE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Supervisor or the Township Clerk to sign the Implementation Services Agreement to purchase of CityView from Municipal Software Corporation, including 30 concurrent workstation user licenses, 15 GIS extension licenses, CityView Server license, Mobile Extension server license, and Application Builder license; Cashiering, Property Management, Permits & Inspections, Code Enforcement and Planning PreBuilds; implementation and training services, public portal and annual maintenance fees, as detailed in Schedule "A" of the Implementation Services Agreement, in an amount not-to-exceed \$358,852. Funds for the purchase are to be taken from the following accounts:

Division	Fund Type	Account #	Amount
Engineering Services			
Contracted Services		101-447-818-0000	\$30,000
Stormwater Maint.		101-445-971-0000	\$ 5,852
Planning Services			
Contracted Services		101-853-818-0000	\$12,000
Prof. Consultant		101-853-808-0000	\$18,000
Building & Insp.			
Services Building Permits		101-000-477-0000	\$50,000
Public Works			
(Water & Sewer Fund)			
Prof. Consultant		592-441-808-0000	\$106,000
Water & Sewer Fund		592-441-000-0000	\$137,000

Motion carried. (Yeas: Yack, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Bennett - Nays: Caccamo). Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to fund a portion of the cost of the purchase of CityView from Municipal Software Corporation: **GENERAL FUND:** Increase Revenues: Building Permits #101-000-477-0000 \$ 50,000. Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services-Bldg #101-371-818-0000 \$ 50,000. This budget amendment increases the Building Services Division budget from \$1,852,679 to \$1,902,679, and the General Fund budget from \$28,054,818 to \$28,104,818. Motion carried. (Yeas: Yack, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Bennett - Nays: Caccamo). Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following Water & Sewer Fund budget amendment to fund a portion of the cost of the purchase of CityView from Municipal Software Corporation: **WATER & SEWER FUND:** Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #592-000-699-0000 \$137,000. Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services-PW #582-441-818-0000 \$137,000. This budget amendment increases the

Public Works Division budget from \$26,727,768 to \$26,864,768, and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$27,785,583 to \$27,922,583. Motion carried. (Yeas: Yack, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Bennett - Nays: Caccamo). **Item 6. CONSIDER 2005 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GRAVEL ROADS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize payment to Wayne County for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 2005 calendar year, in the amount of \$15,876.00 (Account Number 101-521-822-0000). The following roads are included in the 2005 program: Gorman Road (South of Ford Road); Herby (North of Geddes and North and South of Dionne); Dionne (West of Sheldon Road); Morton Taylor Rd (North and South of Michigan Ave); Willard (South of Michigan Ave) Willard (North of Cherry Hill Road; Corrine (South of Michigan Ave) Washburn (South of Michigan Ave); Leopold (West of Corrine Street) Leopold (West of Sheldon Road) Artley (South of Michigan Ave); Murray Hill (Pilgrim Hills Subdivision); Birkklan (Pilgrim Hills Subdivision); Thornwood (Pilgrim Hills Subdivision); Topper Court (Pilgrim Hills Subdivision); Elmhurst (McIntyre Gardens Subdivision); Marlowe, (South of Ford Road); Marlowe (North of Saltz Road); Gordon (Sheldon to Oakview); Brookline (North of Saltz Road); Brookline (South of Ford Road); Oakview (North of Saltz Road). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE BUILDING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the construction of the Canton Township Storage Building to Heaney General Contracting, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$686,868.00 which includes a 2% contingency to cover unanticipated extra costs. I further move to approve the following budget amendments to reappropriate 2004 funding for this project: **FIRE FUND:** Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #206-000-699-0000 \$70,000; Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #206-336-977-0000 \$70,000; This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$10,901,274 to \$10,971,274. **POLICE FUND:** Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #207-000-699-0000 \$30,000. Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$30,000. This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$13,040,561 to \$13,070,561 and further move upon demolition of the current storage building located on Geddes Road part of parcel #133020058000 will be offered for sale. Motion carried unanimously. At 9:05 pm the Board recessed for a short break. The Board reconvened at 9:10 pm. **Item 8. APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve and establish the Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee per the Code of Ordinances, Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee, Chapter 16, Article II, Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities, Division 2, Permit for Construction that Alters Drainage, Runoff or Related Matters, Section 106-70. Motion carried unanimously. **Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee Code of Ordinances, Chapter 106, Article II** The applicant for a permit under Article II, Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities for a project that includes the installation of paved streets or paved roadways, shall annually deposit with the township an amount equal to \$575 per mile of proposed paved street or roadway, multiplied by thirty sweeps per year, until the project has been completely constructed. **Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee Code of Ordinances, Chapter 106, Article II** The applicant for a permit under Article II, Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities for a project that includes the installation of paved streets or paved roadway, shall annually deposit with the township an amount equal to \$575 per mile of proposed paved street or roadway, multiplied by thirty sweeps per year, until the project has been completely constructed. Ordinance Effective Date 2/17/05. **Item 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH MULTIPLE CONSULTING FIRMS TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the standard service agreements with the following five firms to provide construction inspection and material testing services on an as-needed basis: • Wade Trim Associates • The Mannik and Smith Group • Northwest Consultants Inc. • Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May Inc. • Quality Control Inspection, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. EXERCISE OPTION FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to allow Supervisor Yack to abstain from voting on this matter because a family member is employed by the company. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Township Board of Trustees approve the contract extension with Wayne County Appraisal Company to provide assessment services for the period from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2008. The contract will be adjusted at the rate of 5% for each contract year. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. FIRE TRAINING-EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO TERRORISM. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve training for the fire department for "Emergency Response to Terrorism-Basic Concepts" through Patriot Services Corporation, 6142 Mapleview Lane, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 in the amount of \$9,990, account #206 336 952 0000. This fee will be reimbursed to the Township through the State of Michigan 2003 Homeland Security Grant Program Part II (Training). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. REPLACE WATER HEATERS AT CANTON SPORTS CENTER. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the purchase of two (2) water heaters for the Canton Sports Center to Horton Plumbing, 1382 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 in the amount of \$7,750. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the re-allocation of funds available in the 2005 Canton Sports Center Capital Outlay-Building & Improvements account #101-755-975-0000 (originally allocated for electrical improvements) in the amount of \$6,000, to be allocated for the purchase of the water heaters. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to make a budget adjustment to move excess capital funds in the amount of \$1,386 from Capital Outlay-Computers account #101-755-977-0000 to Capital Outlay-Building & Improvements account #101-755-975-0000; and to make a budget adjustment to move \$364 from Maintenance and Repair-Equipment account #101-755-932-0000 to Capital Outlay-Building & Improvements account #101-755-975-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. REQUEST BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2005 ELECTIONS SOFTWARE CODING FROM FIDLAR DOUBLEDAY. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the blanket purchase order for the Clerk's Office/Election Division, for Fidler Doubleday, Inc. for \$24,300 (account # 101-191-818-0000) for coding software for the 2005 Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER: There will be no Board Study Session next Tuesday.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 10:03 pm. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk.

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

Farmington Hills man's sports trivia knowledge leads to ESPN

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Joe Yashinsky had the opportunity to display his vast sports knowledge and memory skill when he appeared on a national TV game show.

The Farmington Hills resident was a participant on ESPN's "Stump the Schwab" program in which contestants are quizzed about sports trivia.

"It's, basically, just been my passion all my years," the 21-year-old Yashinsky said. "I'd come home from school when I was a kid, turn on the TV and watch the Cubs on WGN."

"I've always had a skill of just looking at things once and remembering them. When I look at World Series winners, I want to make sure I know that in the future, because that's what I'm interested in knowing."

Yashinsky, whose forte is baseball but also knows basketball, football and boxing well, recalls watching the Detroit Pistons win consecutive NBA titles in 1989-90.

"That sparked an interest," he said. "My dad and uncles are all big sports fans. I almost just couldn't avoid becoming a sports nut."

Yashinsky went to New York in April with his father, Gary, and younger brother, Sam, to tape the show that was aired in May. He added he had been to the Big Apple previously on vacation, but this was business.

Yashinsky did well, defeating two other contestants in the preliminary round and earning a chance to go one-on-one with The Schwab - Howie Schwab, the longtime head researcher at ESPN.

"If you beat him in the final round, you're guaranteed a spot in the semis later," Yashinsky said. "Unless you beat him or gain enough points, you're done."

"I didn't do well in the last round. All I got was an almanac and a T-shirt, and that was it. Unless you beat him and get \$5,000, you get nothing."

Yashinsky, a 2002 graduate of North Farmington and a senior at Michigan State, spotted an internet tryout notice for the show at Charlie's Grill in Dearborn and decided to give it a try. The written portion was a 30-question quiz he had to complete in six minutes.

"Some were easy and some were hard," he said. "One was about the North American Soccer League, which I'm not familiar with. I know I missed that one."

"For the most part, I got 27 out of 30 right. It was pretty easy for me, easier than the stuff they ask on the show, I think. One of the questions was 'Who threw Mark McGwire's 62nd home run ball?' (It was the Cubs' Steve Trachsel.)"

Yashinsky passed the quiz, met with the producers and was told he'd receive a follow-up phone call in a couple days.

"Two or three days went by and I didn't get a call," he said. "Basically, I had given up hope. Then, a week later I got a call from New York. I had almost forgotten about it, so it was exciting."

One of the questions asked on the show involved the last 20 National League Rookie of the Year award winners.

"You go one-by-one with the other people until you can't name any more, including the Schwab," Yashinsky said. "He was out of answers, and there were five more on the board. I still had two or three in my arsenal. (Host) Stuart Scott came over and fanned me like I was on fire. That was one of the high points of the show."

With one contestant eliminated, the second round dealt

with sports movies, another strong point for Yashinsky.

"There were 12 questions; I got nine right and the other guy got two," he said. "Once they told me the category was sports movies, I chalked up a win at that point. I was pretty confident nobody would know more about sports movies than I would."

A sample question? What was the name of the baseball

team in the Natural (New York Knights). And Yashinsky's favorites? They include Major League, Rocky 4, Happy Gilmore and Blue Chips.

"If I like a movie, I won't hesitate to watch it 70 times," he said. "I don't think Shaquille (O'Neal) gets the credit he deserves for that movie (Blue Chips)."

Yashinsky, who is a broadcast journalism major at MSU,

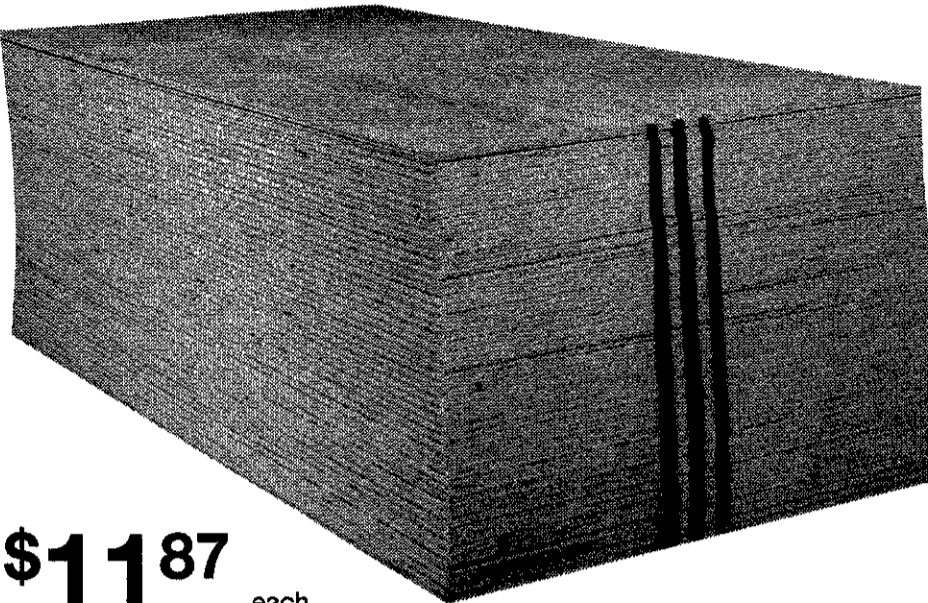
has worked for, TV-10 in Farmington and has been a sports intern at WXYZ-TV. He also won a George Blaha sound-alike contest at the Palace during a Pistons games.

"Everything about George Blaha has always been right up there for me as play-by-play guys go," Yashinsky said. "He knows the game; you can tell that. He's also a Pistons fan at heart, and that comes through."

"He's a personal guy on the air. He doesn't try to make it about him. He lets the game speak for itself."

"I think I'd like to do play-by-play or something like that on the radio for a baseball or basketball team. I would like that, being attached to a team. It's like you're a fan, but you're even closer to it because you're there every day and watching it. That would be my ideal job."

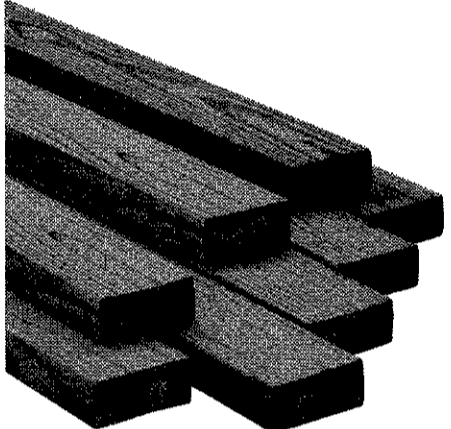
Joe Yashinsky, who is a broadcast journalism major at MSU, has worked for TV-10 in Farmington and has been a sports intern at WXYZ-TV.



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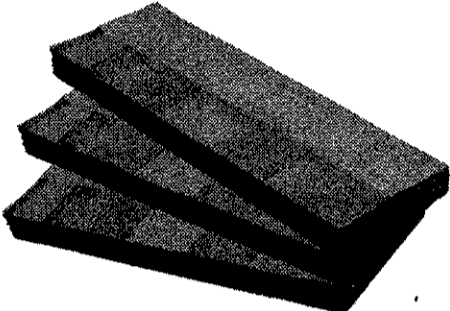
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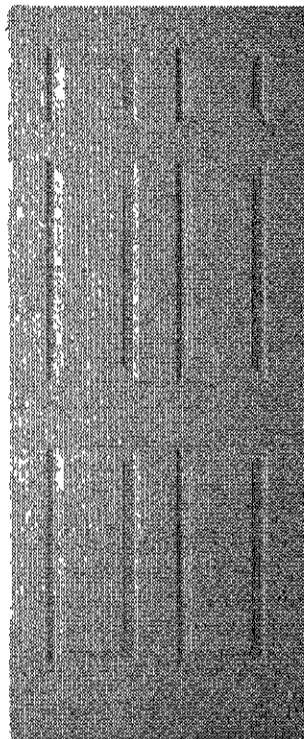
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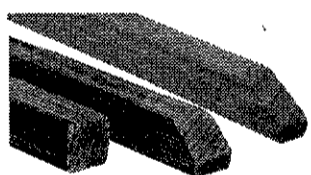
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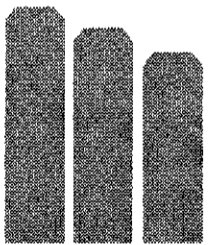


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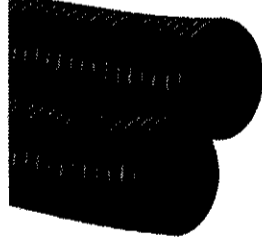
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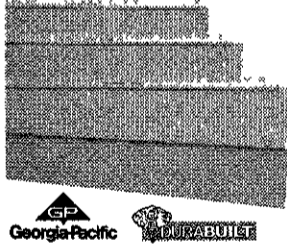
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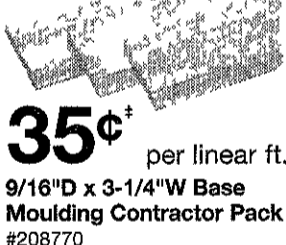
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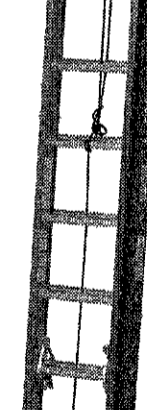
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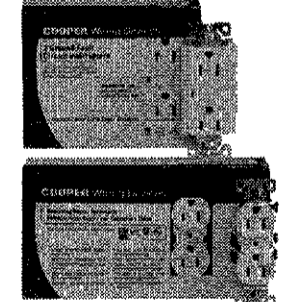


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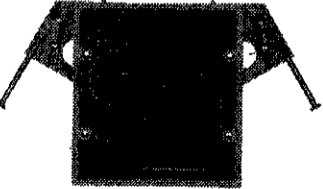


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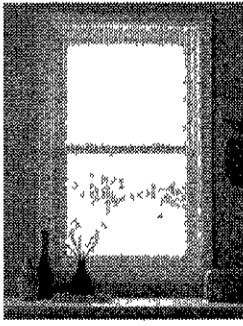
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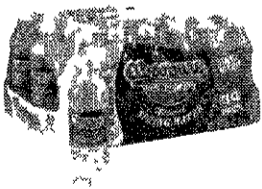
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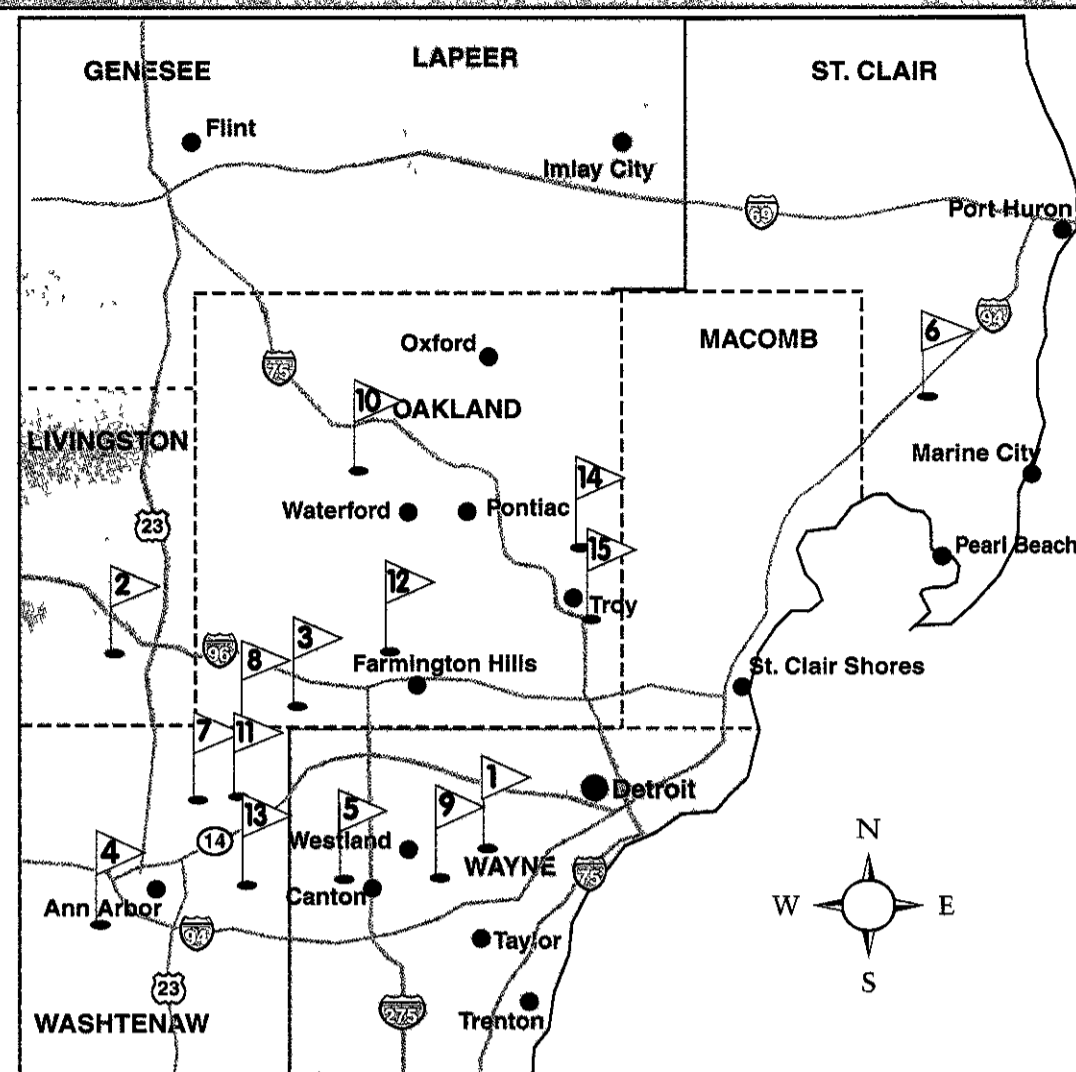
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For more information check out the Directory below



Here is this weeks list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

Hilltop in Plymouth

Tom Yockey on 5/28/05

Hole #: 2 Par: 3

Club Used: 5 Wood

Witness: Joe Slavick and John Nelko

Comments: It was my first one and I am 37 yrs old

Pheasant Run

Fred Kendall on 6/20/05

Hole #: 7 Par: 3

Club Used: 6 Iron

Witness: Rick Pringle, Jim Shaefer

Rattle Run

Bob Blazewski on 5/24/05

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10 SPRINGFIELD OAKS GOLF COURSE

12450 Andersonville Rd
Davisburg, MI 48350
248.625.2540

www.golfoakland.us
No. of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6033
Front nine is open & hilly, back nine is tighter with more trees and water
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13 HICKORY CREEK GOLF COURSE

3625 Napier
Canton, MI 48188
734.454.1850

No. of Holes 18 Par 72 Yards. 6292
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2 THE JACKAL GOLF CLUB

4141 Bauer Rd.
Brighton, MI 48116
810.229.9581

www.jackalgolfclub.com
No. of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6700
Manager: Rob Bruhn
Directions: I-96 to Exit 145 Go east on Grand River to Challis Rd (right)

5 PHEASANT RUN

46500 Summit Pkwy
Canton, MI 48188
734.397.6460

No. of Holes 27 Par 72 Yards 7050
Manager: Sean Fletcher
Scenic & challenging course designed by Arthur Hills.
Directions: I-275 W on Ford to Canton Center (south) to Summit Pkwy (west)

8 TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE

53503 W 10 Mile
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.3355

www.tanglewoodthelion.com
No. of Holes 27 Par 36 Yards 3636
Manager: Ann Lewis
Directions: 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Milford

11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB

57737 9 Mile Rd.
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.8777

www.cattailsgolfclub.com
No. of Holes 18 Par 72 Yards 6436
Course sculpted through woods, wetlands and rolling hills
Directions: 1/2 Mile E of Griswold

14 SANCTUARY LAKE GOLF COURSE

1450 South Boulevard
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6 RATTLE RUN GOLF COURSE

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No. of Holes 18 Par 72 Yards 6865
Manager: Gerry Behaylo
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15 SYLVAN GLEN GOLF COURSE

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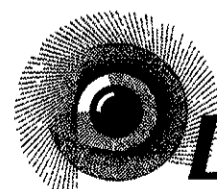
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Consider upgrades while home is built Full disclosure is a must in sale

(NUI) — You've found the perfect neighborhood, selected a home plan of your dreams and chosen a reputable builder. But the decision-making doesn't stop there. There are literally thousands of innovative upgrades that you can incorporate into your new home as it is being built.

According to Angie Stevens, design coordinator with Kopf Builders and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, there are several advantages to upgrading during the building process.

First, it usually is much more convenient to have the builder upgrade items during the construction process. Plus, you may be able to take advantage of financial incentives so that the upgrades don't break the bank.

Here are some tips from Stevens for choosing the best features and upgrades for your new home.

■ **Make the house your home.** One of the best reasons to upgrade your building plan is to infuse it with your own style. Whether you want a country look or a contemporary flair, the options you select will help convey your style throughout the house.

■ **Do the math.** One major benefit of upgrading during the building process is rolling the cost of the upgrades into your mortgage loan. Although you may pay slightly more in taxes initially, the upgrades will be paid off at a lower interest rate than if you later decided to upgrade and took out a home equity loan. In addition, most builders will include upgrades in your home warranty.

■ **Think about resale.** What you choose now can play a big



Home upgrades often prove to be worthwhile investments.

role in determining the resale value of your home in the future. Name-brand appliances and popular custom upgrades will appeal to potential buyers.

The smartest plan of action is to put money into the most-used areas of the home, particularly the kitchen and bathrooms. Some of the items to consider upgrading include the faucets, flooring, appliances, countertops, cabinets and lighting.

For example, consider a high-arc pull-down spout model, like

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the Aberdeen faucet from Moen, in the kitchen. It has a classic look, a variety of finishes and a unique "pause" button that allows you to stop the water flow.

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

We have a sex offender in our condominium which has been brought to the attention of the Board. What should we do?

This is a very delicate issue which should be discussed with your Association attorney. Among other things, you want to confirm the accuracy of the information that you are relying upon, talk to your attorney about Michigan's requirement on disclosure, whether or not you should undertake to determine the sex offender's threat level, and whether you should send the members a warning letter about the high level sex offender. In any event, you should explain that the Association can not evict the offender or provide security, if in fact a letter is determined to be necessary to be sent.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

FEATURED HOMES OF THE WEEK



Plymouth

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1750 Connecticut River Valley "Center-Stack" Colonial on a secluded and protected rolling wooded acre. The house has been featured in the Detroit News as well as participating in both the Greenfield Village and Plymouth Symphony Home Tours. Features include: Entry doors with Swans Neck Broken Scroll Pediment; Keeping (family) room with six foot cooking fireplace with working beehive back oven; raised paneled hearth walls and wainscoting; Post and Beam millwork trim; Redwood siding; Northern old-growth white pine wide plank flooring; 960 full walk-up attic equipped with plumbing leads for finishing; matching detached 2 plus car garage with 22' x 26' bonus room; 3 bedchambers; dining room and Parlor, full basement; updated mechanicals and roof. Reproduced from the Warham-Williams Parsonage, Northford, Connecticut. \$450,000



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(PRNewswire) — Eight lucky finalists will be heading to the Century 21 Home Run Derby competition at

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Baseball All-Star Week.

This is the seventh year that Century 21 Real Estate LLC — the "Official Real Estate Organization of Major League Baseball" — has hosted the grand slam sweepstakes in conjunction with the Century 21 Home Run Derby competition.

Randomly selected from entries received through the company's Web site, in-office displays and mail-in entry forms, the finalists will be

matched with a 2005 Major League Baseball player competing in the Century 21 Home Run Derby competition July 11. The finalist paired with the Major League Baseball player who captures the 2005 Century 21 Home Run Derby title will win the grand prize.

In addition to the opportunity to win \$250,000 toward a home purchase, the sweepstakes finalists have been awarded a trip for two to 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star Week. The finalists include one Michigan agent, Johna Milks of Honor.

Last year, Paula Bowen of Renton, Wash., won the \$250,000 sweepstakes grand-prize when Baltimore Orioles shortstop Miguel Tejada launched 27 home runs to win the 2004 title.

This year's contest will be televised nationally by ESPN beginning at 8 p.m. on July 11. ESPN Radio will provide exclusive, national radio coverage, while MLB.com will provide extensive online coverage and MLB.com Radio will provide exclusive play-by-play coverage of the game on the Internet.

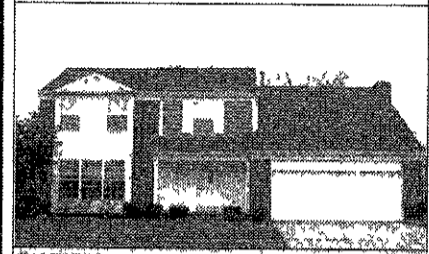
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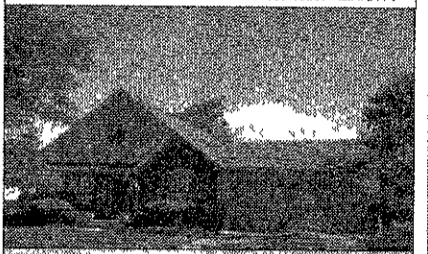
CANTON \$297,500

Neutral decor Sunflower Colonial has inviting entry area w/ wood flooring. Formal living room and dining room w/ bay window. Doorwall tilt kitchen and family room to tiled deck overlooking large yard. *34 455 6000 I P631A 25069316



CANTON \$429,900

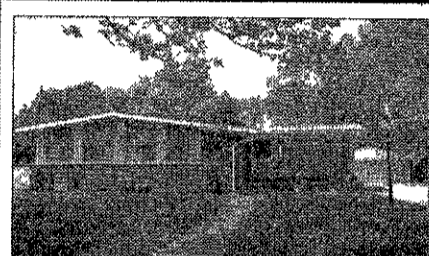
Casual elegance. Great floor plan for entertaining and family fun. Separate living room & formal dining room. Vaulted ceiling in gr. it room. Spacious sunny w/ hearty area & nook. Master suite w/ fireplace and bath. *34 455 6000 EP41RC 25081997



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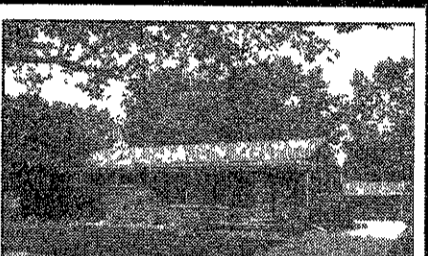
Three bedroom 2 bath colonial located in Stonegate. Double doors lead to new 440 sq ft two new deck. Huge tree in back yard for lots of shade. Freshly painted inside and out. Open kitchen into library. *34 455 6000 HP6401-25078229

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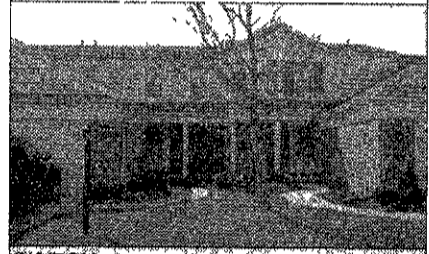
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Three bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick ranch in Livonia. Vaulted ceiling in living room and family room. New kitchen floor. Finished basement w/ wet bar, glass block window. 1 car off room & air conditioning. *34 455 6000 I P74X 25085573



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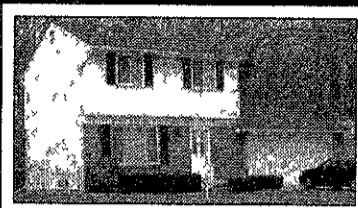
All the comforts of home in this 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Palmer Place condo with most updates all appliances, 1 car attached garage, fireplace in living room and full basement. *34 455 6000 I P79C H 25088864



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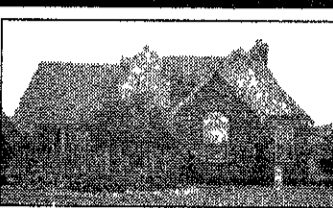
Beautiful Buck Bungalow in Meriden (condominium). Updates include roof windows, bath and kitchen with garden window. Living room has bay window w/er plaster and coiled ceiling. Finished basement. *34 455 6000 I P10NC 2-074197

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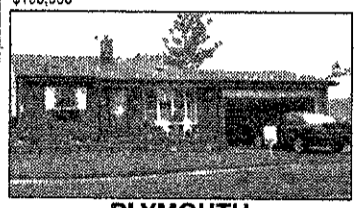
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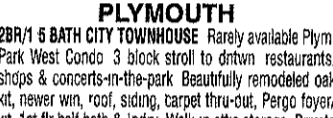
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SUPERB 4 BEDROOM, 3 1/2 bath colonial w/walk-out basement. Gourmet KIT, great room w/corner fireplace. Hardwood floors, 2 way stairs. Private den w/ bookcases. Master suite has sitting area. Fashion bath Jack & Jill bath & guest suite. Large deck & paver patio. 3 car garage. Quick occupancy. P11WHI) \$569,000



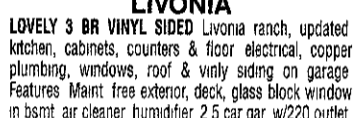
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LIVONIA

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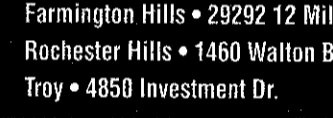
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DESIRABLE COLONIAL! Walk to schools K-12, neutral décor w/open floor plan. Private yard w/large gazebo. Must see! (P19MAV) \$249,900



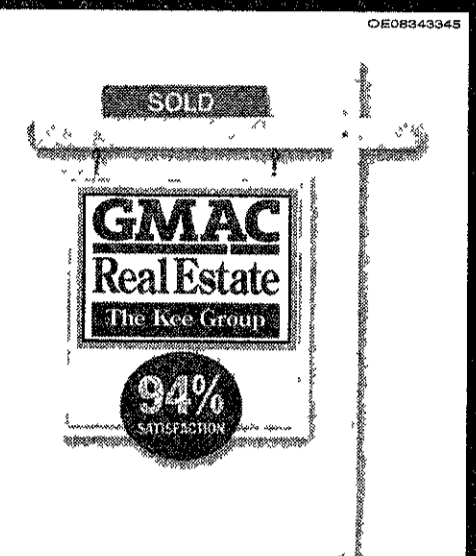
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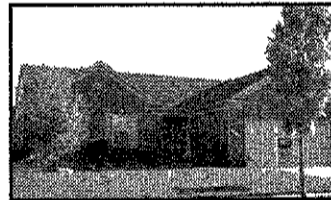
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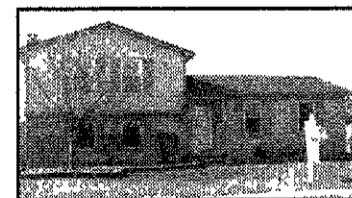
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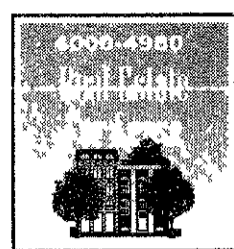
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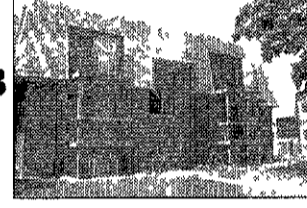
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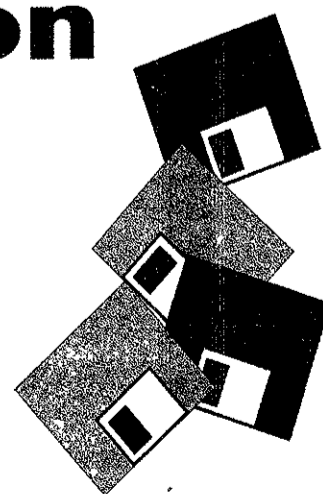
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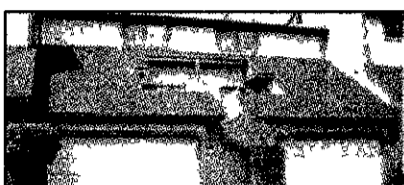
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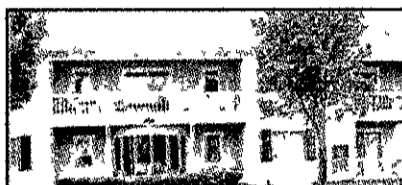
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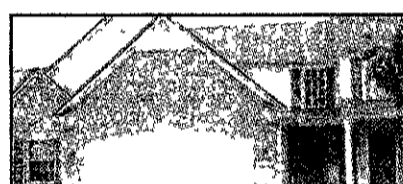
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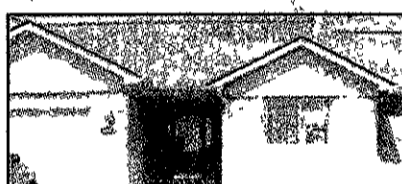
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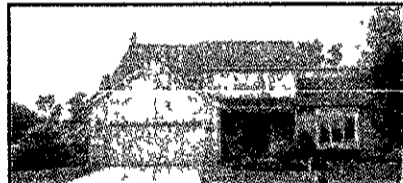
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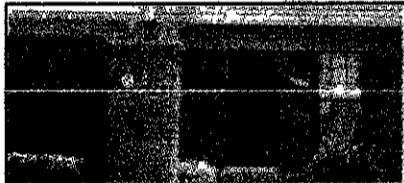
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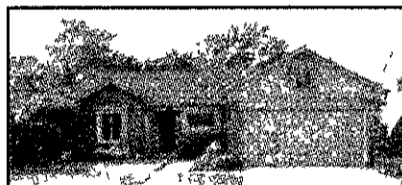
NOVI Pottery Barn Perfect!
Just move into this spacious updated home Numerous
updates included Ceramic tile, HW floors, carpet,
fresh paint Professionally fin LL w/FR w/frplc & office
Large LR w/frplc Newer blinds t/o High ceilings
(E02CRO) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



PLYMOUTH Privat Treed Interior Lot
in Ridgewood Hills! Full front porch, hrdwd flrs in LR,
DR, kit & lib Kit new '03 w/Corian counter & sink,
cherry cabs, formal DR w/newer Andersen bay window,
family rm w/frplc, 2 tiered deck, bsmt & 2.5 c att gar
(E86WOO) 734-455-5600 \$361,500



LIVONIA Wonderful Rural Appeal
Contemporary 3 bdrm, 2 bath Cape Cod offers 1st flr
mstr w/walk thru bath, great rm w/skating ceiling & gas
frplc, upper level w/2 bdrms & a full bath hot tub
overlooking deep wooded lot
(E38WAY) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



CANTON Your 1st Impression Will Be WOW!
Spotless 3 BR, 2 BA ranch Super floor plan w/GR
design Tastefully decorated t/o Huge country kit w/appls
includ Doorwall to GR & mstr ste leads to a 2 level deck
overlooking fenced yard w/sprinkler system front & back
(E90COL) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



REDFORD Golf Course View
3 BR brick ranch Beautiful oak kit w/ceramic backsplash,
newer appls! Newer bath, hardwood, roof, gutters, furn
A/C, HW, drive/porch, gar roof/door/opener, glass block
& siding Must see this beautiful home
(E53GLE) 248-349-5600 \$145,000



NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo
Upgrades incl Corian counters t/o (incl 2.5 baths), hrdwd
floors, intercom, alarm sound system, tile foyer &
baths maple kit cabs Appls stay Two car att'd, C/A,
MBR w/WIC & MB A model home Low assoc fee
(E725PR) 248-349-5600 \$284,900



PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth This 2 bdrm condo has
newer opt, kit cabs, DR flooring & windows in LR Large
private basement and more
(E99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$86,900



WESTLAND Westland Condo
Nice upper unit condo in Westland w/Livonia Schools,
Deck, quiet surroundings, tennis courts & pool Nice
sized rooms, low assoc fees
(E50WOO) 734-455-5600 \$87,500



WIXOM Check This One Out
Spacious updated 3 BR, 2 BA home w/deck overlooking
fenced yard & city park FR w/cozy flc Open kit w/oak
cab, skylights & ceramic tiled floor All appls included
Home warranty, quick occu Don't let this one get away
(E62WEN) 248-349-5600 \$210,000



NOVI Immaculate Colonial
This 4 BR, 2.5 BA home in a great sub w/sidewalks, has
newer roof, windows, A/C, carpet & updated baths
Finished lower level, 2 car garage & nice wooded setting
w/lovely landscaping, deck & paver patio
(E21SHA) 248-349-5600 \$267,000



WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot
4 BR, 3 BA home on approx 5 acre wooded lot Huge
country kit w/hearth area 2-story GR, FF MBR, FFL,
screened-in porch, professional landscaped, brick paver
walkways, sprinkler systems plus one year home warranty
(E64HED) 248-349-5600 \$384,900



MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy
on this sharp 2 unit brick income property Both units
identical w/2 bdrm, LR, DR, kit & bath Separate
utilities Nice sized fenced yard
(E81WOO) 734-455-5600 \$138,000



CANTON Great Townhouse Condo
2 bdrm, w/1.5 baths Crisp & clean, freshly painted
Low traffic area, updates in kitchen & half bath Nice
bay window in DR w/bt-in seat 2 skylights, brick paver
patio, bsmt & appls stay must see!
(E78ARB) 734-455-5600 \$133,900



PINCKNEY Spacious Home
Newer 4 BR colonial w/1st floor master suite Large GR
w/frplc FFL Nice fin bsmt w/frplc, bar & kitchen area
Large 2-level deck Attached 2 car garage, C/A &
sprinklers Well located in the sub Quick occupancy
(E29TOW) 248-349-5600 \$219,900



WESTLAND A Great Opportunity
If you're just starting or downsizing, this 3 BR brick
ranch has so much to offer Open floor plan w/large
kitchen & dining area LR w/hdwd floors Spacious
BRs, updated bath, full bsmt w/fin rec room & all appls
(E50RAH) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



WILLIS Ranch on Approx 3.5 Acres
Horse barn & pastures 3 bedroom, 1 bath Needs
updating Gas furnace, water at street & cable Growing
area
(E50MAC) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



PLYMOUTH This Home is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath w/3 c gar, bsmt, fam rm
w/gas frplc, library, cherry kit w/island & granite
counters, doorwall to deck, 1st flr laundry & so much
more
(E60WIL) 734-455-5600 \$417,000



NOVI Nothing Could Be Finer
Charming 2 bdrm, 2 bath ranch overlooking a lake-like
pond offers gas fireplace, CA bsmt, patio, some appls,
hickory hardwood floors
(E07PON) 734-455-5600 \$178,900



REDFORD Room to Room
Updated ranch w/open floor plan Freshly painted &
decorated t/o Spacious LR & DR Huge FFL w/lots of
storage Lge eat-in kit Includes stove & fridge Several
updates Fenced-in yard offers privacy & nice deck
(E59NOR) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



W. BLOOMFIELD Best Condo Value
This newer 3 BR end unit offers an incredible 1st floor
MBR ste, 2.5 BA, FFL, huge GR w/vaulted ceiling,
skylites, flpc, spacious center island kitchen, library/loft,
2 car attached garage, bsmt & upgrades t/o
(E37GAT) 248-349-5600 \$324,500



LIVONIA Sharp Home
Almost everything is newer in this updated 3 BR, 2 BA
home Walkout LL, hardwood floors, newer kitchen,
windows, roof New furnace & A/C - 03 Open floor plan
Great fenced yard-ready for your 1st summer BBQ
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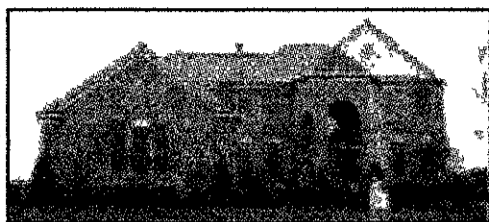
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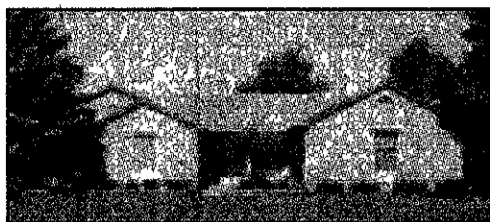
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LIVONIA 734-455-7000
CUSTOM...CUSTOM HOME! 4 BR, 3.5 BA. Oak flr in foyer, kit, nook & powder rm. Custom trim pkg. Bsmt is roughed for a future full BA. 3 car gar. Mstr ste w/fashion BA, WIC & studio ceiling (23N37773) \$549,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
LOCATION! 3678 sqft of pure luxury. Home backs to commons. 4 BR, 3 BA. Built in 1998. Hdwd flrs & huge deck for those summer cookouts! (23T47589) \$479,475



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
DESIRABLE RIDGEWOOD HILLS RANCH 3BR Bonadeo ranch, open spacious flr, mstr ste w/2 WIC, lg kit w/snack bar, upgrades galore, fin'd bsmt w/FR, office, hobby area & lg cedar closet. 349-6200 (25081792) \$374,900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS CHARMER! A rare & unique blend of early century character & "new construction" amenities. Ext remodeled Custom trim work, cherry hdwd flrs. 2 full BAs, 1st flr office/den (23A40810) \$319,900



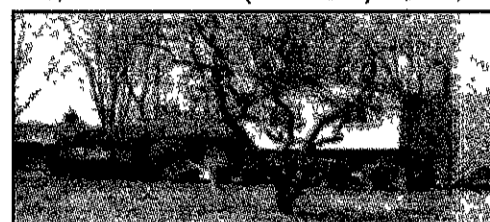
GREEN OAK 248-348-6430
WHITMORE BAY QUALITY NEW CONSTR! 15 lots available. Lake access, dock available (included in price). Great amenities: granite in kit, mstr ste w/WIC & garden tub. Starting in 300's. 349-6200 (00Whi2) \$319,900



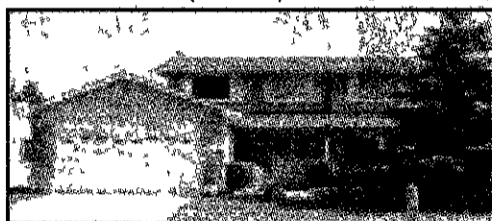
PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
LOVELY DETACHED CONDO IN PLYMOUTH! Meticulously maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Open floor plan w/lg wndws. Spacious WIC in 2 BRs, spa tub in mstr. Great kit w/hdwd flrs, lots of cabs. 349-6200 (25036271) \$300,000



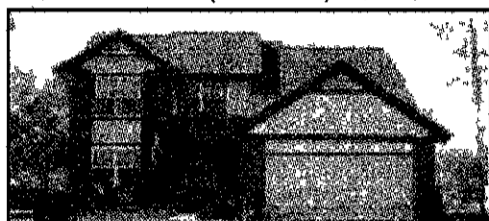
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
New Construction Cape Cod w/3BR, 2.5BA, 1831 sq ft, 2 car att gar & bsmt. Comes w/ maple cabs, corian cntrs & cerm tile in the full bas. Liv Schools. Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25070898) \$289,900



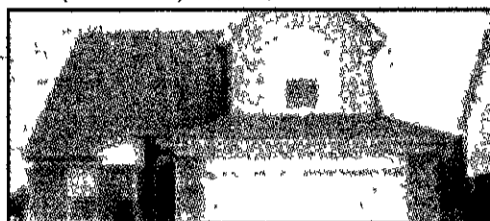
NOVI 248-349-6200
A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS NESTLED IN TREES 2000 sqft w/updated kit, roof, siding, wndws & more! Mstr BA, hdwd flrs, flpc, deck & fenced yard. All this on 3/4 acres! 348-6430 (25011359) \$247,500



CANTON 248-348-6430
A GARDENER'S DREAM YARD! Lovely col w/4 BR, 2.5BA, spacious kit, FR, LR & DR, mstr w/prvt BA, fin'd bsmt, beautiful yard w/lots of perennials. 349-6200 (25081974) \$240,000



GARDEN CITY 734-591-9200
Cape Cod. Almost New. Unique decor, 3BR, 2.5 BA, form DR, brkfst nook, cath clngs, bsmt, gar, GR, drwall leading to terrific deck. Must see to appreciate. (25058486) \$234,900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Why wait to build? Job transfer forces owner to sell this beauty completed 9/04. Brick, 3 BR, 2.5BA, 2000 sq ft Cape Cod, 1st flr Mstr w/sep shower & tub, oak kit. Lrg loft (25080744) \$229,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming, 7 yr old Col that sits 100 ft from road. Almost 1/2 acre lot. Newer carpet, 6-clng fans, 3BR, 2.5BA. High efficiency gas FP insert. Drive thru gar. (25065385) \$221,500



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
IN THE CITY, BUT OUT OF THIS WORLD! Is this 4 BR, 2 BA colonial w/remod dream kit w/island counter & built-ins, fireplace, 2 full BAs, MBR W/ WI shower & jetted tub, att'd 2 car gar, AG pool. (B314) \$219,900



ALLEN PARK 248-348-6430
Spacious Colonial. Lovely home totally renov & expanded in '92. 9200+SF 2 living rm areas, FR. Multiple BR stes - perfect for guests or extended family. 349-6200 (25041953) \$214,900



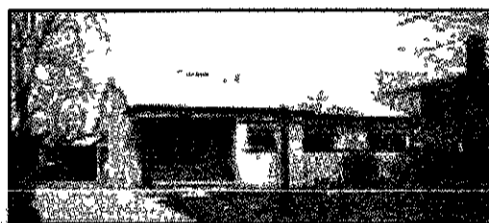
CANTON 734-591-9200
Outstanding ranch! Conveniently located. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, FR, eat in kit, & part fin'd bsmt-plumb for lav. Plymouth/Canton School System. Home warranty (25070973) \$214,000



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Newer Construction condo w/loads of upds. Fully fin'd bsmt w/bar. Egress wndw. Home features gas fireplace, deck, ceramic tile, hdwd flrs, stainless steel appliances and much more (25074971) \$204,900



LIVONIA 734-326-2000
AVAILABLE TODAY 3 BR vinyl bungalow on a half acre lot in Livonia W/ FR w/flpc, 1.5 BA, redecorated kit, and 2 car gar. (G155) \$198,000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Awesome Livonia Brick Ranch with one of a kind vaulted ceilings, updated kit and refin'd hdwd floors. Fin'd bsmt with home office or BR, full BA & bar. (25044911) \$171,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Don't miss out on this updated 4 BR 2 BA, 1175 sq ft, 2 car gar, fin'd walkout bsmt, brick ranch overlooking wooded ravine! Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25072301) \$164,900



GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Wonderful brick ranch in Garden City. 1113 sf, Extremely well maint. Part fin'd bsmt. Beautiful yard. 2+ car gar. Perfect starter home or empty nesters. (23H5870) \$164,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
RELOCATING! MUST SELL!! Large brick ranch w/2.5BA & 3BR, FR & 1st flr Indry! Newer crpt, HW, furn, CA. Wallside wndws. Fin'd bsmt. All work is done. (P336) \$162,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL HOME! Move right in & enjoy well cared for ranch! 3 BR, 2 BA, hdwd flrs, fin'd bsmt w/recrm, office & BA. Newer roof, gutters, BA, dishwasher. 349-6200 (25074753) \$150,000



NOVI 248-348-6430
Beautiful condo. Updates galore. New kit w/ hdwd flrs, mstr BR w/drwall, bath w/twin pedestal sinks, part fin'd bsmt, impeccably maintained. 349-6200 (25027843) \$139,500



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
RANCH South of Venoy from Cherry Hill, west on Parkwood. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 gars, fin bsmt. (P330) 20972 \$134,900

AUBURN HILLS 248-349-6200
SPECIAL RANCH CONDO IN HERITAGE HILLS Excellent value w/condition, location & price. 3 BRs, full bsmt, close to I-75, shown by appointment only. 349-6200 (25080732) \$297,500

CANTON 734-455-7000
WONDERFUL BRICK HOME! 1829 SF, 3BR/2.5BA brick ranch. Built in 1991. Part fin'd bsmt. Mstr ste w/2 closets & BA. Lg eat-in kit. 3 season porch. Ply/Canton schools. (25081353) \$319,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
CLOSEST THING TO CAREFREE LIVING! No more shoveling SNOW! Pride of ownership. Upgrd Cape condo. Golf comm. Bright, airy. Neut dec. Call now for apptment! (25030170) \$274,975

CANTON 248-348-6430
COL IN A GREAT LOCATION 4BR, 1.5BA, freshly painted, newer kit flr, FM w/natural flpc, newer carpet in fin'd bsmt, tiered deck overlooking lg yard. 349-6200 (25032189) \$219,900

CANTON 734-326-2000
CAPTIVATING COLONIAL. 3 BR 2.5 BA brick with FR, fireplace, DR, central air, full bsmt, & 2 car att gar, large rms and mstr ste. (25078654) \$219,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
KISS YOUR LANDLORD GOOD-BYE! 2BR, 2.5 BA condo. Newly painted, new crpt. 2 car gar, full bsmt. Ply/Canton schools. 2 story foyer & GR. 1st floor laundry. (25080180) \$180,000

DETROIT 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH Many updates and lots of charm make this 3 BR brick ranch a great value. Natural fireplace & spacious kit w/skylight. Oversize 2.5 car gar w/workshop (25048522) \$130,500

DETROIT 734-455-7000
3 BR BRICK COLONIAL! 1 car gar, hdwd flrs, stove, fridge, washer, dryer, new wndws, updated cabinets, custom blinds, new HWH, glass block wndws, part fin'd bsmt (25057729) \$100,000

DETROIT 734-455-7000
NICE 3 BR HOME! Updated kit, fin'd bsmt. A nice cozy 3 BR place to call home (25037678) \$85,000

FARMINGTON 248-348-6430
ATTRACTIVE COL ON A PRVT WOODED 3BR, 4 BR, huge kit w/panoramic view of serene back yard. 6 panel doors t/o, fin'd LL w/flpc, BA, wet bar, home warranty. 349-6200 (25078468) \$395,000

GARDEN CITY 248-349-6200
NEWER COL/DESIREABLE LOCATION! Open staircase, 1st flr Indry, gas flpc, den, fully Indscopd, underground sprinklers, prvt fence, lg deck. A great family home! 348-6430 (25037960) \$229,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
BRAND NEW CONSTR. 3BR 2.5BA 2 story Colonial. Featuring a full bsmt, GR, kit with island, and 2 car att gar. (25050031) \$229,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
BUY TODAY & MOVE TOMORROW into this 3 BR, 1 BA Bungalow w/full bsmt, 23x14 FR/DR addn, and 1.5 car gar. Extras include newer wndws, furn and central air. (25046137) \$149,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
CUTE ADORABLE RANCH 3 BR & 2 car gar. Newer vinyl windows t/o, updated kit & BA. Roof tear off and stripped in 1998. Cozy & just right for first time home buyers. (25088888) \$139,000

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
FIX ME UP And you will have a great home on over a half an acre w/ a 2.5 car gar for under \$100,000. How can you go wrong? (25084967) \$99,900

INKSTER 734-591-9200
Brick Bung 4 BR, bright kit leading to deck. 2 car oversize gar. Bsmt, newer roof & A/C. A very nice home. Some appls stay. (25028595) \$124,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Open floor plan w/ cath ceils. Hdwd floors in kit, DR & foyer, designer patio w/professional landscaping. 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. (25076793) \$825,900

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
Picture perfect ranch. Gorgeous home on 1/2+ acre park like lot, gracious LR, 3 BR, 2 full BA, huge FR w/flpc overlooking sunrm, nice kit, prized backyard & patio 349-6200 (25067882) \$265,900

LIVONIA 734-326-2000
A "10" ON THE WOW SCALE Gorgeous 2,500 SQ FT 3 BR in N/W Livonia on nearly 3/4 acres and 3+ you need including a great price. 2 car gar. Great gar. Hot tub in Florida room. Gazebo, formal LR, GR & FR. (M205) 25042876 \$284,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Popular Burton Hollow Sub. 4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 sqft. Open flr plan w/vaulted clgs in LR, DR & kit. New Roof (04) wndw & DR. Fla Rm overlooking Indscop & fenced yrd. (24142312) \$244,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great colonial in the heart of Livonia. Well built house - original owner-needs updating. On a corner lot, next to a field. HDVD flrs T/O! (25055701) \$225,900 this one. (25077679) \$169,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautiful decor w/updates. 3BR, 1.5BA. New kit Best Buy! 1436 sq ft broadfront brick bungalow on w/hickory cabs '03'. New wndws '00', A/C & furn '00'. double lot in desired golf & CC sub. 3BR, 1.5BA, fin rec Rf '02'. Siding, trim, gutters '02'. (25013334) \$209,900 rm, sun porch, 1.5 car att gar. (24148804) \$144,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 BR, 2.5 BA approx 1200 sqft, large yard. Open, flowing floor plan w/MANY upds. 2-car gar. Photos can be seen at www.doortodreams.com under Featured Properties (25063245) \$194,900

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH 2 BR (possible 3rd in bsmt) 2 BA. Updts include: roof, furn, C/A, vinyl siding, wndws, doorwall & berber crpt. Wood burning stove. 349-6200 (25065594) \$146,800

NOVI 734-591-9200
Built by Monogram Homes 2 story brk tudor. 3000+ sq ft w/ 4 BR, 2.5 BAs. Unique & efficient feats incl: dual strcase, sitting room off Mstr, prvt lib, granite cntrs & more (25026724) \$479,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
CLEAN HOME IN QUIET SUB 4 BR, 2.5 BA col on a large prvt wooded lot, oak kit, FR w/flpc, neutral t/o, bsmt plmbd for full BA, lg deck & patio w/pavers. 349-6200 (25075037) \$319,900

NOVI 734-591-9200
Great location 2 BR condo, cherry cabs, appls stay. Bright LR & Din Area w/pergo flrs. Updated panel doors, pergo floor, indry & tons of storage. 1.5 BAs. Fin'd rm in bsmt. Brick paver patio. Dir access to gar (25031766) \$150,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
LOOK NO FURTHER! Historical home w/everything you need including a great price. 2 car gar. Great bckyrd, walk to downtown. (25065417) \$254,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Very clean, updated and well maintained. Awesome mstr ste, it is huge! WIC. New cer tile in kit & foyer. A lovely FP is the focal point in the LR. Frml din & kit both walk out to patio. (25055301) \$214,900

REDFORD 734-326-2000
YOU FOUND IT! Updtd kit, all 3 BAs are updt'd newer windows & roof. 4 BRs on 1st floor, 2 of which are Mstr BRs w/prvt BAs. You have to see this one. (25077679) \$169,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Best Buy! 1436 sq ft broadfront brick bungalow on double lot in desired golf & CC sub. 3BR, 1.5BA, fin rec rm, sun porch, 1.5 car att gar. (24148804) \$144,900

SOUTH LYON 734-455-7000
ADULT COMMUNITY W/O ranch. 2BR, 2BA. Gated courtyard entry. Galley kit w/skylght. Cath ceil, open flr pln, CA, some newer wndws. Pool/Clubhouse 55+ active adult comm (25064509) \$113,500

TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 BA colonial w/a newer open kit. Natural FP in FR. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully fin'd bsmt. 349-6200 (24134371) \$187,500

WALLED LAKE 248-348-6430
MOVE IN & START ENJOYING LAKE PRIVS Newer home w/quality everywhere. Maint free ext, 3BR, 2BA, open flr plan, LR w/nat flpc, FR w/bay wndws, lots of cer tile. 349-6200 (25076427) \$290,000

WEST BLOOMFIELD 248-348-6430
Executive hm w/W Blmfl schls. Kit w/flpc & sitting area. 3 full BAs upstairs. 3400+ sf. Lg prvt deck in treed bckyrd. 2.75 gar. 349-6200 (25078337) \$450,000

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
LIVONIA SCHLS CONDO Meticulous. Lofr, totally updt'd BA, berber crpt, new wndws, hdwd flrs, six stay. Bright LR & Din Area w/pergo flrs. Updated panel doors, pergo floor, indry & tons of storage. (24118287) \$74,900

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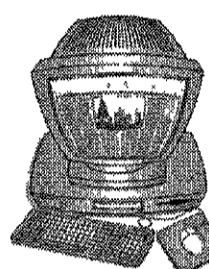
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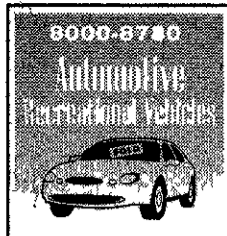
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BY DALE BUSS

When trying to distill, analyze and explain the essence of Toyota Motor Corp.'s success in the American marketplace, interpreters go lots of places. One common observation is that the company's vaunted Toyota Production System – a lean-manufacturing wonder, developed over decades, that represents the state of the art in automotive fabrication – deserves much of the credit.

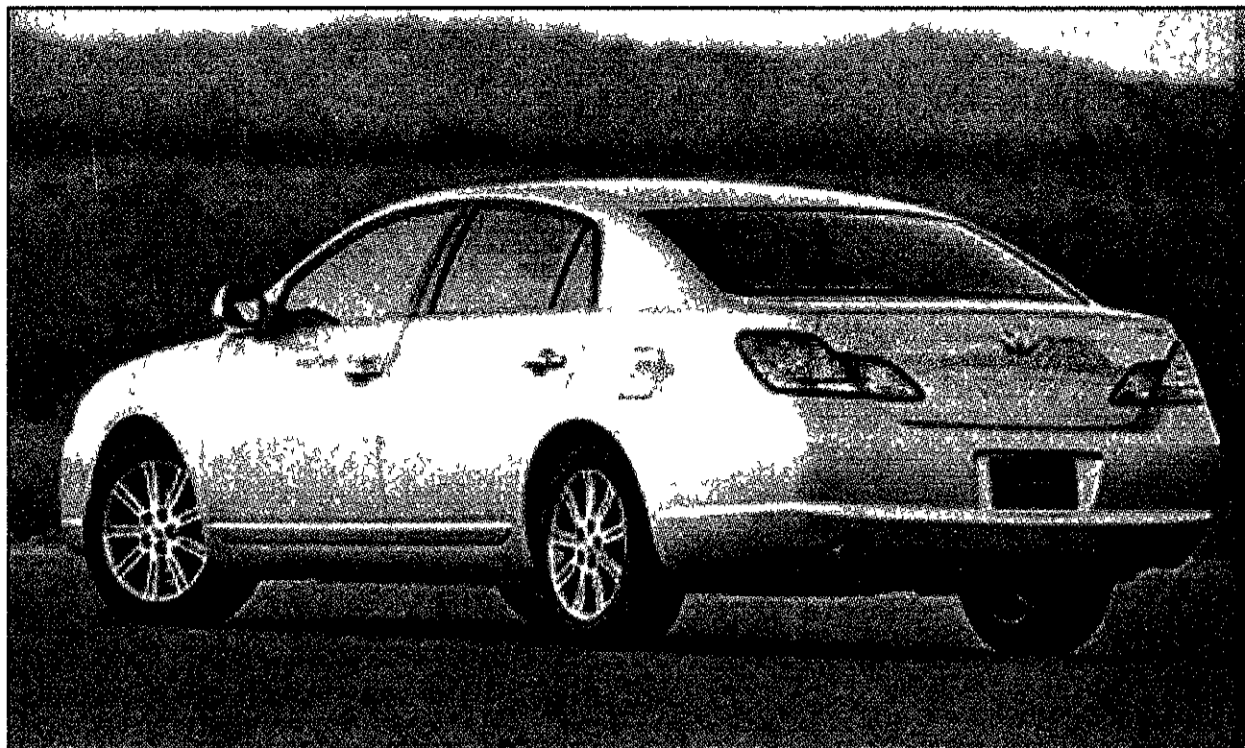
Other observers note that Toyota has set the quality standard for the global auto industry over the last 20 years, with its fanatical attention to the fit-and-finish, squeak-and-squiggle issues that used to drive American automotive consumers nuts. And in so doing, as the American Big Three and others have pursued Toyota's lead, the quality of every single automobile sold in this country has been dramatically elevated.

Still others attribute the greatest part of Toyota's success in the U.S. market to its proven ability to develop and deploy fresh models quickly, both new and replacement vehicles. Because of this, it doesn't matter that Toyota's entries aren't usually the most stylish ones out there. The company's relatively short product cycle enables Toyota to exploit and create fast-changing niches in the automotive marketplace more effectively than its rivals. Consider the company's youth-oriented Scion brand, whose boxy products already are helping define a new trend in automotive design.

On a relative basis, this ability to turn on the equivalent of a dime is one big reason that Toyota is eating GM's lunch these days. GM executives know, for example, that big SUVs are their bread-and-butter, yet they still haven't figured out a way to get new versions of the behemoths into the market quickly enough.

But while acknowledging all of the above as important components of the Toyota success and mystique in America, I'd like to submit another bit of the explanation for Toyota's momentum. And it's defined in a single vehicle: the 2005 Avalon sedan.

Avalon embodies and exemplifies Toyota's success in many ways. At a suggested retail price of \$27,509



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for the four-door XL sedan that I drove, it is a reasonably priced competitor in the true mid-sized sedan market, one segment up from its bestselling Camry. Its acceptance by American consumers is illustrative of Toyota's great success in extending its brand further and further out from its long-ago niches in compact cars and small SUVs and trucks.

At 22 miles a gallon in the city and 31 miles a gallon on the highway, Avalon's fuel economy not only is remarkably high on its own but also is representative of the high level of achievement by Toyota in this arena across its entire fleet. The 3.5-liter, 280-horsepower, 24-valve, dual-overhead-cam engine is comfortably within its capabilities in propelling Avalon, especially in league with the five-speed automatic transmission that also gives drivers the option of manually shifting.

Styling-wise, Avalon is pleasingly vanilla, a fine execution of a pretty conventional, middle-of-road approach to design. There are some notably nice cues, such as the high window lines that are reminiscent of the Chrysler 300. But for the most part, absorbing Avalon's design is like Sunday dinner going down.

Inside the car, Avalon presents a design that is very pleasing to the eye. For example, a strip of brushed

aluminum traces a pleasantly integrated arc across the instrument panel and doors. The design of the radio and climate controls is elegantly simple. Discrete pop-open doors also are available to hide most of the visual clutter of the controls up front.

More impressive than all of these things, however, just might be the amount of interior room in every cavity of Avalon. The rear seats, for example, are very spacious, and one can easily imagine three passengers being comfortable in that space for a long ride. The trunk, too, is extremely capacious, prompting thoughts that Avalon would be a very appropriate vehicle for taking a motoring vacation somewhere.

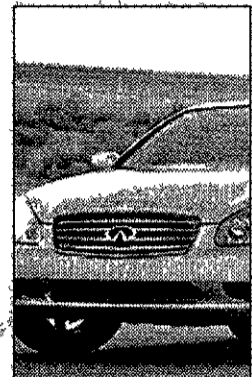
With the latest version of Avalon, Toyota reportedly is trying to excite younger buyers toward the vehicle. So, for example, the company made the exterior design slightly more chiseled, added 88 horsepower to the engine and introduced a first-ever Touring model. The goal is to move the age of the average buyer of the vehicle down from 67 to about 60.

But I say, leave well enough alone, and Toyota basically has done that even with the newest version of Avalon. There's plenty to be proud of, and plenty that's appealing, in the 2005 Avalon.

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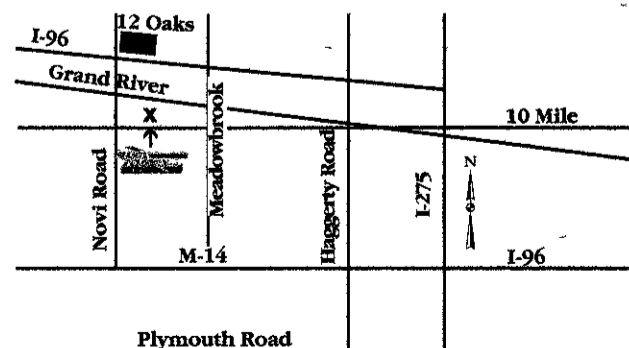


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