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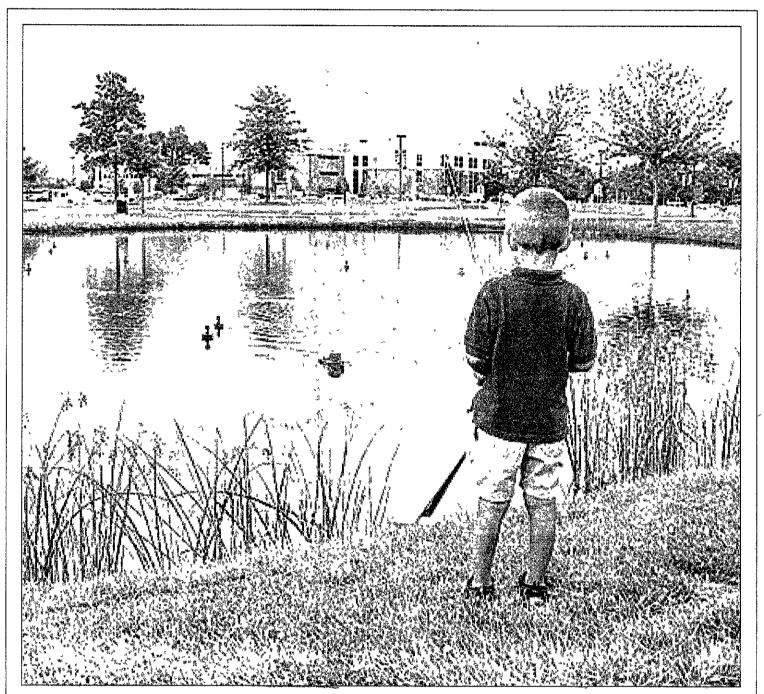
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Ben Harder, 5, operates his model fire boat on a pond at Heritage Park over the weekend. He came from Toledo with his grandfather, Bob Harder, to compete in the Annual Great Lakes Scale Model Boat Show and Regatta.

### Human Relations group struggles to find its niche

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#### BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Formed in 2001 to address diversity issues in the township, the Canton Human Relations Commission has all but disbanded, following some internal conflicts and disagreements. The commission, now down to just three members from its original 11, is regrouping and the vacancies will be filled sometime next year.

"A lot of things came up in the meetings, and there were a lot of different agendas and interests, and they just couldn't all get on the same page," said David Medley, personnel director for the township and the township's liaison on the commission. "As a group they just couldn't grasp success. When they sat in a circle around a big table, it seemed as if they all had their own agendas."

The commission was formed by ordinance in January 2001 to help the township develop a Martin Luther King Day celebration. Its formation was a response to some township residents who argued in favor of closing township offices on Martin Luther King Day (a nationally recognized holiday). The formation of the commission was part of a compromise that included the closure of township offices so that employees could attend training.

"On that level, they have not met their goal," township Supervisor Tom Yack said of the commission. "They've done

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### A boy and his boat

### Toledo youth excels at model boat regatta

Few things are better to a grandfather than spending an afternoon with his grandson. Even better is when the grandfather and boy spend the afternoon showing off a model ship they built together. Better yet is when the boy wins an award for the ship and his skills maneuvering it.

That was how Bob Harder and his 5year-old grandson, Ben, spent last weekend in Canton. The two brought the fire boat they built from the Toledo area to take part in the Annual Great Lakes Scale Model Boat Show and Regatta in Canton July 16-17 at Heritage Park.

"I am so proud of Ben I could bust," said Harder.

The two have been building model ships since Ben was just 3 years old. At the regatta, Ben won awards for Junior Seamanship and Shipwrighting. "Ben and Ben and intervals a most

"Bob and Ben are just such a great

pair," said Michigan Model Scale Boat Club member George Gormly of Troy. This was the first time in its four

years the event had been held in Michigan. For more information about the annual

event or about the boat club, call George Gormly at (248) 879-1866, or visit online at http://michiganmodelboats.com/2005GLS MBSR.

- Carol Marshall

### Local businessmen fight ordinance tickets

#### BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

A jury will decide today whether a Canton business owner is guilty of violating a list of ordinances on his property, or if he's the victim of harassment by township officials.

Robert McCausland, with his brother, Daniel, owns Mac's Auto Service, on Lotz Road just south of Ford. McCausland chose to let a jury determine guilt or innocence on five violations for the accumulation of unlicensed and inoperable vehicles, failure to maintain landscaping free of debris and refuse, unlawful storage of Dumpsters, and outside storage of materials and tools.

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Each of the five counts is a 90day, \$500 misdemeanor.

"The township is harassing these people," said McCausland's attorney, Dennis Shrewsbury, outside the 35th District Court Wednesday. "The real reason they've been ticketed is because they own some valuable property."

According to a court officer, the property has been issued 29 tickets. The jury heard the evidence for five, and the township's attorney, Ronald Witthoff, will decide after the trial whether or not to proceed with the balance.

A township building official said 10 of the tickets were issued on Sept. 9, 2003, and one in June of this year. The 14-acre parcel on which the business is located is home to debris and junk cars, said Witthoff in opening arguments.

"There's not a lot of excitement in this case," Witthoff said. "The township adopts these ordinances so that the township will develop in an orderly fashion, so that it's neat and safe and healthy for all citizens."

But the case is more than a property usage case, Shrewsbury said. It's really about greed and an attempt to run a small business out of their property by creating an undue burden in the form of tickets and fines.

"Once upon a time, in a township not too far from here, there lived a group of citizens that were mainly farmers and small businessmen," Shrewsbury said in opening arguments. The township grew. And the township changed. And before long, the two brothers who had owned and operated the garage – with the township's full knowledge and blessing – were being ticketed for operating the business the way they had since they bought it in 1988.

"Suddenly, in 2003, they started getting tickets," Shrewsbury said. "They were ticketed like criminals because they won't sell out to a large corporation."

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#### raise cancer awareness

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Jill West of Canton Township had special motivation while participating in last weekend's Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk, which spanned 60 miles over three days.

"My mother is a breast cancer survivor, and both of my grandmothers, in their lifetime, also had breast cancer," West said. "And, at this point, my motivation is that my daughters, and any granddaughters I may have, won't have to deal with breast cancer."

West was the fourth-highest fund-raiser for the walk, raising \$12,500. The net proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to fund breast

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Victor West, owner of Vanessa's Flowers and employee Harmony Howard display the bow made from carnations that honors the 3 day walk. West's wife Jill raised over \$12000 in donations.

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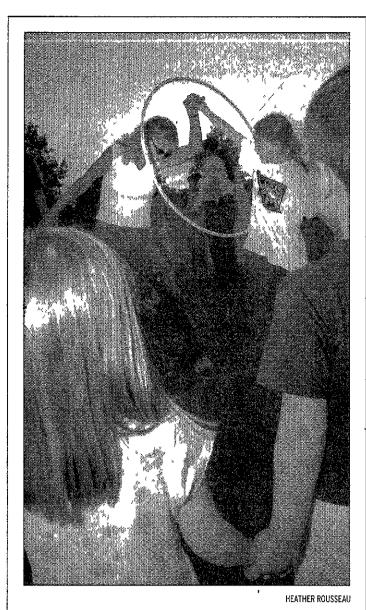
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#### CORRECTION

The photo caption that ran in Sunday's Canton Observer was incorrect. It should have said "Sheldon Place has sat vacant since August, 2001, when it was evacuated due to structural inefficiencies."



#### **Squeezing through**

Shei Maurice and daughter McKenzie, 8, (left) try and get a hula hoop around their bodies without letting go of each other's hands. Their teammates watch during the Canton Family Camp Out and Movie Night on July 8.



#### A call to service

Kristal T. Smith of Canton recently received the Master of Divinity and The George L. Rentschler Prize in Speech Communication from **Princeton Theological** Seminary at the school's 193rd commencement exercises on May 14. The Master of Divinity is a three-year graduate degree that is the basic professional degree for ministry. The seminary awarded a total of 234 degrees at the commencement. Smith has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Pa.

Princeton Theological Seminary, founded in 1812 as the first theological school of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, is the largest Presbyterian seminary in the country.

#### Texas songwriter to visit

Norm Ballinger, a songwriter, poet, handyman and straw boss from Austin, Texas, will perform his blend of "fingerpickin' guitar, spoken word and odd instruments" on July 23 at the Canton Public Library, which is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. The show is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. For more information, call the library at (734) 397-0999.

#### Learn about the body

The Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station is accepting reservations for its Amazing Me summer day camp, an interactive and educational camp, being held Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$169 per camper.

The Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station is located within Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

The Amazing Me summer day camp will offer a handson learning experience. Each day, participants will explore a different system of the human body through dissections, interactive games and outdoor activities. To register or for more

information, please call (734) 398-7518.

#### **AROUND CANTON**

#### Health lessons The Doctor's Speaker's Bureau will present a workshop called "Half An Hour to Ĥealth" at 6:15 p.m. on July 12 and July 26 at 8524 Canton Center Road in Canton.

The workshop will offer an informative look at how the human body works and the five aspects of health. Covered in this lecture is a discussion on the most beneficial foods for your health and the most harmful. Learn how low-carb diets may actually be dangerous, and how to sleep correctly, as well as how to eat and drink to reach optimum levels of health.

The guest lecturer on both dates will be Dr. Michael Brackney.

This is a free event. To sign up or for more information, call (734) 455-4444. Light refreshments will be served, but seating is limited, so call to reserve a space.

#### Rummage sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 is having its annual rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 28-30 at its hall, located at 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth.

Anyone who would like to donate items can deliver them to the hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 26-27. Donations are tax-deductible. All proceeds will be used to benefit veterans. For more information, contact Eunice Taylor at (734) 254-9617.

#### License to read

Get on the road to reading this summer at the Teen Place at the Canton Public Library. Sign up for the License to Read Summer Reading Program for a chance to earn Borders gift certificates and enter drawings for Twelve Oaks Mall gift certificates. For every four books you read, earn an entry to win the \$50 mid-summer drawing or the \$100 grand prize drawing. Read eight books and earn a \$5 Borders gift card.

As part of Summer Reading activities, special programs will be offered each week. Registered teens can make Caribbean hand and foot jewelry, learn to apply temporary henna tattoos, create scrapbook borders and make a macramé key chain.

The library's regular programming will continue throughout the summer with the Book and Pizza club meeting monthly to discuss a book and enjoy pizza. On Teen Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m. take part in games, crafts and snacks; Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. come in and play chess. On 2/4 Saturdays Open Mic see featured performers and get a chance to share your talents every second and fourth Saturday from 2-6 p.m.

The License to Read program runs through Aug. 6. Teens can register in person at the library or online at www.cantonpl.org/ya/srpform.html. So far, more than 400 teens have signed up for this summer's program, setting a new Summer Reading Program record.

For more information on the License to Read program please contact the Teen Place at (734) 397-0999.

#### WIC program

Find out how to use today's upcoming technology at a Women In Communications of Detroit program on Wednesday, July 27. The event will take place at Cellular & More, 44011 Ford Road in Canton Township, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The seminar is intended for the tech-challenged when it comes to stuff like BlackBerry, Palm Pilot, voice recognition or text messaging. Ebony Dooley, senior account manager for John Bailey & Associates, and Rob Emery, owner of Cellular & More will be the speakers for the night.

The cost is \$10 for Women In Communications members and students, \$15 for non-members. Enjoy lemonade and an array of lemon desserts courtesy of Cellular & More. For more information or to make reservations, call (248) 652-1460.

#### Set design workshop

There will be a one-day set design and construction workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 23 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Fred Florkowski, technical director and set design instructor for the Bonstelle Theater at Wayne State University, will cover both realistic and minimalistic set design and construction methods, with

groups at the Village Theater, it is desirable that sets can be easily removed from the stage between weekend runs of a show. Florkowski will talk about modular design, rolling sets, and flyable backdrops, among other techniques.

Spotlight Players and the-Village Theater are picking up the costs of the workshop, but a donation jar will be available to help offset the cost of the pizza and pop lunch that will be served. For more information, call Mike Cuba at (734) 522-7638 or Spotlight. Players at (734) 480-4945.

#### Softball registration

The Canton Sports Center is now accepting registration for its Session II season of adult softball, with leagues beginning the week of July 25. Leagues are offered Sunday through Friday, and include both men's (competitive and recreation) and co-ed divisions. The season will consist of an 18 game, double header schedule as well as a single game elimination playoff schedule.

After the games, participants can stop in at Diamonds Bar & Grill for great food and drinks. Diamonds is conveniently located within the Canton Sports Center.

Team registration is \$785, plus umpire fees. For more information or to register a team, players should visit the Canton Sports Center's Web site at csc.canton-mi.org or call (734) 483-5600.

#### **Plymouth High class** reunion

**Plymouth High School** Class of 1965 will celebrate the 40th class reunion Sept. 10 at Fox Hills Country Club, which is located at 8768 North Territorial Road. Casual Business attire is requested. Tickets are \$55 per person. Registration is required by Aug. 1. There will be a dinner buffet and open bar.

Organizers are looking for classmates. Send registration and checks to: Jeff Hoffman, c/o Chatham, Seland & Lashley, P.A., 940 Centre Circle, Suite: 2005, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 or e-mail Jeff Hoffman at JLF940@earth-§ link.net

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### Importing 'American ideals'

Community activist heading back home to India 'a better person'

#### BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The same things that drew Mina Jaura and her husband, Arun, to the United States are now calling them back to India. The Jaura family, which, with three children is now a little larger than when the couple first moved here more than a dozen years ago, is in the final stages of relocating to the Indian city of Bombay.

It was 13 years ago when Mina and Arun left India to pursue a superior education, and ultimately professional opportunity, in North America. They settled in Canton six years ago, but by the end of the month, the last of the boxes will be packed, the house in the Glengarry subdivision will be sold, and Jaura will be on an airplane, ready to reconnect with her husband, who left for India at the end of April, and her three children, who left in June.

"We're moving back mainly for family reasons," Jaura said. "But of course the economy there is booming now, so it's possible to do that."

Returning to India was not something the Jaura family had even considered until earlier this year.

**FAMILY TIES** 

Two years ago, both Mina's and Arun's fathers had died within five days of each other. Arun's mother is still living in India, and the Jaura family asked her to come live in the United States with them.

"It would have been too hard for her, but she said, 'You should move back here. Look, those people there, and that family there, and this family there, they all moved back to India from the United States," Jaura said. "We hadn't really thought of it before that, but then my husband was offered a really good job over there, and all of a sudden, it was possible."

Arun Jaura was offered a vice president of product development position with Mahindra, India's largest automobile manufacturer. The car maker's sales have been booming as more and more cars are being shipped to China and the rest of Asia.

Though Jaura is excited about the move and hopes for the best, the family will give the relocation 18 months.

"If it works out and the children adjust to India, that's great. But if not, this is still home, too," she said of Canton. Since making the decision to

return to India, Jaura has heard of other families making the same decision.

"India is growing so much

right now. It really is the place to be," she said. "Mainly there are just a lot more jobs, and the cost of living is very favorable, and obviously people want to live where they were born. I look forward to being in a place where there is no question I belong there."

However, her American-born children, who talk to her on the phone every day, are having pangs of homesickness, missing their friends, and missing American life and shopping malls and the little things they once took for granted.

#### THINGS TO MISS

"One thing that we all will miss is the order of things here, and the cleanliness," Jaura said. "Here, people don't litter. And if you're standing in line, you know that you're standing in line and you just wait your turn. And if there is a stop sign, you stop for it, any hour of the day. It's not really like that in India. You don't have the same kind of organization there."

However, the children will attend a new state of the art private school, and the family will be able to enjoy a standard of living that (despite the family's comfortable upper middle class lifestyle, and Arun Jaura's notable career here with Ford Motor Co.) they didn't have here. It was mainly Arun Jaura's education that brought the couple here in the first place. But the Jaura children will enjoy a first-class education in India, where academic focus is strong, and discipline is a cornerstone of education.

"Of course they have sports and extra-curricular activities at their new school, but the focus really is on school. There's so much competition, you want to do your best in school. There's no room for slackers," Jaura said.

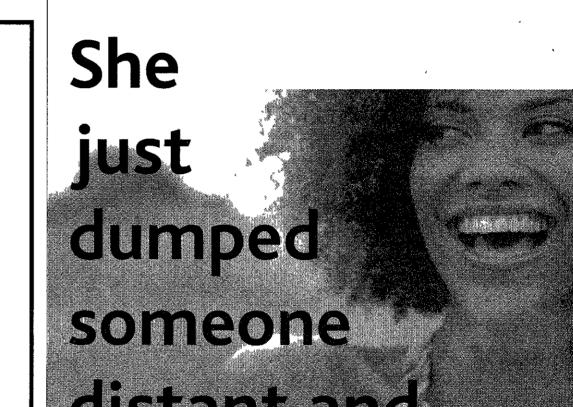
Though Jaura knew as an immigrant to the United States she would be bringing something unique to American culture (and she has contributed in significant ways, including service on Canton's Human Relations Commission), she paused for a moment to consider how the western side of her would contribute to Indian culture when she returns.

"I'm definitely a better person for having been here," she said. "What I hope I take back with me is a sense of order, but also the American attitude that this is a melting pot, and the American ideals of tolerance and acceptance."

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Mina Jaura will soon be moving back to India to join her husband, Arun Jaura (left), and their three young children -- Rohan (from left), Roshni and Akhil, who moved back to the Jaura's native land earlier in the year. During her six years in Canton, Mina was a leader in the town's growing Indian community.





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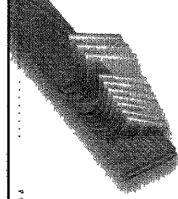




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### **O&E** publisher receives SNA leadership award

Richard Aginian, president and publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers, has been named winner of the 2005 Dean Lesher Award by Suburban Newspapers of America. The Lesher



provided civic leadership to the communities they serve, enhanced the industry through leadership and produced outstanding newspapers. It represents a lifetime of achievement.

"Dick was an advocate for quality journalism and the newspapers he managed were annual winners and models of the best of in our business," Charles Lyons, chief executive officer of Post-Newsweek Media, wrote in a letter of nomination. "In sales and marketing, he saw the value of network sales and played a key role in the launch of SPRING (now Greater Detroit Newspaper Network). He also diversified his business with acquisition of niche publications.

"He led one of the largest suburban newspaper operations in North America, one that has been admired and modeled by many in the industry over the years," Lyons added. "He launched one of the most successful

suburban newspaper networks in the country before it was popular to do so. He has committed countless hours to the industry and community organizations."

Aginian began his newspaper career 29 years ago, when he became treasurer of Suburban Communications Corp. One year later, he became the president and chief operating officer of suburban newspaper operations in Detroit and Cincinnati.

After many years of growth, Gannett purchased **HomeTown Communications** earlier this year and Aginian remains in his position under the new ownership during a transition period. At age 64, he continues to be extremely involved in the community.

"To have your name placed alongside Paul Averill, Philip Power, Dean Lesher and other giants of the suburban newspaper industry is very humbling," Aginian said. "I am honored to be in such

good company." Aginian will receive the award at the SNA Fall **Publishers and Advertising** 

**Directors** Conference in Denver in September. "We are thrilled to honor Dick for his tremendous contributions to the suburban and community newspaper industry," said Nancy Lane, SNA executive director. "The competition this year was intense as the Lesher nominating committee received so many worthy candidates to consider. Dick's nomination stood out for his innovation and accomplishments over a

long and prosperous career." Headquartered in Michigan, Suburban Newspapers of America is a nonprofit trade association serving nearly 2,000 newspapers in North America. SNA represents and supports the suburban and community newspaper industry through leadership, education, promotion, research and the advancement of high standards.

#### **RICHARD D. AGINIAN**

Hometown: Birmingham

**Personal:** Married to Diane. Two daughters, Dawn and Marla, Education: Ph.B., Wayne State University; MBA, Rutgers University. Professional accomplishments: CPA; 1977-2005, president and CEO HomeTown Communications Network, Inc.; 1976-77, treasurer, Suburban Communications Corp., 1975-76, assistant to president, Falvey Motors of Troy; 1964-75 audit manager, Arthur Andersen & Co.

III Associations (current): 2003-present, Board of Directors, YMCA Foundation member, Investment Committee; 2001-present, Board of Directors, Certified Audit of Circulation: 2000-present, trustee, William Beaumont Hospital, member, Investment Committee, member, Audit Committee; 1999present, executive vice chairman, 35th Ryder Cup, Oakland Hills Country Club; 1996-present, Board of Directors, Metropolitan YMCA; 1991-present, Board of Directors/trustee, Corporation for a Skilled Workforce; 1985-present, Board of Directors/trustee, Walsh College, chairman, Finance and Investment committees, member, Audit Committee: Economic Club of Detroit: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Detroit Presidents Organization; Adcraft Club of Detroit; Oakland Hills Country Club.

Awards: 2001, Paul Harris Fellow Award, Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club; 2001, Community Service Award, The Community House: 2000. Children's Coalition - Media Merry-Go-Round Award; 1998. Community Service Award, Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra; 1995, Village Players Superstar: 1995, Volunteer of the Year on behalf of The Community House in Birmingham, from the National Society Fund Raising Executives. **Past civic/professional involvement:** 2003, president, Oakland Hills Country Club; 1993-95 president, The Community House; 1985-86, president, Suburban Newspapers of America: 1979-84, Board of Directors, Suburban Newspapers of America; 1982-89, Board of Directors, Michigan Press Association.



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cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs, as well as the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund, to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives.

Last year, West raised \$10,000. "We're very connected to our church, and with owning a business we have a good network of people," she said. "People are very gracious givers."

Victor and Jill West own Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Victor was a crew member, helping behind the scenes during the walk. However, he decided to do more, soliciting 3,000 carnations from flower wholesalers, and some lumber.

"As each walker crossed the finish line, we handed every person a pink carnation, which they then placed on the breast cancer ribbon," Victor said. "Each carnation represents each of the 1,700 walkers."

"It was just something I wanted to do because I could do it," he added.

The breast cancer ribbon made of pink carnations caught the attention of many passersby, as it was displayed in front of the West's florist shop along Ann Arbor Road for a couple of days.

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Mary Ann Saint has von nearly a dozen blue ribbns at the Michigan State Fairver the past 20 years for helbaking prowess.

"My neighbors call m the cookie lady," said Saint, vho lives in the Bradbury Pak Homes on Haggerty Rad in Plymouth Township. "Ilike to bake cookies, pies, breals and cookies."

At the age of 78, Sait has decided to take her baing skills to the next level i attempting to win an dympic gold medal.

Saint will compete if the first Western Wayne Qunty Senior Olympics, hostd by Van Buren Township \$pt. 12-16.

"I'm going to bake cokies and a pie," said Saint. 've got quite a few blue ribbo recipes to choose from. I knowfor sure I'm going to make a coffee-toffee pie. I made it for aother local senior a long tim ago, and I didn't hardly ned to wash the dish when thy got finished."

The western Wayne ounty version of the Senior dympics is a carbon copy of corpetition already taking place in Downriver communitis, which draws nearly 40 seniors for contests in suc areas

bridge, bocce ball, Frisbee, pinochle and euchre.

Some of the seniors are in training because they want to win these contests, like in swimming," said Marsha Koet, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "And, it's social as much as it is competition for the seniors." For Saint, the Olympic com-

petition is a way to keep active and socialize with others. "I just think it's a great

opportunity for seniors to get together," she said. "We all have different talents, and there's something for everyone in this Olympics.

"I think it's important to show that seniors still have something to contribute," Saint said. "Seniors aren't just sitting in their rocking chairs, anymore. It's not true that just because you're over 60, you're over the hill."

Plymouth seniors can sign up for the competition by contacting Koet at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

#### 'I just think it's a great opportunity for seniors to

Area seniors shoot for Olympic medals, goals

get together.' Mary Ann Saint

Competitor

Terry Allor of Plymouth Township didn't start swimming until she was 40. But, now at the age of 59, she swims a couple of times a week, along with water aerobics, to keep in shape.

"It's knowing that you can perform and achieve a goal," said Allor, 59, who will compete in the Olympics. "You feel really good about that, and it's a lot of fun." The competitions will be

held at various facilities throughout western Wayne County, with pinochle competition being held at the Friendship Station in Plymouth Township. The horseshoe competition

will be held at Freedom Park in Canton Township, with volleyball scheduled for the Summit on the Park in Canton.

"I can see a lot of health and socialization benefits to these Olympics," said Janet Brady, program supervisor at the Summit. "We have a lot of exercise programs at the Summit for seniors, and a lot of other things for them to do, and it's not hard to fill them up."

Brady said Canton participants can sign up at the senior center at the Summit.

Jerry Gawura, 86, of Canton Township just completed the Michigan Senior Olympics in Kalamazoo, winning four gold medals in horseshoes, shot put, discus and javelin throw. She's also participated with her softball team in the national Senior Olympics competition.

"I'm not in the best shape I want to be, but I don't want to give in," said Gawura. "You don't want to be washed up and just sit and watch TV.

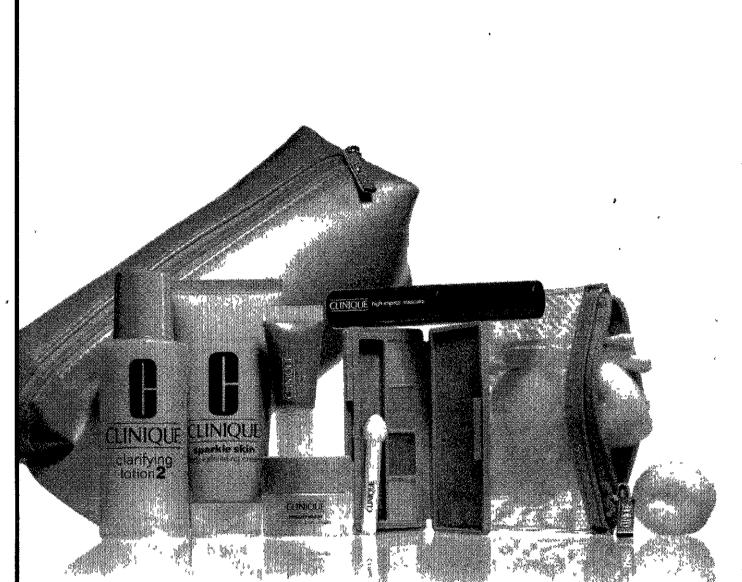
That's no good for you.

"I think it keeps your mind alert," she said of the competition. "It's like therapy, exercise and camaraderie. You make friends with the people you compete with and it becomes a family."

The Western Wayne County Senior Olympics begins with a free breakfast at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at Van Buren Township's Quirk Park with County Executive Bob Ficano, who has allocated more than \$10,000 for the four-day competition. Opening ceremonies will be held an hour later, with a banquet and awards at noon on Friday, Sept. 16, at Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty in Van Buren Township.

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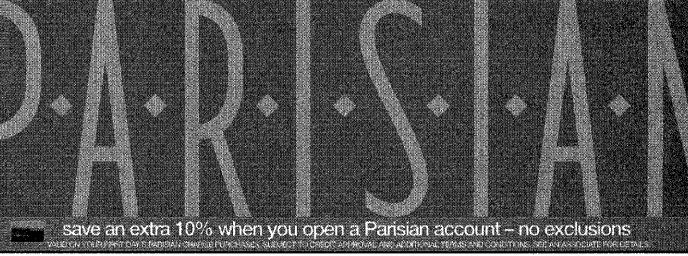
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some other very good projects, but that is one thing they haven't been able to do yet.'

The remaining commissioners will meet today with some of the Canton Leisure Services staff and, for now, they will operate as a subgroup of the township's Cultural Commission, Yack said.

The first order of business will be to address some changes to the bylaws. The group, which is supposed to have 11 members, can't meet unless it can make a guorum (half or more of its total number).

"According to the current bylaws, we can't even meet right now. It's been probably a year since we've had a full meeting," Medley said.

But working with Leisure Services will offer the support administrative and organizational - that the commission needs, according to David McCreedy, one of the remaining commissioners

"I think that working with LS

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will be sort a marriage made in heaven," he said. Though some of the commis-

sioners resigned due to other obligations such as family and career, McCreedy said he suspects that lack of direction also played a part in the dissolution of the group.

"If I had to guess, I would say that it didn't seem like there were that many diversity issues for us to deal with," McCreedy said. "Our job was to promote diversity in the township, but for the most part it seems like we are doing a pretty good job in terms of getting along and appreciating each other."

The commission has in the past two years held an essay writing contest for high school students, and has given out a small scholarship to the winners. The group also had a booth at Liberty Fest in 2004.

"I think we've been generating awareness about diversity in Canton," McCreedy said.

But a stronger vision and goal will be necessary if the commission is to carry out its mission, Medley said.

"I don't think it serves the township well at all to develop a commission that will struggle for identity and purpose," Medley said. "Their mission was to educate and to promote diversity. They had a hard time finding a niche."

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The August 2003 blackout is still fresh in the memory banks of most who live in Southeast Michigan, residents and officials alike. To help ensure safe water supply in the event of another blackout, or worse, Canton conducted a workshop to discuss water supply safety.

"Catastrophic events such as the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and the power black-out of Aug. 14, 2003 demonstrate the need to better plan for emergencies that impact public health and safety. Our public water system is a critical piece of the community infrastructure for which we need to sustain our existencé," said Tim Faas, Canton's Director of Municipal Services.

As part of Canton's on-going 'effort to protect drinking water supply, employees from the Public Safety Department and the Municipal Services Department conducted an emergency preparedness table top exercise with representative from the Wayne County Health Department, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), and the Michigan Department of **Environmental Quality** (MDEQ) on Thursday, July 14. The exercise was part of an effort by the DWSD Technical

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Advisory Committee to better prepare the region in the event of a major water distribution system emergency, such as a terrorist attack or black-out.

Last Thursday's exercise was lead by Barry Johnson, environmental engineer for Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM), and Robert Babcock, security and emergency response coordinator for the MDEQ.

During the exercise, Babcock stressed the importance of relationships stating that water and wastewater officials need to be active participants in their local emergency planning efforts.

Accoding to the MDEQ Web site during the 2003 power atage it wasn't the state or ederal government that minimized the negative impact if the outage. It was the loca utility and public safety oficials who kept the services the community going asbest they could. Although specifics of the

exercise an't be disclosed due to safetyconcerns, participants wee given two different scenariosconsisting of terrorist contan nation to the water supply. The exercise lasted three hours and ended with a roundtable discussion on where Calton is and what it needs to hange to better prepare.

An areathat everyone participating the exercise agreed onwas the importance of public ducation. According to Babco¢, a good place to start is bynaking sure the public unerstands the difference between the three water restrictio{warnings issued in an emerghcy.

**Boil** ater before using. If this warning is issued residents should no drink the water without biling it first, or use bottled wter. Residents should big all water to a boil, let it boil pr three minutes, and let it ol before using. Boiled on ottled water should be used fc drinking, making ice, brusing teeth, washing dishes, at preparing food until furter notice. This notice wij be issued in instancesvere bacteria such as fecal coliprm and E. coli bacteria haventered the water system. biling kills bacteria and otheorganisms in the water.

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Do not use the water. If this warning is issued residents should not use the water for any reason. Bottled water should be used for all needs until further notice. This is the most serious of the three warnings indicating that the water distribution system has been contaminated with an unknown agent. In this instance the MDEQ will work with law enforcement and the public health department to investigate and resolve the issue. Residents should not under any circumstance run their water. That includes filling up your bathtub, flushing your toilet or watering your lawns.

As a final note to the exercise, participants agreed to routinely review Canton's emergency preparedness plan and to keep its emergency contacts and phone numbers current.

"The training exercise conducted on Thursday was one of several exercises that will routinely occur to ensure we handle any future emergency in the most efficient way possible," said Faas. "It was a demonstration on how multiple agencies such as DWSD, MDEQ, Wayne County and the community can band together to minimize the adverse impact of an emergency on our customers in Canton Township."





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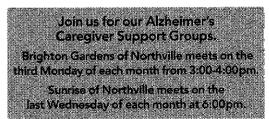


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### **Comics help church with 'Hilarity for Charity'**

#### **BY HUGH GALLAGHER** STAFF WRITER

St. Aloysius Church on Washington Boulevard in Detroit is an imposing presence downtown.

But the church, established in 1873, is more than just a beautiful building. It has an active Outreach Ministry providing to the city's poorest residents.

When Dr. Gregory Elliott, a Livonia dentist with a practice in Farmington Hills, and his son, Patrick, a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, learned of the church's many needs they decided they had to do something about it.

"My father and I met with Father Mark Soehner at St. Aloysius," Patrick Elliott said. "We knew they were having troubles and it takes a lot of money to keep up the programs. We had lunch with Father Mark, told him what we wanted to do and he liked the idea."

St. Aloysius Outreach Ministry, directed by Kathleen Lynch, provides rent and utility assistance, sandwiches and coffee, clothing and hygiene kits, blood pressure screening and health advocacy and referrals for substance abuse and medical assistance.,

The idea was to put on a show, Hilarity For Charity, featuring a night of stand-up comedy.

The show is 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$50 and available at the Summit on the Park and by telephone at (734)394-5460.

It was a natural as Patrick's uncle Jerry Elliott had traveled the country for 15 years as a stand-up comedian and is now the co-host of the Wags & Elliott Morning Show on WLVQ radio in Columbus, Ohio.

The show is a family affair. Dr. Elliott is a sponsor as is Display Max, a business owned

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by Patrick's aunt and uncle. Patrick is handling the promotion. Jerry Elliott will be the emcee. Patrick's cousin Joshua Sobeck, 12, will play piano from 7 to 8 p.m.

Headliners for the program will be Al April, dubbed the Abe Lincoln of Comedy for his comedic wisdom, and Paul Kelly, a noted storyteller. April became known for doing onflight comedy for Continental Airlines, has appeared at several Detroit Clubs and has performed with his friend Tim Allen on Allen's sitcom Home Improvement. Kelly has appeared on Oprah Winfrey's show, Comedy Central and

Showtime's Comedy Club Network. The Chicago comic is the WGN Comedy Bowl champion.

Don't expect any raunchy routines.

'The show will be family friendly. We were very clear about that with the comedians. It's for charity and we want to keep it clean," Patrick said.

Patrick, who is a pre-med student, is considering either following his father into dentistry or pursuing a medical degree. This is his first big charity project.

"I've done little things like community service and the Crop Walk, but this is the first time for something like this. I'm learning a lot, there are a lot of small details," Patrick said. He is hoping to raise

\$20,000 from the event. "In addition to raising money, people are exposed to a

good cause. It's designed to show people what they're all about," he said.



Patrick Elliott, a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is learning a lot about promoting a charity event by working on Hilarity for Charity to benefit downtown Detroit's St. Aloysius.



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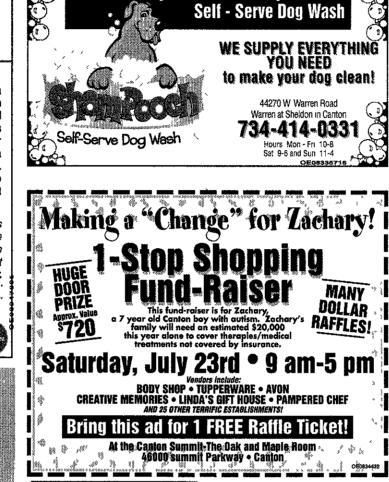
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### **OUR VIEWS** Keep shortage an arm's length away

Medical officials are worried, and you should be, too. The American Red Cross is reporting that hospitals in southeastern Michigan are delaying surgeries, due to a critical shortage in the blood supply. So serious is it, that a state of emergency has been declared.

That shortage ought not be just a cause for worry, but a call to action. After all, there's only one way to resolve the shortage.

"We only get it from one source, and that's you," said Marie Mangus, spokeswoman for the Red Cross.

The situation is serious, she said. It's not a threat when she points out that, at some point, you or a relative or friend will likely need a blood transfusion. It's reality. If blood's not on the shelf, you could have a problem.

Mangus issued what amounts to a call to arms - yours. She had an interesting concept about the blood supply, saying that what we consider something very much our own belongs to the public, with the Red Cross being a conduit for distribution.

Once again we return to the village concept, whether it is raising a child, feeding the hungry or taking just one hour to sustain a life.

The problem is, less than 5 percent of those of us who are eligible actually donate blood. That has to change.

Summer is perennially a time when blood is in short supply, largely due to the vacation season. This year, the shortage started the week before Memorial Day. The actual emergency began July 5, the day after the holiday.

At one point last week, there was less than a day's supply of certain blood types to meet the area's need.

Enough talk, get busy. There are blood drives ongoing throughout southeastern Michigan. Those who are looking for a blood drive in their own community can visit www.givelife.org, or call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

There's an old saying that has been applied to driving habits, but it is more than appropriate to consider for those who are wavering over whether to donate blood: The life you save could be your own.

### Parks millage deserves renewal

The Hines Park System is a treasure of western Wayne County. The county park, which runs from Dearborn to Northville, provides an oasis in our urban environment for bicycling, walking, soccer, baseball, nature studies and numerous special events from the annual Lightfest to the recently celebrated Mud Day.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, voters will be asked to renew a 0.25-mill tax (less than \$20 a year for most homeowners) to improve and maintain the county parks system. We ert this request.

LETTERS age would be used. Bleeding off the

Wayne County Park millage for local projects, allowing increased political maneuvering, does not sit well with me.

I have had to separate my opinion on the parks millage from my opinion of how Wayne County Parks has actually used the \$70 million they already got. I certainly have criticisms of parks management, but I do not want to "cut off my nose to spite my face." I would vote for the millage as it was originally written. I would not support the millage should the county executive bargain with leeches that see a way to fund local community projects. They can push their own local millages. Having state representatives leech on to the millage really undermines my interest in voting "yes" on Aug. 2.

Wayne County Executive Ficano and the Wayne County Commission should support the Wayne County Parks System not the local politicians and their local community projects. Of course, should deals and hasty laws be passed, I just know I will be given "resident" status in every community project funded. Taxpayers beware.

In (Hugh Gallagher's) recent piece on the

Palestinian-Israeli conflict, he referenced

the story of six blind men asked to describe

an elephant, and stated that "As journalists,

we work to 'see' the complete elephant and

sources, we track down different points of

regarding this conflict that includes fact

There should, indeed, be some way to

hold President Bush accountable for his

many lies which have caused death and

destruction for so many. He lied to the

American people to get us into Iraq and

about how long we would have to be there,

and has now changed his "motto" to a war

against terrorism in order to keep fear in

our citizens. Anyone should know that a

Which is worse, to lie about your per-

sonal sex life (Clinton), or to lie about the

reason to send our sons and daughters to

the slaughter? Bush never had to face enemy fire nor had to send any sons to

ing their patriotic services in any way.

democracy into a theocracy and still I have yet to see him do even one single

Bush is doing his best to make our

thing according to the teachings of Jesus.

All empires of the past have eventually

fallen. Is the U.S. of Jesus next? Impeach

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He claims to have a mandate from God

to do as he pleases and is leading our

country into a dictatorship.

Bush!

war, and I don't see his daughters offer-

fearful people are the easiest to lead.

view, but we also try to nail down facts."

(He should) follow his own good

advice and present a balanced view

checking and the Israeli perspective.

Journalistic ethics demand it.

With a prayer for peace,

**Bush accountable** 

understand it. We seek out different

**Good advice** 

What Bush should really be worrying about is China. But he is too concerned about not letting down his corporate buddies who are making billions off China's cheap labor. He can't see the future while looking through the dollar bills. Bush - beware!

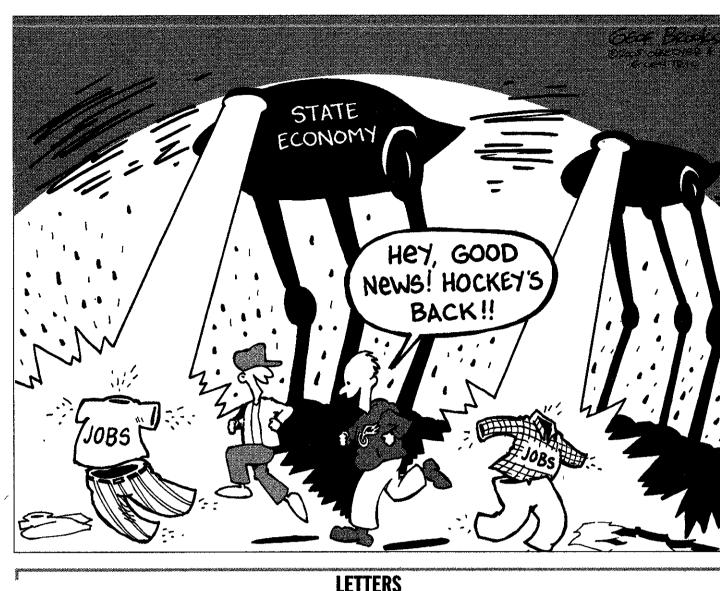
> **Genevieve Herman** Farmington Hills

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#### Support campaign

In a world so riddled with constant changes, some not always for the best, I'd ' like to ask for your support in helping to prevent a change that could cause a major loss in one of our local communities. As a member of Blue Lake Township in Muskegon County and the state of Michigan, I fear for the possible loss of the treasured Owasippe Scout Reservation. I believe that this property is a national treasure and it is the oldest Scout camp in the United States of America – established in 1911.

I'm sure we can all agree that children re our future. It is our responsibility to rovide them with the appreciation, the are our future. It is our responsibility to provide them with the appreciation, the learning experience and the existence of nature at its best. For it is today's chil-dren that will uphold tomorrow's envi-ronment. Owasippe Scout Reservation is one of the rare natural beauties left in one of the rare natural beauties left in the world today for this upcoming gener-ation to use as their learning experience and to love as the generations before them have loved. This camp and the surrounding area are unique, it is beauty at its simplest and it is truly irreplaceable. I plead for and it is truly irreplaceable. I plead for your support in helping to prevent this gift from being rezoned into an all-to-common residential classification. We need your support of the nonprofit OOEC Campaign (Owasippe Outdoor Education Center). OOEC would contin-ue to offer camping to the Scouts as well as business, church or other organiza-tions that would like to camp at Owasippe. Our children need your sup-port. Our children's future children need your support. Please help us to save the Owasippe Scout Reservation. Saving something so priceless can only be the right thing to do. your support in helping to prevent this gift from being rezoned into an all-toright thing to do.



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before the millage was first passed in the late 1990s, the parks system had fallen into disrepair. The money raped through the millage for capital improvements and maintenance has helped toward restoring Hines, Elizabeth Park on the Detroit River in Trenton and the historically significant Fort Wayne. Funds have also been used for local community projects, including \$400,000 for the Cherry Hill Village Theatre in Cånton.

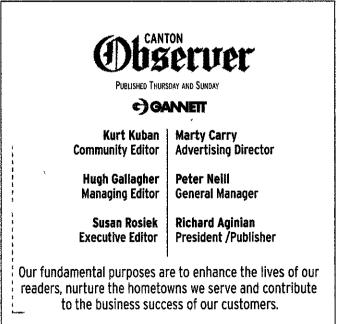
We share concerns about the timing of the election. Many local communities do not have an Aug. 2 primary. Detroit, which is expected to heavily favor the millage. has a hotly contested mayoral election. The timing seems to suggest a stealth attempt to win support. But, practically, the Aug. 2 date also gives the county an opportunity to return to voters and make its case again if the millage fails.

More importantly, we share concerns about the process used for funding local projects. The primary purpose of the millage is to fund the county park system, but commissioners have campaigned for local project funding. Suburban leaders complain that they haven't gotten a good return on local tax dollars in these allocations.

We support efforts by the administration of county Executive Robert Ficano to create a more equitable system for selecting projects through a special committee. We urge the county commission to back this effort.

We do not support a state House proposal by Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, mandating a 50-percent return on tax dollars to local communities. This is bad public policy, would threaten adequate funding for the county park system and would set a dangerous precedent for other county and regional taxes.

We recommend a YES vote on the county parks renewal millage.



was as if I was watching a meeting in the former Soviet Union. Mr. Yack's censorship of dissenting voices (like Mr. Caccamo and citizens alike) for the last

Caccamo deserves thanks

I attended the Canton Township

trustee board meeting on July 12. I was

happy to see that Mr. Caccamo got legis-

lation passed that will enable the board's

study sessions to be taped and aired for

their elected officials are doing. This way

the scrutiny that their decisions deserve.

our elected officials' votes will undergo

During the meeting, Mr. Caccamo was attacked with unfounded comments and

allegations that he eloquently defended

ular degeneration pleaded to have these

meetings aired (so she could at least hear

what has transpired since she can no

longer comfortably read), Mr. Yack, Mr.

What was even more troubling was

when Mr. Caccamo presented facts (of

public record) regarding the pay of our

elected officials, in an effort to show how

to fund this proposal. Mr. Yack ordered

the computer screen to be turned off. It

Zarbo and Ms. Kirchgatter denied her

the right to remain informed.

Even though an elderly lady with mac-

and answered head-on.

the citizens to stay informed of what

17 years must stop. I hope the message has been sent loud and clear to our officials through Mr. Caccamo's proposal that we, the citizens, are watching and taking notes. Thank you, Mr. Caccamo, for being Canton's watchdog (and Marine Corps bulldog when needed).

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#### Stick to real issues

The Observer editorial "Focus on real issues facing troubled state" (July 7) was a much-needed splash of cold water on our politicians to wake up and start earning their keep and quit playing around with non-issues.

Michigan needs help getting its economy rolling again. I don't see how making our capital look like a church will be of any benefit to us.

Janusz M. Szyszko Canton

#### Stop parks millage politics

In response to "County proposes new procedure for funding park projects," I see my support of Wayne County Parks being robbed by local and state government representatives. Talk about political maneuvering. I have no problem paying a tax to support programs and maintenance of the Wayne County Parks system, which I use and enjoy almost on a daily basis. I understand that those parks are scattered about Wayne County. Some parks I never use. I understand that the parks serve a regional purpose, and do not expect to have a Wayne County Park in each community.

I did not vote for a millage to support local community projects. Should there be a dedicated recreation millage in my local community, I would support it. I also would have a voice in how that millBill Craig Livonia

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rn parking lots along Ford Road into "Ford Road is a major retail commercial corridor that runs through the community and since it's a state highway, it's not a traditional downtown. We want to make it very vibrant and booming with a lot of exciting things happening there." - Canton DDA Director Kathleen Salla, on the "Lots of Fun" program, which will turn parking lots along Ford Road into entertainment venues later this summer

### **Our nation must get serious** about alternative fuel source

he last time I filled up, I paid \$2.49 a gallon for regular gas.

Sound familiar?

We better get used to it. The price for a barrel of crude oil on the futures exchange is hovering around \$60, a record. To put that in perspective, it was a mere \$22 only three years ago.

Who knows what the price of gas will be this time next year? I wouldn't be surprised if it were closer to \$3.50 than \$2.50. But, regardless, one thing is clear: The price of oil is not likely to come down in the foreseeable future.

The reason why is no mystery — though it may



not be what you think. Economics 101 teaches that prices reflect the intersection of supply and demand. If you consider only the surging economies of China and India, you have a pretty good idea of what's happening to demand. China, for example, has become the world's second largest importer of oil (after ... guess who?), and now accounts for 40

Phil percent of the demand for petro-Power

leum on this planet. And U.S. demand for oil continues to increase, of course.

As to supply, it's fragile. We all know about how unstable Saudi Arabia and Iraq are and how much the terrorists would like to destabilize oil production throughout the Middle East. The climate is uneasy in Nigeria, and

Venezuela President Hugo Chavez is talking loudly about cutting the U.S. off the export list. We're pretty much out of oil in the continental U.S.

(drilling in the wildlife refuge north of the Brooks Range in Alaska won't amount to much), while extracting oil inexpensively from the oil sands in Alberta is some years and some new technology away.

So what happens next summer if the price of gas at the pump gets to something like \$3.50 a gallon? General Motors and Ford are in deep trouble. The high profit parts of their product lines are gas-guzzling SUVs, and if the price of gas goes that high, it's likely demand for them will fall off, big-time.

Now for the good news: Fortunately, there is something that can be done. It's called a sensible, non-oil based energy policy. Unfortunately, it's something about which the Bush administration, with its close ties to the oil industry, has done essentially nothing.

So it's interesting that Tim Leuliette, head of Metaldyne Corp., a local (Plymouth-based) auto parts supplier, is calling for a serious national effort to convert 80 percent of U.S. vehicles to hydrogen fuel by 2020. He wants to finance the effort through a 10-cent per-gallon tax on gas beginning in 2008, rising by 10 cents each year through 2012, raising \$180 billion.

Leuliette is one of the smartest folks in the auto industry around here, and he's not afraid to make his point in blunt terms.

In a speech he gave in January to the Automotive News World Congress, he called President Bush's \$1.2 billion Hydrogen Fuel Initiative "a token gesture."

"The conversion to hydrogen offers all of us a golden opportunity to assess who is with us and who is not. The solution will not come from Washington ... but enabling legislation and the money will. This is more important than sending a man to Mars, and it's more important than subsidizing tobacco farmers ... than particle beam weapons ... (and) than the \$15 billion Big Dig in Boston."

Tough stuff. And very, very good stuff. Leuliette next wants to pull together key leaders from the auto, energy and finance industries this September to hammer out a coherent policy and put pressure on Washington.

That won't be easy. The auto industry is going through very tough times just now, and most are concentrated on short-term survival. And neither Congress nor the White House seems to be very interested in attending to the long-term interests of the country.

I should know, because a few years ago with a friend, Paul Dimond, I tried to do much the same thing ... without success. We figured it was time to do something to mark the fact that our own John Dingell was celebrating a milestone anniversary as a member of Congress. We figured a big-time research effort to accelerate the conversion of automobile power trains to hydrogen was important, and we proposed a joint government and auto industry laboratory be set up at the University of Michigan to get on with it.

Although he made clear he didn't want his name on it, Dingell was helpful, and U-M was interested. We had several meetings with representatives of the Big Three.

But, frankly, it was like wading through molasses. The auto companies, while never saying explicitly they didn't like the idea, made it clear they had other priorities — like short-term survival. So we finally gave up.

Leuliette's got a rough ride ahead of him. Obviously, there are intrinsic problems with making hydrogen into the main fuel source for cars: How to generate the hydrogen in the first place? How to distribute and store it? How to use it safely and efficiently in a car?

But these are engineering and technical questions for which answers presumably can be found. Issues that require political will and risk-taking, both in the auto industry and in Washington, are often far more serious problems.

Maybe if gas gets to \$3.50 a gallon, our nation's leaders will hear the people squawking and actually do something. Maybe. But meanwhile, I'll be rooting for Tim Leuliette, and I hope you will be, too.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

### Trees don't stand a chance with today's development practices

ell, the massacre is now complete. Contractors have finally carted away several giant hills of wood chips, which were all that remained of a once-beautiful woodlot in Plymouth Township at Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads. Where two months ago there were giant towering oaks, maples and many other varieties of trees, today is a huge empty lot of dirt and weeds that will soon be converted into another strip mall.

Every time I drive past the site, which I must do every day, I just cringe when I think about what was lost. Obviously, I wasn't the only one that noticed. Plymouth Township officials have

received a barrage of calls from angry residents, wondering why every tree on the site had to be cut down.

Township officials have tried, somewhat in vain, to get the word out they had nothing to do with the clear-cut, and a court order on the land prevented them from using local zoning laws to stop the owner. But Plymouth Township is building its new township offices on part of the land that fronts Haggerty Road, and

most of the trees were cleared from there as well.

I give credit to the people who have complained, but I wonder how long the anger will last. People in our region have just come to accept the build-at-all-costs mentality that is so pervasive in the development community, which has resulted in the destruction of most of our open space. Plymouth Township is a great example. In just a couple of generations, the township has been transformed from a largely farming community into a place that is nearly built out.

The same could be said for Canton Township, Westland and just about any other of the outer suburbs that ring metro Detroit.

In just the last couple of years, Westland has lost most of its remaining undeveloped land. Subdivisions have sprung up at Newburgh just south of Joy and near Cherry Hill at John Hix. And developers have set their sights on the wooded lots at the corners of Newburgh and Cherry Hill – a CVS drugstore is already being built at the northwest corner, and for sale signs have been erected at the other corners. To make matters worse, some city officials have proposed tearing down the huge wooded acreage behind Central City Park, so they can build soccer fields and other recreation facilities, despite the fact the city has experienced difficult economic times of late.

The scene is no better in Canton, where subdivisions and other developments have been popping up like mushrooms on a forest floor, only in this case the forest has been cut

down to make room for them. Over at Koppernick Corporate Park, which is a stone's throw from Holliday Nature reserve, large parcels of forest has been felled where owls once nested and other wildlife thrived.

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Plymouth-Canton Schools officials have decided to put up for sale 40 acres of open space known as Miller Woods. Despite the fact that the board of education in 1991 put a deed on part of the property to maintain it as a nature preserve for eternity, it now appears the deed may not be legal, which means the wetlands, meadows and wildlife on the site ' will probably someday be replaced by homes. >e And the public will have no say in the matter, 😕 because the school district needs the money and, once officials sell it, it will be up to the developer what happens to the property.

It seems ironic that there has been such a panic over the emerald ash borer epidemic, which has killed most of the ash trees in our area 🖅 over the last couple of years. Public officials, from the local level all the way to Washington, have decried the devastation caused by the tiny bug that was imported from China. Millions of dollars have been pledged to stop the borer's spread.

Yet, you hear almost nothing about the destruction that developers do to woodlots like the one that was lost at Haggerty and .70 Ann Arbor roads. Thousands of trees are chewed up by chainsaws and bulldozers, and '  $^{\prime\prime}$ somehow this is considered progress. And for what, another strip mall and supermarket? My guess is once the stores open up at the site, people won't think twice about shopping there, even some of the people who complained about the trees being cut down. And that's exactly what the developers bank on.

But remember this: corporate America is very finicky. Corporate stores only want to be part of a community as long as it is profitable. For evidence of this, look no further and than the shopping district around Westland Center, where a whole row of former big box if stores sits vacant, and the open space they replaced is now only a distant memory.

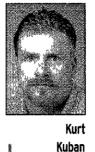
Studies have shown that the rate of development in southeast Michigan is far outpac-" ing its population growth. This is not healthy. Somehow, the development community needs to recognize this. In more progressive parts of the country, open space is something that is embraced as a community asset, one ~ that attracts families and businesses.

It comes as no surprise, at least to this writer, that our region is struggling to keep its young professionals and their families.

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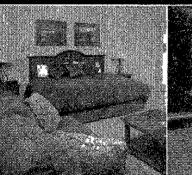






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English Gardens.

To one person a rusty gate might be the centerpiece."

With the wide variety of garden or yard art available, accenting an outdoor space can be similar to accenting a room or accessorizing an outfit.

Color coordinating is an example.

"People are very into color coordinating now," said David Calcaterra, vice-president of Thrifty Florist.

Homeowners are getting away from planting flats of flowers of various hues, he said. Instead,

they will plant flowers of all one color and ask for a custom door wreath to match.

'Gazing globes have become a big trend, and color gardens," Walker said.

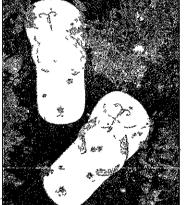


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Teak ducks from Smith & Hawken are popular items.

> Containers aré a trend in decorating

a rugged Alpine look. Installation can be a simple job for any do-ityourselfer. All the aluminum and vinyl pieces are precut and predrilled for quick assembly, and the canopies themselves are preassembled. For

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standing or attachment,

to a building. Whether the system is used on a

patio, deck, in the gar-

den, or along the pool,

of styles, from classic

pergolas and

there's a wide selection

Mediterranean designs to

those who prefer it, a professional installation

People are making their gardens all one color, and putting in a gazing globe of the same color



This bronze statue from English Gardens is

an example of outdoor decor.

or a pot containing the same color, she said. Toadstool gazing globes are

new this year, available at English Gardens.

Outdoor Accents in Wayne features hand-blown gazing globes of many colors, as well as swirled and mirrored designs.

Also popular at the shop are tinted cement works, and pet memorials, proprietor Joe Paladino said.

#### **STATUARY AND STONES**

Statuary is a favorite trend, in concrete, bronze and other materials. Statues of creatures include flamingoes and hedgehogs, and fairies and angels as well

"Frogs are number one," Walker said.

"Angels are all very trendy and actually getting bigger,"

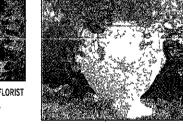
Calcaterra said. "At one point they were only 15 inches tall, now they go up to 36 inches."

Smith & Hawken ducks made of teak are popular, said Jenny

Duggan, manager of the store at The Village of Rochester Hills. The whimsical, web-footed carvings are made of reclaimed teak and bamboo root, and handpainted to have an antique look.

Zinc finials are new garden art items at Watch Hill Home Interiors in Birmingham, owner Julie Supanich said. These are blue-gray geometric forms.

COURTESY OF THRIFTY FLORIST Flip-flops are favorite shapes for stepping stones.



landscape.



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Boulders and brick pavers are some of the elements available to decorate a yard and PLEASE SEE ART, B3 garden.

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o I'm listening to the radio the other day – the Internet radio, of course – when I hear a song I like. One click later and it's downloading to my PC, a new addition to my music library.

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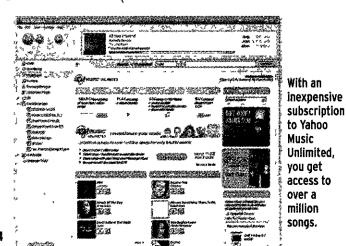
Napster and Yahoo are among the latest music services to offer a subscription option: For a nominal monthly fee, you get complete access to their million-plus song

libraries. By "access" I mean that you can instantly play or download any song or album. Go ahead, be greedy. It's like someone gave you the keys to Harmony House and said, "Take whatever you want."

With Napster To Go and Yahoo Music Unlimited, you're not limited to listening on your PC. If you own a compatible MP3 player, you can fill it to the brim with the songs you've downloaded.

(You'll want to check with both services to see what players are supported; the list is small but growing. Unfortunately, neither one works with iPods; you'll have to wait until Apple launches an iTunes sub-

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the yard or garden. Placing pots of flowers among shrubs can add texture to the

service is also available. The canopy sections come in a variety of outdoor decorator fabrics. including ShadeTree's Sunbrella commercialgrade awning fabrics. There are even retractable canopy kits that can be added to existing pergolas or arbors to transform them into a great source of shade.

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#### Children's dav Teach your children

well, so the song written by Graham Nash goes.

Your children can learn about nature and gardening at Children's Garden Day 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Michigan State University Hidden Lake Gardens, 6280 W. Munger Road in Tipton.

Cost is \$3. Food will be available. Come dressed to express your creative side by painting on a giant mural wall or keep cool on a sprinkler hill. Call (517) 431-2060 for information.

This annual event features fun-filled activities Children learn from hands-on activities and demonstrations about wildlife, nature and plants. A wagon ride to a corn maze, a pond life 👋 exhibit, farm animals on display, stories, music, craft activities and Paul McCormick and his Class Room Critters are included.

**Hidden Lake Gardens** features a 755-acre botanical garden including a greenhouse complex, lake, picnic area, 6-> mile paved scenic drive.

#### AT HOME

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### Paint woes may be caused by bad air flow

mou might notice during the warm summer months the usual wear-andtear on your walls.

But peeling, cracking, blistering paint and mildew problems are probably not problems with the paint.



or oil-based, have been formulated to adhere to just about all household surfaces they are intended to cover. Most of the paint problems we see today are related to moisture in the painted material. Weatherization tech-

er sealing holds moisture

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Harry Jachym

tion isn't adequate, the moisture created will likely escape through the outside painted surfaces.

It's this moisture that causes most paint problems.

#### **DIAGNOSE AND REPAIR**

If peeling, blistering of paint or mildew is located in one area, particularly near moist rooms such as baths or laundries, a vapor barrier and better ventilation in that room will likely help.

À ducted ventilation fan, which a do-ityoùrselfer can install, should help. Even opening a window will greatly reduce the amount of moisture in the room. Adding vapor barrier to an existing home can be difficult and costly.

A good alternative is painting the wall with two coats of non-permeable, oilbased paint. If that paint doesn't match the room décor, the wall can be repainted in the desired color and style.

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rier to an existing home can be costly.

#### **MORE PROBLEMS**

The most common causes of paint problems on soffits is moisture from the inside being trapped or rainwater overflowing from blocked or leaking gutters.

Leaks and clogs in gutters and downspouts are most obvious during a heavy rain. These areas need to be cleaned or repaired as needed. Once that is done, look to see that the soffits are drying out and watch for more gutter problems during the next rain.

Moisture trapped in the soffits can mean more than just paint problems, it also can indicate moisture trapped in the attic space, which again is caused by inadequate ventilation. Inadequate attic ventilation can cause mold and rot in the attic and ice dam problems in the winter.

Installing soffits vents, available at

home improvement stores, is a start to clearing the moisture out of the attic space, but they do little good without having a way to release or exhaust the air they take in. Installing ridge vents (or some other type of vent near the peak of the roof) can release that air.

The total net free ventilating area shall not be less than 1-to-150 of the area of the space ventilated, according to the 2003 Michigan Residential Code. That code requirement means that for every 150 square feet of ceiling area of the house you need 1 square foot of free venting area. Remember, codes are minimum standards and in this case more venting is better.

If you are uncomfortable working on a roof, have a professional do this job.

#### **PREPARE THE JOB**

Once you have found and corrected the problem, it's time to prepare for painting. Scrape all loose and flaking paint from the surface.

Allow the surface to dry for a few days if necessary. Fill any surface imperfections as required and sand.

Mildew, which is a fungus, is best removed by using a solution of one part chlorine to four parts water or a commercial mildew remover and stiff scrub brush. Be sure to wear rubber gloves and eye protection while cleaning. If the mildew persists you may have to add a mildewcide, available at home improvement or paint stores, to your paint.

Prime and paint according to the instructions on the paint can.

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

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#### Modernism

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Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. All Twilight Tours begin at 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required, call (313) 884-4222. The tour Thursday, July 28, includes refreshments on the home's terrace overlooking Lake St. Clair Tour cost is \$15 per person.

Modernism: On the Cutting Edge will be the topic July 28. In the early 20th century, Edsel Ford was a trendsetter when it came to modern design. His relationship with industrial designer Walter Dorwin Teague, who designed Ford showrooms with sleek interiors and simple furniture, led to

Teague-designed interiors and furniture at Ford House. Miller will explore these visionary designers of the era and Ford's influence on streamlining as well as his

role with the Museum of Modern Art in New York. For more information about Ford

House, visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

#### **Kids** pillow

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Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www HabermanFabrics.com. In Kids Pillow, Monday-Wednesday, July 25-27, youngsters ages 8-11 will learn fundamental sewing skills and sewing machine basics while making a simple square pillow. Fee is \$60; see the supply list for notions and supplies (all additional materials can be

bought at the end of the first class session).

**HOME CALENDAR** 

Participants will have fun learning about fabrics, applying trims and construction.

#### **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.

Now to Labor Day, the gardens are open to the public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. In September, they will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily; in October, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekends only. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors. Prearranged guided tours are available to groups.

Cranbrook House was designed by famed architect Albert Kahn in 1908. The English Arts and Crafts-style home is filled with rare antiquities, and surrounded by more than 40 acres of beautiful gardens, fountains and sculpture.

#### **GARDEN WALK CALENDAR**

**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, Saturday, For more information, 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.



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### ART

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Steeple-shaped planters with a touch of gothic style – have been well received at the store this year.

Flip-flops are favorite shapes and images for stepping stones and flags, Calcaterra said.

Containers are another trend. Placing pots of flowers among shrubs adds texture to a landscape, Calcaterra said. He said the pots should be level.

"You wouldn't hang a picture crooked on your wall, Calcaterra said. "Why have a pot crooked (in your yard)?"

#### WATER ELEMENTS

Water features are drawing attention - "anything from a large fountain to a small tabletop fountain," Walker said.

Japanese style fountains are popular, said Stephanie Nothnagle at C.G. Wilkop Landscape and Garden Center in Troy.

The types of fountains are numerous. Concrete, terracotta and copper are among their materials.

Just a few examples are stately monumental styles, and fountains with staggered tiers of cubes, dishes or other shapes.

Sculptures that serve as sprinklers are functional as well as artistic.

#### **OTHER FEATURES**

"Trends . . . are creating outdoor rooms incorporating indoor elements," Walker said.

These include upholstered furniture, coffee tables and even outdoor chandeliers, she said.

New at English Gardens is a patio table tent. Netting drops from this umbrella design, creating an enclosed space, about 12 by 8 feet. "You can sit there bug free,"

Walker said.

Outdoor lights come in a wide range of shapes, including butterfly, pyramid and orchid at Smith & Hawken.

Benches and arbors are among other favorite outdoor decor, as are firepits, low basins that hold firewood and can be adapted for cooking with the addition of a grill.

Ponds and brick pavers are some of the popular landscaperelated items, says Mike Lollio, partner with Chuck Phillips and Mike Phillips of Phillips Landscaping in Westland.

Tumbled pavers, which have an Old World look, grindstone and limestone are also going strong

"Brick pavers are a hot item." Lollio said. "People are using them in patios, sidewalks, driveways."

Boulders are being used as natural accents, he said.

#### YARD ART SOURCES

English Gardens: in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500: Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. Thrifty Florist: in Birmingham, (248) 203-2980; Livonia, (734) 421-9250; Westland, (734) 467-5144; Ann Arbor, (734) 973-5585; Huntington Woods, (248) 544-0850. For other locations, visit www.thriftyflorist.com or call (888) 847-4589.

🔳 Outdoor Accents: (734) 326-1380 Smith & Hawken: in Birmingham, (248) 593-6010; in Rochester Hills, (248) 375-1976. Authorized retailers include Plymouth Nursery, (734) 453-0155, and English Gardens.

₩ Watch Hill Home Interiors (248) 644-7445

🔳 C G. Wilkop Landscape and Garden Center (248) 828-0030

III Phillips Landscaping: (734) 422-4790

"People are getting away from timbers."

Phillips Landscaping will draw up plans for the customer to help with landscaping ideas.

However you accent your yard or garden, you can go overboard, Calcaterra said. Go slow - decide what you want and build it over time, he said. "You can really overdo."

#### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Chapter on pond design basics, is scheduled 1 p m. Saturday, July 23, at the Bloomfield Township Library, Telegraph and Lone Pine Road. For more information, call Bruce Modetz at (734) 425-7490, or Mike Paddy at (248) 646-7675; or visit www.mkpc-se.com.

#### 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 flier A slide lecture and garden tour, Hardy Roses from the North: Canadian Explorer and Morden Parkland Roses, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23. Admission is free and reservations aren't required. Rose Propagation Workshop will take

place 1 p.m. Saturday, July 30. 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 for the workshop.

The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door.

#### Pests

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 👷 🚁 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield - 14 (phone (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Royal 259.5 Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Pests and Other Plant Problems will be the topic July 27 Learn about some common problems that occur during ~ the gardening season. Solutions will be provided. Perennial Gardening will be. the topic Aug 3

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 Vegetable 150 Garden Pests, two sessions beginning 🐳 Thursday, July 28, in Livonia (fee is \$72); Fruit Tree and Shrub Pests, Mondays, Aug. 1-8, in Livonia (\$84); and Garden Design, five Wednesdays beginning Aug. 10 in Livonia (\$168). .1 3.

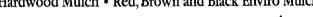
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#### BROIDA

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scription service).

In case it's not obvious, the one thing you can't do with downloaded songs is burn them to CDs. For that you'll have to purchase them outright, usually at the standard 99-cent rate (Yahoo sells them for 79 cents).

Basically, you're renting music. As long as you keep paying the monthly fee, you can stream, download, and listen to your heart's content. Cancel your subscription and the music stops (save for the stuff you own, of course).

Many people I talk to wrinkle their noses at this idea. Seems we're OK renting books at the library and movies at Blockbuster, but we're accustomed to owning our music.

This will change. I've spent weeks using Napster To Go and Yahoo Music Unlimited, and they're both fantastic. Once you get a taste of unlimited access to music, it's hard to give up. This is especially true if you like music on the

go. Grab a compatible player like the Dell DJ 30 and you can carry upwards of 15,000 songs in your pocket.

In fact, Dell is currently offering a \$50 rebate when you buy a DJ and four months of Napster To Go.

The latter costs \$14.95 per month. Yahoo costs considerably less: \$6.99 per month, or \$4.99 if you pay for a year in advance.

Both services offer free trials. Try them!

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Musicmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld. He welcomes guestions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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### Sample Sale time

Michigan Design Center's Semi-annual Floor Sample and Clearance Sale will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30.



This event gives the public an opportunity to shop MDC showrooms, offering semi-annual sale savings of 60 to 70 percent off #list prices on hundreds of floor sample items, including furniture, Oriental rugs, lighting, original art, accessories and ceramic tile. Examples are the entertainment

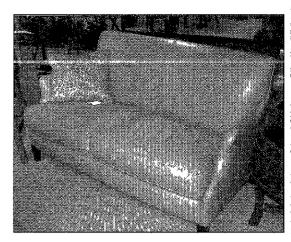
interior designers and their clients.

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center and loveseat shown here. Part of the In Concert grouping by Henredon Furniture, the entertainment center was originally \$7,824. Its Sample Sale price is \$3,129.60.

Featured in Nile Honey Leather, the Cisco Tribeca loveseat had a list price of \$3,669. Its Sample Sale price is \$1.459.

Admission is \$7, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit Gilda's Club, which provides free emotional and social support to cancer patients and their families and friends. Popular design seminars will be offered July 30 only, at no additional charge for sample sale participants. Topics include I'm Dreaming of a Beautiful Kitchen, 1 and 3 p.m.; and WOW Window Treatments: Answers to Your Window Decorating Dilemmas, 2 p.m.



During the sale, MDC's Designer on Call interior designers will be available to answer questions on both days. Designer On Call is an exclusive MDC design program that enables consumers to work one-on-one with a professional interior designer and gain access to interior furnishings from premier manufacturers across the globe, all under one roof at MDC.

Merchandise will be sold as is, and all sales are final. Payment may be made by cash or check, and most showrooms will also be accepting Visa or MasterCard. A delivery service will be available and arrangements can be made at the customer's expense. Delivery must be accepted within 10 days of purchase.

Michigan Design Center is at 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy, north off Maple (15 Mile), between Crooks and Coolidge. Visit MDC's Web site at www.michigandesign.com.



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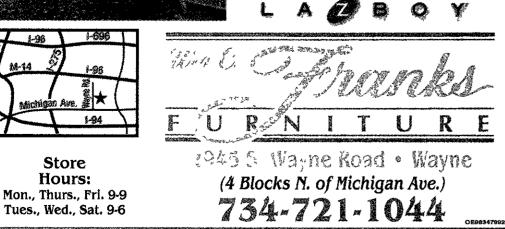
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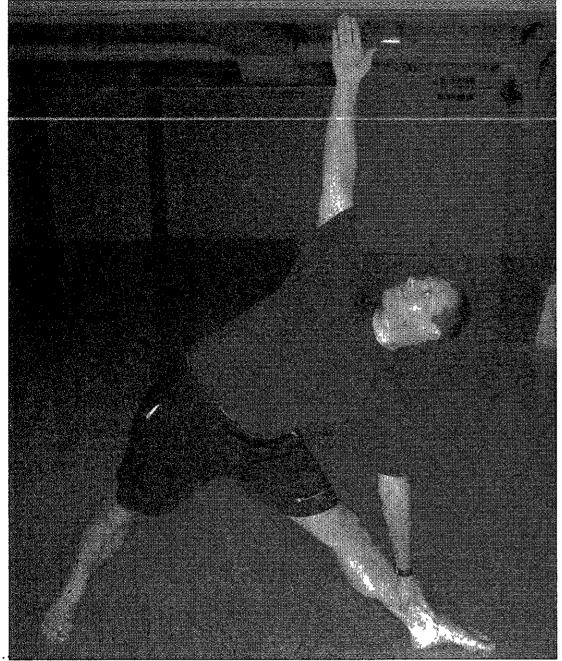
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Jason Hulshof says since he has been practicing yoga, his life has become better in every way.

### Yoga helps unify body, mind and spirit

#### BY CAROLE MCGRAW CORRESPONDENT

People often wonder if yoga is beneficial to the mind and spirit, as well as the body. Some even ask if it is a religion. Jason Hulshof, a master teacher of yoga at the Center for Yoga in Birmingham, answered questions about yoga and spirituality in a recent interview. The Center for Yoga also has locations in Rochester Hills, Southfield and West Bloomfield.

#### Jason, can you give us a little information about your own background and training?

I graduated from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., in 2000 with a degree in English. I was a wrestler in college and now I play basketball in my free time. I got interested in yoga in college and joined the Center for Yoga in 2000. I've attended teacher training in yoga for five years and now conduct between 15 and 20 various yoga classes a week.



better Christian, a Jew a better Jew, a Muslim a better Muslim and a nonbeliever a better non-believer Is there a spirituality connected with yoga?

Yes, but it's not dogmatic. The participant's own metaphors, terms, understanding lift him into a wonder-

'Yoga takes one to an altered state ... **Unhappiness** is replaced by happiness.

Jason Hulshoff master teacher of yoga

unhappiness is replaced by happiness. The body can be controlled by the will. For example, many of us have heard the story of a small, panicked woman lifting a car when she sees her child under a wheel Her very will alters her physical state. The mastery of mind can cause the body to do extraordinary

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

#### Jerusalem Marketolace

St Andrew's Episcopal Church of Livonia will be transformed into Jerusalem Marketplace for Vacation Bible School July 25-29. For kids K-6 grades and adults. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the program continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. The church is at 16360 Hubbard Road. For information, call (734)421-8451. Lighthouse cafe

Single Point Ministries presents a coffeehouse for age 30 and older 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 22, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For \$5 you get games, fellowship, music, snack and specialty coffees. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920 Vacation Bible school

#### Ranch House Kids theme 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, July 25-28, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost \$10 per child Please register by July 17. Call (734) 422-0149 or visit www.newburahumc.ora

#### Serengeti Trek

Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, July 25-29, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Soccer camp

6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 25-28, an opportunity for the beginning and intermediate soccer player (boys and girls ages 5-11) to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game. The mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention for each and every player, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road (north of I-96), Livonia. Cost is \$ 20, includes instruction, snacks, and a soccer ball and water bottle to take home Fee payable at the

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR** time of registration. Students may bring

their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. For more information, call Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830. Second language classes

Conversational English is now being offered 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96,

Livonia. No charge. For interested adults of all ages/backgrounds To register call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Mobile health fair

Garden City Presbyterian Church sponsors a fee mobile health fair in conjunction with the Presbytery of Detroit 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Garden City Park, corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman roads. For more information, call (734) 421-7620. Men's seminar

All men are invited to attend Dad's That Make a Difference, a seminar based on materials from Man in the Mirror Ministries 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia) Fee is \$15. To register or for more information, call (734) 522-6830.

**Coffee house concert** 

Featuring singer/songwriter Willard Barth 7 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. between Inkster and Middlebelt. Cost is \$10. Call (734) 421-1760. Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

#### UPCOMING

#### **Circus Spectacular**

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

#### **Prayer Safari**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church Is adding a twist to the African animal theme by calling their Bible school a 113 Prayer Safari 9 a m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug 1-5 The safari journey introduces kids to interesting lions, giraffes,  $\mathbb{-C}^{\mathbf{G}}$ zebras, rhinos, and elephants while lead-"78" ing them to Jesus. Donations accepted for the Redford school. Call (313) 937-3170: \* 1.79

#### Neighborhood Bible Time

The Youth Crusade/Vacation Bible School takes place 6:30-9 p.m Sunday-Friday, 🖧 \* Aug 7-12, for age 4 through sixth grade, 202 at United Baptist Church, 236 Middlebelt, Garden City, Call (734) 421-2373. 1 63.0

#### Warrior Wars

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

#### **Circle G Ranch**

First Congregational Church on Wayne Road, between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, turns the sanctuary into the Circle G Ranch 9 a m. to noon Aug. 8-12. No charge Call (734) 729-7550. The school kicks off with an open door rodeo with horses, roping and barrel race 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 7.

#### Family fun day

Activities include giant slide, moonwalk, rock climbing wall, puppet shows, music, hot dogs, hamburgers, everything is free, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Lighthouse Worship center, 19827 Middlebelt, north of Seven Mile, Livonia. Everyone is welcome. Call (248) 476-7933

#### **Crafters** wanted

For Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p m Saturday, Dec. 3, hand made crafts only, at St Thomas a Becket Church, 555 South Lilley, Canton. All interested crafters, call (734) 981-1333.

#### English classes

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



**DELORES M. GORCZYCA** Age 74. July 18, 2005. Beloved wife

ERIK J. PEKKALA **STEPHEN PERRISH** 

Age 43, passed away on July 18, 2005. Died July 15, 2005. Age 20. Precious m on l Detroit, MI. He was a resident of Birmingham for 7 years from West best friend of Kimberly. Stephen was an avid outdoorsman, an artist, and Bloomfield He was an assistant at loved playing music. He was co-captain of Churchill High football team, class of 2002, and loved by all. Quarton Elementary School. He grad-uated from West Bloomfield High School in 1980. Erik loved all sports, Services Saturday 11 am at St. Paul's especially an enthusiastic Spartan Fan Presbyterian Church 27475 5 Mile Rd He is survived by his parents, Peter and Eleanor Pekkala of West Bloomfield; sister, Lynn (Peter) Root Livonia. Family suggests memorials to St. Paul's mission fund. Share a condolence. of Birmingham; nephew, Alex, and two nieces, Kelsey and Kate. Funeral www.mannsfergusonfuneralhome.com service at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Thursday, July 21, 11:00 A.M. with LEONA ARLENE (MORGAN) HUGHES Reverend David J. Hanna officiating. Age 76, of Troy MI., Died July 5, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital, Visitation at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham, Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Interment will be private in Port Austin Troy, MI. Beloved wife of Richard Hughes. Loving mother of Philip Hughes (Linda) of Carsonville, MI., Township Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made to The Christopher Lori Burris (Jim) of Auburn Hills, Reeve Paralysis Foundation, 500 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ, 07081 MI., Stephen Hughes (Sherry) of Washington Township, MI. Patrick Hughes (Patricia) of Carsonville, MI. and the late Connie L. Smith (1991). May You Dear sister of Weldon Morgan (Asaleeta) of Clarkston, MI. Grand $oldsymbol{F}$ ind mother of 14. Great Grandmother of Leona was a member of Troy Comfort in Assembly of God and loved by her Family Friends family. Gathering of Friends on Saturday July 23, 2005 from 11:00 am. until memorial service at 12:00 noon at the Troy Assembly of God WILLIAM J. "FATHER BILL" DOWELL Church, 3200 Livernois Road (between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads), Troy. Funeral arrangements by: Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd., Btwn. Big Beaver & Age 85 of Livonia died July 17, 2005 Beloved brother of John (Margaret) Dowell, Mary Jean (George) Peabody and George (the late Margaret) Wattles Rds.) Troy. 248-689-0700. Memorials to Troy Assembly of God. Dowell. Also numerous nieces and

#### Can you define yoga?

Yoga is a discipline used to heal the body and mind. It attempts to help the student live a harmonious, ethical life ... to be healthy and strong and to perfect the breath

How does it relate to the mind or spiritual aspects of the participant? It uses body posture and breathing to move beyond the physical. It also concentrates on mental mastery by using meditation to direct mental energies where the participant wants them to go.

#### Is yoga a religion in any sense of the word?

The Latin root of the word religion comes from "re-bound," which means having a sense of life tied together, not alienated from the self, others and the truths of life. In this way it is a religion. But it is not a religion in the sense that one has to give up their own beliefs or rituals that are meaningful to them. Yoga is meant to make a Christian a

#### ful, transcendent experience. Does yoga express a connection with a god?

Its origin is in the spirituality the East. But it is very non-sectarian and tied to universal truths.

How old is the practice of yoga? Yoga began in India approximately 5.000 years ago. The first written text of yoga scriptures are the Hindu "Vedas," the ancient Hindu scriptures. It can be separated from the formal Hindu religion because it concentrates on personal growth rather than

#### doama. Does yoga go hand in hand with meditation?

Yes. Yoga emphasizes focus on breathing. It is a physical way of meditating. Yoga postures enable the participant to strengthen and stabilize his mind There's a good book on this subject called The Relaxation Response by Dr. Herbert Benson Is yoga or meditation designed to transport a person to an "altered state"?

Yes. Yoga takes the participant to an altered state ... tension is relaxed ...

#### things What is the meaning of the conclusion of a yoga session when the yogi says, "The light in me honors the light in you ... Namaste"? It simply is a gesture of respect ... I respect you. I want you to be happy. I have good will for you. Kind of like

"Aloha." Why were you attracted to yoga? I went through a wild stage in my life. During that time I was attracted to a voga book I got immersed in it and thought I would try it out. I learned the postures from the book and when I practiced them, my life turned around. How has voga changed your life? My life is better in every imaginable way I'm physically healthier. My emotional ties to my family and friends have grown. My ethical commitments are stronger. I've developed a creativity and passion for my work because I practice yoga daily. I have a strong connection to God ... and ultimate truths are much more real to me. I also eat healthier food and make healthier choices in what I read and watch on DVDs.

(Doug) Sund, Debbie (Dennis) Gauthier, Cindy ( William) Schueler Gene A (Karla), Kathy ( Paul) Keyser and Robert ( Joanne). Dearest daugh-ter of Celia Glinski Sister of Cecelia Daily, Joann Mason and Raymond Glinski and the late Eleanor LeBlanc Also survived by 13 grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held at R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Friday from 6-9 with Rosary Service at 7 pm A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Colette Catholic Church. 17600 Newburgh, Livonia Saturday, at 9:30 am. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice.

#### ELAINE A. JENSEN

July 18, 2005 age 63 of Westland Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Michael James (Monica), John William (Kim), & Julie Ann. Sister of Arleen Helwig, Charles (Marge) Helwig, Carol Miles, & the late Marilyn Lehman & Robert Helwig. Loving grandmother of Ashley Miranda, Eric, Kurt & Matthew Instate at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church 35320 Glenwood Rd., Westland Fri. 9 am until time of service at 10am. Family will receive friends Wed. 5-9pm & Thur. 12-9 pm at Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd Westland. Family requests memorials to the church. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

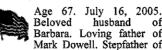


September 14, 1920 - July 14, 2005, age 84, of Mt Clemens, formerly of Livonia. He worked at

Burroughs Corp. in Livonia as a Mechanical Engineer for 34 years. Kenneth was retired from USMC as LM MgySgt. Aviation 1942-1978 Survived by sister, Janet and brotherin-law, Frank Otlewski. Father of Peter, Ronald, Kathleen, and Sandra He asked that his remains be sent to Arlington National Cemetery in Springfield, VA. Funeral arrangements were made by the Buresh and Kobs Funeral Home in Tawas City, MI.

#### LAWRENCE DOWELL

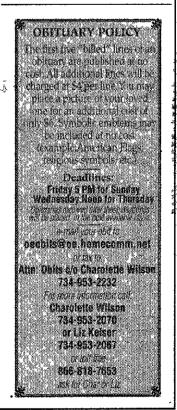
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Brian (Carmen) Boyd. Dear grandfather of Jackie, Jordan, Chris, and Matthew. Brother of Virginia (Don) Long, Joan Ray, and Billy (Barbara) Dowell. Son-in-law of Margaret Cowley. Brother-in-law of Carole (Joel) Layne. Survived by many nieces & nephews. Larry was a local Barber for 42 years, a member of the 82nd Airborne Unit, and an accom plished saxophone player. He will be sadly missed by all. Services were held July 19 at Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford. Interment Parkviev Memorial, Livonia



nephews. Father Bill was born in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley and Catherine Dowell on September 29, 1919. He began his education at St. Theresa then went on to Sacred Heart seminary, Sacred Heart Seminary College, Catholic University of America, and had further studies at Georgetown, Middlebury Vermont, and in France. As a professor at Sacred Heart Seminary High School he taught English, Religion and French. At Sacred Heart Seminary College he taught Sociology, at St. Joseph an providence Nursing School he taught Êthics. His first assignment was with Visitation Parish in Detroit, then Sacred Heart Seminary' for 17 years. He later became Pastor at St. Clement of Romeo, Pastor at St. Jude of Detroit, Pastor at St. Sylvester in Warren and Pastor of Price of Peace in West Bloomfield where he retired in 1994. Funeral mass from Prince of Peace Catholic Church 4300 Walnut Lake Rd. West Bloomfield (2 Blocks West of Orchard Lake Rd.) Friday 11 AM. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Detroit Friends may visit at the church Thursday 1-9 pm. (Vigil at 7:00 pm) and on Friday 10 am. until time of Service. memorials to Senior Clergy Village of Livonia appreciated. For more information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake (248)624-2251



### Pastor's awed by her ordination, chance to serve

A few years ago, Kristal Smith began to feel a call to become a pastor. She ended up enrolling at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersev.

Smith became the Rev. Kristal Taylor Smith July 10 at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, where she and her family had worshiped before moving to New Jersey.

"We were baptized here on the same day as our oldest daughter," said Smith, 36, mom to children ages 9, 8 and 2. "We were brand-new Christians."

She felt the call for about eight months and decided to pursue seminary studies. She and husband Dave had their youngest child while Smith was in seminary.

"The youngest theology stu-

dent ever," she said with a smile. "I took him to class with me.' She returned to Geneva July

10 for her ordination following graduation. Smith will serve as associate pastor at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Pa., working with the senior pastor with a focus on lay ministry and small groups.

Smith described her feelings upon ordination as humbled, awed, excited, "but trusting in God." The Pennsylvania position began July 18.

Her Princeton class was about 60/40 men and women, although she was in the upper quarter of age, with more students recent college graduates. The Presbyterian denomination has ordained women for nearly 50 years.

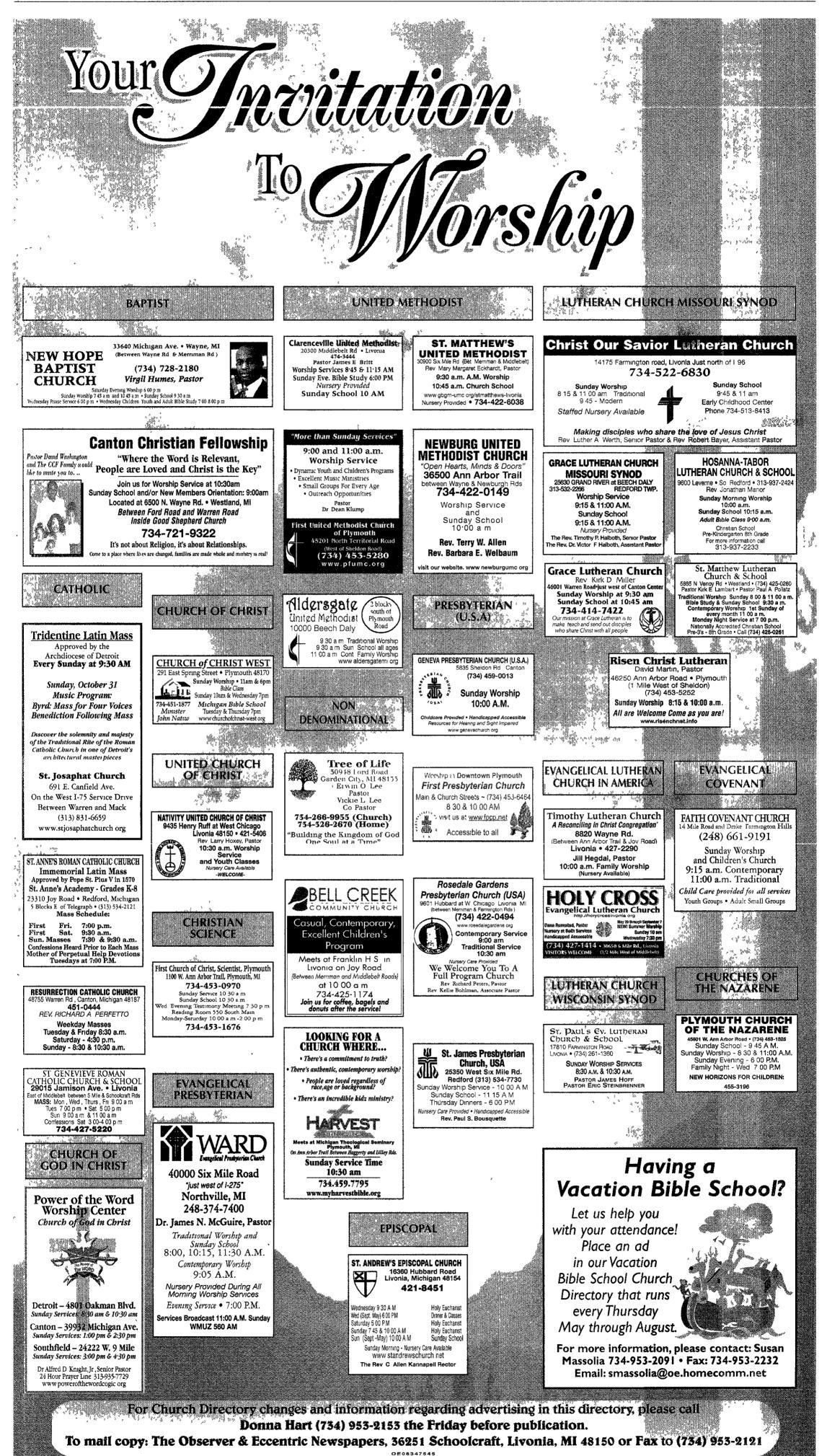
- Julie Brown Geneva's session.



Heather Doering (right) hugs the

newly ordained Rev. Kristal Smith.

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### Soak up summer's berry season with fresh blueberries



Observer

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

It's hard to find a fruit that epitomizes summertime more than blueberries. Their frosty sheen reflects



#### Focus on gazpacho

Learn and sample gaz<sup>2</sup> pacho varieties at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23.

First created in Andalucía, Spain, gazpacho is a soup that is served chilled at room temperature and began as a way to make use of bread fragments or crumbs. The bread is traditionally combined with vinegar, water, oil, garlic and other available seasonings. Uncooked vegetables are also added - sometimes overripened or because of their abundance - and combined in the broth of tomato purée, juice or chicken stock.

Originally developed as peasant fare, today's versions are much more complex with added seafood and nuts and fruits, creating a gourmet summer meal.

"Gazpacho is the perfect summer dish," said William Hall, chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market. "It is altogether nourishing, cooling and refreshing."

Papa Joe's gazpachos are made with a combination of six different varieties of fresh tomatoes paired with its own handmade bread. The more modern styles begin with yogurt, fish stock or nuts and fruits. The six gazpa-

their freshness whether you shop for them at a farmer's market or supermarket or visit the Upick farms, most of which are in western Michigan.

Sharon Jones of the Jones Berry Farm in Bridgeman, near St. Joseph, said this year's ueberry crop "looks good."

blueberry crop "looks good." "Even though we haven't had rain, our U-pick field is irrigated," she sai'd last week. The Bluecrop will be ready to pick for one more week, then the Jersey crop, a sweeter berry, will be ready next week, she said.

Consumers enjoy blueberries. Michigan leads the nation in blueberry production, producing 32 percent of the blueberries eaten in the United States, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Allegan, Berrien, Muskegon, Ottawa and Van Buren counties on the western side of Michigan's Lower Peninsula comprise the state's primary blueberry growing region.

Michigan's harvest season began in mid-July and is expected to end in late

Blueberries can be used in many recipes beyond the traditional September. Popular varieties include the Bluecrop, the Elliot and the Jersey.

pie. **Pages B9, B10.**  The deep, dark indigo color of blueberries is created by anthocyanin, an antioxidant, that bursts forth from this rich berry. (Antioxidants are substances that can reduce cell damage

that could lead to cancer, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research.) Blueberries also are a source of vitamins A and C, potassium and folate.

These days scientists are studying the health benefits of this little ol' berry.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging in Boston developed the Oxygen Radical Absorbance

Capacity, which qualifies the antioxidant capacity of foods. Fresh blueberries have a high level of ORAC (a score of 2,400 per 100 grams), where five servings of some fruits and vegetables in a typical American diet score about 1,600.

#### **FRESH AND LOCAL**

Jennifer Trainer Thompson writes in her new book, Very Blueberry (Ten Speed

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### BLUEBERRY LATTICE TOP PIE

2 cups flour 1 teaspoon sugar ½ teaspoon salt ⅔ cup shortening 1 teaspoon vanilla 4 tablespoons ice water

#### Filling:

4 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen 4 teaspoons lemon juice 3/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup corn starch 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind 2 tablespoons butter

Combine dry ingredients. Cut in shortening with pastry blender or with two knives, until it resembles coarse crumbs. In a separate container, combine vanilla with the ice water, add to dry ingredients, tossing with fork until dough forms a soft ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 15-20 minutes then roll out about% of the dough on a lightly floured surface. Gently line a 9-inch pie plate, allowing about%-inch to overhang. Roll remaining dough to about a 10-inch circle. Cut into%-inch strips with a knife or pastry wheel.

Meanwhile, place blueberries in a bowl and sprinkle with lemon juice. In a separate bowl mix sugar, corn starch, cinnamon and lemon peel. Add this

to the berries, combine well. Transfer to pastry shell. Dot with butter. Weave the strips of prepared pastry over top until covered. Moisten rim with water. Press ends of strips to rim. Fold the overhanging pastry over and flute the edges. Brush with milk or egg white.

> Place in 400°F oven for about 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F and bake 30-40 minutes longer, or until crust is golden brown. Cool on wire rack before cutting.

chos to be featured on July 23 are red with fresh tomatoes, onions, and celery; yellow with fresh avocado and red onion; white with almonds, grapes and cucumbers; seafood with crab, shrimp and scallops; green with yogurt, green herbs and watercress, and roasted pepper with sherry vinegar, cinnamon and hot spices.

These gazpachos will be available to taste and take home. Hall and his assistants will be giving cooking demonstrations featuring these recipes.

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market is located at 34244 Woodward in Birmingham. The phone number is (248) 723-9400.

#### **Yoplait Smoothie**

Yoplait has introduced a single-serve yogurt smoothie that's convenient for today's consumer who is pressed for time and looking for healthy snack options. Yoplait Smoothies are available in "original" and "light" versions with three flavors each.

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CHICKEN PASTA SALAD WITH BLUEBERRIES

Dressing 1 cup fat free red wine vinegar dressing

#### Salad

3 cups spiral pasta 2 cups (about 1 pound) cooked chicken, cubed 1 cup sliced celery 1 cup fresh blueberries 1 cup pea pods, trimmed, cut in half ½ cup finely chopped red pepper ¼ cup chopped parsley ¼ cup chopped red onion ¼ cup red wine vinegar 2-3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil Salt and pepper to taste 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to directions on package. About 1 minute before it is cooked, add the pea pods. Drain and rinse with cold water. To a large bowl, add pasta and pea pods along with the remaining salad ingredients, except Parmesan cheese. Toss with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Red Wine Vinegar Dressing. Cover; refrigerate several hours or overnight to blend flavors. Before serving, toss with remaining dressing and Parmesan cheese.

Yield: 12 (1 cup) servings

Nutrition Information: Calories 191; total fat 4 g; cholesterol 36 mg; sodium 382 mg; potassium 203 mg; total carbohydrates 21 g; protein 16 g

Recipes courtesy of the Michigan Blueberry Growers Association.



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#### CALENDAR

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#### Picnic in the park

The third annual Potluck Picnic in the Park will be hosted by Valerie Wilson (MacroVal) noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23. All food is vegetarian, vegan and macrobiotic. Bring one healthy dish to share and the fee is \$5, or come for the food and fun for \$12 (the fee covers the cost of food and supplies). Call Val for more information, or if you are planning to attend, at (734) 261-2856.

#### **Healthy Cooking Classes**

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: Quick and Easy Dishes on Wednesday, July 27 (fee, \$30), and a four-week Beginning Series. This class is the most informative. Class fee is \$120 (or \$30 for each class). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are scheduled 6-9 p.m in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

### **BLUEBERRY**

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Press/Celestial Arts/Crossing Press, \$5.95), that a research chemist determined that a compound called pterostilbene may possibly lower cholesterol "as well as drugs on the market

"Scientists haven't moved yet beyond the early testing phase, nor have they proposed how many blueberries one would have to eat, but it does seem clear: blueberries can help fight a multitude of ailments," she writes. "Moreover, they are rich in fiber and vitamin C (a half cup is equivalent to 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C.)'

Her book contains 40 recipes of traditional favorites of blueberry muffins and blueberry pie along with other nontraditionals, such as grilled swordfish with blueberry-verbena butter and New York strip steak with blueberry port sauce.

"Never wash berries - fresh, dried or frozen - until you're about to serve them or use them to brighten muffins or pancakes, enliven rice and

salad or add color to desserts," Thompson writes. "Swirled into your pancake batter in January, they will remind you of that hot August afternoon you picked the perfect blue ball and popped it into your mouth while it was still warm from the sun."

#### **USE THEM IN MAIN DISHES**

Blueberries just taste good - on pancakes, in smoothies, muffins or blueberry buckles. Of course, they are probably most often used in pies by culinary artists everywhere.

But there are other ways they can be prepared, like combined with chicken and lettuce in a main dish salad. Or a soup to cut the summer chill. (See related recipes.) If you are looking to stock up to prepare them all year long, they are easily frozen on a sheet pan, then stored in freezer bags. You can buy 10-20 pounds for your family to enjoy all year long. (Visit www.blueberries.com, the Web site of the Michigan **Blueberry Growers** Association, which lists the U-pick blueberry farms in Michigan and recipes.)

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#### GLAZED BLUEBERRY

BREAKFAST ROLLS 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated

#### pizza crust dough Vegetable cooking spray

**Blueberry filling:** 3/4 cup blueberries, finely chopped \* 2 tablespoons orange juice

2 tablespoons sugar 2 teaspoons corn starch 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

#### Glaze:

Flour

1/2 cup powdered sugar 1 tablespoon milk 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel

Preheat oven to 375°F. Coat 12 muffin cups with vegetable cooking spray. In a small pan, combine blueberry filling ingredients, stirring to dissolve corn starch. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick and bubbly (about 3 minutes). Set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Unroll pizza dough onto a lightly floured surface; pat into a 12 x 9inch rectangle. Spread blueberry filling over dough, leaving a 1/2inch border along the sides. Beginning with a long side, roll up jelly-roll fashion; pinch seam to seal (do not seal ends of roll). Cut roll into 12 (1-inch) slices. Place slices, cut sides up, in coated muffin cups. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove rolls from pan; cool on a wire rack for at least 15 minutes before adding glaze

For glaze: Combine powdered sugar, milk and grated orange peel, stirring until smooth. Drizzle icing over rolls.

Yield: 12 rolls Nutrition Information: Calo-

ries 96; total fat 1 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 131 mg; potassium 15 mg; total carbohydrates 20 g; protein 2 g.

#### BLUEBERRY FRUIT SMOOTHIE

1 cup low-fat vanilla ice cream 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (do not thaw) 1/2 cup light peaches, packed in water or natural juices, chopped 1/2 cup unsweetened pineapple luice

1/4 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt

Place all ingredients in a blender. Cover and mix until smooth, about 30 to 45 seconds. Yield: 2 servings; about 2-1/2 cups.

#### FRESH BLUEBERRY-STRAWBERRY

MOUSSE PIE 1 envelope unflavored gelatin ¼ cup cold water 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1 cup fresh blueberries, finely chopped

1 cup sliced fresh strawberries, hulled and finely chopped <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup confectioners' sugar

1 (8 ounce) container lite whipped topping

1 (9-inch) prepared graham cracker crumb crust

In a small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over cold water; let stand 1 minute. Stir over low heat until gelatin is completely dissolved (about 1 minute). Stir in lemon juice; set aside to cool. In a large bowl, add blueberries, strawberries and confectioners' sugar; toss to coat. Stir in dissolved gelatin. Fold in whipped topping; spoon pie mixture into crust. Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours or until firm. Garnish suggestions: whipped topping, additional fresh fruit or serve with blueberry sauce (see recipe below).

Yield: 8 servings

#### **Blueberry Sauce**

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, thawed ¼ cup orange juice ¼ cup water ¼ cup sugar 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Combine all ingredients in a medium saucepan. Cook and stir constantly over medium heat 4 to 5 minutes or until thickened. Yield: about 2 cups.

#### **GRILLED SWORDFISH** WITH BLUEBERRY-VERBENA BUTTER

For a change, use red snapper or salmon in place of swordfish. The best lemon verbena comes freshly picked from the garden. 1/4 cup unsalted butter, at room tèmperature

1/2 cup fresh or partially thawed frozen blueberries

1/8 teaspoon kosher salt 1/4 cup young lemon verbena

leaves, finely chopped 1 tablespoon minced shallot

4 (6-ounce, 1-inch-thick) swordfish steaks

2 tablespoons vegetable oil salt and freshly ground black pepper

With the back of a fork or in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade, blend the butter, blueberries and salt until completely blended. This may take up to

two minutes in the food processor. Transfer the butter 🛓 mixture to a bowl. Fold in the verbena and shallot. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour to allow the flavors to develop. (Store the butter in the refrigerator for up to one month or freeze it for up to Я three months.)

Prepare a fire in a charcoal 1910 grill or preheat a gas grill to 10317 medium-high. Rub the fish nla with the oil and season with The salt and pepper to taste. Place bris the fish on the grill rack and nne cook, turning once, for about mill five minutes on each side. The swordfish is ready when it has stift turned from translucent to 100 opaque throughout. Transfer 1166 the fish to plates. Place one 973 tablespoon of the blueberry verbena butter on each steak. Serve immediately. Serves four. ind

7 D9 NEW YORK STRIP STEAK sigr aut WITH BLUEBERRY-PORT SAUCE

This rich blueberry sauce also 109 tastes wonderful over duck, DIM. chicken, or lamb. Thyme and OV. mint are excellent substitutions ulq for the rosemary. tom 2 tablespoons minced shallots 12 1 cup fresh or thawed frozen • សាធំ blueberries N 14 1-1/2 cups port the 1 cup beef broth 2 teaspoons sugar 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemarv 1 tablespoon unsalted butter 4 (8-ounce) New York strip steaks

2 tablespoons canola oil

salt and freshly ground black pepper

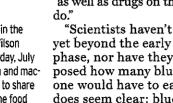
In a saucepan, combine the shallots, blueberries, port, broth and sugar, and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil for about one hour, until reduced to 1/2 cup. Remove from the heat and stir in the rosemary and butter. Keep warm.

Prepare a fire in a charcoal grill or preheat a grill to high. Pat the steaks dry, brush both sides with the oil, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Place on the grill rack and cook for four to five minutes on each side for medium-rare. Remove from the heat and set aside to rest for five minutes. Place one steak on each plate and drizzle two tablespoons of the sauce over each. Serve immediately.

Serves four.

Recipes courtesy of the Michigan Blueberry Growers Association.

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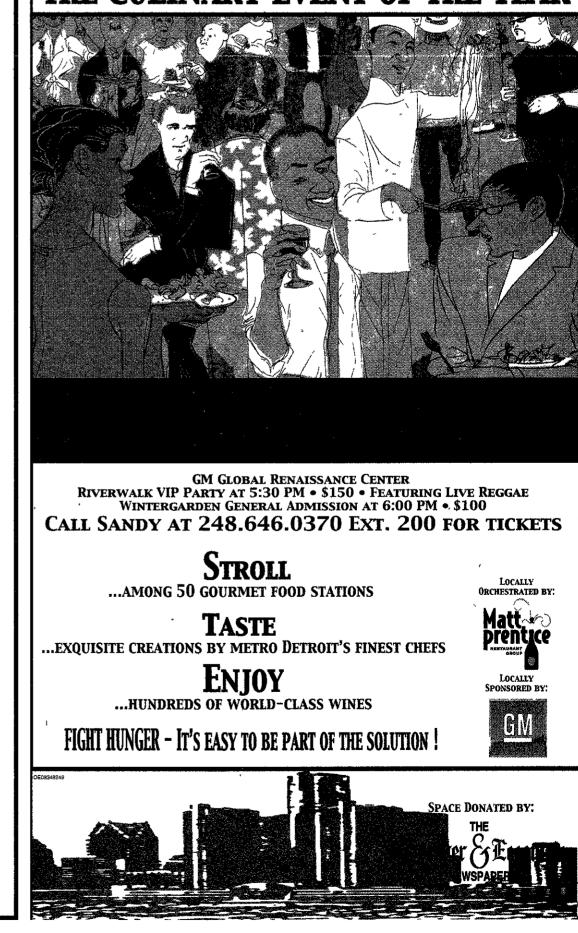
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### Have blueberries for dinner in this salad

#### BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

Because of globalization in the food industry and the efficiency of modern transportation, we can now enjoy fresh blueberries almost year round. They are flown in from Chile and New Zealand, when their summers take place during our winters. But since they are sold in small plastic boxes at prices that might easily amount to four dollars per cup, most of us need to indulge with a close , eye on our food budgets.

Happily, locally grown blueberries are now at their height, sometimes still frosted with the silvery bloom signalling they are virtually just picked. Whether the berries in your local store come from New Jersey, Michigan, the Pacific Northwest, or Canada, these plump, fresh berries are more affordable, too, inviting us to use them more often and more casually. This is good, since blueberries rate the highest of all fresh fruits and vegetables on a scale

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developed by scientists to measure their antioxidant content.

Blueberries are usually associated with pancakes and muffins served at breakfast, and pies and cobblers for dessert. But more recently, they have begun showing up in salads and on the dinner plate. Fresh blueberries give a new

twist to spinach or mixed

greens salad. Try adding them, along with a sprinkling of finely chopped shallots, then dress the salad with a tangy balsamic vinaigrette.

On sultry summer days when you want to avoid cooking, try serving this onedish dinner of chicken salad made with store-bought roasted chicken breast and blueberries, tossed with a creamy, low-fåt buttermilk dressing, and served on a bed of baby spinach and crisp watercress.

#### CHICKEN SALAD WITH BLUEBERRIES

¼ cup slivered almonds, for garnish (optional) 1 cup fat-free or reduced-fat buttermilk

1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice 1 tablespoon orange juice, preferably fresh

- Salt and freshly ground white pepper, to taste 4 packed cups baby spinach,
- roughly chopped 4 packed cups watercress sprigs.
- roughly chopped 4 cups (12 ounces or<sup>3</sup>/4 pound)
- diced cooked chicken breast

1 Granny Smith apple, cored and diced

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1 cup fresh blueberries, for garnish (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Toast almonds (if using) on a baking sheet until lightly browned, 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside.

Whisk together the buttermilk, mayonnaise, lemon and orange juice. Season to taste with salt and white pepper. Set aside.

Divide the spinach and watercress among 4 salad plates. Top with the chicken and apple. Drizzle the dressing over the salads. Garnish each salad with a sprinkle of almonds and blueberries. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 262 calories, 10 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 9 g. carbohydrate, 31 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 296 mg. sodium.

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





### **Detroit area Select** Michigan event schedule

Here is a list of Select **Michigan Blueberries** events:

Thursday, July 21 Farmer Jack, 26400 Ford, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-8340, 4-7 p.m. Event features Greenfield

Village's own Chef Nick Seccia

📕 Friday, July 22 Farmer Jack, 3600 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 642-7090, 4-6 p.m.

🔳 Saturday, July 23 Farmer Jack, 1495 N. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 651-7910, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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🔳 Sunday, July 24 Farmer Jack, 225 Canton Center South, Canton, (734) 844-1500, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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### Go wild with these recipes

#### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Recalling the New England summers of her childhood, food and travel writer Linda Dannenberg says, she thinks of blueberries.

"I can still smell my mother's lattice-topped blueberry pies cooling on our screened back porch, and taste the plump and tender sugar-topped blueberry muffins that we bought every August morning at Humphreys bakery on Martha's Vineyard," she writes.

Years ago, she adds, "We just loved them for themselves – tiny, perfect wash-and-ready fruit with lovely, thin indigo skin, very few seeds, a delicate balance of acidity and sweetness, and dainty, ruffled crowns."

Now, scientific reports published over the last five years, stemming from studies at Tufts University, Rutgers University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, have hailed the blueberry's nutritional assets as a potent antioxidant with beneficial properties.

Dannenberg's new book, *True Blueberry* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2005, \$22.50), is a trove of blueberry lore and background, summarizes her research, and features a variety of recipes, including favorites she collected from chefs and home cooks.

You can find blueberries these days in a wide variety of products, first among them fresh blueberries, both cultivated and wild, she says.

Wild blueberries, commonly called "low-bush" blueberries because they grow low to the ground in the sandy barrens of New England and eastern Canada, are generally quite small, often no larger than a baby pea, and range in flavor from tangy and sour to exquisitely sweet.

Cultivated, commercially grown blueberries were developed as hearty hybrids from wild high-bush blueberry plants in the Northeast that were able to thrive in areas where blueberries were not originally grown.

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As well as fresh berries, there

are air- or heat-dried blueberries, sometimes called dehydrated blueberries, that resemble raisins; freeze-dried berries that are light and crunchy; canned blueberries, and blueberry juice.

Here's a breakfast suggestion for light, lemony pancakes adapted from a recipe developed by Jeff Jackson, executive chef at A.R. Valentien, at the Lodge in Torrey Pines, La Jolla, Calif.

#### LEMON-RICOTTA PANCAKES WITH BLUEBERRY-PEACH COMPOTE

Blueberry-Peach Compote: ½ cup sugar ½ cup water 2 cups fresh blueberries 1 cup dried blueberries 2 peaches

#### Lemon-Ricotta Pancakes:

6 large eggs, separated ½ cup sugar 3 tablespoons finely grated lemon zest ½ cup flour ½ teaspoon salt 1-½ cups ricotta 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted

butter, melted 2 to 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

To make the blueberry-peach compote: In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine the sugar and water and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add the fresh and dried blueberries and stir to combine. Turn the heat down to low and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring once or twice. Remove from the heat and set aside.

Meanwhile, bring a small pot of water to a rolling boil and lower in the peaches. Cook for several minutes, just until the skins split. Remove and immediately plunge them into an icewater bath. Peel the peaches, remove the pits, and, working over a dish to retain the juices, cut the peaches into small chunks. Fold the peaches and juice into the blueberry mixture. Cover and set aside until ready to serve.

To make the lemon-ricotta pancakes: In the bowl or an electric mixer, combine the egg yolks, sugar, and lemon zest and mix at medium speed for about 3 minutes, until the mixture is satiny and pale yellow. Add the flour and salt and mix for two minutes. Add the ricotta and butter and mix until incorporated. Set aside.

In another bowl, whip the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks. Fold one-third of the egg whites into the yolk mixture. Add the remaining egg white mixture and gently fold it in, working to maintain as much volume as possible.

Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large skillet or griddle over high heat. When hot, reduce the heat to medium-high. Ladle the batter into the skillet, about<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup per pancake. Flip when the edges just start to turn brown and little bubbles begin to form in the pancake. Cook just until lightly browned on the other side. Add a little bit more oil as needed for each batch. Serve immediately, accompanied by the Blueberry-Peach Compote the served in a sauceboat or bowl at the table.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

#### BLUEBERRY-BEET BORSCHT

3 cups water

 pound (about 4 medium) beets, peeled and cut into matchstick strips
 cup fresh blueberries
 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 tablespoon sugar
 teaspoons salt
 Freshly ground black pepper to

taste Sour cream, for garnish

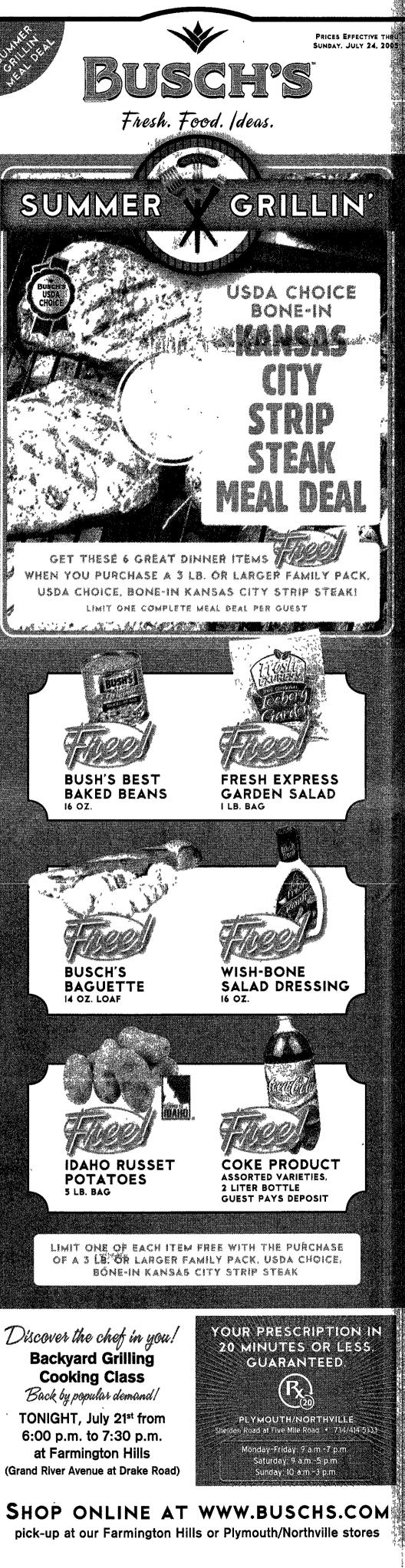
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill, optional, for garnish

In a large saucepan or medium soup pot, combine the water, beets, blueberries, lemon juice, sugar, salt, and several turns of the pepper mill; stir to combine. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes, until the beets are tender. Cool to room temperature, then transfer the soup to a storage container, cover, and refrigerate.

Serve chilled, in soup cups garnished with a spoonful of sour cream and, if you wish, a sprinkling of dill.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

All recipes from *True Blueberry* by Linda Dannenberg, Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2005, \$22 50





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### not for the faint of heart

If purchasing a fixerupper, rehabbing it and then selling it at a tremendous profit is on your mind, think again. It isn't that easy, say those in the know. The process, called "flipping," isn't new, but has recently gained popularity

along with "reality" shows like TLC's *Property Ladder*. The show follows first-time flippers as they attempt to repair "fixer-uppers" with little help from contractors in eight to 12 weeks ap

"fixer-uppers" with little help from contractors in eight to 12 weeks and then sell. They exceed both the budget and deadline and hit major snags, but still manage to make a major profit.

John Filar, owner of APAC Properties, Nekter Lianakis, owner of Nema Capital Group and Wayde Koehler, president of Real Estate Investors of Wayne County all had the same opinion of the show: yeah, right.

"People think it's so easy and when I inform them of all the work involved, they are surprised," Filar said. "It's a worthwhile business but you've got to become knowledgeable before you jump in."

Filar, who's been flipping houses in south Oakland County for 10 years, started out on the proverbial ground floor.

"I can do almost anything and everything myself, but I stay away from furnaces and roofing," he said. "I save at least double --- if not triple --- what it would cost for someone else to do the other work."

Before purchasing a property, Filar said he takes

a long, hard look at what needs to be done

and estimates the costs and the time involved. Depending on the size of the home, it takes between two and four months to complete the renovations and spends between \$15,000 and 45\$25,000 on new kitchen and bathroom cabinetry, new windows, paint and flooring.

"This business is all about opportunities and its feast or famine," Filar said, adding he is currently working 70 to 80 hours, a week. "It all depends on the market and right now is a good opportunity to buy, but it's really hard to sell." Lianakis, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue, became interested in flipping as a college

student. Not keen on dorm life, Lianakis' search for a house took him to the front porch of a major fixer-upper. He took one look and turned away. A short time later, he viewed the house again, saw the new cabinets, ceramic tile and flooring and purchased it for \$110,000.

"I could have bought it at \$70,000 and did the work myself," he said, adding he learned about home refurbishing from his father.

With a secure position at General Motors, Lianakis and his father purchased their first flip in Detroit.

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"It took us six months to finish it. We worked on the property wherever we could and it took more money than we expected,' he said. But he was hooked and gave GM his

notice. "I think it s a disease all Greek men have," he said "We don't like to work for anyone."

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Lianakis now handles the financial side and has agreements with banks and capitol investors who make a 12 to 15 percent profit backed by real estate. He contracts out the work on homes he purchases on the northwest side of Detroit, Eastpointe, Birmingham, Royal Oak and Canton.

Lianakis prides himself on installing top quality products in his flips and invests an average of \$15,000 in each home.

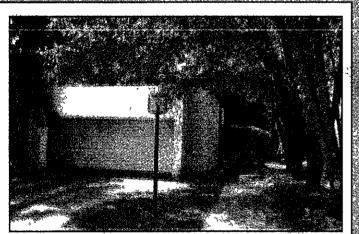
"I make Detroit look like Royal Oak and Birmingham," he said. "I have to stick out from everyone else and be different."

He lives in Birmingham and is preparing to move to Waterford into a foreclosed lakefront property.

Wayde Koehler, president of Real Estate Investors of Wayne County, has never flipped a house, but he's worked with plenty of people who do.

Koehler's group serves as an educational resource for those who invest in real estate or are thinking about doing so. It takes a lot of time, money and mostly know-how to make flipping work. His advice for newbie's?

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### Look to Lansing for relief for possible unfair assessments

Recently a condo board levied an equal assessment to all co-owners to replace siding and windows. There are a variety of types of windows in the condo and on the basis of an equal assessment, many units were unfairly assessed. How can a revision addition to the Michigan Condominium Act be initiated to preclude such inequitable assessments? All initiatives with respect to the change in the statute must be originated in the Michigan legislature. You may be best advised to consult with a condominium attorney who can bring that before the Real Property, Condominium subcommittee of the State Bar of Michigan or consult your legislator. I had heard about river boat gambling casinos helping to revitalize communities and am thinking about putting an investment group together. Do you have any information, particularly, about the Quad cities?

The Quad cities are located on the Mississippi between Illinois and Iowa and have deteriorated over a period of years because of industry leaving the town, as well as passenger train service. On the other hand, river boat gambling has been authorized and there is gambling on both sides of the Mississippi which has attracted tourist and development in the downtown areas of all the four cities. As in any investment, you are advised to consult with an attorney and real estate person in the locale in which you are considering to develop river boat gambling and, obviously, it will be necessary to obtain the appropriate licenses and comply with the other regulations of both State and Federal law.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition.



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Unfortunately, many aspiring new homeowners tackle the insurance task at the last minute, perhaps even as an after-thought. Predictably, the results are that they are caught by surprise with a several-hundred dollar bill for their new policy, or they accept a policy that was written quickly instead of correctly, or both.

Glenn Miller, an exclusive agent for Allstate Insurance in Westland, says there are some simple and effective things homebuyers can do to optimize their insurance dollars. Most of them, he admonishes, require action early in the mortgage approval or homebuying process.

"Most buyers already pay for building inspections during the first few days of a home purchase transaction, but they should really insist that the evaluation thoroughly details every discrepancy from dings in the walls to code violations, from missing porch railings to hidden living hazards," he said.

Having a detailed list of home discrepancies does not necessarily mean that your purchase should be delayed, but it can

help perhaps justify a commensurate reduction in your purchase offer for the property. After the sale, clients typically have a month or so to make any required repairs, depending on the insurance company with whom they choose to work.

"Homeowners can also 'cash in' on improvements to the roof, the plumbing or the electrics," Miller adds, "as these updates can sometimes lead to insurance premium savings of up to 15 percent." Today's

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with the other parts of your home purchase, you may benefit greatly by getting an early jump on the process and by seeking to learn from knowledgeable professionals along the wav.

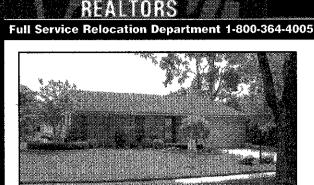
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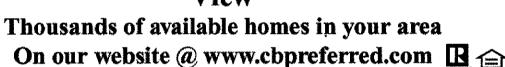


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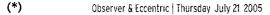
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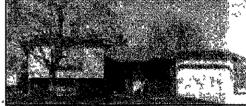
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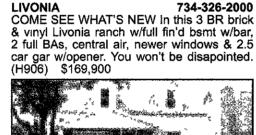




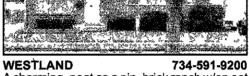
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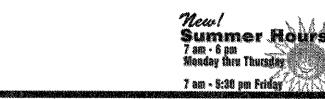
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## **YOUNGER MISTAKES, PERSONAL MISSTEPS**



How do you differentiate between missteps and mistakes in younger workers or

colleagues? Differences become clear in the potential consequences of an error.

INCIDENTS

Bob Zeitlinger, managing director of B To Z Communications in Dumont, N.J., recalls a series of incidents from his days editing a local newspaper in the northern part of the state, where he supervised four employees. One was a hard-working, conscientious sports reporter named Pete.

At 18, Pete had been a sports correspondent for six months, taking game coverage reports by telephone. His material had to be accurate, because sports were a big draw among readers. "He often didn't ask for spellings or he made assumptions," Zeitlinger says. "In taking a St. Peter's College baseball game over the phone, he wrote that this Jersey City team played 'Yukon' at Yukon's home field in April. It didn't take long to figure out that Yukon was really UConn, or the University of Connecticut. He was setting himself up for endless newsroom ridicule. 🐃 "I asked him if he truly felt that this Jersey City-based team with limited budget traveled all of the way to Alaska

for a baseball game," he continues. He went to the young reporter and instructed him not to be a dictation machine. "Pete," he said, "as you take these games, think about the information you're getting. Ask yourself some questions . . . If you think anything is unusual, ask a question."

Diane Danielson, founder of the online Downtown Women's Club (www.downtownwomensclub.com), was a vice president in commercial real estate when Melissa, her bright executive assistant/marketing manager, was playing her radio during some mindless tasks.

"Melissa," she said, "I personally have no problem with you playing the radio, because I know you can listen and still to great work, but why don't you take a tour of the office and see who plays the radio and who doesn't and how you want the men who run this company to view you?" During a quick tour, she observed that only admins had radios on. After that, she played hers late at night and on weekends. Melissa subsequently earned a graduate degree in real estate and kept climbing, not once being thought an admin.

At 22, Kansas City, Mo., speaker Brian Sullivan, now of Precise Selling Inc., was meeting with Don, the CEO of a key account, when he noticed that Don had shifted to a casual posture. He did the same, only to discover that he was sporting shoes from two different pairs, a black wing-tip and a maroon loafer (with tassel, no less).

"I said, 'Don, I need to show you something and this might change everything," he reports. Standing up, he did an Irish jig, followed by the statement that he "had a pair just like it at home." Don couldn't stop laughing.

SAVING FACE Both Zeitlinger and Sullivan

make the point that sparing a younger worker's embarrassment can be essential to building confidence. Reporters "can get analysis paralysis (not good for a deadline-driven environment)," observes the former editor, "and cause distraction in the newsroom when people call in. Ensuing jokes and banter become counterproductive."

"Don taught me," Sullivan says today, "that it is okay to be human and that sometimes saving face comes by letting younger workers make a mistake and then make them feel that it's O.K. that it happened. I could have walked out of his office humiliated and devastated about what I did, but he seized the opportunity to let a lesson be learned through laughter." That lesson was to pay attention while dressing before an important meeting -- or any meeting, for that matter. In other words, don't run on automatic.

These anecdotes differ in significance. One is clearly a misstep of personal consequence; the others, gaffes with professional ramifications. Saving face can be important for employees or colleagues of any age when they're conscientious about their work.

"I think there's too much emphasis on perfection as opposed to excellence,"



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Bob Zeitlinger, managing director of B To Z Communications, suggests that young workers need to ask more questions to avoid errors.

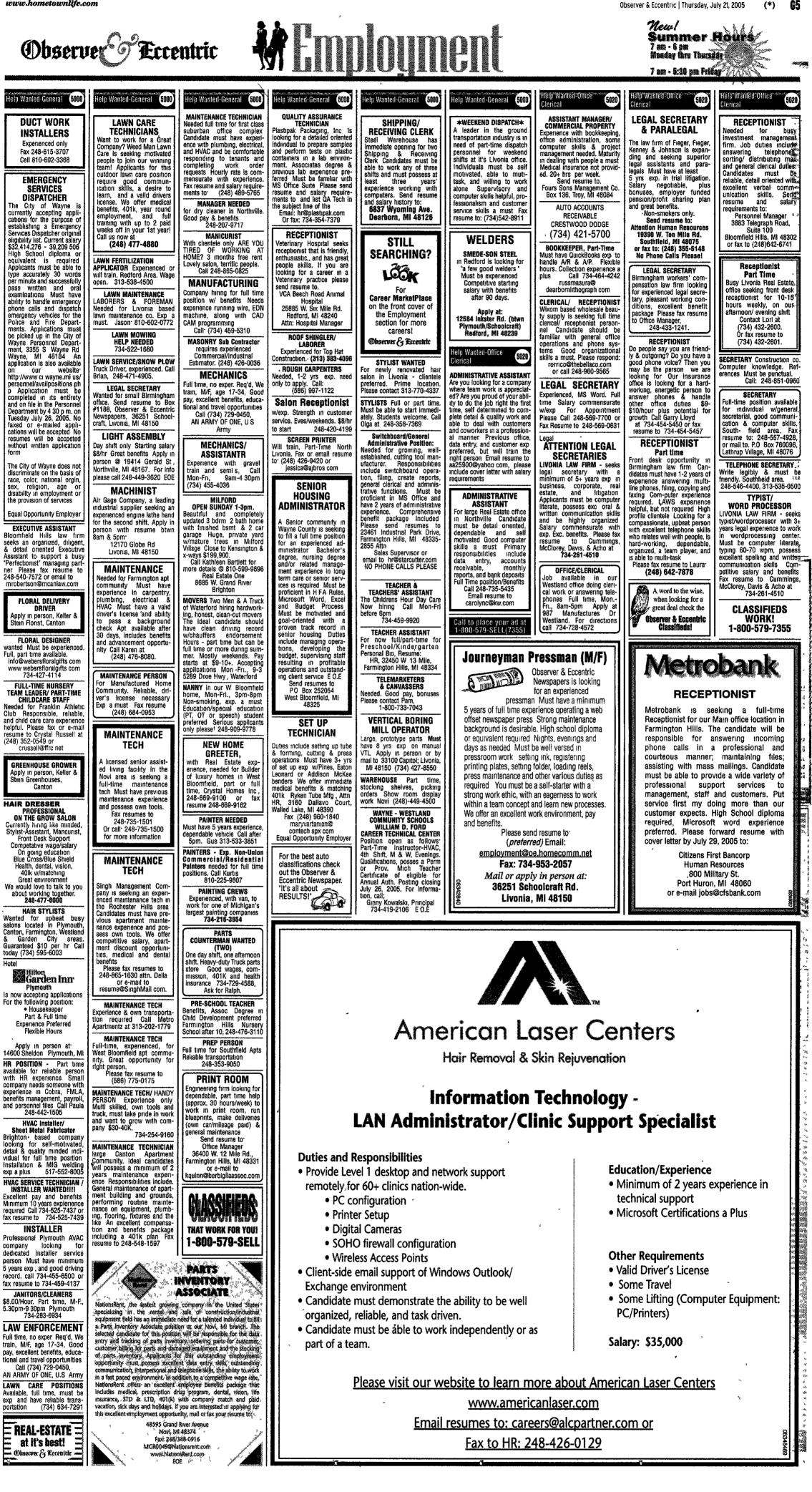
> Zeitlinger states. "Strive for excellence, not perfection, because there's a law of diminishing return. If it takes 10 hours to be excellent and 10 more hours for two percent more, I don't think that's worth it in the long run. There are several right ways to do a job. I wouldn't correct someone if I thought it would hinder their creativity."

Don recommended that the young salesman turn the lights on when reaching for his shoes. He became Sullivan's largest client. The two are still laughing.

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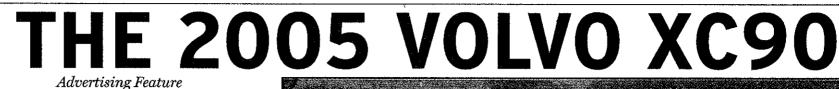
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Volvo's 2005 XC90 is one of the best expressions yet of the Ford unit's broad but inexorable turn toward the mainstream automotive market in America. Previously known for producing quirkylooking – but extremely safe – sedans and station wagons that sold very well in New Hampshire and San Francisco, the Swedish company that now is part of Ford has been turning out more and more vehicles lately for the rest of us.

Part of Volvo's recent success has stemmed from its fresh new design philosophy, and part of it from being under the Ford umbrella and being able to benefit from its product-development and marketing acumen. But another good portion of Volvo's ascent is simply due to producing solid vehicles like the XC90 – and perhaps the XC90 more than any other.

The good part is that, in the XC90, Volvo has produced an SUV that arguably comes just as close to any SUV to embodying the best aspects of the entire burgeoning category. It offers an excellent ride and power, yet decent gas mileage. It's luxuriously comfortable yet extremely functional. It's got a streamlined design, yet one that doesn't sacrifice overall cargo space or room at the margins.

The biggest drawback to the 2005 XC90 is that all of this comes at a price: a suggested retail sticker of \$50,285, to be exact. That's no small chunk of change, putting Volvo's SUV in direct competition with those of slicker reputation, such as Lexus and Lincoln. But this machine can hold up to the test.

Start with its exterior stance. The XC90 roofline rakes upward dramatically from the windshield to a high plane, then traces the arcing shape of the roof rails. The image of a tall SUV is enhanced by the vehicle's high beltline. Overall, too, XC90 is a well-executed expression of Volvo's severely angular new design scheme, featuring tight-radius shoul-



The Volvo XC90 gets 14 mpg in the city and 20 mpg on the highway.

ders that run the length of the vehicle and huge vertical taillights that absolutely cannot be missed by the driver of the vehicle behind.

The taillights are both a bold design statement and a nod to Volvo's tradition and continuing status as a line of very safe vehicles. And thanks to backup lights that look like spotlights, XC90 oozes safety even when it's moving in reverse.

Some are annoyed by XC90's dual tailgate, which has two sections in a 70-30 top-bottom split. But the lower, smaller tailgate lifts and closes easily, and the bigger liftgate above is shorter than the liftgates on many competitors, meaning that it isn't as likely to knock you in the head on the way up.

Even better is that, equipped with a 4.4-liter, eight-cylinder alloy engine with dual overhead cams, continuous variable valve timing and 311 horsepower, XC90 can haul. At 14 miles a gallon in the city and 20 mpg on the highway, XC90's fuel economy wasn't bad, either, for a V8 powertrain. On a short weekend trip for a family of five, it demonstrated great pickup in passing situations on the Interstate – even with not only the human cargo but also all our stuff. At the same time, the ride was very smooth and handling superior.

Amenities include all of the features that buyers have come to expect in near-luxury vehicles, including available leather, a power glass moonroof, eight-way power seats up front with lumbar supports, and a steering wheel that both tilts and telescopes. A highlight is one-touch operating of sunroof and windows; a glaring omission is a middle arm support up front. The easy-to-use climate controls – a great distinctive in all Volvos these days – are another plus for XC90.

Life in the rear seat wasn't bad either, with ample room for three kids, and earphone jacks for each of them to listen to their own music. The rear passengers also were able to operate their own climate controls, including temperature settings. And there was plenty of room for vacation paraphernalia in the rear.

Score XC90 a big success for Volvo.



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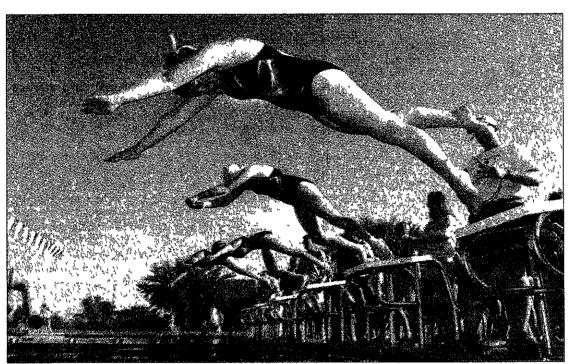
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**BEL-AIRE LANES** – Longtime memories remain



Members of the Livonia-based Newburgh Swim Club dive into the water at the beginning of the 50-yard freestyle competition during Tuesday evening's meet at the Colony Swim Club in Canton.

# Fight to the 'fin'ish

## Newburgh Sharks outswim Colony Crocodiles, 216-190

**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

This weekend's Summer Independent Swim League championship meet will have some added bite thanks to the Newburgh Swim Club Sharks' 216-190 victory over the Colony Swim Club Tuesday night.

The Livonia-based Sharks earned some redemption for an early-season loss to the Crocodiles by winning at Colony to improve their record to 6-1. Colony is also 6-1, which means Saturday's SISL meet in Northville will determine the league champion.

"Meets between Newburgh and Colony have been very close the past few years," said Colony coach Kathy Sonnanstine. "We beat them by

### SWIMMING

just a few points when we swam against them earlier in the year.

"Tonight's meet was very competitive and very exciting. I expect Saturday's league meet to be very close, too.

Newburgh established a 10point lead early in Tuesday's meet and was never really threatened in the competition's latter stages.

Both teams are made up of year-round swimmers who range in age and skill level from early-elementary-aged swimmers to athletes who compete on their respective high school squads, Sonnanstine said.

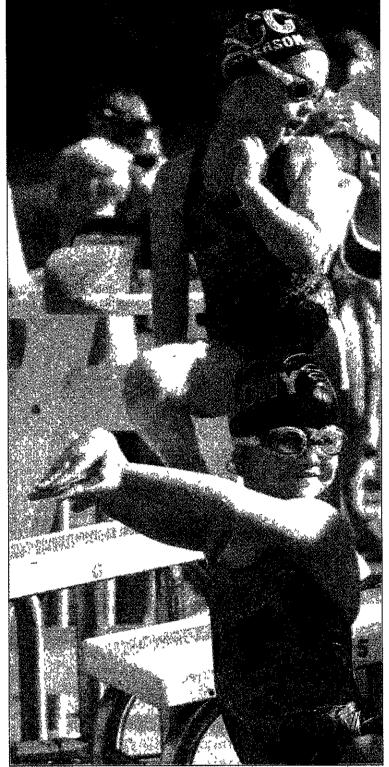
The Crocodiles were led by six double-winners: Hannah

Jenkins (8-and-under girls); Abby Madison and Lauren Seroka (10-and-under girls); Robert Coe (10-and-under boys); and Max Yoas and Adam Seroka (12-and-under boys).

Swimmers who won single events for Colony were: Kelly Erickson (8-and-under girls); Justin Katulski (8-and-under boys); Amanda Short (10-andunder girls); Todd Maslyk and Michael Carlson (10-and-under boys); Lauren Maslyk, Maggie Carlson and Kelley Hodges (13-15 girls); and Matt Carlson (13-15 boys).

Joining Newburgh and Colony at Saturday's league meet will be teams from the Northville, Burton Hollow and Fairway Farms swim clubs.

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Colony Swim Club members Sophie Marceau and Anni Patterson stretch out in preparation for their exhibition heat to begin before the Crocodiles' Summer Independent Swim League meet against the Newburgh Swim Club Tuesday night. Newburgh won, 216-190, to forge a first-place tie with Colony heading into Saturday's league meet.

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### **Pirates tryouts**

Tryouts for the 2006 Canton Pirates 13U baseball team will be held Tuesday, July 26, and Thursday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at Canton's Griffin Park, which is located on Sheldon Road, just south of Ford Road. All interested players must have been born after April 30, 1992. Contact coach Bruce Price at (734) 635-7497.

## Adult hockey in GC Yes, the NHL is coming

back. But so is adult hockey through Garden City Parks and Recreation.

Team registrations for the upcoming Garden City Parks and Rec league is slated to begin Monday, July 25. Games will be played from mid-September into April on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Garden City Civic Arena, located at Merriman and Cherry Hill. The entry fee of \$330 plus a forfeit/referee scheduling fee of \$270 per team is due at the time of registration. Call (734) 793-1880 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or e-mail TonyW@Gardencitymi.org

## **Canton X-country**

Non-mandatory practices for the Canton boys cross-country teams will be held every weekday at 9 a.m. through mid-August. All incoming freshmen and other stu-

# Vet gets lift from Golden Age Games



Everett Houk's fellow competitors at the annual National Veterans Golden Age Games should be thankful the 79-year-old Canton resident doesn't have enough space in his yard to practice the shot put or discus.

Otherwise, Houk may have had a monopoly on the gold medals in the field events at this year's games, which were held May 21-26 in Norman, Okla.

"My yard is so small, I can practically shake my neighbor's hand out my window, so there's no way I can practice." said Houk, who moved to Canton in 1997 after living in Garden City for 47 years. "I'd probably break a window or something. The only time I really touch a shot put or discus is at the Golden Age Games each year."

Even without practice, Houk earned three bronze medals in the 75-79 age group - one each in croquet, the shot put and the discus events.

"I usually do well in the air rifle events, too, but they made the targets smaller on me this year," he said, chuckling, "Even though I don't get to practice, I try to stay in shape by walking and working out with weights as often as I can.

"Winning medals is a bonus for me. Even if I didn't win anything, it would still be exciting because of all the nice people I've had a chance to meet and the places I've been able to travel to."

Next year will mark the 20th anniversary of the inception of the Golden Age Games, which is the largest sporting event in the world for senior veterans. All participants are U.S. military veterans from across the United States who are 55 or older. All of the athletes also receive some form of medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

More than 500 veterans from coast to coast participated in this year's competition.

"I was never an athlete until I got into this eight years ago," admitted Houk, who receives treatment for a heart condition at the Ann Arbor VA. "The first time you attend the games, the VA pays for every-. thing. After the first year, I raised the money for my travel expenses with a popcorn fund-raiser the VA sponsored, but our popcorn machine blew up a few years ago, so now I have to either pay for it

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Canton resident Everett Houk releases the shot put during the National Veterans Golden Age Games.

# to play softball at HFCC

GC alum

Garden City alum Kelly Elmore is headed to Henry Ford Community College to play women's softball in 2006.

Elmore, a star pitcher for the Cougars who threw a perfect game in her senior season (2004), is transferring to HFCC from Schoolcraft College.

"Kelly is a great find for us," said Henry Ford head coach Michaelene Ruhl. "She will make an impact right away. Her desire to play, her work ethic and constant smile are exactly what we look for. We are very happy to have her at HFCC."

Elmore's exemplary senior season at Garden City (1.16 ERA, team MVP) netted her a number of post-season accolades.

She was honored with All Observerland, Michigan Mega Conference All-Academic, All **Conference Academic**, National Scholar Athlete, All League, All District, All Region and All State Honorable Mention awards.

- Tim Smith

Livonia's Djokic helps Bucks playoff bid



Nik Djokic

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

soccer team were flickering.

Field, they are in full flame.

Paul Snape said. "If we win the Entering Saturday night's last two, we're in the playoffs. We can't have a letdown game, playoff hopes for the Michigan Bucks minor league (Friday) against Toledo.'

Chris Edwards' second-half But after a 1-0 USL Premier goal and shutout goalkeeping Development League victory again - by Jeff Wiese over the second-place Indiana proved enough for the thirdplace Bucks. Invaders at Berkley's Hurley

Meanwhile, an important

"Right now, we've got two

games left," Bucks head coach

defensive play in the 89th minute by Livonia Stevenson alum Nik Djokic helped the Bucks hang on. After a free kick, Djokic got in the way of a potentially dangerous crossing pass near the 10-yard line and the Invaders couldn't direct a shot at Wiese. In the 91st minute, the

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### **PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS**

What: Michigan Bucks will host Toledo Slayers. When: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Where: Hurley Field in Berkley; south of Catalpa (11 1/2-Mile) between Coolidge and Greenfield roads.

Why: If the Bucks win their last two games, they will earn a playoff berth in the USL Premier **Development League.** 

Tickets: \$9 for adults and \$6 for anyone under 19.

dents who are interested in joining the team this fall are welcome to attend. Contact coach Bill Boyd at (734) 416-9970.

### Salem swim news

The Salem girls swimming-and-diving team will be holding a car wash fund-raiser on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Warren and Lilley Roads.

On Monday, July 25, the team will be hosting an ice cream extravaganza fund-raiser at the Cold Stone Creamery in Plymouth from 4-9 p.m.

### Pride Stars win

The Plymouth-Canton Pride Stars 12U girls fastpitch softball team finished its in-state play for the 2005 season this past weekend by winning the Last Chance World Series Qualifier held in Sterling Heights. The Pride Stars hit the 50win mark with their victory in the championship game - a 9-8 win over the Outlaws Black.

The Pride Stars have now won four and finished second in three of the 11 tournaments they have competed in this summer. They will represent Plymouth-Canton at the 12U World Series held next week at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

Members of the team are: Lauren Roberts, Mary Johnson, Alyssa Gietl, Logan Lankford, Kelli Janiczek, Heidi Schmidt, Amy Dunleavy, Amanda Burnard, Carol Ann Sexauer, Kaitlyn Mattson and Jessica Bondy. The team is coached by Tony Gould, Mike Burnard and.Dan Bressler.

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myself or get a sponsor. "These games have given me

an opportunity to travel to a lot of nice places, like Los Angeles, Fresno and Dallas. I've gotten to see a lot of the country.'

Houk, who will turn 80 in August, was a crew member of the U.S. Thornback, a submarine, for two years before it was deployed in the Pacific Ocean in the spring of 1945. "A few days after we were in the Pacific, the bomb was dropped," Houk said.

"Once the (enemies) found out I was out there, they gave up right away," he joked. "Even though the war was over when I was out there, the T's hadn't been crossed and the i's hadn't been dotted, so my sub had a few torpedoes fired at it.

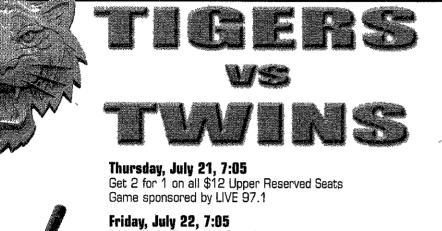
"One of the nice things about the Golden Age Games is that I've had a chance to meet two or ewright@oe homecomm net | (734) 953-2108

three other submariners, and we've shared stories."

Houk is anxiously anticipating next year's games when he will move up an age division. "I'll be 80, so I'll get to compete in the 80-85 age class," he

said. "I'll be one of the youngsters again." Houk said he sees no end in sight to his participation in the annual event. "As long as I'm upright, I will keep competing," he said.

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Invaders did get a shot off from close range, but it sailed across the crease and past the far post

"It's always good to help the team out," Djokic said. "When we're getting pressured by this team, and they're a great team, it's good just to get it out of the zone."

Snape said Wiese contributed with a fine effort. But he noted the strong play of Wiese and defenders such as Ryan Rzepka (Novi), Kevin Taylor, Kyle Veris and midfielder Nate Craft (Royal Oak). "Everybody put forth the effort required to win this

game," he said. The lone goal came in the

second half, at the 65:50 mark. Midfielder/forward Joseph Kabwe, who played another stellar game, chipped the ball over a defender on the right side of the field.

Edwards corralled it and

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goalkeeper Mike Graczyk from about 8 yards for his fourth goal in four games and fifth of the season. "He (Edwards) put it away

drove a hard shot inside the

right post behind Invaders.

with precision," Snape said.

### **ANOTHER SHUTOUT**

It was the fifth shutout in six games for Wiese, a three-time all-conference player for Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

On a number of occasions, Wiese raced out to grab the ball and stymie Indiana forwards.

Around the 78:30 mark of the game, with the Bucks leading, he dove to block a pointblank shot by Albert Villarreal.

The aggressiveness of Wiese has a positive impact on teammates, Snape noted.

"Jeff's making some good saves when he has to come out," Snape said. "... If you hesitate, indecision spreads through the team. It's tough. But Jeff's taking pressure off us.

### SUMMER CAMPS

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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 Aug. 22a.m. to noon.

### SOCCER MINI-CAMP

Church, located at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (just north of I-96), will stage a soccer mini-camp for beginner and intermediate players (boys and girls ages 5-11) from

"For people who don't understand how big that is, it's huge. If you can prevent the shot, that's even better than a save, I believe."

With the win, the Bucks improved to 28 points in the PDL's Great Lakes Division with a game in hand on the Invaders (30 points).

If the Bucks prevail in a home-and-home series against Toledo, they will finish at least second and earn a playoff berth. The first game is 7:30 p.m. Friday at Berkley's Hurley Field.

"We can't have a letdown against Toledo," Snape said.

Although pleased with the victory, the coach said the Bucks need to improve on converting their scoring chances in order to make the playoffs and then have success in them.

"We're going to have to work on the finishing," he said. "Our play in the box is outstanding. It was great to watch. We're creating; we just have to put the ball in the back of the net."

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6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 25-28. The cost is \$20 per student (includes instruction, snacks,

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#### SCHOOLCRAFT BOYS HOOPS ί.,

Schoolcraft College men's 1.5 basketball coach Carlos Briggs will direct at summer basketball camp for boys in grades 1-12, Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5, at the school's gym.

The cost is \$125 per person. Registration forms can be mailed or delivered to the **Physical Education Building** on the Livonia campus.

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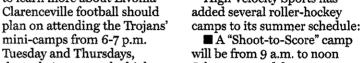
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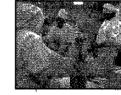
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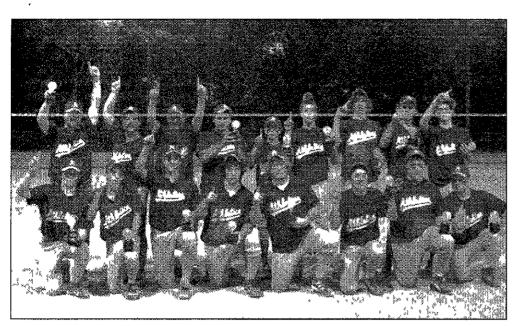
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## A's for effort

The Westland Athletics of the WYAA were the 2005 champions of the Inter-city South Colt League and the winners of the post-season tournament. The league is composed of teams from Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Wayne, Northville and Dearborn Heights. Each team is made up of 15- and 16-year-old players. The A's, who finished with a 12-2 record, defeated Livonia South, 8-6, in the championship game. Pictured are (front row, I-r) Jeremy Profitt, Derek LeBlanc, Jon Gillis, Alex Dominguez, Kevin Kalamick, Eric Biegajski, E.J. Roach, Carl Bermudez, (top row, I-r) head coach Jack Profitt, assistant coach Jose Bermudez, assistant coach Jon Gillis, Sr., Phil Johnson, Cal Bruning, Tod Jaggi, Pat CeCile, Adam Sonak and Frankie Ferrera.

## Youth netters shine at Kingsbury

The 10 tennis courts at the Livonia YMCA served as proving grounds for many of the top junior tennis players in metropolitan Detroit area this past weekend. The 'Y' hosted the 7th

Annual Jud Kingsbury Jr. Memorial Tennis Tournament, which attracted 126 players between the ages of 8 and 18. The tournament was an official **United States Tennis** Association event.

Several Observerland-area players performed well at the three-day meet, which was halted at times on Saturday by rain and severe weather.

Livonia resident Trevor

Kogut advanced to the semifinal round in the boys 18-andunder division before falling to Joseph Hodges, 6-2, 7-6. Kogut had dispatched Amit Hiremath, 5-7, 6-0, 6-0 in a quarterfinal showdown.

The Farmington Hills brother-and-sister duo of Kevin and Karen Karoub both captured first place in their respective divisions.

Kevin defeated Livonia's Aniket Patil, 6-0, 6-0, in the boys 14-and-under final while Karen upended Austin Lavallii, 7-6, 6-3, in the girls 16-andunder championship match. The Karoubs' cousin, Chloe Karoub, also had a stellar

weekend, winning the girls 14and-under division when she breezed past Brittney Turner, 6-0, 6-0, in the finale.

Other area players who excelled were Canton's Kathleen Bedard, who advanced to the final round of the girls 18-and-under consolation finals before losing to Arathi Mohan, 6-2, 6-2; Livonia's Ian Petty, who was defeated in the boys 16-andunder consolation final, 7-5, 6-1, by Joel Siegel; and Livonia's Stephen Payne, who made it all the way to the boys 12-andunder semifinals before falling to Andrew Cahn, 6-0, 6-1.

## Livonia U12 travel baseball team romps to AABC district victory

The U12 Livonia travel team captured the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) district championship July 16 when it defeated Coldwater, 12-3, in the title game played in Hillsdale.

After drawing a bye in the first round, Livonia shut out Battle Creek, 7-0, behind a combined four-hitter from pitchers Alex Dupuie, Tyler Lynch and Dan Muller. In the next round, Livonia

spotted Coldwater a 4-0,lead before storming back to win 13-6. Joey Lagrone earned the mound victory with relief help from Muller.

In the championship round, Livonia ousted Hillsdale, 4-3,

to advance to the final game. Erik Kaptanowsky picked up the win with relief help from Nick Hool, who also knocked in the game-winning RBI, and Dupuie.

Dupuie notched his second relief win in the title game. He received relief assistance from Lagrone.

**Överall**, Kaptanowsky paced Livonia with eight hits, three more than Lynch. Adam Kaptanowsky, Nate Robinson and Muller each had four hits in the district tourney.

Livonia is one of just six teams from Michigan to advance to AABC regional play. The team is now headed to

Rockford, Ill., to play in the

regionals, with an opportunity to advance to the AÂBC World Series, which is set for Aug. 4-7 in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico.

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The team earned a trip to the district tournament by finishing its league play with a 17-4

The team's overall record heading into the regional is 27-9.

Other team members are: Jon Targus, Ben Anderson, Tyler Dewhirst and Nick Walters.

"Every member of the team contributed to bringing home the championship," said manager Jeff Walters, who was assisted by coaches Todd Varga, Walt Kaptanowsky and Brian Dewhirst.



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### **JUNIOR TENNIS RESULTS**

Consolation championship: Josh Woodhull def Timothy Wasielewski, 6-2, 6-0

12-and-under Championship match: Andrew Cahn def.

Semifinal matches: Defrore def Jonathan Zhou, 6-3, 6-3, Cahn def Stephen Payne, 6-0,

Consolation championship: Douglas Yang

Championship match: Kevin Renehan def

Semifinal matches: Cawood def. Pavan

6-0, 6-2

Austin Lavallii, 7-5, 6-3 Semifinal matches: Karoub def Kaitlyn

3.6-0. Consolation championship: Darylann Trout

14-and-under

Brittney Turner, 6-0 6-0 Semifinal matches: Turner def Anna Davis

6-2, 6-4, Karoub def Kaitiyn Sykes, 6-0 6-0 Consolation championship: Kelsey

Geppner def. Michelle Mac, 6-0, 6-4.

Connor Defiore, 6-2, 6-4

def Nicholas Asker 6-0 6 0 10-and-under

Sam Cawood 6-1 6 2

Rao, 6-2 6-1; Renehan def Tristan Kattenberg,

def. Kathleen Bedard (Canton), 6-2, 6-2 16-and-under

Championship match: Karen Karoub def

Pfeffer 6-3, 6-0; Lavallıı def Kalynn Kabısa, 6-

def Jamie Harnack, 6-0 6-0

7th Annual Jud Kingsbury, Jr. Memorial Tennis Tournament July 15-17 at Livonia YMCA **BOYS RESULTS** 18-and-under

Championship match: Thomas Cawood def Joseph Hodges, 6 1, 6-1 Semifinal matches: Hodges def Trevor

Kogut (Livonia), 6-2 7-6 (6) Cawood def Kyle Goodman 6-1 6 0 Consolation championship James Klurski

def Robbie Shekhar 7 6 (5) 2 6, 11 9 16-and-under Championship match: Peter Rothstein def Roshan Ramachandran, 7-6 (5) 6-2

Semifinal matches: Rothstein def. Victor

Championship match. Chloe Karoub def

Schwartz, 2-6, 6-0, 7-5 Consolation championship: Joel Siegel def lan Petty, 7-5, 6-1

14-and-under Championship match: Kevin Karoub def

Aniket Patil, 6-0 6-0 Semifinal matches: Aniket Patil def. Jesse

Chen, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, Kevin Karoub def. Daniel Yang, 6-2, 6-0

def Peter Harırı, 6-4, 6-2 GIRLS RESULTS

18-and-under Championship match: Amanda Moccia det.

Jennifer Halbert, 6-1, 6-3 Semifinal matches: Halbert def Samantha Caldwell, 6-2, 6-1 Moccia def Megan Lamothe 7-6 (6), 6-4

Consolation championship: Arathi Mohan

### Championship match: Katelyn Blumberg

def Courtney Lymburner, 6-4, 6-0 Semifinal matches: Lymburner def Maya Hicks, 6-1, 6-1, Blumberg det Emma Manuel, 6-

2, 6-3 Consolation championship: Simone-Alyse Eweil def Amabel Karoub, 6-0, 5-7 16-14.

Log onto the Bucks website for more information, including a countdown of the 10 greatest Bucks games in history, celebrating the team's 10" season. in the national Premier Development League (PDL).

## www.BucksSoccer.com



### LOCAL SPORTS

## **Redford Thurston fall** practices begin Aug. 8

Believe it or not, practices for high school. fall sports teams are just around the corner.

Following is a rundown of when Redford Thurston's opening practices will take place as well as who will coach those teams.

FOOTBALL (Coach, Bob Snell) - varsity and junior varsity practices will begin 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at Thurston.

BOYS GOLF (Coach Brian Bedard) - 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Warren Valley Golf Course.

**III GIRLS BASKETBALL** (Varsity Coach Bob Ostrowski; Junior Varsity Coach Van Elst; Freshman Coach TBA) - varsity, JV, freshman practices begin at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15 in Thurston's main gymnasium

GIRLS, BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Coach Jeff Burger) - Both teams will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 in front of the

BOYS SOCCER (Varsity Coach Kevin Spier; JV Coach Bobrovetski) - Practice begins 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 for both teams at Thurston's practice soccer field.

GIRLS SWIMMING (Coach Samantha Brand) - Practice begins 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at the Thurston pool.

GIRLS TENNIS (Coach TBA) -Practice will begin Monday, Aug. 15 at an undisclosed time at the high school tennis courts.

Students trying out for a sport must have a current physical on file in order to participate or tryout.

All physicals must be dated after April 15, 2005, to be eligible for the 2005-06 school year. If you have any questions, call 535-4000 ext. 1166 and leave a message for the appropriate coach.

– Tim Smith



### **Go Gladiators!**

The 8-Under Garden City Gladiators captured first place in their division at a Farmington youth baseball tournament held June 25-26. The Gladiators followed that up with a second-place finish at a subsequent tourney and then competed last weekend at the Pinto World Series. Pictured back row (from left) are coach Tony Widmer, coach Jim Montroy, manager Dave Ferracciolo and coach Jack Murray. In the middle row (from left) are Bryan Widmer, Alex Calhoun, Tyler Harnos, Austin Gonzalez, Brendan Ferracciolo, Brendan Spehar and Kyle Murray. Seated in the front row (from left) are Brandon Richards, Nick Montroy, Sheldon Varhol, Zack Fritz and Jake Preiss. Not pictured is Zack Sheehan.





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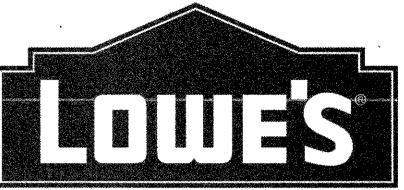
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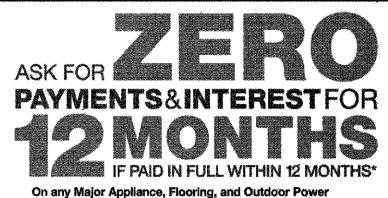
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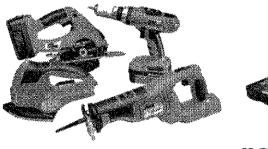




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## Bel Aire Lanes might be gone, but long-time memories remain

nyone who has recently driven down Orchard Lake Road just south of Ten Mile Road in Farmington would most likely have noticed the old Bel Aire Lanes, or what now remains of it.

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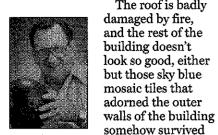
occurred on July 6.

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Warthman stated, "There were some fireworks in the immediate area the night before and it could have been started from some still-smouldering sky rockets landing on the roof."

Fortunately for all concerned parties, there were no injuries and the bowling lanes and pinsetters had already been removed as the building was being prepared for a remodeling job.

Those of us who have bowled there in years past might have some fond memories of the many really good leagues that had called Bel Aire Lanes their home way back when.

I had bowled in a very good Senior House league in 1989-90 averaging 187 and 192 in the following season. My high game there in 1990 was 258 which I hit twice on consecutive weeks. Hall-of-Famer Fred Vitale was in that league along with Ted Kress, Terry Chase, Roger Troke, Mike Clancy and so many more.

Jim and Julie Misaros bowled together in the Farmington Odd Couples League for many years and Julie bowled in the Ladies Spares and Strikes league for 25 years, scoring a

high game of 258 and 593 series along the way.

Talk to almost anyone who grew up in Farmington or Farmington Hills, chances are pretty good that they spent some of their childhood and adolescent years hanging around these lanes, learning to bowl or attending one of those memorable birthday parties or corporate outings.

The Winkels were very supportive of local charities, having conducted many fund-raisers over the years for various charities, Built in 1958, it was first owned and operated by Leone and Sons.

Bel Aire enjoyed the great years of bowling when this sport was the "in" thing to do everywhere.

Purchased in 1960 by Bill Winkel, the 24 lanes were some of the busiest in this area during the heyday of bowling.

Many of this area's finest bowlers called it their home base, and about 15 years ago the manager's job was taken over by Bill Winkel's sons, Mike and Dan.

In recent years, the league numbers had declined but in 2000 the Winkels decided to invest a quarter of a million dollars in upgraing the facility. Too bad they couldn't expand the parking lot, for thatwas one of the problems over the yars, just not enough parking space to accommo-date a house full of eagues.

The location of the building had become more valualle than the business itself, and whe the right offer to buy came along and eague numbers continued to declin the Winkel family decided to sell thibuilding and equipment.

The old lanes are low somewhere in Florida.

The house was shitdown around the first of April, with an agreement to purchase by Barnan LLC in Northville with theirplans in place to remodel and turn the property into an office facility.

Rodger Barton of Barman LLC which bought the 22000 square-foot

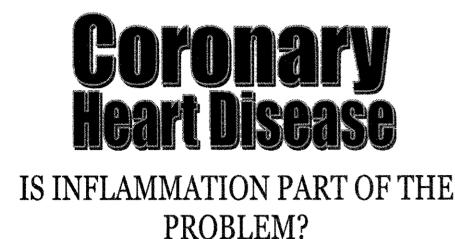
building said he already had two purchase agreements in hand from prospective owners and strong interest from others. The building will have about eight office suites that will be owner-occupied mostly by doctors and other professionals.

Remember West Bloomfield Lanes on Orchard Lake Road? Deja vu, same old story, the property had become too valuable for other purposes; in that case, it was Barnes & Noble ' who made them an offer they couldn't refuse.

At this point in time the building still stands as a monument to the good old days, but whether it will be rebuilt or remodeled is yet to be determined.

It may turn out that the last ball thrown at Bel Aire would be a wrecking ball.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



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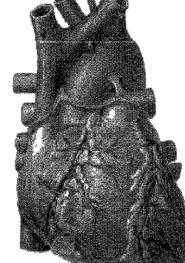




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# Young golfer's wait pays off with victory



Plymouth resident Brendan Muir, 13, finished first in his age group at the Meijer Junior Tour event held July 1 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. Muir fired a 78 to edge the runner-up by two shots. He is holding a framed pin flag that was presented to all the first-place finishers.

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Brendan Muir had no problems driving, chipping and putting July 1 during round in the Meijer Junior Golf Tour at Fox Hills Golf Course.

It was the waiting that turned out to be the hardest part for the 13-year-old Plymouth resident.

"I teed off to start the round in the middle of the group, so I had to wait about 30 minutes for everybody to get in," recalled Muir, who carded a sterling 78 on the challenging Fox Hills layout. "It was agonizing whenever someone would come in and they'd write their score on the board. I thought I had a pretty good chance to finish in the top three, but there were a lot of good golfers there, so I didn't think I'd finish first."

The agonizing wait paid off for Muir, who recorded his first Meijer Tour victory by two shots over Novi's Joe Fransten. The win earned him a framed pin flag and, more importantly, qualified the soon-to-be eighth grader at Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel for a berth in the tour's championship tournament on Aug. 1-2.

"Two of Brendan's uncles (Kevin and Ed Muir) are golf pros, so he definitely got the Muir genes when it comes to golf," said Michelle Muir, Brendan's mom. "He was in a groove that day at Fox Hills. He didn't make many mistakes, which is the key to winning."

Muir's best performance in his three years of competing on the Meijer Tour came a few weeks after he attended the prestigious David Leadbetter Golf Academy in Bradenton,

Fla. Leadbetter is a famed golf instructor who has molded the swings of Tiger Woods and Michelle Wie, among others.

"Going down there helped my game a lot," Muir said. "The most important things I learned were about the mental part of the game. They teach you how to go on after you hit a bad shot and keep grinding for the next shot. They also changed a few things with my swing. It was uncomfortable at first, but after about a dayand-a-half at the school, I started to get used to my new swing."

Michelle Muir said her son's passion for golf may earn him a return trip to the Leadbetter school next summer.

"He only went for one week this year, and they recommend two," she said. "But he scores have improved about 10 shots from last year. Some of that

improvement is due to the fact that's he's grown, but a lot of it is from what he learned at the help pay for some of it." school.

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## Eligible Whalers looking forward to NHL draft

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The tentative agreement between the National Hockey League owners and the NHL players association was good news for four Plymouth Whalers, who can now look forward to the NHL Entry Draft, which will be held later this summer. The draft was originally scheduled for June, but was put on hold due to the labor unrest.

Among the Whalers' probable draftees is James Neal, 17, a forward who tallied 18 goals and 26 assists in 67 games during the 2004-05 season.

"It will take a while, but

## drafted by the team in the

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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when Neal becomes an NHL'er, he will become a very good one," is how a recently published International Scouting Services draft guide described Neal's pro potential. "Neal is one of the most unheralded two-way forwards available. He is far more willing to go into traffic and has effectively done that (throughout the 2004-05 season)."

The guide compared Neal to current NHL player Shane Doan. Ondrej Otcenas is one of the newest Whalers, having been

Canadian Hockey League Import Draft on June 29. The 18-year-old native of Slovakia made great strides for HK Dukla Trenchin in Slovakia last season, solidifying his NHL future. Dan Collins, Kyle Lawson

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and Ryan McGinnis are three other Plymouth players who figure to join teammates Vaclav Medil (third round, Nashville, in 2004) and Gino Pisellini (fifth round, Philadelphia, 2004) as NHL draftees.

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> Yes No

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Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25	2005
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 Ñovember 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	2002 Indefinitely 2005 thru 2010

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Schoolcraft Community College	March 1, 1986	0 5 mills	Unlimited

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Plymouth Canton Community Schools (Wayne & Washtenaw Counties)	June, 1995	18 mills	2005 (non- homestead)

### PRECINCTS AND LOCATION

Precinct #01, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street Precinct #02, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street Precinct #03, Central Middle School, 650 West Church Street Precinct #04, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

DATED: CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, THIS 21st DAY OF JULY, 2005

LINDA J. LANGMESSER

City Clerk

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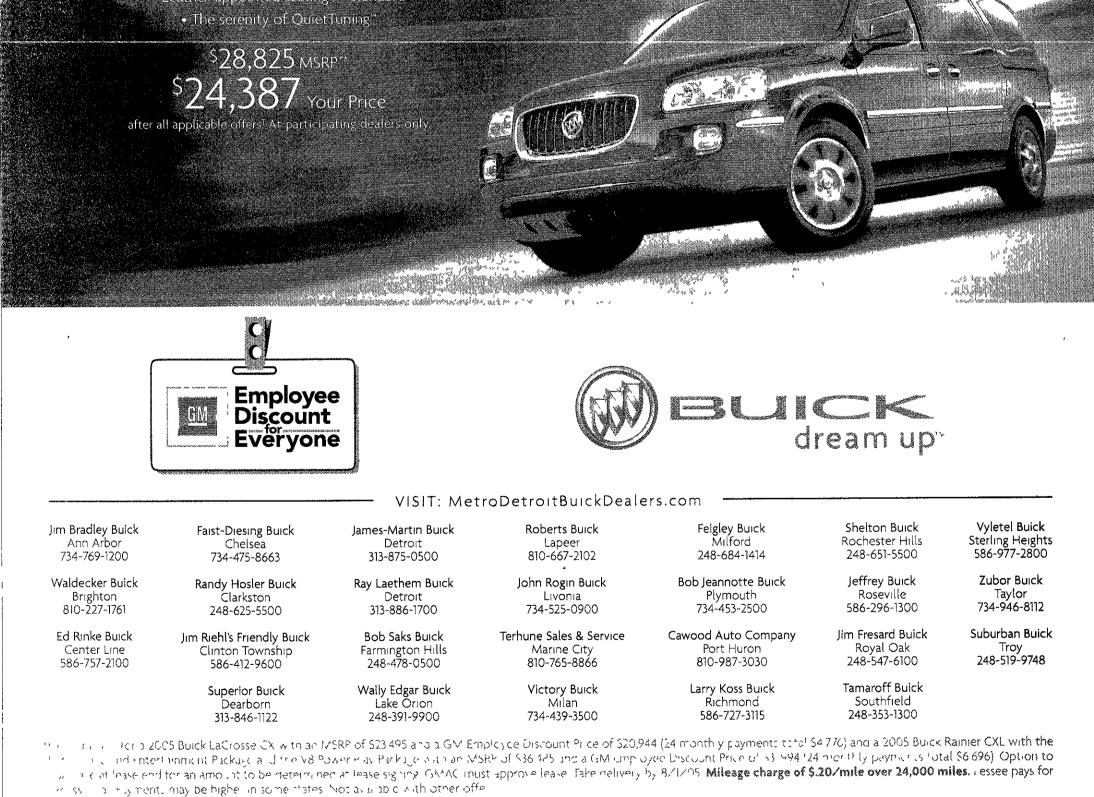
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**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

## **6&E golf tourney tees off Aug. 13** Walters named new CC baseball coach

Observerland golf enthusiasts have less than one month to prepare for the annual Observer & Eccentric Open, which is set to tee off Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

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The event annually attracts many of the area's top amateur golfers, who will be shooting to unseat defending men's champion Gary Kraus and defending women's medalist Janina Jacobs. Kraus, who carries a 1 handicap, fired a 36-hole total of 145 (one-over par), which was two shots lower than runner-up Matt Lee in the 2004 championship flight.

Jacobs captured the women's 18-hole title with an impressive 76, besting second-place finisher Molly Gibson by seven strokes.

The men's 36-hole medal-

play tournament will kick off Aug. 13 with an 18-hole round at Whispering Willows Golf Course. It will conclude with Sunday's 18-hole second round at Fox Creek.

The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) and the maximum handicap allowed is 20. All participants must have a current U.S.G.A. index in order to play. The 18-hole women's tourna-

ment will be held Aug. 13 at

## Mallon to host annual golf outing

### Motor City Chiefs tryouts

The 2005 Motor City Chiefs U13 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. at UAW Field, which is located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton (onequårter mile west of Beck Rd.).

The Chiefs are an elite travel team looking for high-quality players to complete their roster. The team is independent, so there are no residency restrictions and it has its own field.

Due to new age eligibility rules, players can play U13 if they were born between May 1, 1992, and April 31, 1993. Coaching and team manager opportunities are available.

For more information and to confirm tryouts, send an e-mail to: MayGer22@.com.

### Hockey tryouts

The Michigan Hurricanes Midget A hockey team is seeking players born in 1989 and 1990 for its upcoming season. The team skates at Compuware Sports Arena on Tuesdays from 6:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a third time to be determined.

Tryouts will be held July 25 and 26 at Suburban Training Center from 9-10:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Head Coach Lee McCarty at McCarty1984@comcast.net; or call McCarty at (734) 392-0888.

Ladies Professional Golfers Association veteran Meg Mallon, a 1981 graduate of Farmington Hills Mercy High School, will headline the list of players at the 15th Annual Mercy High School Meg Mallon Golf Outing set for Aug. 15 at Plymouth Township's Fox Hills Golf Course.

Money raised by the outing will benefit the school's technology program.

Twenty-four years after hitting her first drive for the Mercy golf team, Mallon continues to support the program by hosting the annual event. The day's agenda includes golf, lunch, a post-outing cocktail reception and dinner with Mallon, and a number of prizes that will be raffled off. Participants have the option

of playing the 18-hold championship Golden Fox Course in the morning with breakfast, golf and lunch with Mallon for \$195; or lunch with Mallon, 18 holes of golf in the afternoon and an invitation to an emceed dinner/auction by WDIV's

Whispering Willows. The entry

fee is \$50 (cart not included).

Entries for both the men's

and women's tournaments are

Saturday, Aug. 6. The field will

For more information, call

(248) 476-4493. Entry forms

Whispering Willows and Fox

due no later than 6 p.m.

be limited to the first 200

golfers who register.

can be picked up at

Creek golf courses.

Steve Garagiola for \$275. Mallon has enjoyed a stellar professional career since joining the LPGA 19 years ago. She has posted 18 career wins, four of which were major championships, including back-to-back wins at the 2004 U.S. Women's Open and Canadian Women's Open.

In 1991, after Mallon captured the U.S. Women's Open for the first time, she was named Female Player of the Year by the Golf Writers Association of America. In 2000, she was recognized as one of the LPGA's top 50 players and teachers, and in 2002, Mallon was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. For golf reservations, hole

sponsorships or other information on the outing, contact Erin Carlesimo at (248) 476-8020, ext. 1253; or visit www.mhsmi.org.

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Kevin Walters has spent 19 high school baseball seasons as an understudy, so it's only natural he was destined to take on a lead role.

Walters assumes the head varsity baseball position for Catholic Central High for the 2006 season at the school's new location in Novi.

He replaces John Salter, who announced his retirement two weeks ago after 25 seasons. Salter posted a 615-224 record, including two state championships (1987 and 1999), along with one runner-up finish (2000). He also led CC to 16 district, eight regional and six Catholic League championships.

"Catholic Central has had a lot of great baseball coaches Father James Martin, Father Joe Miller, Frank Corej and John Salter - I am sure Kevin will continue in that great tradition," CC athletic director Robert Santello said. "He has the experience coaching on the high school level, was an assistant to John Salter for eight years, he is well-respected throughout the baseball community, and is a teacher on the staff here which will enable him to see his players on a daily basis.

"The Catholic Central baseball program in his good hands." Walters, who attended

Sacred Heart Seminary College, serves as CC's campus minister and has taught theology the past nine years at the Redford campus.

He has served as varsity assistant in positions at Riverview Gabriel Richard (1984-85), . \*1 Allen Park Cabrini (1986) and Dearborn Divine Child (1987-95) before coming to CC where he coached the JV squad for one season (1997) before moving up to assist Salter.

"I've been coaching a long time and CC is a great place to be because of the student-athletes and its tradition," Walters said. "I'm excited to have the . )] opportunity and hopefully I can continue to help players not only get to the next level collegiately and perhaps go even beyond that."

Walters' record as an assis-Walters' record as an assis-tant is 511-124-1. And only a few summers ago, he guided the Concealed Security Dodgers to consecutive third-place fin-ishes in the elite division of the ishes in the elite division of the national tournament.

"I am lucky to have coached under some of the finest coaches in Michigan on an amateur level," Walters said. "They have been wonderful mentors and have given me significant responsibility to hone my skill as a baseball coach. Each of the people I have coached with have given me a specific area to work in. This has provided me with tremendous confidence in my ability to develop a successful high school baseball program."

Walters is already putting together a staff and has been in contact with some of his former players. Several members of his 1997 JV team at CC went on to help the Shamrocks win the Division I state title in 1999.

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### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** LEGAL NOTICE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2005

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday, August 02, 2005, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the following will be voted on:

> WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSITION P PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006

YES

NO\_

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election, Wayne County- Parks Millage Renewal will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, voters will vote on the following proposition: PROPOSAL P

### PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

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#### STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of May, 25, 2005 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Wayne County:

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan

		Voted	Years
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	<u>Increases</u>	Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
<b>Regional Educational</b>	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1  mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2002	0.25 mills	2005

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	Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely		Michigan Constitutio	
	Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010		been reduced by the	
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	(Wayne & Washtenaw						
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	Schools	June, 1998	1.30 mills	(non homest)			
	(Wayne & Washtenaw Counties)						
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	4	PRECINCT NUMBERS				Educational Service	
	NOTICE IS HEREBY			on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 from		Agency	
		7:00 A.M. to	+			Wayne County Jail	
		at the following po	olling locations:				
	Precinct No.	Name of Facility		Address		Wayne County Parks	
		First Baptist Church		44500 Cherry Hill Rd.		Schoolcraft Commun	ity College
		Tri-City Christian Center		3855 Sheldon S 44800 Warren Road		Plymouth Township	
		St. John Neumann Church Miller Elementary School		43721 Hanford Road		' i i jiilouon xowinonisp	
	5 & 31	Crescent Academy		40440 Palmer Rd.			
	6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse		39500 Warren Road		Plymouth-Canton Co	
	7	Salem High School		46181 Joy Road		Schools (Wayne & W Counties)	ashtenaw
		Resurrection Parish Church		48755 Warren Road		Countries)	
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		Hulsing Elementary School		8055 Fleet Street		T-11:	
	15	Winter/Walker Elementary Sch	loor	39932 Michigan Avenue		Polling locations are	
		Bentley Elementary School		1100 S. Sheldon		Precinct 1	Farrand
	20 22	Township Fire Station # 1		1100S. Canton Center		Precinct 2 Precinct 3	Friendsh Township
		Hoben Elementary School		44680 Saltz Road		Precinct 3 Precinct 4	Township
	24 & 25 26, 27 & 36	Canton High School Summit on the Park		8415 N. Canton Center 46000 Summit Parkway		Precinct 5	West Mic
	26, 27 & 36 28	Agape Christian School		45081 Geddes		Precinct 6	West Mid
	18 & 29	Field Elementary School		1000 S. Haggerty		Precinct 7	Living W
	\$0	Mettetal Airport		8550 Lilley Road		Precinct 8	St. Kenne
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL ll the previous voted 2.00 mill increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the higan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth, which has a reduced by the required Headlee Amendment rollback to 1.6348 mils, be renewed at 1.6348 mills 6348 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period 2006 through 2015, inclusive, and the funds thereby yed to be used for police and fire services for the Charter Township of Plymouth, thereby raising in first year \$3,094,013. This is a renewal of the police and fire millage presently being levied. YES NO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROPOSAL POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE INCREASE ll the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth imposed er Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township by 0.5631 mills 631 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2006 through 2015, inclusive, and the funds thereby ved to be used for Police and Fire Services for the Charter Township of Plymouth, thereby raising in first year \$1,065,720. YES NO\_ STATEMENT REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act Voted Years Increase ing Authorities **Date of Election Increase** <u>Effective</u> August 8, 2000 1 mill 2005 thru 2009 inty of Wayne August 6, 1974 1 mill 2005 Indefinitely ne County November 8, 1988 cational Service 1 mill 2005 Indefinitely August 6, 2002 1.5 mills 2005 Indefinitely ncy August 6, 2002 1 mill 2005 thru 2010 ne County Jail

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recinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Rd
recinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd
recinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Rd
recinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial Rd
recinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd
recincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd
recinct 14	Isbister School	9300 N. Canton Center H
recinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Rd
recinct 17	North Ridge Church	49555 N. Territorial Rd
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lications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at 42350 Ann or Road, Building #3, Plymouth, MI. 48170. Phone number 354-3224. Absentee ballots will be vered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on urday, July 30. On Monday, August 1, qualified voters shall receive their ballots, and vote them in the rk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

> Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

. Canton Center Rd

## Proud performance

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 16U softball team finished third at the Millington (Mich.) Fast-pitch Softball Tournament July 9-10. The team is also faring well in the Western Wayne County Softball League, having built a 7-1 record with four regular-season games remaining. Pictured above are (front row I-r) Kristin Callahan, Stephanie Sadek, Kimmy Keppen, Laura Ditzler, (middle row I-r) Nicole Ambrose. Lauren Russell, Ally Ciotti, Katie Bailey, (back row I-r) Coach Brent Ditzler, Brittany Gnida, Samantha Kjellstrom, Coach Tom Ciotti, Kristen Warnick and Head Coach Mike Callahan. Not pictured are Hannah Dillon, Natalie Maurer and Caila Moore.

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### **Charter Township of Canton Public Notice of Accuracy Test**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk - Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabul using equipment to be used for the Election on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 The test will take place on Wednesday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road This test is open to all interested parties For further

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 05A0128AC

In the Matter Of DAKOTA GRACE THOMSON ALLING, minor

#### CITATION M.G.L. c. 210, § 6

To VERLIN J. NANGLE last known of CANTON, MICHIGAN and/or any unknown or unnamed father, and/or persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Social Services of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by KURT L. KLEEFELD and SARAH T. KLEEFELD formerly known as SARAH T. ALLING of MARLBOROUGH in the County of MIDDLESEX praying for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to DAKOTA GRACE THOMSON KLEEFELD

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE & FAMILY COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE, MA. 02141 ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON AUGUST 19, 2005.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court as CAMBRIDGE this day, July 6, 2005.

John R. Buonomo **Register of Probate** 

### ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by mailing to the Department of Social Services and by delivering in hand and if in-hand service cannot be accomplished, then by mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the foregoing citation to said persons fourteen days at least before said return date, and if service is made by mail, unless it shall appear that all persons interested have received actual notice, by publishing a copy thereof in the CANTON OBSERVER 734-459-2700 a newspaper published in MICHIGAN publication to be once in each of three consecutive weeks, the last publication to be seven days at least before said return day.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court, this day, July 6, 2005.

> John R. Buonomo **Register of Probate**

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Publish July 14, 21 & 28, 2005

### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -July 12, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **<u>Roll Call</u>** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Staff Absent: Director Minghine Motion by Bennett, supported by Adoption of Agenda Kirchgatter to approve the amended agenda, adding to the General Calendar, Item G-6: Reallocation of capital funds to purchase Microsoft SQL Server Software. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of June 14, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for July 12, 2005 General Fund 101 \$735,006.43, Fire Fund 206 100,231.48, Police Fund 207 145,908.14, Summit Operating 208 91,680.21, Street Lighting 219 18,511.39, Cable TV Fund 230 2,733.96, Twp Improvement 246 9,208.38, E-911 Utility 261 324.66, Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 5,279.35, Federal Grants Fund 274 388.00, Auto Theft Grant 289 923.92, Golf Fund 584 39,691.94, Water & Sewer Fund 592 727,426.37, Trust & Agency Fund 701 5.877.00. Const. Escrow 702 13,403.00, Post Employ.

39,691.94, Water & Sewer Fund 592 727,426.37, Trust & Agency Fund 701 5,877.00, Const. Escrow 702 13,403.00, Post Employ. Benefits 736 37,676.48, Saltz Road Paving 803 4,628.71, Total - All Funds 1,938,899.42 <u>CONSENT</u> <u>CALENDAR</u>: Item 1. ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for an annual Block Party Road closure permit from Wayne County. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. P3 CROSS EASEMENT AND PARKING AGREEMENT. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the approval and signing of the P3 Cross Easement and Parking Agreement between P3 Enterprises, LLC, parcel no. 131-01-0014-000, 43897 Nowland Dr. and Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. CROSS EASEMENT AND PARKING AGREEMENT This Cross Easement and Parking Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of this 12th day of July, 2005 by and between P3 ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, ('P3') doing business at 43897 Nowland Dr, Canton, Michigan, 48188 and the Charter Township of Canton, A Michigan Municipal Corporation ('CANTON') doing business at 1150 Clanton Center South, Canton, Michigan, 48188, (the foregoing Parties hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties"). AARON JADE D/B/A AJJ RENTAL PROPERTIES of 31800 Northwestern Highway, Suite 207, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334 is a consenting party to the grant of this Cross Easement and Parking Agreement. Item 3. APPOINT OFFICER DELEGATE TO MERS. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint Dan Durack as Canton Township's Officer Delegate Representative to the MERS Annual Meeting and to appoint Dave Medley as the Officer Alternate. These appointments are to become effective immediately and to continue until rescinded by the Township Board. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR LOTUS INTERNATIONAL COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for August 9, 2005, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Lotus International Company for their new facility to be located at 6880 Commerce Boulevard, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. <u>GENERAL CALENDAR:</u> Item 1. FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE HAMLET, PHASE 2. (MSD) Motion by SITE PLAN FOR THE HAMLET, PHASE 2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final site plan, Phase 2 of the Hamlet. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final Site Plan, Phase 2 of The Hamlet WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. John Schandevel, has requested approval of the final site plan for Phase 2 of The Hamlet, located West of Denton Road, north and south of Proctor Road; (the entire PDD is identified by Tax ID #'s 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0013 000, 075 99 0014 000, 076 99 0001 000, 076 99 0006 000, 076 99 0007 704, 117 99 0003 701, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, 120 99 0001 000.); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission 99 0001 000.); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the final site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant final site plan approval. 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. John Schandevel, to approve the preliminary site plan for Phase 2 of The Hamlet, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 2. REPLACE CLUBHOUSE FRONT DOORS AT FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the purchase to remove and replace the front doors to the Clubhouse of Fellows Creek Golf Club to Danjo Construction, LLC, 5781 S. Sheldon, Suite B, Canton, MI 48188 in the amount of \$4,250 and approve the transfer of \$4,250 from the Community Improvemen Fund to the Golf Course Fund. I further move approve the following budget amendments for this transfer: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$4,250 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Golf Course Fund #246-959-965-5840 \$4,250. This budget amendment increases the Community Center Fund budget from \$2,435,953 to \$2,440,203. GOLF COURSE FUND: Increase Revenues: Contribution from Community Impr Fund #584-000-676-5841 \$4,250 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Buildings-FCGC #584-697-976-0000 \$4,250 This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,344,312 to \$2,348,562. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3.** APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND PURCHASE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE TEEN CENTER. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the General Fund budget amendment to the Recreation Budget: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$11,000 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #101-691-977-0000 \$11,000 This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2,222,201 to \$2,222,212, and the General Fund budget from \$28,089,317 to \$29,000,317. I also move to approve the purchase of the security system for the teen center in the amount of \$7,186.53 from A.S.C Security Systems, 9282 General Drive, Suite 110, Plymouth, MI 48170. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. APPROVE PURCHASE OF CABLE STUDIO CAMERAS. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid from Duncan Video for \$49,548 (Account #230-250-977-0000 Cable TV Fund Capital Outlay) for the purchase of three (3) Hitachi Z4000W cameras and related equipment for the Cable Studio. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. BROADCASTING OF ALL REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS. (T. CACCAMO) Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to adopt the resolution to broadcast all regular Board of Trustees meetings. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin Nays: Kirchgatter, Yack, Zarbo Motion carried. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WHEREAS, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has proclaimed that previously what were held as Study Sessions are now Regular Meetings per newly adopted Bylaws of 26 APR 05, and WHEREAS, the residents of Canton Township seek to remain fully informed of all Official Business before the Board, and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Board of Trustees believes that having the most open, disclosed and accessible meetings as possible is in the best interest of Canton citizens, which results in a better place to live, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canton Board of Trustees authorizes and provides for the taping and airing of all Study Session/Regular Board Meetings (whether referred to as a Study Session or a Regular Board Meeting) on Canton's Local CATV station. Item 6. REALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE MICROSOFT SQL SERVER SOFTWARE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the reallocation of surplus funds in the amount of \$6,536, from the following Capital accounts for the purpose of purchasing Microsoft SQL Server software for the CityView project: Engineering Services, Account # 101-447-977-2850, Computer Replacement \$4,640 Building Services, Account # 101-371-977-2850, Computer Replacement \$1,896 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Robert McCausland spoke in support of the broadcasting of all regular meetings. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be no study session on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. On Wednesday, July 20, 2005 the Downtown Development Authority will have conduct a Special Joint Meeting with the Township Board and Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk ·

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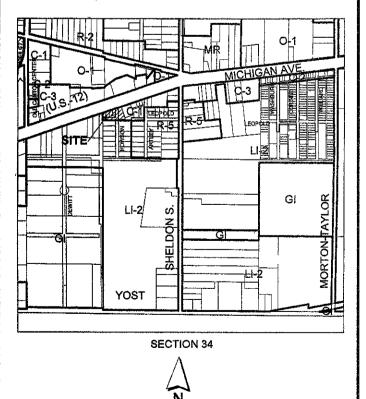
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### PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 25, 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

WASTE MANAGEMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 134 01 0030 001, 134 01 0047 000, 134 01 0048 001, 134 01 0049 001, 134 01 0050 001 AND 134 01 0051 001. INCLUDING THE LEOPOLD STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING DISTRICT TO LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located south of Michigan between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 21, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

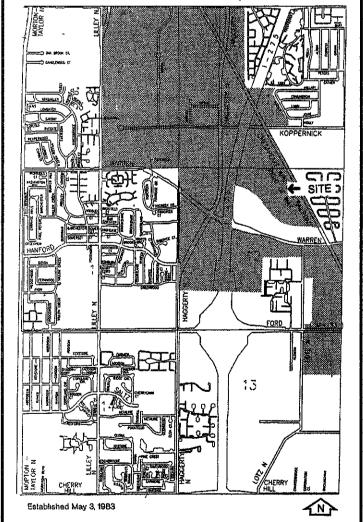
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The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building. 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Lotus International Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for a new facility to be located at 6880 Commerce Boulevard within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

> Northeast Canton Industrial Development District

### Site Location Map



Part of the northeast 1/4 of section 12, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning north 88 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds east 328.56 feet and south 02 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds east 264.54 feet from the north 1/4 corner of section 12; thence north 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds east 630.75 feet; thence south 31 degrees 24 minutes 52 seconds east 656.944 feet; thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds west 952.33 feet; thence north 02 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds west 566.00 feet to the point of beginning. 10.28 acres.

> Terry G. Bennett Clerk

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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

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