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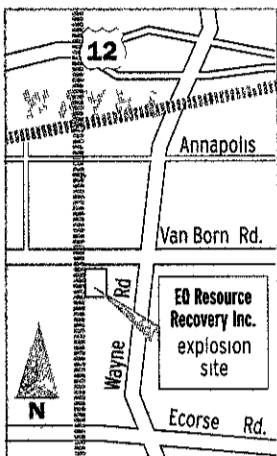
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Locals tapped to help in fiery explosion

BY BRAD KADRICH AND TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITERS

Plymouth Community firefighter Pete Bukis was on duty when he got a call from his fiancée Tuesday night, telling him about the big "bang" that rocked the city of Wayne around 9 p.m.

At the same time, Plymouth Salvation Army Maj. Bill Hogg was watching the explosions and fire unfold on television, and knew the call would come soon.



PLEASE SEE HELP, A2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Company searches for answers to devastating fire

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The full story of Tuesday night's explosion and the future of EQ Resource Recovery won't be known until national and state officials and managers figure out why it happened.

The goal, according to Dan Gilbert, EQ's director of communications, is to get the business "back up to where it was."

"It will take a significant amount of time and a significant amount of money to pick everything up and get it back together," said Gilbert. "Obviously, this

is not something we like to see happen. We take safety seriously."

EQ officials are at a loss to explain what happened. Once the Romulus Fire Department says it is safe to enter the complex on Van Born west of Wayne Road, they will begin the task of piecing it together.

"The eight people (employees on site at the time) said they heard sounds, smelled smells and then an alarm went off," Gilbert said. "We'll take what they said and our ability to get on site and develop clues."

PLEASE SEE EXPLOSION, A3

The fire at the EQ Resource Recovery plant in Romulus sent balls of fire and smoke hundreds of feet into the air Tuesday night.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior project manager Doug Underwood explains the upgrades to the Smith School gymnasium to school board members Judy Mardigian and Barry Simescu.

District races to finish bond updates

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Maureen Visser, a kindergarten teacher at Smith Elementary, is usually back to school in early August preparing her classroom for the coming school year, several weeks before teachers are contractually required to report to work.

However, Visser and her colleagues at Smith, Allen and Bird elementaries will have to wait until Aug. 25 - just four days before classes begin - as the three buildings are under reconstruction, part

of the \$109 million bond issue passed by Plymouth-Canton Schools voters last September.

"We've got separation anxiety because we can't be in there like we normally could," said Visser, who has taught at Smith for six of her 20 years in teaching. "We recently got together as a staff and there's a lot of excitement in the air about being in a fresh, new building."

All three schools are expected to be open on time, according to Doug Underwood, senior proj-

PLEASE SEE BOND, A4

Van Buren unveils potential sites for new high school

CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Every day, some 2,000 young people head into a building that's outdated and in some cases dreary.

"I'm sorry, but I think it's time to spend some money," said Pat McNally, in support of building a new Belleville High School in the Van Buren Public Schools district. "How many of you live in a house built in the 1930s that hasn't had any modifications?"

McNally was one of the people who attended a VBPS board of education meeting Monday at which district officials unveiled five potential sites for a new high school. Costs to replace the district's 79-year-old building range from \$97 million to \$115.9 million, depending on the location and the cost of land acquisition.

The district will later this week send brochures to households in the district through its newsletter. There will also be brochures available at each of the district's schools, as well as in

DISTRICT LOOKING FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The Van Buren Public Schools will host a series of town hall meetings to get input on construction of a new high school.

- Dates for the meetings are:
- Tuesday, Sept. 20
 - Thursday, Sept. 22
 - Tuesday, Sept. 27
 - Thursday, Sept. 29

All meetings will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. If residents are unable to attend, they are encouraged to call the district new school hotline at (734) 697-9123, Ext. 201, or e-mail BHSinput@vanburenschools.net. All inquiries will be answered within one business day, according to school officials.

locations around town, Supt. Pete Lazaroff said.

The construction will require additional tax. The district will ask the voters to approve a millage - from 2.55 mills to 3.02 mills, depending on the site chosen, and depending on whether a technology component which would link all the schools via fiber optic lines is included.

In order to gain input about the possible construction sites and the tax required to pay for the new building, the district has set up an e-mail account for residents to send questions and

concerns, a hotline, and will hold four town hall meetings in September to get public input.

Each of the possible sites - two near Sumpter and Hull roads, one on the I-94 service drive, one at the Wayne County Community College site in Van Buren Township and one plan to use the high school's current location - are fewer than 100 acres, and each would accommodate about 2,000 students, according to Lazaroff.

A year ago, the district

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Coming Sunday on the PINK Page



Exclusive interview with Fash Bash designer, Carlos Miele

AROUND CANTON

Blood drive battle

The Red Cross is sponsoring a Battle of the Badge Blood Drive in Canton, on Wednesday, August 24, from 1-7 p.m., at the Canton Administration Building's lower level Meeting Room A, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Battle of the Badge refers to Police versus Fire. Donors will be able to select a blue or red chip to indicate which group they want their donation credited to. Battle of the Badge is a Wayne-Oakland-Macomb County event taking place this summer. The three counties have been divided up into groups by area. Canton's group includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster. Plaques will be awarded to the group attaining the most donated pints of blood.

The Canton Department of Public Safety is encouraging residents to take part in the cause. Red Cross blood donations are always lower during the summer months, so this would be a great way to come out, show your support, and make a difference in someone's life.

Walk-ins are welcome, or you can make an appointment by calling (734) 394-5232.

Female NASCAR driver to visit

Busch Series rookie driver Kim Crosby, who will compete in the Michigan 250 at Michigan International Speedway on



Crosby

August 20, will be at the Wal-Mart in Canton on Aug. 18 to sign autographs.

Kim Crosby will be driving the Vassarette #26 for Keith Coleman Racing (KCR).

After juggling stockcar racing part-time with her former career as a junior high school principal in Louisiana, Kim recently committed to a full-time driving career on the KCR team for the remainder of the 2005 NASCAR Busch Series.

Academy openings
Plymouth Christian Academy has pre-school openings available for 3 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and for 4 year olds on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The school is also accepting applications for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.
Plymouth Christian Academy

is a distinctly Christian school serving students in the Plymouth/Canton area, and offers a strong college preparatory program, athletics, and fine arts. The school is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, on the campus of Calvary Baptist Church.

For more information, contact the school at (734) 459-3505.

Student graduates

Kristopher D. Kowal of Canton recently graduated with highest honors from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. Kris has consistently been placed on the Dean's List during his tenure at RIT. He is currently enrolled in the school's MBA program. He is the son of Dean and Renee Kowal of Canton.

Internationally recognized as a leader in computing, imaging, technology, engineering, fine and applied arts, and education of the deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology enrolls 15,500 full and part-time students in more than 340 career-oriented and professional programs.

Firearm safety kits

Canton Police Department has partnered with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide program, to distribute more than 400 free firearm safety kits. The safety kit includes a cable-style gun lock and a safety brochure that covers a variety of options for firearm storage.

According to Canton Police Sergeant Scott Hilden, "A gun lock is a very simple way to prevent a tragedy in a home with children. Guns kept in the home for self-protection are 22 times more likely to kill a family member or friend than to kill in self-defense."

Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program whose purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices. The project is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant. The free firearm safety kits

may be picked up by Canton residents at the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, while supplies last.

Spotlight awards

The Spotlight Players first annual awards night which was scheduled for Aug. 12 has been canceled. The event was to be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It will be rescheduled after the 2005-2006 season.

Those who have purchased tickets for the event will receive a full refund in the mail. Ballots will still be counted and awards will be presented individually to winners.

Brick sale

The Salem Student Congress at Salem High School is sponsoring an "Adopt-a-Brick" program to replace the walkway in front of the high school building.

The bricks are 4-x-8 inches, with room for up to three lines (12 characters per line, including spaces) for an inscription by the buyer. Bricks are available for \$50 apiece. Anyone wishing to become or remain part of Salem High School's history should send a check, along with the desired inscription, to Lauren Cummings at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Deadline for ordering the bricks is Sept. 30.

Rockette golf

The Salem Rockettes host their annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 20 at Salem Hills Golf Club.

The event, which starts with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, features a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. Cost is \$100 per golfer, which includes golf with cart, contests, prizes and a buffet dinner.

For more information, call Bob Koehler, (734) 459-5164 or Bob Chamberlain, (734) 451-2209.

HELP

FROM PAGE A1

What was initially reported by at least one radio station as a plane crash turned out to be an explosion at EQ Resource Recovery, a Romulus chemical plant which recycles paint solvents for the automobile industry and propylene glycol used in the deicing of airplanes and handles oil and waste water treatment.

Once he knew what had happened, Bukis, anticipating an evacuation by city officials, suggested his fiancée go to her grandmother's house.

Shortly thereafter, Bukis himself was down at the site, helping in his role as part of the Wayne County Hazardous Materials team. He and fellow firefighter Rick Abraham reported to the scene late Tuesday night.

"She called and said there'd been a huge explosion," Bukis said of his fiancée. "We didn't know what was going on. I figured they'd evacuate, so I just told her to get out of there, go to her grandmother's house."

Meanwhile, Bukis was on scene as part of the haz-mat team's decontamination team, which also includes two firefighters from Canton Township. Abraham said there wasn't much to do early on, because officials wanted to wait for daylight to determine exactly what the situation was.

"We waited for the guys to go in and scrubbed them down when they came out," said Abraham. "We stayed up all night waiting for the thing to burn down. A lot of it was wait-and-see until morning, because they didn't want to go into that atmosphere until they could see what they had."

With help coming from as close as Wayne and as far away as Farmington Hills, a number of agencies were involved in the aftermath of the explosion. According to Plymouth's firefighters, that coordination was a key ingredient.

The large fire and toxic atmosphere made it a charged

situation, and the Environmental Protection Agency quickly took control, according to Bukis.

"The number of departments and resources there was amazing," he said. "There were a lot of people, a lot of agencies. It was taken out of the hands of the firefighters, with decisions being made by the EPA."

"It was close to the biggest thing I've been a part of," he added.

Like the firefighters, Hogg, a Salvation Army veteran, knew it was only a matter of time before the call for help came.

"I had a feeling that because of the magnitude of the situation I would be called," said Hogg. "I received it about 10:20 p.m., and we drove the emergency response vehicle, our kitchen on wheels, to set up at the Wayne Community Center."

"No sooner did we have everything out, they moved the evacuation zone farther, so we had to pick up and move to Wayne Memorial High School, and parked by the auditorium," said Hogg.

Hogg, who began his day at 7 a.m. Tuesday, remained at the high school until another Salvation Army unit relieved him at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"I was truly amazed at how people came together," said Hogg. "We have practices for when these types of situations come up, but you never know."

"But, it all worked out very smoothly," he said. "Those affected by the evacuation were calm because everyone worked nicely together."

Hogg, who made the trip with Ross Myers, said they served doughnuts, snacks, coffee, water and lemonade to a couple of hundred people who were evacuated from their homes.

After his stint was over, Hogg got four hours of sleep and was admittedly running on adrenaline Thursday.

"You go to bed tired, but you don't mind," said Hogg. "It's one of those good feelings because you know you helped somebody."

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MEDICARE MAKES FRACTURE THERAPY MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE

While the human body can normally heal a broken bone in 2-3 months, older patients can take longer to heal (non-union fractures). However, new technology may help. Medicare coverage has been expanded to pay for ultrasound treatments that help mend broken bones in beneficiaries whose fractures will not heal, in addition to those who have undergone failed surgery. In 2000, the nation's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled only agreed to pay for the ultrasound stimulation therapy after surgery failed to help. Recently, however, manufacturers of the Exogen Bone Healing System asked the agency to reconsider the limitation on use of the

equipment on the basis of its claim that it could help broken bones heal faster.

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EXPLOSION

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EXPLOSIONS HEARD

The explosions and subsequent fire broke out after 9 p.m. in the tank farm where dirty purged paint solvents are stored. Explosions were heard throughout the evening, and an adjoining drum building, where 55-gallon drums of material are taken in, was "significantly affected" by the fire, Gilbert said.

Potentially hazardous fumes from the inferno drove hundreds of nearby residents from their homes.

The facility, which has been there since the 1960s and was bought by The Environmental Quality Co. in 1986, recycles paint solvents for the automobile industry and propylene glycol used in the deicing of airplanes, and handles oil and waste water treatment. The recycling of used paint solvents and deicing liquids is the plant's major operations.

EQ's 50 employees were given Wednesday off, and Gilbert said every effort will be made to keep as many working as possible. It also will work with its customers to meet their needs.

One customer that is watching the situation closely is Detroit Metro Airport, which has been selling its spent deicing liquid to EQ for five years.

"We are very concerned," said airport spokesman Michael Conway. "We literally have to wait until the smoke clears. We'll have to find a storage area until EQ is up and running again, but we have enough time to develop a contingency."

According to Conway, the airport, for five consecutive years, has recycled more deicer than any airport in the world. Part of that success is because of the facility's close proximity to EQ.

"EQ is an excellent company and has done an excellent job of recycling the deicing liquid," said Conway.

"They have been a loyal and valued partner in our endeavor to be a worldwide leader in recycling."

The explosions and fire didn't impact flights in and out of the airport, although Conway did spend the first few minutes after it happened determining that it hadn't been a plane crash as reported by a local radio station.

While EQ comes to the airport to retrieve the used deicer from special deicing pads, it was the airport that went to EQ Tuesday night. Conway said the airport's mobile command truck, some officers and a foam truck responded to the emergency as part of the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Association.

HELPING TO RESPOND

In fact, help came from as close as the city of Wayne to as far away as Farmington Hills. The department is in Oakland County, but participates in the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Association.

'Probably the idea of a terrorist attack entered many minds at some point, but early on people became comfortable that this was an equipment malfunction or isolated incident.'

John Roach
Wayne County Sheriff spokesman

Deputy Chief Kevin Bersche said two fire inspectors from the Hills department responded to the scene as part of the 12-community mutual aid team. Inspectors Mike Kish and Steve Biebel were still at the scene on Wednesday morning.

Westland firefighters were among the hazardous materials team members that did air-monitoring in Westland, Wayne and Garden City, said Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

Westland also had its emergency operation center on standby at City Hall, and the Bailey Recreation Center and the senior citizen Friendship Center were ready to accept evacuees, although the facilities ultimately weren't needed.

"We instructed any residents who called 9-1-1 to close their windows, turn off their air conditioners and stay inside," Reddy said. "But our area was not directly involved. We weren't in any contaminated zone or hazardous zone. However, we were prepared, and the city was ready to react."

A trio of Livonia firefighters - Shadd Whitehead, Mike Magda and Jon Unruh - worked overnight and into Wednesday morning at the explosion site as part of the hazmat team.

The department also was prepared to send trucks and equipment to Romulus if called, but there was enough mutual aid help provided by fire agencies closest to the plant, according to Livonia Fire Marshal Andrew Walker.

WORRIES ARISE

The fire may well be the largest such incident to happen in Wayne County, said John Roach, Wayne County Sheriff spokesman. There have been lesser incidents at the Fermi II nuclear power plant in Monroe County and a fuel refinery fire Downriver, but nothing like this.

"Probably the idea of a terrorist attack entered many minds at some point, but early on people became comfortable that this was an equipment malfunction or isolated incident," he said.

"We're going to figure out what happened and put those things in place so it doesn't happen again," EQ's Gilbert said.

Staff writers Darrell Clem, Stacy Jenkins and Dan West contributed to this story.

Evacuees grateful for shelter, but eager to get back home

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Tired after a sleepless night in an emergency shelter, 75-year-old Pearl Pancake anxiously waited Wednesday morning to return to the Wayne home she evacuated during a chemical plant explosion in her neighborhood.

She lost her husband of 31 years, Tony, in May, and now this.

"I want to go home and see how Baby, my little poodle, is doing," Pancake said. "She hasn't been the same since I lost my husband."

"And I have to get home so I can go to church tonight," she added. "I don't miss church."

Pancake spent the night at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium with two of her friends and neighbors, Imogene Williams, 80, and Vera Cannon, 83.

"I'm glad we had someplace to go," said Williams, holding a cup of coffee and a bagel that the Westland-based Salvation Army brought to the shelter. "We've had good treatment and good food."

GRANDCHILDREN COME ALONG

Williams had three great-grandchildren at her house Tuesday night when explosions ripped through EQ Resource Recovery Inc., just a half-mile from her home.

Her car was in the repair shop, but she and her little ones escaped with Pancake.

"My great-grandchildren were so glad to see Pearl. They just love her, and they were worried about her," Williams said, choking back tears. "I was nervous. I was in shock."

Unlike Pancake and Williams, Cannon managed to rest a little during the night.

"I slept on a cot with a blanket. I must have slept two or three hours," she said.

HUNDREDS SEEK SHELTER

Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Matthew O'Neil,



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne residents Vera Cannon, 83 (left to right), Imogene Williams, 80, and Pearl Pancake, 75, spent the night at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium after evacuating their homes due to the nearby chemical fire.

standing outside of a mobile canteen where he was serving food Wednesday morning, estimated that 200-300 people sought shelter at Stockmeyer Auditorium. Some evacuees spent the night in hotels.

O'Neil urged anyone who wants to donate to help offset emergency expenses to call (877) SAL-MICH.

Lisa Stubbe, 27, and six of her family members slept overnight in her Dodge van. They refused to pay \$149 for a hotel room they checked on, and Stubbe couldn't take her dog, Pepsi, into an emergency shelter.

"It was rough trying to sleep," the Wayne resident said, standing outside of Stockmeyer Auditorium, where her family ate food brought in by McDonald's.

Stubbe's fiancé, 32-year-old Doug Dagley, rode his bicycle toward the chemical plant after the explosion rocked the Wayne neighborhood.

"There was black stuff all over the ground," he said.

"It wasn't like soot. It was

chunks of black stuff. People were everywhere."

Stubbe's mother, 51-year-old Liz Stubbe, was visiting from St. Cloud, Fla., with her fiancé, Dan Zapico, when she saw the explosion from their motor home.

"That explosion is etched in my mind forever," Liz Stubbe said. "I thought a plane had gone down. I heard a big noise before the explosion, and then there was this big ball of flames. It was very loud."

As of Wednesday afternoon, the Stubbes still hadn't received permission to return to their neighborhood.

"We're all tired," Lisa Stubbe said. "We just want to go home, but we can't."

They waited, like Pancake and others.

"I'm worried about Baby," Pancake said of her poodle. "She doesn't eat dog food. You know what I feed her? Bologna. I cut it up for her. I know she's probably hungry."

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ect manager at McCarthy & Smith Inc.

"The work in these buildings was to bring them up to current energy codes and energy efficiency within the buildings, with unit ventilators, air conditioning and new windows," Underwood said. "As part of this work, we're updating the painting, floor coverings and electrical."

Visser, a member of the Smith building committee which worked with the staff and contractor during planning for the project, helped choose the gray and blue tile floor, trim and colors for the area rugs that will replace room carpeting.

"There was a lot of leaking in one of the hallways, which made the carpet wet and not very safe," said Visser. "We're very concerned about children with allergies. It's very important to get rid of the moldy carpet and have a better air flow system."

Susan Justice, who has spent the past 12 years teaching

kindergarten at Smith, said the air conditioning units in each room will be a welcome relief.

"(The month of) May was not a whole lot of fun teaching 5-year-olds in 95 degree temperatures, without air conditioning," said Justice. "Nobody wanted to do anything."

"The new windows will make it seem more spacious, and a better learning environment for everyone," she said.

Underwood said when the construction is completed, the schools will have four times as many windows as before.

Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services, said he had some anxiety of his own this summer, concerned the buildings wouldn't be ready by Aug. 29, the first day of class for students.

"I didn't think there was any way we were going to be ready, but there's a big difference every day," said Jacobs. "We expect most of the work to be done, but we won't be complete. We'll still have some caulking and boilers won't be installed, and exterior doors won't be installed. A lot of that work will be done after school

starts, but during off hours."

School board members Barry Simescu, Mark Slavens and Judy Mardigian toured the three buildings to get an update on construction.

"I'm really overwhelmed by the dramatic changes they will have in all these schools," said Mardigian. "There will be much more light with all the new windows, as well as energy efficiency. It will be a very comfortable learning environment with the window ventilators and improved lighting."

Simescu said he had his doubts, but is confident the buildings will be open on time.

"It looks like we're in good shape," said Simescu. "I was a little nervous, but I'm pleased with the way it's progressing."

Other bond projects this summer include new roofs at Eriksson, Field and Hulsing elementaries, as well as Pioneer Middle School.

Almost all the buildings in the district will receive improvements over the next six years as part of the \$109 million bond.

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Caccamo envisions new citizens advisory committee

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

There are 19 boards and commissions in Canton Township, as well as seven ad hoc committees. But Canton trustee Todd Caccamo would like to see one more.

During the next two weeks, he will be forming an informal citizens advisory board. The goal of the new committee is to increase citizen involvement in the governmental process.

"Granted, people can come to township board meetings to speak about issues, but I feel they don't because they don't feel like they're being heard or they feel it doesn't matter," Caccamo said.

He said he's had positive feedback on the idea, and so far has heard from five residents who wish to serve on the committee.

how to meet, and where to meet, Caccamo envisions them meeting for coffee on Saturdays for about a half hour to discuss the upcoming Township Board meeting agenda. Then, on the Tuesday evening of the township board meeting, the advisory committee would attend and present their views. If the group is effective, he will ask the township board to resolve to form a standing citizens committee.

But Austin said she doesn't really care one way or the other if the committee goes formal, or just remains a casual way for her to be involved.

While Austin said that in the 10 years she's lived in Canton, she's watched the community grow, and is happy with advances in the township, she has never really felt like she was part of the governmental process. She added that she did serve on Canton's Project Arts, but has not served on any other boards or committees. She does not know how many there are, who serves on them, and how much weight they carry with the township board.

"I really don't know enough about them to know how they work or what they do," she said.

Caccamo admitted that he does not know how many boards and committees are currently in place in the township, nor does he know how many people volunteer to serve on the committees.

"I don't know how many committees are currently around," he said. "I want new folks, not the same (Township Supervisor Tom) Yack appointees. Any board can be a good thing as long as it is

objective and not stacked with your supporters."

Caccamo has also started filming a cable television show, "Voices of Canton," which will air 7 p.m. Thursdays on public access television, beginning on Aug. 18.

"It's sure to ruffle a few feathers," he said of the show, which is as much to air different ideas and voices as it is to combat what Caccamo claims is censorship of his views.

Yack is aware of neither the committee nor the cable show, but stands by the level of volunteer involvement by Canton residents.

A few times a year, Yack solicits residents who may be interested in serving on one of the township's committees, boards or ad hocs. He sometimes places notices in the township's newsletter, Focus, and sometimes hears from interested people through word of mouth, referral from trustees and board members, or through phone calls and e-mail from residents. He keeps the contact information on file, for when openings occur. Most appointments must go through the board of trustees for approval. The total number of people on township committees is more than 150.

"When all community volunteering is considered I believe we have a healthy community in that regard. Think of the thousands of people involved in their church, youth sports, neighborhood associations, civic groups, government and many others," Yack said.

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Nancy Austin is exactly the kind of resident Caccamo had in mind. Though she said she regularly watches township board meetings on cable television, she has not attended meetings, nor has she spoken out on issues in Canton.

"I've often thought that governments don't listen to people. You have to fight to get your point heard. It's just an impression I get," she said. "I think it's a really valuable place to be. I have opinions and like to express them to people who will listen to them and vote accordingly."

Caccamo anticipates the board would be five or seven members, and the first meeting should take place mid- to late-September. While he said the board members could decide

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Retired Army general warns of terrorists' nuclear bomb scenario

BY DOUG JOHNSON
CORRESPONDENT

A nuclear attack by terrorists in the United States is "unthinkable but not unlikely," according to a retired Army general who spoke to about 200 peace activists and interested citizens Tuesday night at a Livonia church.

Three peace activist groups sponsored the special talk concerning nuclear non-proliferation Tuesday evening at Unity Church of Livonia. The talk also marked the 60th anniversary of the atomic bomb being dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

For audience member Clara Lawrence of Redford the event was very informative.

"This is something the public must be aware of ... the issue has been hidden because of the war. It is a crucial issue that has gotten buried," she said.

Linda Lieder, secretary of Citizens for Peace, and a Westland resident, agreed.

"What strikes me the most is the proliferation of nuclear weapons that are uncontained. That is scary in the time of terrorism."

The speaker at the event was retired Lt. Gen. Robert Gard, a West Point grad who has served in Germany, Vietnam, Korea and with the Department of Defense.

"Is this scenario (nuclear attacks) farfetched? Al Qaeda has said it is their duty to

obtain nuclear weapons and to use them," Gard said. "We must deny terrorists access to nuclear weapons."

Gard, whose extensive military background is bolstered by master's and doctorate degrees from Harvard, is a senior military fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation in Washington, D.C.

Gard said that 95 percent of the nuclear weapons outside of the United States are in Russia and "most do not even have rudimentary security." One estimate is that there are 20,000 warheads in Russia, he said.

"All we see is lethargy and indifference in the effort to nail down Russia's weapons. ... Our executive branch is not dealing with this problem," Gard said.

We must give this "global cleanout" the priority it deserves, "so terrorists can't get them." He said the rhetoric about reducing nuclear threats from unattended Russian warheads has not been matched by federal dollars.

Gard spoke for about 25 minutes then took several questions from the audience.

On terror in general, Gard said foreign policy, especially with the Middle East and Israel, is really the "third rail" in American politics, "not Social Security."

Gard admitted America must maintain some nuclear

weapons as a deterrent and to meet treaty obligations but that "we do not need 10,000 such weapons."

The Army veteran said that the issue of cleaning up nuclear weapons had "manifest obstacles" but that we could not leave it to the "guys in Washington."

"Disagreement with the federal government is not unpatriotic ... it is, in a sense, the highest form of patriotism."

How easy would it be to get small nuclear weapons into the country? Very, according to Gard.

"We can't keep bales of marijuana out of this country. How can we keep a small weapon the size of a grapefruit out?"

The three sponsoring groups Tuesday night included Peace Action of Michigan, Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery in Detroit, and the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace.

The Citizens for Peace group is loosely organized around Michigan's 11th Congressional District and includes members from Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Plymouth and Canton.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. there was a display of peace signs by marchers at Middlebelt Road and Five Mile Road near the church.

SITES

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tried to pass a \$150 million bond that would have constructed a new high school and made improvements to schools throughout the district. It failed 4,593 to 2,226.

This year, some 300 Canton students will attend Van Buren Public Schools. There are a total of 6,000 students in the district and 2,100 attend the high school.

The current high school received a major renovation in

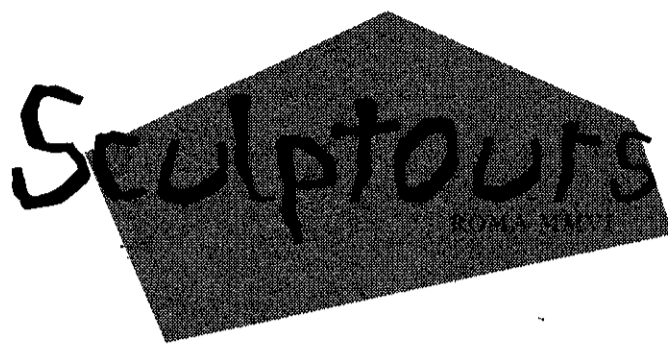
2000, when a new cafeteria and new music rooms were added to the building. Prior to that, the school had new science rooms and offices added in 1978.

If the site of the current high school location — the only location which is known to not be a wetland — is the preferred site, the auditorium and cafeteria would remain, and a series of classroom buildings would be built where the parking lot is now. During the one or two academic years during which construction would occur,

students will have to park off-site and be shuttled to school on buses. If another construction site is chosen, the high school site will eventually be used to construct a new South Middle School.

At the very earliest, voters could decide a school millage in February, but the plans are in the very early stages, and there is no timeline set for the planning process or construction, VBPS spokesman Paul Henning said.

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OUR VIEWS

It's time for a new high school

Officials from Van Buren Public Schools learned a big lesson last year when a \$150 million bond proposal to build a new high school was soundly defeated by voters by a margin of more than 2-to-1.

Although it may have been a year ago, the results of that election are still fresh in their minds as they begin another push to get a much-needed new high school built. This time around, they say, they are more cognizant of public expectations and criticisms.

As a result, district officials unveiled Monday five options for a new high school. They include tearing down most of the current Belleville High School and rebuilding it on the same spot, and building from scratch on four other locations around the district. The options range in price from \$98 million to \$117 million.

Supt. Pete Lazaroff said the idea is to let the public take a look at the various options and offer comment at four town hall meetings set for September (people can also e-mail or call in comments). That way, officials will have a better gauge of public sentiment.

All the input the district receives will be presented to the school board at its Oct. 10 meeting. The board will then determine if there is enough support for any of the proposals and, if so, then begin the process of getting it on the ballot. Lazaroff said the best-case scenario would be to get the measure on the ballot next February. It could be much longer if there is no clear front-runner among the five options.

The district should be commended for opening up the process to public dialogue. The bottom line is the district needs a new high school. Belleville High School, which dates back to the 1920s, has undergone nine renovations during its lifetime. As a result the building is kind of a mishmash of styles, and it lacks a certain coherence found in most high schools. It is also archaic by today's standards.

Schools, especially high schools, should be a reflection of the community. What kind of message does the district send to its students by making them attend an old, arguably rundown high school?

Some of the district's most vocal critics live in Canton, although only 300 of the district's 6,000 students reside in Canton. The Canton parents should welcome a new high school. In fact, two of the options — one on the I-94 service drive and the other near the campus of Wayne County Community College — would move the school closer to Canton.

Even if the eventual site doesn't prove to be closer, they should still see the value in upgraded facilities, with all the new technologies one would expect from other districts such as Plymouth-Canton. It would be far better than what they are getting today.

Redistricting panel offers a better way

They call it gerrymandering.

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry carved out a salamander-shaped congressional district to suit his political ends and gave birth to a popular form of political manipulation.

Every 10 years, the majority party in the state Legislature gets to redraw district lines to guarantee that it will remain the majority party in the state Legislature and in the congressional delegation. It's as American as apple pie.

But state Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, thinks there is a better way. He has introduced a resolution in support of a state constitutional amendment to create a special redistricting commission.

The U.S. Constitution requires redistricting after every decennial census. Under Anderson's proposal, a nine-member panel rather than the state Legislature would redraw boundaries for federal, state and county districts based on population changes. The panel would consist of four members appointed by the Republican Party, four by the Democratic Party and a ninth member selected by the other eight members.

Both parties take advantage of this geographic manipulation to keep themselves in power, to protect particular candidates and to punish others.

While Anderson's approach is no guarantee of impartiality, it does take the process out of strictly partisan interests and allows for more competitive political districts.

We're skeptical that the party in power would be willing to give up its control over redistricting, but in the name of true democracy we support Anderson's resolution.



LETTERS

Wowed by theater

I recently had the pleasure of attending the play *Annie, Get Your Gun* at the newly built Village Theater in Canton. Being my first visit to the village, I was extremely impressed. Not only was the play sensational, but also the theater itself was just as captivating. The entire Cherry Hill Village area gives Canton a much-needed distinction and as a resident of the area I am pleased to see this vision realized.

Thank you, Tom Yack and the board of trustees, for providing the community with such a convenient and riveting form of entertainment that only live theater can bring. I look forward to the further development of this fine area and would like to encourage others in the Plymouth-Canton community to support this wonderful theater by becoming volunteers and/or regular patrons.

Jessica Shamberger
Canton

Well-founded criticism

Trustee Caccamo recently responded in this space to an editorial critical of his approach and manner in dealing with other trustees and legislative matters.

The *Observer's* criticism was well-founded, and I'm disappointed that Mr. Caccamo doesn't understand or recognize the problem. He states that he is relentlessly attacking government waste at a furious pace. On the contrary, he is slowing down the great progress this community has been making. I am pleased to be a Canton resident, and I appreciate the work of our local officials in developing a community that serves as a model for other communities. Our community services are second to none and are provided at one of the lowest millage rates in the county.

I share the *Observer's* opinion of Mr. Caccamo's performance. Since his election in November, he has repeatedly demonstrated a lack of basic understanding of the workings of local government and has often used disrespectful behavior. He seems to be about advancing himself at the expense of other board members. The other board members have a strong and long record of advancing the community, not themselves. Although the election was last November, he seems to be running a continuous political campaign. How often do we need to see a TV screen with "Todd CACCAMO TRUSTEE" on it? His inability to be a team player and his inability to recognize that he has a great opportunity to learn from the more experienced trustees on the board prevents him from effectively serving the community.

Mr. Caccamo is not only new to the Canton community, he is new to elected office. Hopefully, with more than three years until the next election, he will learn from others and join the team that has made Canton the great community that it is today. If not, the next election may quite likely show him the door.

Ross Witschonke
Canton

Team play?

I have to say I found the editorial concerning televising the sessions to be interesting, but the direct attack against Mr. Caccamo caused me to pause.

The meetings are normally tired affairs that rubber stamp decisions that are made outside of the room.

I realize you are very busy and have no intention of starting an argument with people that buy ink by the barrel; however, I must disagree with your assertion that (when referring to Mr. Caccamo), your newspaper stated, "Whether he wants to accept it or not, Caccamo is part of a team — a team that publicly represents the whole community."

Caccamo is a trustee. The *Standard Dictionary, International Edition* terms a trustee as: "One who holds property in trust; especially in popular usage, one of a body of men [sic], often elective, who hold the property and manage the affairs of a church or public institution."

Who is being served by Trustee Kirchgatter building a metal statue to her deceased veterinarian husband on public property? The "team" or the people of Canton?

There are questions about this "team." For example, why does Plante & Moran play such a large role? Is it coaching or playing? It seems it is doing both.

It is statistically impossible for a team to win every game and yet the "team" that you refer to has done that for nearly 20 years without fail.

Now that's news.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Transit is for the masses

I am ashamed of suburban communities that seem to be afraid of mass transit. Yes, Detroit has problems; one of the biggest is that it is the most segregated city in America. Perhaps by not having a mass transit system these suburban communities can continue to isolate themselves from the city. Yet we must remember that Compuware, DTE Energy, EDS, General Motors, Little Caesars, SBC and many other corporations employ thousands downtown while still thousands more go to the city to be entertained by baseball, casinos, clubs, expositions, fireworks, football, museums, restaurants and theaters.

Universities and colleges serve the entire state, not just those who live close to campus or can afford automobile transportation. Even as suburban communities continue to sprawl (run) away from Detroit, they fight mass transit systems and even the automobile alternatives such as the building of freeways (M-5 for example) as if afraid of easy access from Detroit.

For the past two years, I have been riding (sometimes crowded) buses with many professionals in and out of the city to western Wayne County. So unlike the politicians who sit in their suburban local offices and pretend that only the handicapped or poor need mass transportation, I feel contempt

and frustration. They do not see the reality of life for most nor do they seem to care. A local van driving elderly or handicapped to a local doctor's office is noble, but a far cry from meeting the needs of the residents and will have little effect on revitalizing the city of Detroit and our Michigan economy.

If these communities are afraid of the power that Detroit may get or may misuse from a metro mass transit system, it is time for them to step forward to help shape and manage the mass transit system not cover and run.

We all have a right and a responsibility to create an easy access environment for all the residents of southeast Michigan. Whether we like it or not, we all live here and we all need mobility.

Richard Frownfelter
Canton

Fear for our nation

Kudos to Terry Ahwal for her insightful July 17 commentary, "Muslims shouldn't be targeted for fanatical acts of terrorists." Even prior to 9/11, one could hear derogatory comments against Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans. Now, it's socially acceptable to unleash it amidst a chorus of commentators who wrap themselves in the American flag and brush off every thoughtful criticism of the "war on terror" or war in Iraq as "Anti-American." My favorite meaningless phrase is, "must be a liberal." Setting aside that there are anti-war conservatives, I fear for our nation. It's been said that "the greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, but the illusion of knowledge."

And we sure do have an abundance of "experts" on the Middle East these days. Mind you, they couldn't identify the region's leaders nor how the different regimes came into power. And they usually don't know the different religions or basic facts about the diverse peoples. But lo and behold, they're "experts."

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"The face of Ford Road is changing. It's a regional transportation corridor, so it's really hard for the independents to continue. Cherry Hill Village would be more conducive to independents, just because the scale is different."

— Canton Township Planner Jeff Goulet, on the challenges facing small businesses on Ford Road

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Did naming rights decision turn PCCS into 'McSchool'?

On a warm summer night Plymouth Canton school board members gathered for a special session. The district realized they were beyond rubbing their last two nickels together. Corporate sponsorship was the answer to their financial woes.

Superintendent Jim Ryan was there. Board President Emeritus Dr. E. J. McClendon was welcomed, though many weren't sure of his position on controversial financing. I was invited as an English teacher and member of the public. The meeting was informal; Barton Mallow provided snacks and stood to benefit from the outcome.

Dr. McClendon began. "It seems that public education has taken another drastic turn for the worse. I've been in this business for over half a century. I've seen bonds and millages pass and fail, and state funding all but disappear. Money troubles never end. Why, people expect to get a Country Day education on mere parent volunteers and bake sales! A few years back, public schools were threatened by Burger King High and the Edison Project.

"But I've come to see those projects were short-sighted. What good is just one corporate sponsor? Our economy thrives on competition. We need to consider the Fortune 500 and strike lucrative deals before other districts get wise and ruin our chances. The companies should be solid. Their names should blend with the organizations they sponsor, using alliteration to make the scheme appealing to the public."

I asked, "Don't you think you'd be selling out? The Ann Arbor News said this was a desperate move. Livonia praised our creativity but hasn't considered it themselves."

Development director Tom Sklut countered, "The board should keep their options open. It is a great financial opportunity."

"Won't there be a danger," I continued, "as for newspapers and other media, that the paying company might want more say in how things are run? And what curriculum is taught? As you said, 51 percent share of any venture adds up to a controlling interest."

"Don't be so alarmist. This isn't the Supreme Court we're talking about," Dr. Ryan stated. There will be multiple points of view. So many sponsors, so many views. Companies know about the bottom line; they won't interfere with the process of education. It's not their expertise. They would leave it to experienced professionals."

I turned to a board member. "Mr. Ham-Kucharski, do you think as your sponsor that Halliburton would permit detailed classroom instruction about the Iraq war?"

He answered, "I don't think this war is part of the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks, so I don't see any problem there."

Hoping for accountability, I asked, "What about each of you board members? Shouldn't you set an example with who your own sponsors are? Surely you won't allow alcohol, tobacco, and

weapons companies in the door, will you?"

"Of course not," said Mrs. Mardigian. "We want the largest endowments possible but want to avoid conflicts of interest. PCCS's bid from a very big company was delayed because its headquarters are in Tokyo, and their name doesn't start with the letter P. I have been courted by Marathon but I'm leaning toward Microsoft because they could help us with tech support and their funds seem unlimited."

"Morally, I decided against Halliburton," said Ham-Kucharski. "I considered Heinz but didn't want to answer to Mrs. Kerry, so I went with Kroger. It's a local business and in the top 20 of the 500."

President Slavens agreed with mutual endorsement of local companies. Since Sears and Kmart merged, he's a double winner. Mr. Wysocki's sponsor supports the local economy; Weyerhaeuser makes building materials for new homes, is a big paper supplier, supports recycling and Habitat for Humanity! His conscience was at rest.

Mrs. Saunders felt confident with SBC. "With the need for fiber optics and their support of arts and culture, I could make a contribution to the schools of this community."

Mrs. Lamar had concerns about Lockheed's military connections so she opted for Lowe's. "They are big on scholarships and home improvement, but I hope they branch out to help our music programs."

Mr. Simescu was proud of his deal with Sun Microsystems which would make the district a key tech player for the 21st century.

"I wanted to avoid the obvious McDonald's association," Dr. McClendon mused. "But Merrill Lynch made a generous offer which I accepted. What they've done for my net worth they can do for our schools."

"I try to be impartial in these matters," said Ryan, "but a superintendent has to have clout. I was approached by Rite-Aid after rejecting Raytheon; they have too much clout for my taste, but pharmacies can help everyone."

Everyone agreed on color schemes and planned to wear their emblems to open the new school year. They felt the promise of the night and the \$e\$\$ion ended. They strolled to their cars in the glow of the new Merrill Lynch sign Dr. McClendon had installed on his Education Center, its trademark bull a symbol of strength.

Everyone hurried home to watch the rerun of CABARET about depression-era Germany with their favorite song, "Money Makes the World Go 'Round." As master of ceremonies, Joel Grey had to sustain the merriment, whatever the cost, however desperate the circumstances.

Kathy Thompson teaches in the English department at Salem High School and penned this satirical look at the decision to adopt the naming rights policy. She can be reached via e-mail at thompsk@pccs.k12.mi.us

Our communities must evolve in order to survive

There is an old adage that if your organization is standing still or not moving forward, then you are really going backward.

In today's fast-paced world, this is certainly true. We can also apply this to our local communities. If they are not changing or redeveloping, then they are at best standing still or more likely moving backward.

After some time, the community loses vitality and people move out. Fortunately, this is not the case in our suburban communities. Witness all the commercial develop-



Richard Aginian

ment, residential improvements, new and "infill" housing and infrastructure improvements which are taking place. Two communities as examples are Birmingham and Livonia.

In Birmingham, the list is extensive. It includes Booth Park, redevelopment of the Jacobson's store, the condominiums and commercial development on Eaton, the Rail District, the condominium conversion of

Birmingham Place, the proposed changes in the Triangle District plus many residential housing improvements. All private development.

The city has not stood idly by. The projects under way or planned include Shain Park changes, the Adams Road Bridge replacement, Southfield Road repaving, other local street projects plus the changes at Old Woodward, Woodward and Lincoln to make a safer intersection.

Livonia is another community that is continuing to change and redevelop. Wonderland Mall is undergoing a transformation. A new Target, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart and other stores are proposed. The site of the Mai-Kai Theatre, which underwent several transformations, all failed, is now busy with residential housing. An entrepreneur took a chance and is successful. This is in addition to the road projects, new housing, remodeling of existing housing plus residential infill.

Other communities are seeing similar development. In Southfield, condominiums sprouted around the Town Center and City Center — an area which is rapidly becoming a wonderful hub for the city. Fast-growing Canton is getting the area's first IKEA. Drugstores seem to sprout on every corner. West Bloomfield is looking at creating a "downtown." Luxury homes continue to be built in Rochester Hills.

Sure, there are some problems. The area continues to lose manufacturing jobs. The automotive industry and the supplier base are in trouble. Proposal A isn't working and

needs to be changed. It's devastating our schools and trapping people in their homes.

Look beyond the problems and you see no shortage of optimistic store owners, builders and developers willing to take a risk, otherwise we would not see all of this development. Banks continue to lend money for this development. If they didn't believe in the area, why would they continue to lend money, to all of these developers? All are very positive signs for the future.

There are the naysayers who say no development is good development. Or others who ask: "What's wrong with the status quo?" Each community has had its share.

Each community has to evolve, develop and reinvent itself if it is going to be a healthy location for families to stay and businesses to flourish. If there is no development or regeneration, then a community dies. No one wants to live there, businesses will not locate there and sooner rather than later we have empty fields, vacant storefronts and dilapidated houses. We are left with a city government with no tax base and it too is then in trouble.

There are also naysayers who also don't like the businesses that locate in a community. In Livonia, there is some objection to Wal-Mart. That is another story, but given the choices, an empty and vacant corner or a thriving revitalized shopping center, I would take the latter.

An excellent example is the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road in Southfield. It was a dying center in a good location. Remember Crowley's Department store? It was located there.

After several years of neglect with a troubled store base, the owners redeveloped the center and it is now anchored by Meijer and Lowe's. From all outward appearances the center is thriving. The same thing can happen to Wonderland Mall.

City growth and development does cause some inconvenience. Repaving roads and replacing sewers are not glamorous projects and can make the daily commute to work or shopping a challenge.

We have to look beyond the short-term inconvenience and see the vision of our city leaders, the entrepreneurs and the developers.

At the end of the day, responsible development, municipal or private, is better than no development. Remember, if you are not growing and changing, in today's world, you are moving backward. The results of stagnation and moving backward are not pretty and that's something no one wants.

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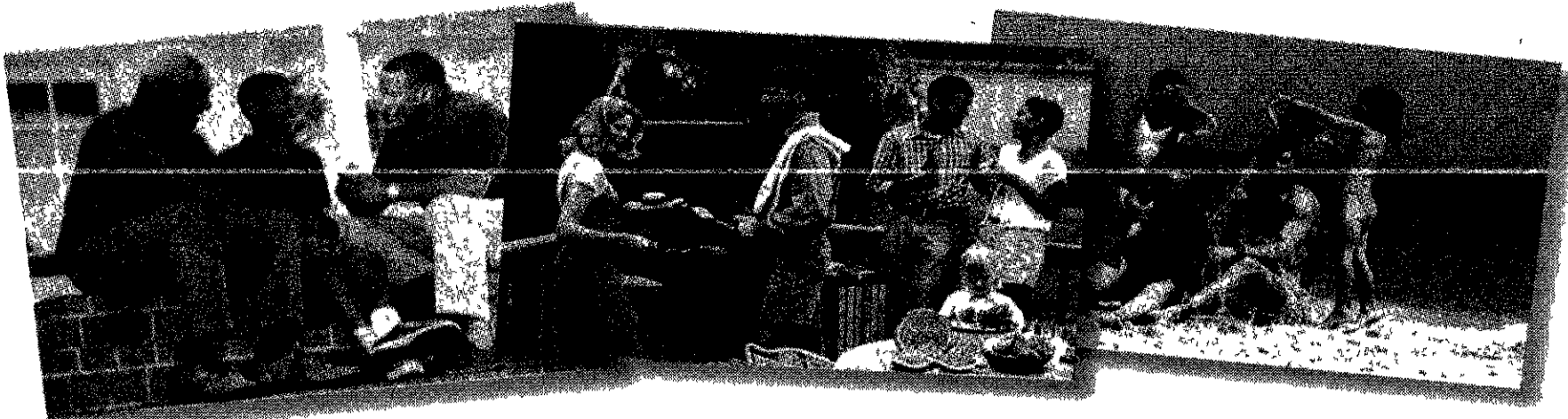
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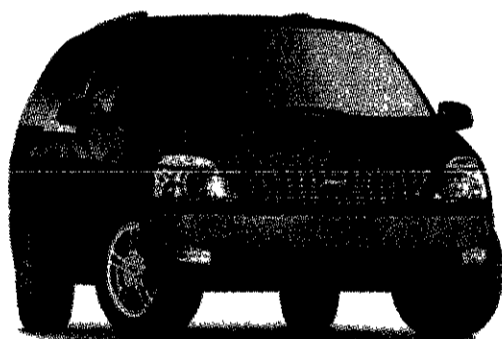
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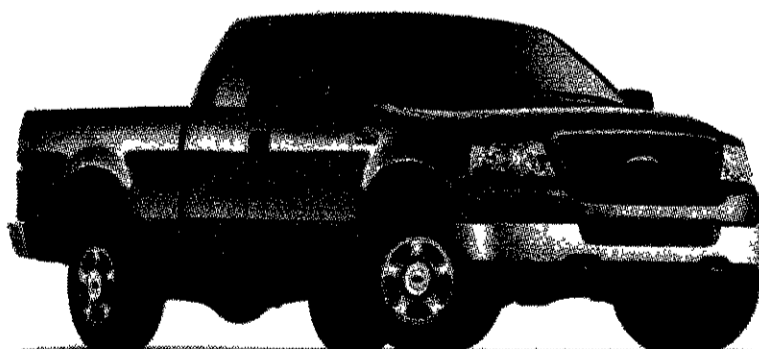
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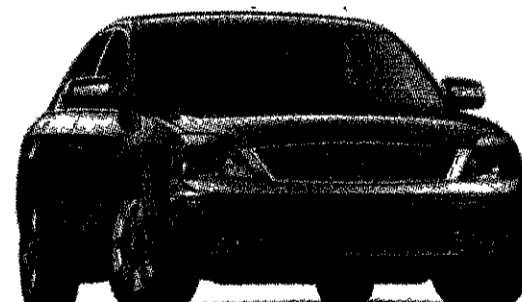
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Accents

Bromeliad honors

Two members of the Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society members had competitive entries at the 16th biennial World Bromeliad Conference, which took place in Chicago last August.

Current president Penrith Goff of Northville received several Award of Merit honors in the Artistic division for his paintings of bromeliads.

Former president Paul Wingert of Farmington Hills received the prestigious Sweepstakes Award for his entries in the Horticulture division.

He is the first grower outside of the traditional bromeliad growing areas of the country (Florida, California and Texas) to receive the award.

Avoid summer itch

The Toro Company has created yardcare.com, a Web site dedicated to providing information and answers to lawn and garden questions. This month, the site shares tips for avoiding poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac.

The Web site says: According to the American Academy of Dermatology, each year up to 50 million Americans will have an allergic reaction to urushiol, the toxic oil found in these plants.

These weeds grow in just about every area of the country. Experts say your best defense is knowing what the plants look like and avoiding contact with them.

Poison ivy grows as a vine in most areas of the country. In the far North and West it grows as a shrub. Look for pointed, serrated leaves with three or five in a grouping.

Poison oak typically grows as a shrub. In the fall, the oak-like leaves turn yellow, then red.

Poison sumac is native to swampy and boggy areas. The shrubs or trees feature seven to 13 staggered leaflets.

If you come into contact with these poisonous weeds, wash the affected area immediately with soap and water. Itching can be relieved by using calamine lotion or other over-the-counter remedies.

You'll also want to clean any items you may have touched. The oils can remain active for up to five years on items like shoes, garden tools and clothing.

For more information on controlling poison ivy in your yard, visit Toro's weed control library at www.yardcare.com.

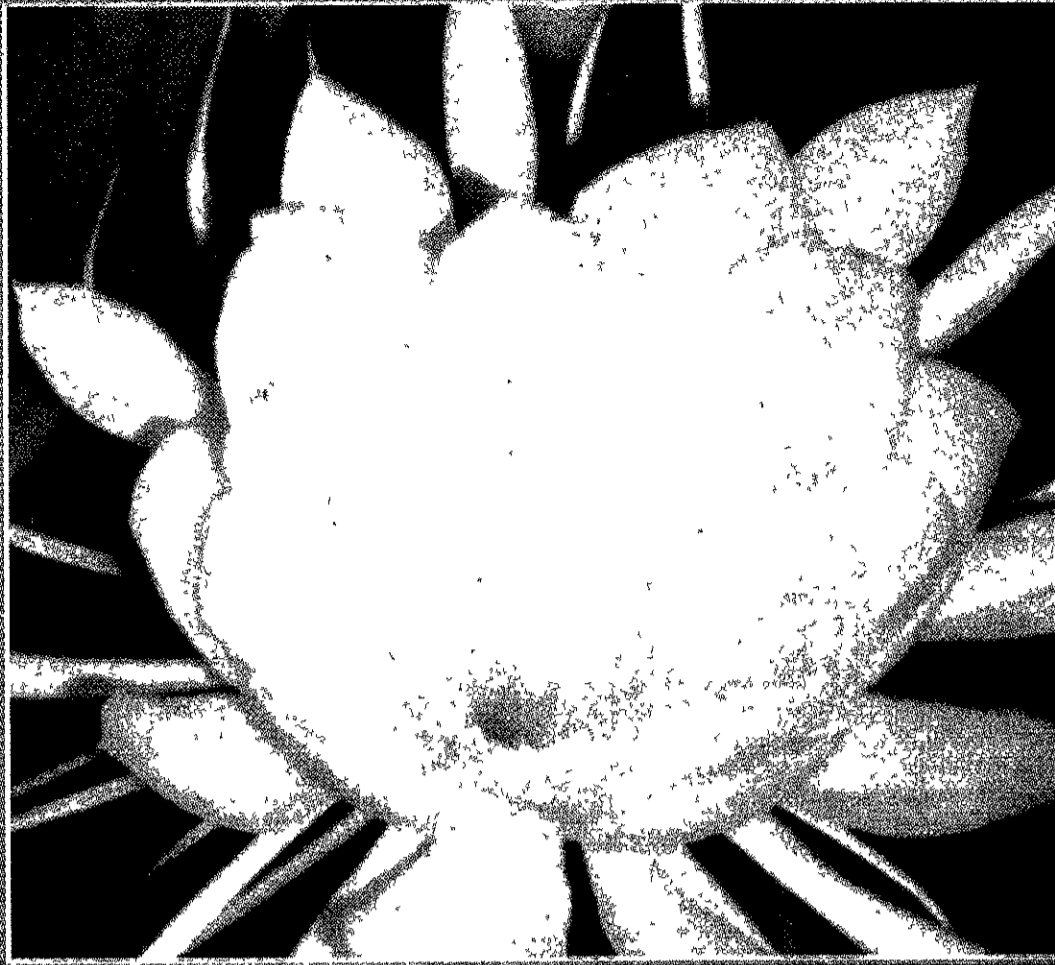
Earth-friendly

A free program, Earth-friendly Fall Gardening, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway.

To register, call (734) 467-3198 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Garden consultants Nancy Szerlag and Jeff Ball will speak on perennial flowers for fall, mulches and compost, managing weeds without chemicals, and landscape design ideas.

The moon or night-blooming cereus plant produces a spectacular flower that lasts only one day.



Late bloomers

Gardens shine with white flowers

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

When it comes to certain flowers, the twilight zone isn't something to fear. Plants that bloom or emit fragrances only at night give you something special to enjoy in the evening and even by moonlight.

Consider Katherine Manser's moon cereus plants, which shine at night in her Southfield home.

Large, white blooms open on the plants around 10:30 p.m., Manser says. They close up by daybreak and don't reappear until the next year.

"They are so unique ... so beautiful," Manser said.

She has been tending the plants for 10 years, and they have bloomed every year. This year, she counted 26 blooms.

"I never had this many blooms," Manser said.

The blooms are as big as dinner plates and emit a beautiful fragrance, she says. A spider-like form is in the center of each flower, over a dusting of gold (see related article).

"I have known many people who held patio parties to watch the opening of the flowers that open at dusk," Lou Kilbert of West Bloomfield, president of the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society, said of this succulent, which is often called Queen of the Night.

"The opening is so rapid and the flower so large that the sight is spectacular. The flowers last only one night, which makes them even more special."

NIGHT SELECTIONS

A night garden can have you singing a moonlight serenade. Such a garden doesn't have to be restricted to plants that show flowers or emit a scent only at that time, but can include white blooms that glow in the dark.

The gardens are also

called moon gardens "because white flowers come into their glory in the evening," said Karen of Barsons Greenhouse in Westland. "Not only do the white flowers look luminous when dusk falls, but the perfume of some white flowers is also heightened in the evening to attract night-flying pollinators."

"You want all these ... flowers white white (not cream-colored) so they'll really stand out," said Lisa McAllister at Bordine Nursery in Rochester Hills.

Among her suggestions are cleome and cosmos.

"White impatiens will stand out very well," McAllister said.

You can make a tiered effect by placing shorter flowers, such as impatiens and dianthus, in front of taller ones, she said.

What could be more appropriate for a night or moon garden than ipomoea alba, or moonflower vine?

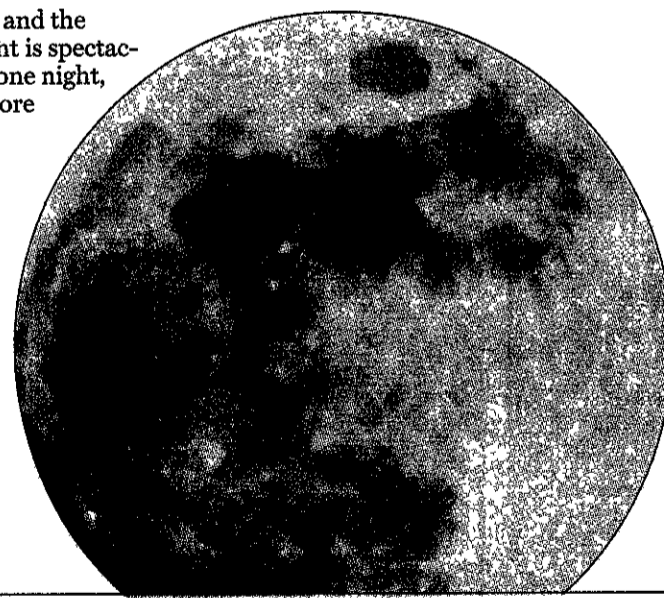
This annual features 6-inch, trumpet-shaped flowers. They open at sunset every night, and close and shrink among dense, heart-shaped foliage at full morning light.

Bordine Nursery designer Ed Rager said that ipomoea is also good to put around a lamppost.

PLEASE SEE MOON, B2

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Lou Kilbert
Of West Bloomfield,
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PHOTOS BY KATHERINE MANSER

The moon cereus plants thrive at Katherine Manser's home.

Readers weigh in on Internet phone services



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

If my inbox is any indication, readers have a lot to say on the subject of Internet phone services. They also have a lot of questions. Let the discussion continue!

To recap, I recently switched from SBC to SunRocket, a small but growing voice-over-IP (VoIP) service. All my inbound and outbound calls now travel through my cable modem.

I elected to transfer my existing phone number, a process that wound up taking 23 days (pretty good considering their Web site said it could take up to 60 days). Everything went smoothly;

SunRocket e-mailed me just before the transfer was scheduled to occur and the day after it was completed.

I'm pleased to report that my Replay DVR, which requires a phone line to download TV guide data, works just fine. Alas, my fax machine (an HP OfficeJet) will no longer send documents.

Very few VoIP services promise reliable faxing — it's just a limitation in the technology — but there are workarounds.

For example, if you primarily receive faxes, you can sign up for a free eFax (www.efax.com) number, which routes documents to your e-

mail inbox. To send faxes, you can scan documents into your PC using an inexpensive scanner, then transmit them via your PC's fax/modem. This method works on my system, though I couldn't tell you why. My OfficeJet can't send faxes over VoIP, but my fax/modem can.

Getting back to SunRocket, Sid and Patt Bedrosian of Canton wrote to say, "We have had our SunRocket phones for about two months and couldn't be happier with them!"

Al Fox of Livonia had equally kind words for Vonage: "Overall it has been a great experience, with lots of extras and value for the money. They

even have a provision where if my Internet (access) is down, calls will be forwarded to another number (in this case my cell phone)."

That's an important consideration. As William Barnard of Livonia asked me to remind readers, "If you lose power (which we frequently do in Livonia), you can't use VoIP."

If there's a power failure or your Internet provider experiences an outage, your phone will stop working. You won't be able to make calls, receive calls, or dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B3

Cereus plant still growing strong at home

The moon or night-blooming cereus plant at Katherine Manser's residence is native to the southwestern United States and Mexico.

Her plants thrive in their position at a doorwall, where they receive a lot of sun.

"It loves the sunlight," Manser said. "You've got to have them in a real hot area."

"They grow in 'just plain old dirt,'" Manser said.

She has added PRO-SOL, a fertilizer, which she can't find anymore.

Manser's first cereus plant was a cutting she received through an acquaintance.

"An aunt was telling me how they smelled so nice," she said.

Since then the plants have grown so much that they form a mini-forest at the home, seeming to spill from four pots. Even a broomstick that Manser put in for support has started to slant from all the growth.

If she didn't keep them trimmed, they would reach to the ceiling, Manser says.

The flowers start blooming in June or July.

The first indication of blooms are the appearance of tiny yellow dots, each about the size of the head of a pin, on the edges of the long, slightly wavy leaves.

The leaves are actually stems that have flattened out to take

on the duty of a leaf, said Lou Kilbert, president of the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society.

An old plant may be 4-6 feet tall, Kilbert said.

The blossoms are up to 1 foot long, and may be 7 inches in diameter when open, he said.

Kilbert shared some recommendations about growing the night-blooming cereus:

- The plant should be grown in dapple shade from spring through fall (about Oct. 15 in southeast Michigan).

- It needs a dry rest period in winter. Give it just enough water to keep the plant from shriveling.

- A large pot is required to

keep the top-heavy plant from falling over. Stakes in the pot will help it stay upright and look shapely.

- The soil should be open and very porous, but contain a lot of organic material, such as orchid bark, coir and leaf mold.

- The plant is easily propagated in the spring or early summer.

Cut off a stem segment, dip the end in rooting hormone and allow it to dry for one week, then stick it in the same type of soil being used to grow the other plant.

Manser would be happy to give away cuttings of the plant, she said.

Your washer learns to shake, rattle and roll

Julie sent an e-mail: "Can you tell me what to do with a washing machine that is installed in an upstairs closet, close to the bedrooms, and shakes the whole upstairs when it goes into spin?"

"Our home was built in 1999 and this problem is just beginning now. Is it the fault of the washer? I am ready to have a laundry room built in the basement."

"All my research indicates that no one is telling consumers of this problem. Not *Consumer Reports* or the home builder who built a laundry room out of a closet or the retailer who delivered and installed the machine.

"What choices do I have on where my washer will operate best in my house?"

"I purchased a new front-load washer a year ago, which vibrates worse than the old top loader I had. Will it help if I purchase another top loader? Please help me make the right decision."

I called Julie and we had a lengthy discussion on her problem.

I started off by telling her there is only one place for a washing machine, and that is a cement floor of a basement. If not a cement floor, then wherever the laundry room will be must have a floor almost equal in support strength to a cement floor.

Let me put the equation into other words: The floor had better be strong enough to keep a freight train from jumping around.

The newer washers of today — and that means the front loaders well as top loaders — are going to give you a faster spin cycle and more vibration than ever before.

The shame of all this is that the home builders all know what happens when the floor is too weak to properly support a washing machine.

In Julie's case, they didn't even build into the floor a drain pan should a flood ever occur because of a tub leak or broken hose.

All evidence described to me indicates that the builder didn't care enough for the customer to do the job the way it needed to be done. Does it really take that much more time and materials to show the customer you care?

Julie's home, built in 1999, was built by one of the biggest builders in the home industry. As I write this column, this builder hasn't even replied to Julie's letter of inquiry.

A few days ago I was doing an interview on satellite radio and talking with people across the country. This vibration problem is going on across the country, and the guy in Texas I was talking to was pretty mad at his builder.

I can point the finger at home builders not just around here, but all across America and as far as I'm concerned, they aren't doing a thing about it.

GIVE NOTICE

Let's take a look at how smart the manufacturers of the washing machines are. They have thousands of service calls rendered on their products every year where there is nothing wrong with the washer.

In many cases, the service is covered under warranty and that cost is absorbed by the manufacturer. You may ask if it totals a lot of money and I would bet it falls into the millions of dollars.

Wouldn't it make sense that the manufacturer put a notice on a clothes washer: "To be used on a cement floor or equivalent?" Would this not wake up the builders and put the responsibility directly on their shoulders?

Maybe we should have a law in Michigan that tells a home builder, "You will build the laundry room floor strong enough to prevent a washer from vibrating." If the builders had to dismantle a house to correct the floor problem, it wouldn't take long before they did it correctly in the first place.

Julie's final words in our conversation indicated she is going to have a plumber install new water lines and a sink in the basement, and run a new gas line for the clothes dryer. What a pain to go through — and Julie doesn't even get the pleasure of rock and roll music. Stay tuned.

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

MOON

FROM PAGE B1

Ipomoea's flowers are white with tracings of faint green, and emit an exotic perfume.

Datura, or angels' trumpet, opens its white blooms at night, said Deb Barson, Barsons Greenhouse proprietor.

Datura's fragrant flowers are 6 inches or larger and remain open into the next day. (Be aware that datura is poisonous.)

Night-blooming jasmine is another possibility for a night garden, Barson said. This plant's small, greenish-white, tubular flowers may not be

splasy, but they have a sweet, powerful fragrance that is light during the day and stronger in the evening.

The four o'clock (*Mirabilis jalapa*) and evening primrose are good for a night garden, said Melody Jacobs, sales and design at Keller & Stein in Canton. Four o'clock's 2-inch flowers are shaped like trumpets and have a scent like jasmine.

Jacobs suggested placing white flowers along a rock garden.

"The moon will light up that whole area," she said.

"There is a species of daylily, *Hemerocallis citrina*, with a clear, lemon-yellow flower that

NIGHT GARDEN SOURCES

- Barsons Greenhouse: (734) 421-5959; www.barsons.com.
- Bordine Nursery: in Clarkston, (248) 625-9100; in Rochester Hills, (248) 651-9000; www.bordine.com.
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shrubs with flowers in a variety of forms — clusters (ivory halo dogwood, deutzia, amelanchier), fountain-like (bridalwreath and Renaissance spirea), single or double blossoms (mockorange), bottle brush (hummingbird clethra) and snowball (snowball viburnum and Annabelle hydrangea).

The flowers of some pink and blue varieties of hydrangeas change color depending on the soil acidity or pH. But white-flowered hydrangeas remain white, no matter what the condition of the soil is.

White centaurea, jasmine tobacco, woodland tobacco, night phlox, evening-scented stock (*matthiola longipetala*), white sweet alyssum, phlox paniculata 'David', sweet rocket, night-blooming tropical water lilies and white honeysuckle vine (*lonicera*) are some suggestions from Karen.

is pleasantly lemon-scented," Kilbert said. "The flowers open in the evening, last one night and are very easy to see because they appear to glow especially at dusk or at dawn. By noon the next day, the flowers will have folded their petals. In the heat that we've been getting, the petals may be spent before dawn.

"The plant is very hardy and will grow in sun or shade."

WHITE BLOOMS

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Designer or decorator? How to decide

Bob from Canton asks: "My wife and I are considering hiring a 'design re-mix specialist.' I have never heard of this term before and have some hesitancy, but she claims to be trained in the design field.

"I'm not sure if this is exactly what we're looking for. Can you give me any insight on the different types of designers and services available?"

Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

There are all types of people trained in different ways out there in the decorating and design industry. Let me try to sort through them for you.

■ **Decorators** - A decorator is basically someone who likes to decorate and may have a flair for how a room aesthetically comes together.

Anyone can call himself or herself a decorator. There is no formal schooling required to use this title. Many people use this to their advantage and will even incorrectly call themselves interior designers.

Keep in mind that college-educated interior designers

will NEVER call themselves decorators.

■ **Re-mix Specialists/Consultants and Home Stagers** - Most people who use these types of titles when describing their work have completed some sort of training course. This course can last as little as a few hours, or all the way up to a week of training in a precise field.

The range of knowledge is very limited, but they serve a purpose for a specific need. Some real estate agents will bring in home stagers to prepare a home for resale.

Very often, a client may just want their current items rearranged to be more effective and a re-mix consultant can help; however, I would be wary of making any permanent changes or large, expensive purchases based on the advice of a re-mix specialist or a home stager.

■ **Interior Designer** - An interior designer has a minimum of an associate's degree and often a bachelor's degree. Many people go on and earn their master's degree in art and interior design.

A designer is trained to focus on the needs of the client. Aesthetics will follow functionality. A designer can decorate, accessorize, do home staging and design re-mix work.

Any material selection is based on certain criteria, such

as maintenance, cost, safety, environmental impact, serviceability, durability and aesthetics.

Furniture placement and space planning reflect the science of anthropometrics and ergonomics.

Interior designers have studied the psychology of color and how certain light changes color.

They are trained in architecture and architectural history, have studied acoustics, can draw up an electrical plan, and understand the importance of proportion and scale. Interior designers are trained in problem-solving design issues. The list goes on and on.

Your question doesn't address why you were seeking to hire this re-mix specialist.

Because of their limited expertise, very often home stagers and re-mix specialists are less expensive than interior designers; however, you may be surprised that the cost of an interior designer may not be much different than the others, depending on the scope of your project.

Most designers offer free consultations, which means they will meet with you to see the proposed project and give you an estimate on time and cost. An interior designer will often think outside the box and bring in ideas that you haven't even considered.

Choosing a good interior designer requires some effort on your part.

Not only do you want to know the experience and get some references from the designer you are considering, but there should be a personality match between you and the designer.

You will be working together and you need to know the designer is listening to you.

A designer's job is not to make every room they design reflect their own tastes, but to truly reflect the tastes and personalities of the client.

I hope these descriptions have cleared things up for you.

With your current project in mind, you may want to interview several people.

Bring in one person from each of the categories listed above and get a feel for what they are able to do, their experience and credentials, and if they will fulfill your design needs.

You are now armed with knowledge, and this will enable you to make a more informed decision.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation.

Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

HOME CALENDAR

Home decor

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

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The schedule includes Beginner Pillow, Mondays, Aug. 15-29 (fee is \$60) and Weekender Bag, Mondays, Aug. 15-29 (\$40).

In Beginner Pillow, beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cord and inserted trims. The class will include learning how to use a rotary cutter cutting bias and

using a zipper foot to cover cord and discusses topics presented for the first time during Twilight Tours at the estate this summer.

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.

Cotswold Architecture: A Patriotic Statement and a Cozy Home will be the topic Sunday, Aug. 14. This tour will have an optional boxed picnic dinner available. Admission is \$25 for the dinner and tour, \$15 for the tour only. Owing a home with an English architectural style was considered patriotic after the Centennial in 1876 and World War I.

The Cotswold style in particular was popular in both Britain and America. It appealed to the Fords as it could be

big but not formidable or castle-like. Visitors on the Aug. 14 tour will learn about the popularity of English architectural styles, the picturesque Cotswold region and how the brilliant architect Albert Kahn created a family home for the Fords.

Ford House: The First Great Modern American Landscape will be the topic Sunday, Aug. 21. This tour will have an optional sit-down dinner at the Activities Center. Admission is \$32 for the dinner and tour, \$15 for the tour only.

While exploring the gardens and grounds, guests on the Aug. 21 tour will get a preview of a new book explaining why Ford House is arguably the first great modern landscape in America. Visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House president John Franklin Miller takes visitors on personally guided tours of the estate

and discusses topics presented for the first time during Twilight Tours at the estate this summer.

BROIDA

FROM PAGE B1

Even SunRocket, one of the few VoIP services to offer enhanced 9-1-1 (meaning the operator automatically receives your location information when you call), urges customers to retain a "backup" 9-1-1 solution (such as a cell phone or basic landline service).

Interestingly, a colleague of mine recently threw in the VoIP towel after his service went down for a day. Though I'm sure it was inconvenient, a few bumps are to be expected. Consider it the price of saving hundreds of dollars per year.

It'll take more than an occasional glitch (which SunRocket quickly 'fessed up to and apologized for — I admire that)

before I retreat to SBC.

Several readers asked if switching to VoIP meant buying special phones. No, but ideally you should own a phone system that has a base station (which will plug into the VoIP connection box) and one or more wireless handsets.

If you don't, there's an undocumented trick that turns all the phone jacks in your house into VoIP jacks so you can use any phone. I've blogged the details here: tinyurl.com/7u9f5.

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 questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Iris sale

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have its annual Iris Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or until the irises are gone) Saturday, Aug. 13, at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy. The center is at 2975 E. Maple (15 Mile), on the northwest corner of Maple and Dequindre, Phone (248) 689-3636. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. or visit www.irisclub.org. Many types of bearded and Siberian irises will be for sale. Come early for the best selection.

Alternative lawns

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Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns, a Michigan School of Gardening (MSG) class scheduled Wednesdays, Aug. 17-24, at The Community House in downtown Birmingham. Fee is \$72. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The class will cover concepts of "naturalizing" a lawn area and lawn replacement gardens. Instructor Sue Grubba has been designing residential and commercial landscapes since 1985. The owner of Creative Scapes, a landscape and flower garden design firm, she is an advanced master gardener and a senior instructor at the MSG.

Herb fest

The daytime and evening Herb Study Groups of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei

Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum will host Herbfest noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10 for Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, \$15 for the public. To register, call the gardens at (734) 998-7061. Stroll the gardens and meet with herb enthusiasts. The afternoon will include a medieval theme, with music of the period by Norma Gentile, a talk by Donna Estray on Hildegard of Bingen, and a talk by Bronwen Gates on medieval herbs. Educational displays will be featured. Herbal treats, such as lavender lemonade and sweet and savory goodies, are donated by herb study members. Joanna Larson will be available to answer questions in the Sandra Hicks herb knot garden.

Matthaei Gardens

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a field trip to the University of Michigan Matthaei Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, Sunday, Aug. 14. Participants will meet at the front gate at 2 p.m. Cost is \$5. Guests are welcome. For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

Sale, seminar

AguaFina Gardens & Imports, 2629 Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake, will have its second annual Warehouse Sale Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 13-14. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 738-0500 or visit www.aguafina.com. The sale will offer 20 to 40 percent off most items, 20 percent off pond supplies and 30 percent off children's stone furniture. Featured items will include reclaimed antique stone pavers; stone sculptures, fountains and complete furniture sets, Japanese lanterns; exotic stone; Asian artifacts; mosaic stone tiles; and petrified wood. Matt Niemiec, AguaFina's resident aquatic expert, will present a seminar on algae control 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Niemiec will share secrets and insight on keeping your pond clean throughout the summer.

Bromeliad show

The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society will present its annual Show and Sale 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 20-21, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. More than 200 beautiful bromeliads will be on display, including many award winners from the 2004 Bromeliad Society International World Conference. Lecture/demonstrations are sched-

uled both days. Bromeliads, the Perfect Houseplant will be presented at 12:30 p.m., and How to Mount Air Plants at 1 p.m. Members will offer a wide selection of plants for sale. Books about bromeliad culture and growing supplies will be available. Free plants will be offered to new members. The first 25 students in attendance each day will also receive a free plant. For more information, call Penrith Goff at (248) 380-7359.

Organic gardening

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Organic Gardening will be the topic Aug. 17. The seminar will show you how to recycle your yard waste into usable material. It will feature the basics of composting, and tips on how to grow plants and flowers without the use of pesticides and insecticides. Shade Gardening will be the topic Aug. 24. Create a colorful, beautiful garden that will bloom year after year in the shade. Some of the most popular plants for shade, as well as tried-and-true favorites, will be discussed. You'll learn how to select plant materials, and combine colors and textures to design a beautiful garden.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit

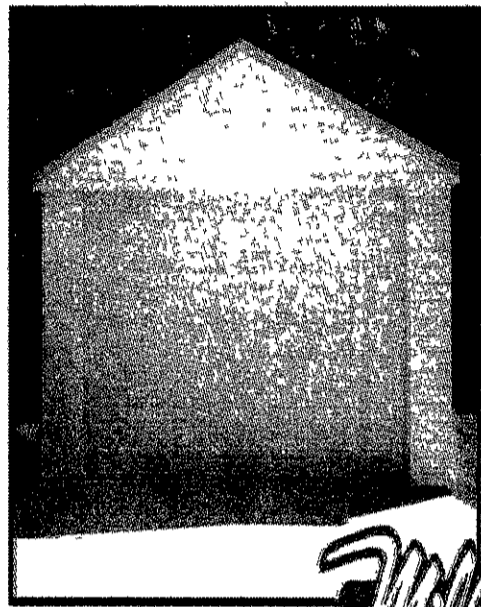
www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a flyer. Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. In this popular hands-on workshop, participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Reservations are required for the workshop. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Cooking With Roses will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Learn how to grow edible roses and prepare tempting rose recipes. Admission is free and reservations aren't required. **Landscaping with Native Plants** Thinking about adding diversity to your landscape? Go native! Appreciate our natural heritage in a new way by using native plants. Anton Reznicek, curator at the University of Michigan, will present a lecture on native plant identification and using these plants in the landscape 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton. Cost is \$16. Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060 for registration and more information. Native trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and herbaceous plants are well adapted to our climate, won't become invasive, and require little care if installed appropriately. Also, they can provide habitats for regional birds and insects.

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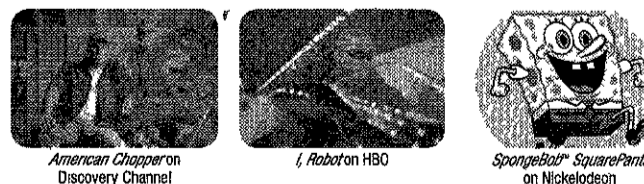
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The Beit Kodesh Save Our Synagogue committee (from left) Esther Green, Dilyse McAllister, Jeff Kirsch, and Lynn Hughes talk about the temple's history and the renovations that are being made. Missing is Michael Schmall.

Congregation sends out an SOS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When membership of Congregation Beit Kodesh dwindled to 40 families, Jeff Kirsch knew it was time to send out an SOS by forming the Save Our Synagogue committee. The Livonia congregation had always been small—that's part of the charm for members living in Canton, Westland, Redford, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Novi and Oak Park—but survival of the synagogue was in doubt unless the committee could attract new followers.

Shortly after receiving approval from the board of directors in June, Kirsch asked Dilyse McAllister, Esther Green, Lynn Hughes and Michael Schmall to come up with ideas to save the synagogue originally organized as the Livonia Jewish Congregation in 1959. By July, McAllister's husband Mark and a crew from his Carpenterman Services were tearing out the old brown paneling and preparing to recreate the Wailing Wall in the sanctuary. The building on Seven Mile housed the United Hebrew School until the congregation moved from its Six Mile and Middlebelt location in 1971.

Mark McAllister plans to have a portion of Phase I of the renovations completed in time for a Memorial Service on Sunday, Sept. 11, then finish the rest of the work before the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the beginning of October.

REMEMBERING

As a way of becoming more involved in the community the congregation is inviting everyone to join them at 11 a.m. on Sept. 11 to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks. Featured speakers are Livonia Mayor Jack Engbretson and state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, along with guest soloist Cantor Harry Sturm and Rabbi Jason Miller. The congregation is without a rabbi. Members, including boys and girls who have gone through the "coming of age" ceremonies of bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah, lead the services. "We want to make everyone in the surrounding area aware there is a synagogue," said Kirsch, vice president of the religious committee and a Farmington Hills resident. "We're the only Conservative synagogue in Wayne County

and provide Friday and Saturday services. We have a lot of exciting things happening for the synagogue, a youth group, Boys on the Go to keep kids interested and involved.

"We try to get all of our members involved in services, all ages. The earlier they get involved they'll be able to learn, stay and lead."

EARLY START

Kirsch's grandfather began taking him to the Livonia synagogue at age 10, so it's only natural that he wants the congregation to survive. Kirsch attended Sunday school there. Esther Green didn't join the congregation so her son, then age 8, could. Today enrollment is down to 10 students, so Green is having an Ice Cream Party 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, to attract children.

For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

"They will learn to read Hebrew," said Green, the Livonia resident who became Sunday school director in 1997. "We try to involve them in the Jewish community, including the food bank Yad Ezra in Berkeley. Every year students go there for three hours to package food assembly line fashion. At Passover, they wanted to stay longer. The baskets were distributed in the tri-county area. We also have community activities such as a book drive for students in Israel."

Dilyse McAllister remembers when she was a little girl going to Sunday school. Back then, she lived so close she walked to services with the rabbi. McAllister's been teaching Sunday school for 13 years. She's been a member on and off for 45 years because of the family-oriented feeling of the congregation.

"If it's someone's birthday we sing some of the songs. It makes them feel accepted and part of our community," said McAllister. "Since my son's bar mitzvah members encourage him to get up and participate."

"It's a nice place to raise your children," added Green. "It's a very comfortable place. People are wonderful."

"You can bring little kids to services on Friday night and they're welcome," said McAllister.

KEEPING THE FAITH

Phyllis Lewkowicz likes to refer to Beit Kodesh as "my synagogue" because of the warm feeling she gets every

time she walks in the door. In fact it was just what founders had in mind when they began holding Shabbat (Sabbath) services at Clarenceville Central Elementary School in 1958. Lewkowicz was one of the visionaries along with Asher and Sarah Smith, Nate Weiser, Jerry Friedman, and Richard and Helen Bayles who needed a place to observe their religion.

"I think it's positive to have young people with old, to have people with new ideas with revitalization in them. That's contagious. I'm behind the committee 100 percent," said the 70-year-old Lewkowicz, who's held many positions on the board over the years. The Livonia resident is president of the Sisterhood, a group of female members who meet for activities, visit Jewish residents of nursing homes, and collect money for charities.

"The major problem is getting our name out there not only in Livonia but the Jewish community," said Lewkowicz, who raised three children in the synagogue. "We started it because we migrated out to Livonia and needed a place to congregate. There was no synagogue and we needed a place to worship. My husband was a Holocaust survivor and this was very important to him.

We met in tents at the Botsford Inn and a farm house. We had a tough climb. We found there were no Jewish stores to buy kosher meat or Jewish bakeries. Our synagogue is so unique. It's been a struggle but we're unique in the fact that we're all volunteers."

Lynn Hughes joined Beit Kodesh eight years ago because she knew the congregation would be most accepting of her husband who isn't Jewish.

"Several families are interfaith and they feel welcome here," said Hughes of Novi. "Even if you're not Jewish you're welcomed in. We had just moved to Livonia and I grew up in upstate New York in a Conservative temple. I wanted him to feel comfortable."

"People know your name when you come here," added Green. "Our doors are open to any Jewish person who wants to join us."

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BASILIO M. RIVERA

Age 52, of Plymouth, August 7, 2005. Beloved son of Mary Rivera of Plymouth. Loving brother of Elizabeth Rocha of Texas, Rose (Stephen) Baker of Allen Park, Susie Wagner of Plymouth, Paul (Mary Lou) of Canton, Felix (Carrie) of Plymouth, and David (Courtney) of Livonia. Dearest uncle of Mary Sue Raisig of Plymouth, Marcie Lynn Jaskolski, and many other nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, Michigan

DOROTHY E. FERNELIUS (NEE MCCANNON)

Was born January 7, 1923 in Newark Ohio. She died July 30, 2005 in St. Joseph Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Dorothy was a teacher in the Bloomfield Hills School System. She is survived by her husband, Earl W. Fernelius and two daughters, Margaret A. Brooks with granddaughter, Emma in Tucson, Arizona and Linda K. Fernelius in Jacksonville, Florida. Private arrangements were handled by Heather Mortuary and Chapel, 1040 N. Columbus Blvd., Tucson Arizona 85711.

RONALD FRANCIS FILTER

Of Bloomfield Hills, July 31, 2005, age 83. The loving husband of the late Dorothy Filter and dear father of Robert Filter of Bloomfield Hills, Douglas Filter of Grand Rapids and Donald Filter of Maumee, Ohio. Retired industrial engineer for General Motors at the Cadillac Motor Car Division for 42 1/2 years. A memorial service for the immediate family will be at Acacia Cemetery August 20, 2005. Memorials may be made to Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

GAIL N. EDWARDS

Of Farmington Hills. Age 67, died August 9, 2005. Beloved mother of Becki Edwards, Cherished grandmother of Heather and Nicholas Hyatt. Loving daughter of Rebecca Neal of Virginia. Preceded in death by her father Erman and brother Clyde E. Neal. Prayer service Friday 1 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, (1 block W. of Farmington Road). Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM and Friday 1-9 PM. Memorial Contributions may be made to: American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

EDWARD C. CONLEY

Age 90, Sun., Aug 7, 2005, of Dayton, OH (formerly of Birmingham, MI for 50 years). Preceded in death by three sisters, Kathleen, Marjorie, and Mary; and four brothers, James, Frederick, Kenneth, and William. Edward is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy; his daughter Mary Elizabeth Kosmal of Dayton, OH; his son John Conley of Duluth, GA; grandson Ryan Conley and granddaughter Rachel Kosmal. Mr. Conley was a prominent financial executive in the automotive industry in the Detroit area, a member of St. Regis Catholic Church, the Birmingham Men's Club and Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps with service during WWII. Graveside services will be held at 10am Thursday, August 11, 2005, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Stephens College, Columbia, MO, in Edward's memory. Arrangements in care of Newcomer Funeral Home, Kettering, Ohio

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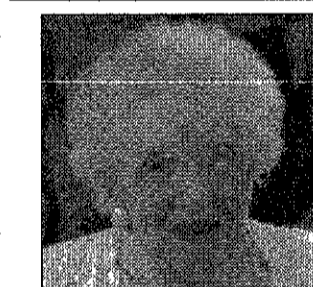
A resident of Birmingham from 1950-1975, Mrs. Senteney died peacefully in Poway, California July 22 at age 83. Born in Detroit, wife of James Howard Senteney, mother of Kenneth (Jackie) of Layton, Utah, Gail of Sandy, Utah, and Patricia (Peter) Floyd, Warren, Vermont. She was predeceased by her husband on September 7, 1997 and by her grandson, David Christopher Miller, November 17, 1973.

EVELYN B. NAGLER

Age 87, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2005. She was born September 19, 1917 in Traverse City, MI, the daughter of Frank & Anastasia Palmer. Evelyn will be greatly missed by her children; Elizabeth (Ron) Betzig and Frank (Barbara) Nagler, six grandchildren; Sarah, Evan and Julia Betzig, Stacy, Sean and Travis Nagler, one brother, Franklin Palmer. The family did receive friends 2-4 & 6-8pm Wednesday, August 10 2005 at the Nie Lifestory Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Rd. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, August 11, 2005 at Knox Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Tom Robinson officiating. The family will receive friends at the church Thursday morning from 10 am until time of services. A private burial will be held at Deepdale Cemetery, Lansing, MI. Please visit Evelyn's personal webpage at www.lifestorynet.com to read her Lifestory, leave a memory and sign the guestbook. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

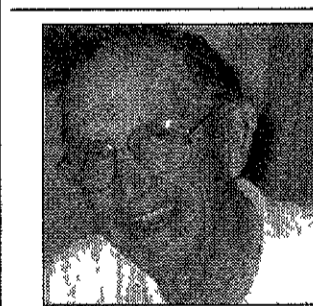
CHRISTINE MARIE SPARKS

Beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed peacefully in her sleep August 9, 2005 at the age of 83. She is survived by 6 children Gary (Janice), JoAnn Porth (James), Cheryl Smith (Rick), Ernest (Janet), Donna Reeder (David), Mark (Donna), 15 grand children Gary II (Jennifer), Christopher, John Porth, Jeffrey Porth (Pam), James Porth (Kimberly), Justin Porth (Yuni), Tenille McLeod (Joel), Tanya Sparks, Tyler Sparks, Jay Sparks, Kimberly Murawski (Christopher), James Satti (Carolyn), Melanie Nunez (Ryan), Michelle Beasley (Brian), Scott (Kimberly), and 26 great grandchildren Baylen Sparks, Jackson Sparks, Olivia Porth, Dalton Porth, Ashley Porth, Jake Cassidy, Mike Cassidy, Logan Sparks, Dylan Sparks, Brittany Murawski, Brian Satti, Rachel McMasters, Rebekah McMasters, Chloe Beasley, Jake Beasley, Nick Beasley, Kensington Nunez, Jack Nunez, Katie Nunez, Carter Nunez, Joel Nunez, Jessica Sparks, Chelsea Sparks, Allissa Sparks, Scotty Sparks, and Kailynn Sparks. At Christine's request, a private ceremony was immediately held in her home surrounded by her family. Final resting place will be Park City, Montana



DOROTHY IRENE CONNOR

Age 96 of Rochester Hills, formerly of Detroit. August 8, 2005. Loving wife of the late James. Dear mother of Irene (William) Connors, Michael (Vicki) Connor, and the late Virginia Davies. Step-mother of Patricia Watt. Grandmother of Laura, Steven, Michael, William Jr., James, Robert, Ginger, Megan, and Michael Jr. Survived by 7 great grandchildren. Funeral service Thursday, August 11, 2005 10:00 AM at the Potare Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. The family will receive friends Wednesday 3-9 PM. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorials to Michigan Humane Society or the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



WILLIAM BERNARD GURNEY

July 29, 2005, age 88. Beloved husband of Estelle for 68 years. Dearest father of Irene (David) Whitmore, William (Nancy) Gurney & Thomas Gurney. Dear papa of grandchildren Rachel (Michael) Miller, Jennifer (Robert) Graskewicz, Peter Gurney, Kate (Andreja) Reskevics and proceeded in death by darling granddaughter Stephanie Gurney. Proud papa of three great grandchildren, Alexis and Ian Miller and Bryn Jillian Graskewicz. Mr. Gurney was the Owner of Arbor Joy Golf Range for 35 years. In keeping with Mr. Gurney's wishes, arrangements were handled by the Cremation Society of Michigan. A private memorial service is being arranged. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mr. Gurney's name to a charity of your choice or St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Floor 4000, Older Adults and Stroke Unit, 5301 E Huron River Dr., P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-0995

ROBERT E. RHODES SR.

Age 54, of Plymouth passed away August 9, 2005. Beloved father of Heather (Jason) Waite, Robert E. Rhodes Jr. and Justin Rhodes. Dearest son of Nancy J. Rhodes Remicik. Loving brother of Sandra (Gary) Luoma, Kathleen (Irv) Mahoney, Debra (Leo) Magee, Sheryl (Fred) Kiemele. Dearest Uncle of Jason, Jamie and Any Luoma, Alexander and Andrew Magee, Sean, Ryan and Katelyn Kiemele. Funeral Service Friday 12:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Rd., (1/4 mile West of Sheldon Rd.) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, and at Church Friday 11:00 AM until time of service. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or American Thoracic Cardiovascular Institute, 405 West Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48910.

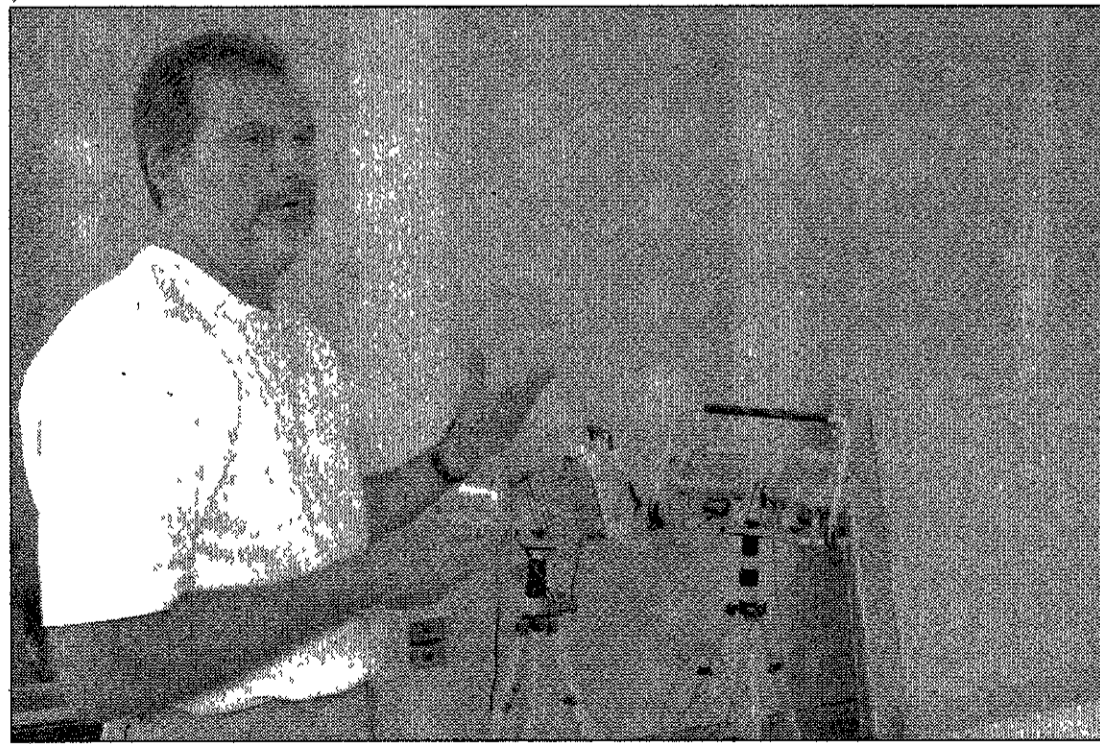


HELEN SYBIL HAY

Age 87, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away at the Cooney Convalescent Home in Helena, Montana on August 7, 2005. She was born near Jackson, Michigan on January 19, 1918, the youngest daughter of Harvey Winthrop Palmer and Helen Matilda Givett Palmer. Sadly, Sybil's father died when she was very young in a flu epidemic, but her mother and sisters made sure she was well cared for, had a solid faith, and that she got a good education. She attended schools in Parma, Michigan and moved to Washington state where she completed high school in Mount Vernon and secretarial school in Seattle. Upon moving back to Michigan, she married Garfield Donald Hay on May 16, 1941 and worked off and on at H & H Tube Manufacturing for many years. The real focal points of Sybil's life were her family and her church. Garfield and Sybil had four wonderful children, Louise, Joyce, Harold, and Marcia whom they raised in Livonia. Sybil enjoyed singing in her church choir and the wonderful relationships she had with her Sunday School classes at Trinity Baptist Church, Highland Park Baptist Church, and later, Covenant Community Baptist Church. Her faith was simple, unwavering, and the strength of her life. Garfield and Sybil had many wonderful memories of family trips across the country, some international travel to visit daughter Louise in Sicily where three of their grandchildren were born. They enjoyed trips to Montana to visit son, Harold, and his family. Highlights there were hiking to a ghost town and floating the Missouri River. Sybil was always close to her daughter and son-in-law Marcia and Bill Barnard, who she was happy stayed in the Detroit area to share their lives with her on a day-to-day basis. Marcia has a beautiful singing voice that Sybil never tired of listening to. Sybil was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Winifred, Schwartz, Mary Howe, and Grace Emery, her husband Garfield, and daughter Joyce Ruth Hay. Survivors include children Louise Sybil Gabbard of Corpus Christi, TX; Harold Walter Hay (Judy) of Helena, MT; and Marcia Joan Barnard (Bill) of Novi, MI; grandchildren Sharolyn Hacker, Rebecca Crow (Jeremy), Marilyn Gabbard, Max Hay, Blakely Hay, and Ramsay Hay; great grandchildren Shanelle Hacker, Samantha Hacker, and Aerial Escollima; and many nieces, grand nieces and grand nephews. Visitation and funeral services will be at RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia Michigan. Visitation will be Thursday Aug. 11, 6pm - 9pm, and Friday Aug. 12, noon - 9pm. The funeral service will be Saturday, August 13, 11:30am. Interment will be at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Send International, PO Box 513 Farmington, MI, or Christian Service Bridge, C/O Gene Francis, 972 Northlawn, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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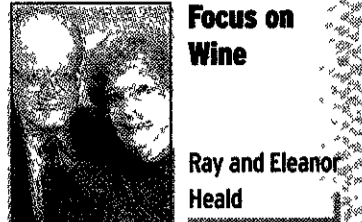
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Count them! Forty wineries and 100 wine grape-growers in Michigan. The winery total is up from 17 just a decade ago. Nine of Michigan's wineries have been in business for 25 years or longer and planted acreage has increased about 10 percent.

Although this seems significant, the Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council set the goal of increasing the size of Michigan's wine industry to 10,000 grape acres from the current 1,500 by 2024. While sales of all wines in Michigan increased 39 percent between 1996 and 2004, sales of Michigan wines increased a whopping 84 percent.

Over the past three years, capital investment close to \$15 million has been made by Black Star Farms, the new Brys Estate Winery, Chateau Chantal, Contessa, Karma Vista, Peninsula Cellars, Tabor Hill, Uncle John's Fruithouse Winery and St. Julian.

DARKENED HORIZON

It all sounds so promising, yet most recently, Michigan wineries formed WineMichigan as an industry association to address regulatory issues, particularly the future of direct wine shipping, which HB4959, introduced by Rep. Chris Ward of Brighton and a host of sponsors, would cancel.

Passage of such legislation would destroy Michigan's wine industry and take away your consumer rights.

If you've not yet let your voice be heard on behalf of a sensible bill allowing direct-to-consumer wine shipping (allowed now by 29 states), log on to www.freethesgrapes.com and click on "Michigan Consumers" on the home page to send a message to the governor, lieutenant governor, your senator and representative (even if you don't remember their names).

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Most of Michigan's wineries submitted wines to judging in the 28th annual Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition, conducted Tuesday, Aug. 2. Judges (including us) offered much praise in evaluating 302 wines, the largest number submitted for the competition to date. The following are the significant winners.

DOUBLE GOLD AND BEST OF CLASS SEMI-DRY WHITE: 2004 Peninsula Cellars Semi-dry Riesling.

DOUBLE GOLD (this category means that all judges who evaluated the wine awarded it a gold medal): 2002 Bel Lago Chardonnay, 2003 Bel Lago Pinot Grigio, NV Black Star Farms Hard Apple Cider, 2004 Brys Estate Winery and Vineyard Semi-sweet Riesling, 2004 Fenn Valley Vineyards Late Harvest Vignoles, 2004 Karma Vista Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, 2004 Leelanau Cellars Riesling Ice Wine, 2004 Peninsula Cellars Gewurztraminer, NV St. Julian Wine Company Cherry Wine, NV Uncle John's Fruit House Winery Farm House Perry.

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sautéing and stir-frying, to basting grilled or oven-roasted meats, poultry and seafood. Olive oil also works well as a flavor enhancer for sauces, marinades and dressings. **Extra Light Olive Oil** - Extra light olive oil, with its light golden color, is the mildest flavored of the olive oils and has just a hint of olive flavor. It's an excellent choice for all types of cooking, especially baking. It can be used in place of vegetable oil in most recipes. Extra light olive oil also is the best choice for high-heat cooking methods, because it remains extremely stable at high temperatures. Extra light olive oil has the same amount of calories and the same heart-healthy properties as other olive oils.

Source: North American Olive Oil Association

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authentic Southwestern flavor, while a corn chip garnish creates a colorful presentation that is surprisingly simple to create.

Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Salad is a kid-friendly dish packed full of all their favorite flavors. Get your kids involved in the assembly by having them choose their favorite pizza toppings like peppers, mushrooms or olives to add to the salad's base of pasta, pepperoni, cheese and fresh herbs. The ingredients are tossed with a simple extra virgin olive oil vinaigrette, making a colorful and flavorful dish the whole family will enjoy.

Turn summer garden vegetables or grilled meats into a flavor-packed dish with Olive Oil Lime-Garlic Marinade. Made from ingredients most people have on hand, the marinade goes together quickly but is full of tangy flavor. Picnickers who enjoy a little more spice will also love a variation on the recipe: Thai Marinade. This spicy Asian-inspired marinade can be used on vegetables or a variety of meats before grilling. **Minted Citrus Tea Cookies**



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Southwestern Tossed Salad is a colorful medley of corn, black beans, romaine lettuce, tomato and avocado.

are the perfect end to casual summer gatherings. Fresh mint leaves paired with lemon and lime zest add a refreshing zing to the tender sugar-cookie base, while extra light olive oil reduces the saturated fat content of the dessert. For a more savory version, you can use fresh rosemary in place of the mint. These cookies can be made in advance and taken

anywhere for a sweet complement to any summer meal.

Whether preparing meals in advance or stopping at a park for a midday break, the charm of picnics is that they are always very doable. For more recipes and information on olive oil, visit www.aboutoliveoil.org.

Established in 1989, the North American Olive Oil

Association is a trade association of marketers, packagers and importers of olive oil in the United States, Canada and their respective suppliers abroad. The association strives to foster a better understanding of olive oil and its taste, versatility and health benefits. For more information about olive oil and the NAOOA, visit www.aboutoliveoil.org.

SOUTHWESTERN TOSSED SALAD

- Salad:**
 2 cups frozen or canned (well drained) corn
 1 (15-1/2 ounce) can black beans, lightly rinsed and drained
 2 roma tomatoes, chopped
 4 green onions, sliced
 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
 4 ounces Cotija cheese*, crumbled

- Dressing:**
 1/2 cup olive oil
 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lime peel
 3 tablespoons lime juice (or rice vinegar)
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 finely chopped chipotle chile (mixed with 1/2 teaspoon adobo sauce purchased from store)

- 5 cups torn romaine lettuce
 1 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and cubed, optional
 1 cup coarsely broken tortilla chips, optional

In large bowl, combine corn, black beans, tomatoes, green onions, cilantro and cheese; toss to mix.

In measuring cup or small bowl, blend dressing ingredients. Add romaine, avocado and dressing to salad; toss to mix. Garnish with broken tortilla chips before serving, if desired.

Makes 10-12 servings (about 10 cups).

*Cotija cheese is a firm, salty Mexican cheese similar to Feta. Cotija Anejo is another version of Cotija that has been aged for a longer period of time. It is often found in the deli section of the supermarket or in specialty stores. If desired, substitute one cup diced Monterey Jack or Muenster cheese for Cotija.

Make-ahead tip: If desired, prepare recipe in advance without adding romaine and avocado. When ready to serve, simply toss romaine and avocado with remaining ingredients.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size 1/2 recipe (175g). Calories 260, calories from fat 120, total fat 15g, saturated fat 3.5g, cholesterol 10mg, sodium 450mg, total carb 34g, dietary fiber 6g, sugars 2g, protein 8g.

PEPPERONI PIZZA PASTA SALAD

- Salad:**
 10 ounces uncooked fusilli or rotini, cooked and drained (5 cups cooked)
 1 cup (about 4 ounces) sliced pepperoni, cut into halves
 6 ounces fresh (whole milk) mozzarella* diced (1-1/2 cups)
 1/2 small red or yellow bell pepper, cut into small strips
 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
 4 medium roma tomatoes, chopped
 3 green onions, sliced
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
 1/2 teaspoon dry marjoram leaves

- Dressing:**
 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Cook pasta according to package directions; rinse in cold water and drain well. In large

bowl, combine pasta, pepperoni, cheeses, bell pepper, tomatoes, onions, basil and marjoram; toss to mix. Set aside.

In small bowl, blend olive oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper flakes. Pour over pasta mixture; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Best served at room temperature.

Makes 10-12 servings (12 cups).

* If desired, substitute part-skim mozzarella.

Make-ahead tip: Make salad up to one day in advance and refrigerate.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size 1/2 recipe (453g). Calories 420, calories from fat 240, total fat 22g, saturated fat 4.5g, cholesterol 15mg, sodium 570 mg, total carb 25g, dietary fiber <1g, sugars 4g, protein 11g.

THAI MARINADE

- 3 large cloves garlic
 2 serrano chile peppers, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces
 1/2 cup fish sauce
 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon sugar
 3 green onions, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh cilantro

In blender or food processor, with machine running, add garlic to chop. Add peppers; process to chop. Add remaining ingredients except cilantro; process until blended, scraping down sides, if necessary. Add cilantro; pulse briefly to mix. Pour marinade into bowl or plastic food storage bag. Add about two pounds meat or four-five cups vegetables; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate. * Marinate four hours to overnight. Grill or broil meat. Serve vegetables with slotted spoon.

Makes one cup marinade.

* If desired, vegetables can be marinated at room temperature for one or two hours.

Recipe Tip: This recipe can be made quickly in a blender or food processor. Or if desired, chop garlic, peppers, cilantro and green onions and combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Use this spicy marinade to add an Asian flair to grilled chicken breasts or to a medley of summer vegetables.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size approximately two teaspoons (11g). Calories 30, calories from fat 25, total fat 3g, saturated fat 0g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 310mg, total carb <1g, dietary fiber 0g, sugars 0g, Protein 0g.

MINTED CITRUS TEA COOKIES

- 1-1/2 cup flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lime peel
 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint OR 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary leaves
 1/4 cup extra light olive oil
 1 egg
 sugar

Mix flour, baking powder and salt in small mixing bowl; set aside. Cream butter, granulated sugar and powdered sugar, lemon and lime peels and mint in large mixing bowl. Blend in olive oil and egg. Stir in flour mixture. Cover and refrigerate for one to two hours.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Shape dough into 1/2-inch balls; place two inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Dip tops in sugar; place on baking sheet, sugared side up. Flatten to 1/2-inch thickness with fork or bottom of drinking glass dipped in granulated sugar. Bake 7-11 minutes, or until cookies appear done in center. Carefully remove cookies from pan immediately. Cool on wire rack.

Makes about 2-1/2 dozen cookies.

Nutrition information per serving. Serving size: One cookie. Calories 80, calories from fat 40, total fat 4.5g, saturated fat 1.5g, cholesterol 15mg, sodium 20mg, total carb 10, dietary fiber 0g, sugars 4g, protein <1g.

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Try some sweet potatoes in your next potato salad recipe

Watching your diet doesn't mean you can't enjoy a summer picnic. You might even like it more with revamped, healthier versions of perennial favorites.

Traditionally, picnic foods are full of fat and calories. It doesn't have to be that way.

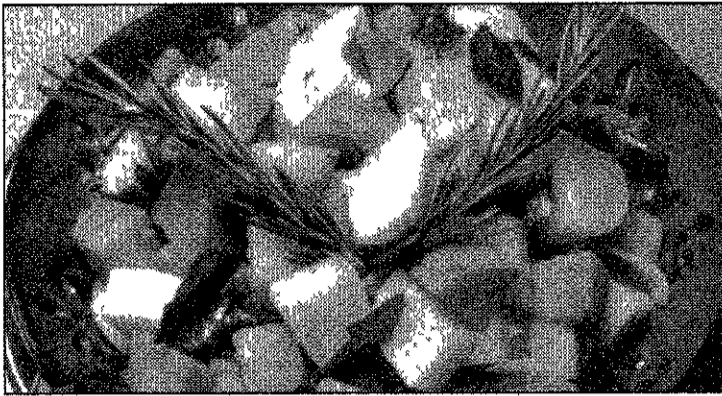
A potato salad combining yellow and sweet potatoes, for example, is packed with nutrients and flavor and, depending on the dressing used, can lower the fat and calorie count usually associated with this favorite picnic side dish.

Sweet potatoes are not just for Thanksgiving anymore. As their health benefits become more widely known, they are being seen in dishes year round. The deep orange color of the sweet potato is a clue to its healthful properties. Deep orange vegetables and fruit are rich in the antioxidant beta-carotene, which helps protect against cancer and heart disease. Sweet potatoes also are high in potassium and in vitamins A and C.

Fresh sweet potatoes are available throughout the year. When shopping, look for those that are small- to medium-sized with smooth skin. They can be stored in a dark, cool place for up to four weeks.

TWO-POTATO SALAD

1 pound boiling potatoes, preferably yellow-fleshed (peeled and diced 1/2 inch)



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Picnic foods, much like this two-potato salad, don't always have to be bad for you.

1 pound sweet potatoes (peeled and diced 1/2 inch)
 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1/2 cup minced shallots
 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary leaves
 1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme leaves
 4 cups loosely-packed washed spinach leaves torn into bite-size pieces*
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Place boiling potatoes and sweet potatoes in separate pots with enough cold water to cover. Cover with tight-fitting lids and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook until just barely tender. (Potatoes will continue cooking after removed from pot.)

Meanwhile, make dressing by mixing mustard and vinegar in bowl, and gradually whisking in

oil until smooth and well combined. Mix in shallots and herbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper, as desired.

When potatoes are not quite completely tender when pierced with a fork, drain and transfer to large bowl. Mix in half the dressing (about 1/2 cup) and set aside to allow potatoes to absorb flavors while cooling.

When they reach room temperature, lightly mix in spinach and remaining dressing. Adjust seasoning with additional salt and pepper, as desired.

*Baby spinach leaves can be used as is. Makes 12 1/2-cup servings.

Per serving: 116 calories, 5 g, total fat (less than 1 g, saturated fat), 16 g, carbohydrate, 2 g, protein, 3 g, dietary fiber, 151 mg, sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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GOLD AND BEST OF CLASS DRY WHITE: 2004 Chateau Grand Traverse Dry Riesling.

GOLD AND BEST OF CLASS RED: 2002 Peninsula Cellars Cabernet-Merlot.

GOLD AND BEST OF CLASS SPARKLING: NV Good Harbor Vineyards Moonstruck Brut.

GOLD AND BEST OF CLASS SPECIALTY: 2004 Peninsula Cellars Select Riesling.

GOLD AND JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD: 2004 Peninsula Cellars Chardonnay.

GOLD: 2004 Bel Lago Gewurztraminer, NV Bel Lago Red Wine, NV Black Star Farms Sirius White Dessert Wine, NV Black Star Farms Spirit of Pear Eau de Vie, 2003 Braganini Reserve Meritage, 2004 Brys Estate Winery and Vineyard Gewurztraminer, 2004 Chateau Grand Traverse Late Harvest Chardonnay, NV

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All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer doesn't stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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Stir up orzo dishes with caramelized onions and Asiago

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - It recently was brought to my attention that I dedicate an inordinate amount of this space to things that annoy me.

It's easy enough to do. Much as I love food and cooking, the food world tends to silliness and pretentiousness, often without even trying. That's even more annoying.

For example, I recently enjoyed an otherwise fantastic dinner out, the point of which was to highlight the many wonderful food products grown in New Hampshire.

Now keep in mind, New Hampshire (of "Live Free or Die" fame) is about as pretentious as Montana. Yet on the menu was a dessert described as a "deconstructed flavor profile."

Even after eating it I had no idea what that meant. That annoyed me.

But there I go again. So in an effort to restore balance, I dedicate the remainder of this column to 10 foodie things (in no particular order) that I like, the sort of things that make me smile when I'm in the kitchen.

1. Silicone spatulas. Talk about kitchen workhorse. I keep half a dozen of these flexible utensils on my counter at all times. Nothing is better at scraping every drop from a bowl; they usually let me squeeze one last pancake or cookie from a batch of batter.

2. Professional stoves. Life really is better with six burners. Granted, obscenely high BTU counts can get away from you, and with me they often do. But a scorched cookie now and again is a small price for power and flexibility. No, I've never used all six burners at once, but it's such a comfort knowing they're there.

3. Silicone baking mats. These practically indestructible baking sheet liners are no-stick heaven. They keep your pans clean, are easy to wash and nothing, and I mean nothing, sticks to them.

4. Artisanal cheeses. Cheese should not look like a brick, nor should it all taste the same. Real cheese, carefully made, small-batch cheese should let you taste the grass the animals ate.

Here's a trick I learned at the aforementioned dinner (this makes up for the horrid dessert): Use a paring knife to slice dried apricots clamshell-style. Stuff each with goat cheese and sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper. Eye-rolling good.

5. Capers. How can something so small pack so much flavor? I add them to everything, from pasta salads to puttanesca. Try them tossed with extra-virgin olive oil, garlic, kosher salt and warm pasta. And while you can spend a fortune, even cheap brands usually are pretty good with a quick rinse under cool water.

6. Stainless steel tables. There's good reason these are a staple of professional kitchens - they stand up to anything. They stay cool when working with pastry, but can handle even the hottest pots and pans.

7. Shiraz. I like red wines that are big, bold and not afraid to slap me around.

8. Underripe plums. Summer is all about produce, and my favorite fruit is plums that are so underripe they are hard, yellow and tart enough to melt tooth enamel.

9. Salted apples. My great-grandmother taught me this one. Cut an apple into wedges then sprinkle liberally with salt.

10. Orzo. What a funny little pasta. It looks like rice, but cooks

in just minutes. It's great in soups, pasta salads or tossed warm with finely chopped greens and cheese.

Or toss cooked orzo with toasted pine nuts, olive oil, garlic, salt and feta. Heaven!

Orzo also makes a grand risotto-like dish, as Carolyn Wente and Kimball Jones demonstrate in their recent cookbook, *Sharing the Vineyard Table* (Ten Speed Press, 2005, \$24.95).

ORZO WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS AND ASIAGO

- 6 to 7 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 large yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cups orzo pasta
- 1/2 cups grated Asiago cheese
- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves

In a large saucepan, bring the stock to a slow boil.

In a large skillet or saucepan set over a medium flame, melt and combine the olive oil and butter. Add the onion and saute until translucent, about 5 minutes.

Season lightly with salt and pepper, then add the orzo and continue cooking until the pasta browns lightly.

Using a ladle, carefully add the stock to the skillet. Bring to a boil and cover. Turn off the heat and let stand 20 minutes. The orzo should absorb the liquid. If any remains, cook over a low heat until absorbed.

Stir in the cheese and the cilantro, saving several leaves for garnish. Garnish and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from Carolyn Wente and Kimball Jones' *Sharing the Vineyard Table*. Ten Speed Press, 2005, \$24.95.)

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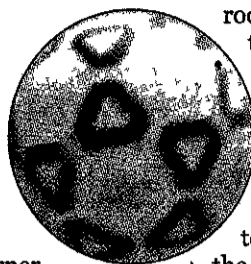
'Field of Dreams' project takes shape

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park "Soccer Field of Dreams" project has evolved from the planning stage to the ground-moving stage over the past month.

Evidence of the evolution can be seen these days on the northeast corner of the PCEP property, where work crews are prepping the land for a first-class, real-grass soccer field that will be used by the Salem, Canton and Plymouth girls and boys soccer programs beginning in fall 2006.

The addition of the new field is the first chapter of a multi-phase project that will eventually upgrade the existing soccer stadium located a quarter-mile south on Canton Center Road. Once the project is completed, the current stadium will be refurbished with a new concession stand, improved dugouts and an enclosed rest-



room facility, among other things.

"It was nice to drive by the park and see that the work had started on the new field," said Karl Halewicz, president of the Salem boys soccer team's booster club. "To see the plans are one thing, but it was neat to see that it's actually starting to take shape."

According to Halewicz, the new field will be used primarily by the three schools' junior varsity and freshman teams.

"The existing field has really gotten beaten down over the past couple of years with nine boys teams and nine girls teams playing on it," Halewicz said. "Having another field will reduce the wear and tear on it. It will be up to the coaches and athletic directors to decide, but more than likely, it looks like the new

field will serve as the freshman game field with some junior varsity games being played there, too.

"The school district had to meet several requirements when it came to drainage and other things, so it's going to be a very nice field."

The idea for the "Field of Dreams" improvement project was developed by Pat Williams, Bob Harris and Earl Hall, whose sons were seniors on the 2004 Salem soccer team. After drawing up a blueprint for the improvements, they presented the plan to the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board.

"Even though their sons had graduated, these parents wanted to do something to rejuvenate the soccer facilities, so they drew up a plan and presented it to the school board," said Tom Sklut, the chief development officer for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "It used to be a state-of-the-art facility, but with all of the teams playing on it

now, it's a little long in the tooth.

"The school district did a good job of expending the funds from the 1999 bond, so there was money remaining from that to allow us to put in the new field. The funds for the improvements to the existing field will be raised by the 'Field of Dreams' committee. From what I understand, they've raised approximately 75 percent of what they need to make the improvements. The school board can't approve the improvements until all the money has been raised."

The field will not be used until fall 2006 so that the new grass is mature and ready to withstand the pounding that goes hand-in-hand with high school soccer.

"One of the nice things that has come out of this is that booster clubs from all three schools are working together to raise the money," Halewicz said.

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Sidelines

Schmitt shines

Allison Schmitt, a 15-year-old Canton resident, won four individual and three relay medals in the Open Division of the Michigan Long Course State Championship swim meet Aug. 6-7 at Eastern Michigan University.

Schmitt, who will be a sophomore at Canton High School in the fall, earned individual gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly, the 200-meter butterfly and the 100-meter freestyle. She also captured a silver medal in the 50-meter freestyle.

Swimming with her Ann Arbor Swim Club teammates, Schmitt won the 400-meter and the 800-meter freestyle relays while finishing third in the 400-meter relay. Her individual times in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle earned Schmitt the right to compete in the U.S. Open swim meet, which will be held in Auburn, Ala., in December.

Family golf

The Strategic Fox golf course in Plymouth Township will host a Family Night Out on Saturday, Aug. 13, beginning at 5 p.m. The event's \$60 fee includes nine holes of golf for two adults and two children, a hot dog or hamburger, chips and pop.

Call (734) 453-7272.

Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is currently forming its fall baseball leagues. Teams are available for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 for T-ball, coach-pitch and regular-pitch leagues. Practices will commence at the end of August with games beginning in September.

Registration forms can be completed at the Summit on the Park in Canton or by visiting the www.csc.canton-mi.org. Call (734) 394-5489. The deadline for registering is Aug. 19.

Upcoming tryouts

■ The TSI Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball team will be holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Saturday, Aug. 20, on diamonds 1 and 2 of the Canton Softball Center. Tryouts will be held at the following times: 10U - 9:30 a.m.; 12U - 11 a.m.; 14U - 12:30 p.m.; and 16U/18u - 2 p.m.

Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the scheduled tryout time. For additional information, send an e-mail to playfastpitch@webtv.net.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 11U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2006 season on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park's (McClumpha Park) diamond 2. The park is located on Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck Road.

All players must be 11 years old or younger as of April 30, 2006. For more information, visit www.eteamz.com/plymouthgrizzlies or send an e-mail to Sudzyl90@aol.com.

2005 prep football practice kicks off



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Canton defensive line coach Jeff Powers (far right) oversees a blocking drill during the Chiefs' inaugural 2005 practice Monday morning. The Chiefs are coming off an impressive 10-1 season that included a Western Lakes Activities Association title.

Ready to rumble

Grueling, multiple-practice days prepare prep gridders for upcoming season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A lot has changed over the past 20 years when it comes to pre-season prep football practices.

But at least one thing has remained the same.

"The first week of practice is very hard on the players' bodies," said Salem coach Bob Cummings, who played for the Rocks in the early-80s. "Two-a-day and

three-a-day practices are tremendous character-builders. If the players can get through this week, they know they can get through just about anything in life."

Over 300 varsity, junior-varsity and freshman players from the three local high schools pulled on their helmets Monday morning for three days of pad-less practices that are designed to build character, endurance, strength and a greater understanding of their respective teams' offenses and defenses.

Canton coach Tim Baechler said several factors played a role in his team's opening week practice times of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"When I first got here, we practiced from 8 to 11 in the morning, then at 4 to 6 in the afternoon Baechler said. "When you split it up like that, it pretty much means summer is over for the kids. The way we do it now, there's still a lot of the day left to do other things."

"Only three of my assistant coaches are teachers, so the way we do it now makes it easier for them to arrange their work schedules."

Teams weren't allowed to strap on full pads until today.

"I'd have to say the players are probably

PLEASE SEE GRIDDERS, C4



Plymouth High School football player Austin McKinney displayed his jumping ability while participating in a drill at Monday's season-opening practice.

Heart of gold

Plymouth's Gould earns seven medals at Transplant Games

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Climbing a flight of stairs was a daunting task two years ago for Terry Gould, who suffered from heart disease that quickly sapped his energy.

During the week of July 17-23, Gould was forced to climb a number of stairs — the ones leading to the top of the gold medal stand at the World Transplant Games in London, Ontario.

The 53-year-old Plymouth resident earned seven swimming gold medals and played a role in setting two Transplant Games world records just over two years after undergoing heart-transplant surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital.

PLEASE SEE MEDALS, C2



Terry Gould (center) is pictured above with Chase Coleman's mom, Nancy, and his older brother, Lon, after winning seven gold medals at the World Transplant Games held in July in London, Ontario.

Rising net stars shine in AA Open

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Elite young tennis players from as far away as California displayed their lobs and slams this week on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tennis courts, which served as one of the sites for the 2005 Ann Arbor Junior Open Tennis Tournament.

The prestigious United States Tennis Association-sanctioned event, which was started in 1961, attracted more than 500 players between the ages of 10 and 18 to several area venues.

"The members of the Plymouth and Canton communities should be very proud of these tennis facilities," said Clare North, the event's tournament referee. "We've been using them since they were built a few years ago. It's hard to find 16 courts together that are this nice."

The tournament, which is sponsored by the Huron

PLEASE SEE STARS, C3

Local associations ready to educate league officers

Is it August already? Where did this summer go? The month of August always means get ready for the new league season, which signals it's time for league officers to get ready for school.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association and Detroit Women's Bowling Association are about to hold its yearly officers' school and supply sessions at area bowling centers.

The annual John P. Gavie Tournament will be Monday, Aug. 22 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. It traditionally marks the kickoff of the new bowling season.

Leagues should send out notices to the members for the preseason meetings and the opening day.

It's also time to dust off the old bowling gear and check it out.

Does your arsenal need some new missiles of pin destruction, or perhaps take a good look at your old bowling shoes and see if they can make through another year?

If you haven't bowled at all over the summer, it might be good to get on down to the lanes and get a little practice time, a good tune-up for the body might be in order.

As the onset of the new season nears, there are going to be some noticeable changes due to the transformation to the U.S. Bowling Congress.

The cover of the new GDBA yearbook will feature the new USBC logo.

This latest edition again contains the names and averages of every individual, man or woman, who bowled in GDBA or DWBA leagues during the 2004-05 season.

The yearbook also contains a wealth of information, such as all-time records, All-City teams, all-time 300 games, 300 and 800 series from last year, tournament winners and the awards program.

The rulebooks and officers guidebooks will have the new look as well.

The GDBA/DWBA will soon become the Metro Detroit USBC Association and your own leagues will be referred to as Certified rather than Sanctioned.

The USBC membership forms will have a new look this season, indicating membership choices, whether you bowl only in local leagues, sport condition leagues, as well as state and local.

The new form is clear-cut, concise and simple. Bowlers must pay the certification fee the first

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week in which they bowl (USBC Rule 101b). The USBC dues are \$15 (DWBA), \$16 (GDBA), \$13.25 (DWBA seniors in a senior league), \$12 (GDBA seniors in a senior league). New this year on the back of the certification form provides for credit cards when individual memberships are sent through.

League officers supplies including new rulebooks and yearbooks will be issued to each league at the various league officers clinics to be held at the following Observer-Eccentric locations: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Cloverlanes (Livonia); 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23 at Plaza Lanes (Plymouth); 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1 at Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield); 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Thunderbird Lanes (Troy); 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 at Troy Lanes; 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Woodland Lanes (Livonia); and Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills), to be announced.

You can also attend league officer clinics at the following sites: 2-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 at Airway (Waterford); 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Century Lanes (Waterford); 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Cherry Hill Lanes (Dearborn Heights); 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Novi Bowl.

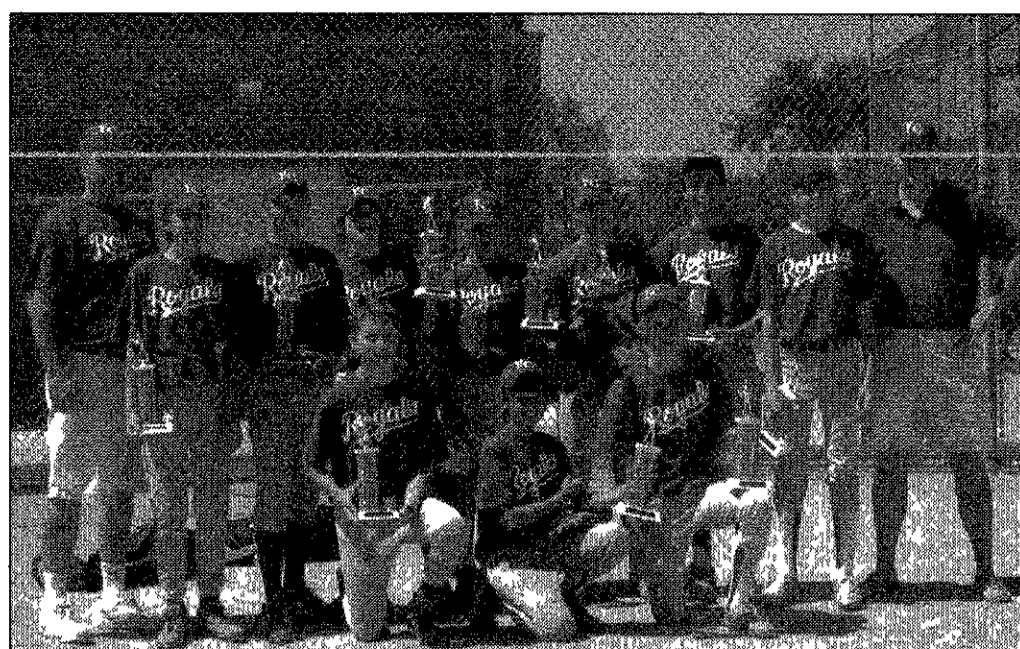
For any information on bowling centers not listed, contact the GDBA/DWBA at (586)773-6350.

For information on the Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association, call (734) 728-3092 or the affiliated bowling centers under its jurisdiction: Super Bowl (Canton), Westland Bowl, Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland), Wayne Bowl or Fiesta Lanes (Westland).

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

Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison



Royal treatment

The Royals captured the championship in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association's 14-and-under division July 30 when they posted a dramatic 10-9 come-from-behind victory over the Athletics. The Royals finished with a 14-5 record. Pictured above are (back row, left to right) Coach Bob Wanamaker, Andrew Courter, Billy Hanley, Andrew League, Dylan Hagan, Eddie Mazorowicz, Joe Bellino, Matt McClain and Coach Bill Hanley; (front row, left to right) Jeff Greer, Shawn Simancas and Kyle Winningham. Not pictured are Brandon Yanik and Kyle Clinton.

MEDALS

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"It was a very emotional experience for me, standing on the medal stand while the national anthem played," Gould said. "It was also emotional because members of my family were in the crowd, along with members of the family of the young man whose heart I received."

"I feel better now than I have in 30 years. Before my transplant, I would get winded going up or down a flight of stairs. Now, I swim four or five days a week, 2,500 to 3,000 yards a day."

Gould had modest goals heading into the week-long games, which drew athletes from more than 60 countries.

"Before the games started, I thought it would be cool to win one gold medal, just to satisfy my ego," Gould said, chuckling. "After I won two the first day, I was asked to be on a relay team along with three other swimmers who were 18, 32 and 41 years old. We ended up setting

a world record and it was the first time the U.S. had ever won a medal in a swimming relay event."

On Mother's Day 2003, Gould received the heart of 20-year-old Chase Coleman, whose promising young life was tragically cut short by an automobile accident near his Millington home.

Coleman was an avid cyclist who built bikes from scratch. He also had filled out an organ donor card.

"The first time I met Chase's family, I was a little hesitant because I wasn't sure they'd be happy that their son's heart went to a 50-year-old man," Gould said. "But when we first met them, they saw my kids and my wife and it made them very happy that I was the one who had received Chase's heart. Chase's family are like family to me now. I talk to them regularly and my family and I got together with Chase's family for Thanksgiving last year."

Gould said he plans on competing in the Transplant

Games as long as his health allows him to.

"Every six months, the doctors perform a heart biopsy to make sure there are no signs of rejection," he said. "And I will have to take heart-rejection medicine for the rest of my life. But I feel great and I love to compete."

Gould emphasized that simply filling out the organ-donation form on the back of your driver's license isn't always enough.

"If you want your organs donated, it's important that you fill out a donor-registration card and get your name on the donor registry," he said. "If you're not on the list, if something happens to you, all it takes is one of your relatives to say they don't want your organs to be donated and the doctors won't do it."

For more information on organ donation, visit www.giftoflife.org.

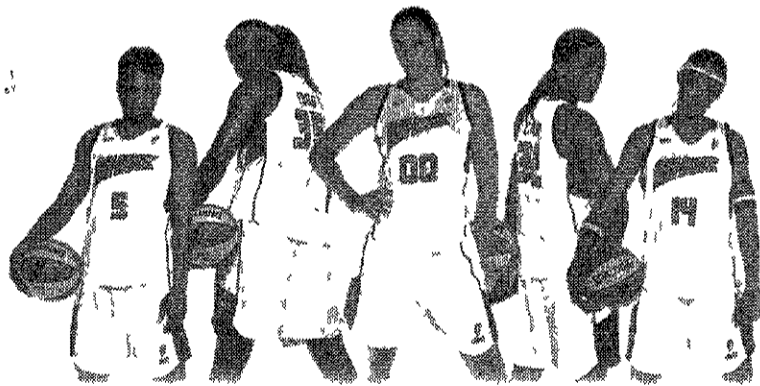
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Frost sets the tone for Madonna's v-ball squad

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Although it was not muggy, it wasn't exactly the ideal night to run wind sprints on the Livonia Stevenson High School track.

Never-the-less, Monday evening was hot for sure, but that didn't seem to affect Madonna University senior setter Ashley Frost, who regularly bolted ahead of her 12 other teammates under the commands of assistant coach Tim DeBeliso.

It certainly felt like the dog days of August as the MU women's volleyball team raced back-and-forth nearly to exhaustion on the track's straightaway.

But it was only natural that the team's setter was setting the tone for a night of conditioning practice.

"The last time I ran was in junior high, I hate running, but it's part of the sport," said Frost, who earned third-team NAIA All-America honors last season.

MU is coming off 42-5 season and a third straight trip to the NAIA Nationals in San Diego, Calif.

Two of the team's five All-Region players graduated including outside hitters Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) and Shayse Bush, an NAIA honorable-mention All-America.

Frost, who is zeroing in on Mike Pilut's all-time career assists record, is one of four seniors expected to lead the Crusaders back to the Nationals. She is joined by 6-foot outside hitter Natalja Timna, a second-team All-

America and NAIA All-Tournament pick from Riga Latvia; 5-6 senior Libero Stefanie DeNardin (Marysville); and 5-10 middle hitter Laura Lesko (Wyandotte), who missed the entire 2004 season with a back injury after earning third-team All-America honors in 2003.

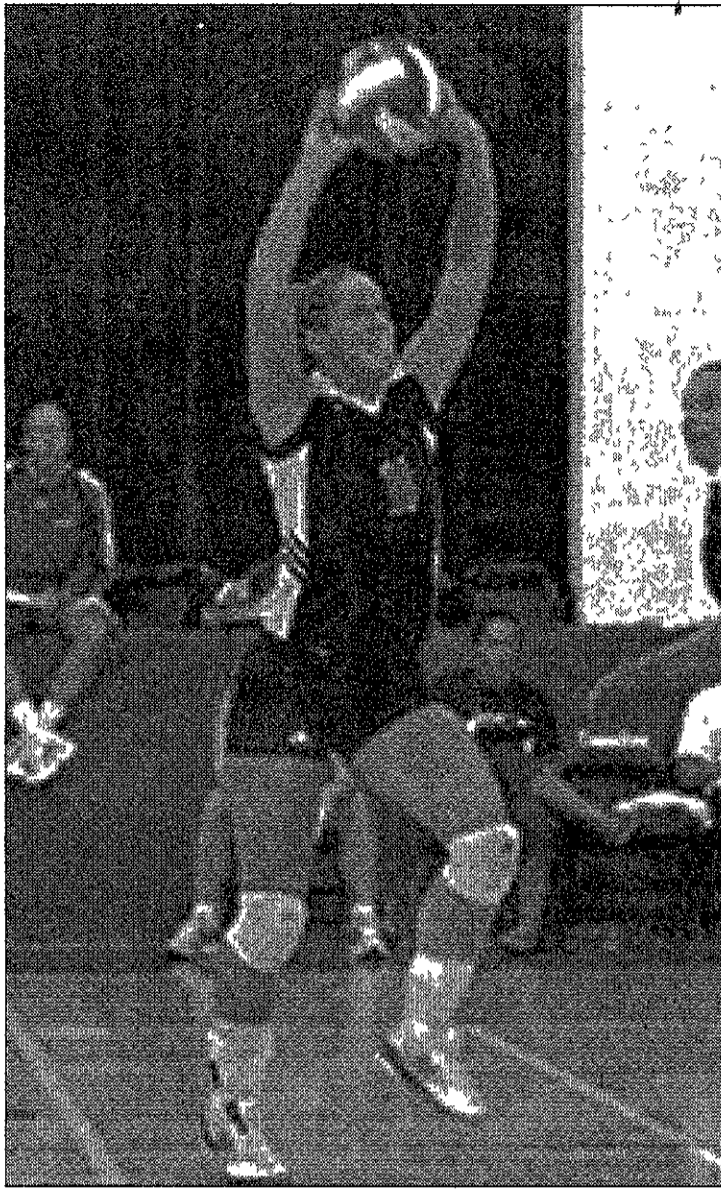
"We've had a history of good volleyball and we want to carry on that tradition," Frost said. "The girls are willing to work hard as a team. I don't really know the freshmen yet, but they already seem to mesh in."

"We've always had talent, high expectations and lot of potential. It's huge having Laura (Lesko) back. She was an All-America in 2003. She's a strong middle blocker, quick and smart. That's definitely to our advantage."

Also returning is All-Region pick Caryn Inman, a 6-1 junior middle hitter from Oxford; Heather Spooner, a 6-foot junior middle hitter from Woodhaven; Jacqui Gatt, a 5-7 sophomore outside hitter from Livonia Churchill; Becci Crane, a 5-7 junior defensive specialist-setter from Burton Atherton; and Redford's Amy Szymanski, a 5-7 sophomore setter-defensive specialist from Livonia Ladywood.

Coach Jerry Abraham, now in his 19th season (723-202 record) has taken six teams to the Nationals.

Abraham has added four more talented recruits to his roster including 6-1 freshman outside hitter Kelsey Mack, a third-team All-Stater from Churchill; 6-3 freshman Stephanie Parslow (Macomb Dakota) 5-9 freshman outside



Setter Ashley Frost is expected to be a key contributor for the Madonna University volleyball team this fall. The Crusaders are coming off an ultra-successful 42-5 season.

hitter Nikki Ellul (Dearborn Divine Child); and 6-foot junior Diana Sesto (Chippewa Valley), a transfer from

Macomb Community College. "I think we have a well-balanced team with depth at every position," Abraham said.

"We have a good combination of veterans and talented newcomers. Our goal was to recruit skilled players with size at all front row positions, and we did that."

"We created depth, especially at the outside hitter position with (Kelsey) Mack and (Nikki) Ellul. We were sort of thin at the outside hitter position last year. We had (Natalja) Timina and (Sharyse) Bush there, and Jacqui (Gatt) also came in and did a terrific job. But we needed competition at that spot. I'm happy and I feel good about that."

After winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Conference title and earning an at-large bid to the NAIA Nationals after finishing runner-up to Cornerstone in the Region VIII tournament, MU went to San Diego somewhat handicapped by late season injuries to DeNardin (dislocated shoulder) and Spooner (ankle).

But despite that, MU knocked off No. 1 seed Fresno Pacific (Calif.), only to come up short in pool play with a 2-2 record.

"We beat the No. 1 team with two starters out with injuries," Frost said. "But it shouldn't be an excuse (for not qualifying for the elimination round of eight). We were just not 'on.' You have on-and-off days."

Abraham, meanwhile, is confident his four seniors can lead the way once again in 2005 as the Crusaders open their season Friday, Aug. 26 at the UM-Dearborn Tournament.

"It's a real strong class of seniors, they all have the ability to be All-Americans at their

positions," he said. "We're sound defensively and can attack from everywhere on the floor, and with Frost setting, we have one of the best in the nation."

Frost grew up on the small farming community of Lake Odessa, located between Grand Rapids and Lansing. With Jordan Lake in the background, she played three sports as prep including volleyball, basketball and softball.

As a senior, her Lakewood High volleyball team was eliminated in the state Class B semifinals by eventual champion Marysville.

Frost is constantly reminded of her final senior match where she found herself on the short end of the scoreboard against DeNardin and perennial state power Marysville.

"They just annihilated us," Frost said. "And when I got here (to MU) she (DeNardin) wearing those T-shirts that say, 'Back-to-back, back-to-back, back-to-back state championships.'"

Frost, however, can be thankful she's lined up on the same side of the net now with DeNardin. She's adjusted smoothly from small town life to life in the suburbs of Detroit.

"Madonna is a small-school atmosphere, but it's also nice that you don't have to drive an hour to go to Meijers," she said.

Frost, a Human Resources Management major, has some unfinished business before she graduates in May from MU.

"We've gone three years in a row (to the NAIA Nationals), so it's all or nothing now," the setter said.

STARS

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Valley Tennis Club and Racquet Club of Ann Arbor, attracts many upper-echelon youth players every year, North confirmed.

"Many of the best players from the Midwest who are not participating in national tournaments this week are here," North said "Every player is ranked nationally, so there is a lot of

good tennis being played."

The double-elimination singles format is divided into 10 age brackets: 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U and 10U for both boys and girls. There is also a doubles competition, North added.

Among the local players participating in the tournament was Plymouth resident Alexandra Ware, who will be a sophomore at Salem in the fall. Ware ousted Noelle Hardy in a first-round 16U match before

falling to Alexandra Ljubic, 6-3, 6-2, in the second round.

Other local first-round winners were Canton's Jacob Scott, who downed Michael Trupiano, 6-2, 6-4 in a 12U match, and Canton's Amanda Hastings, who edged Ashley Lesniak, 6-2, 7-5. The tournament concludes with Friday afternoon's finals, which are slated to be held at the Huron Valley Tennis Club in Ann Arbor.

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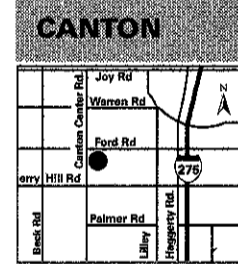
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GRIDDERS

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in better shape now when they start practice than they were when I played because we have year-round conditioning now," Cummings said. "It makes it easier on the coaches because we can concentrate more on teaching the offense and defense.

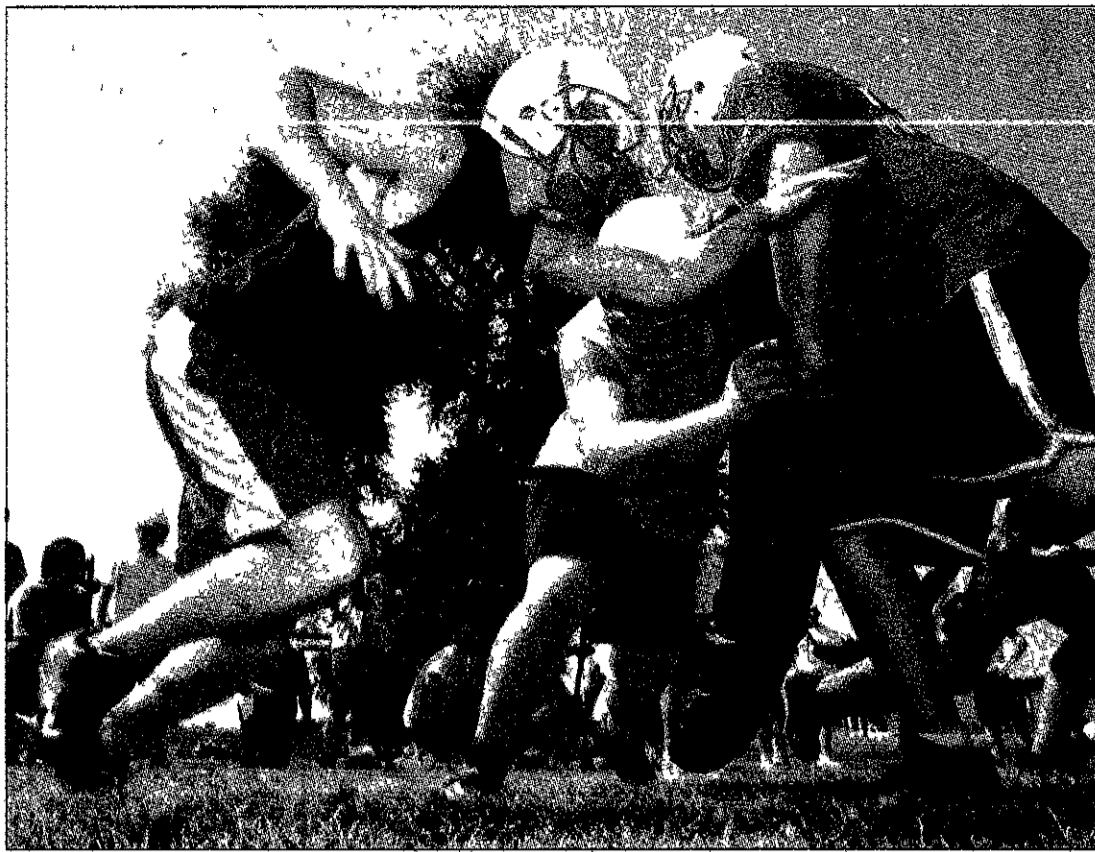
"Even though our players are in better shape, we still have to work hard on conditioning the first week because every other team's players have been working out year-round, too."

Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock said the pre-season practices are both safer and more efficient than they were a generation before.

"All of the drills we do now are football-specific drills," Blaylock said. "For instance, we keep our sprints shorter and we don't have any long runs. Instead of running a 300-yard four-corner drill, we'll run 300 25-yard sprints. The school of thought has changed a lot as far as the workouts go. Even when we're running plays, we make sure we move quickly so there is conditioning involved and not as much standing around."

A greater awareness of the dangers of dehydration has also changed practice regimens. Players now have access to water whenever they need it. Twenty years ago, teams were fortunate to get one water break per practice.

"When I played in high school, we'd get maybe one break where we'd get to go over the trough and get a quick drink," Baechler said. "And you didn't get much water because everybody behind you was shouting, 'hurry up!' Now, are coaches are very good about



Canton tight end Jeff Piper executes a blocking drill during Monday's season-opening football practice.

giving the kids water breaks every 10 or 15 minutes. We much better educated now about hydration than coaches were 20 years ago."

Unlike the old days, players aren't reprimanded for asking for a swig of water at today's two-a-day practices.

"We make sure there are water bottles everywhere now," Blaylock said. "Players don't even have to take their helmets off now to get a drink, so it doesn't disrupt the flow of practice."

"We have a trainer at all of our practices now just in case something happens," Cummings added. "That wasn't the always the case when I played."

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Salem head coach Bob Cummings addressed his team between workouts at Monday's first practice. The Rocks are looking to improve on last season's 3-6 mark.

Heat can't derail young shotgunners

On a sweltering, humid summer weekend with afternoon temperatures soaring into the low 90s, youth shotgunners lined up last week at the Detroit Gun Club in Walled Lake for the 2005 Scholastic Clay Target Program's (SCTP) National Skeet and Sporting Clays Championships.

As a state, Michigan shooters fared very well with several teams placing in the top three. Shooters from O&E-land also flexed their muscles and earned national acclaim.

In the skeet shooting competition, Hunter Dzierbicki of Bloomfield Hills helped

the Wayne County Sportsman team shoot a 585 out of a possible 600 to win a national championship in the senior experienced division. Andy Fall of West Branch and Paco Birch of Dearborn are the other team members.

"They shot very well and they had a great time. That's all that matters," Wayne County coach Bob Martin said in a release. "They click as a very good team. They know when one guy's down, what to say to him. They all have character and SCTP builds it."

The Multi-Lakes Clay Wackers, consisting of Wade Cooke and Emmett Moody of West Bloomfield and Daniel Williams of Redford shot a 572 to earn third place honors in the division.

In the sporting clays competition, Cooke, Moody and Williams teamed up again, under the team name Michigan Island Clay Wackers, to place third in the senior experienced division with a score of 479.

These accomplishments are no small feats. Shotgunners shoot thousands of rounds during the course of training to become as proficient as these youths have become. Competitions are long and grueling and both physical and mental toughness are required. These kids have made a sacrifice and are now reaping the rewards.

Congratulations to all the shooters and especially to those local shotgunners who placed in the national event.

Shooters from Michigan also won several other awards. In skeet shooting, Michigan teams were first and third in the senior novice division, and third in the junior novice division. In Sporting Clays, Michigan won the senior novice division crown.

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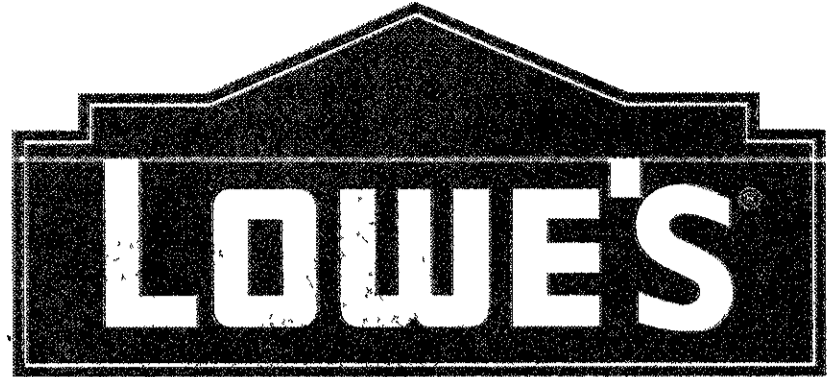
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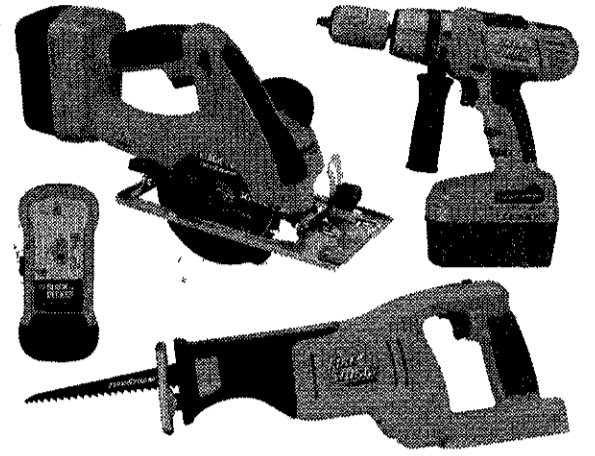


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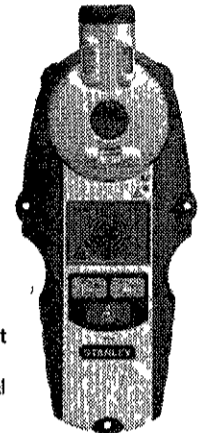
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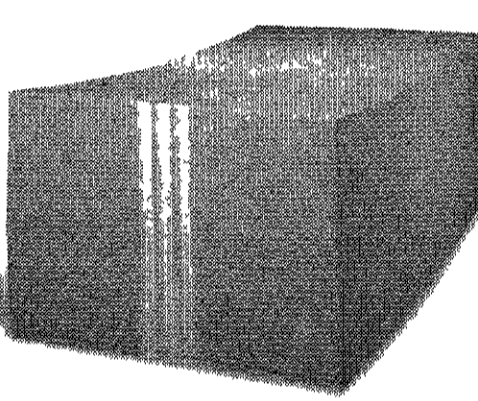
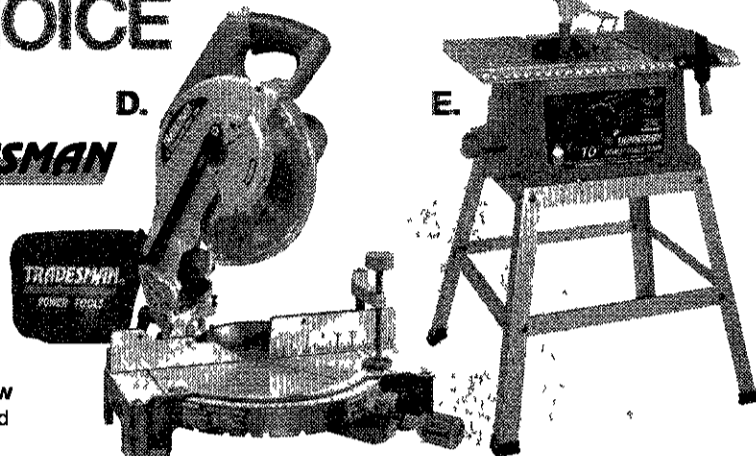


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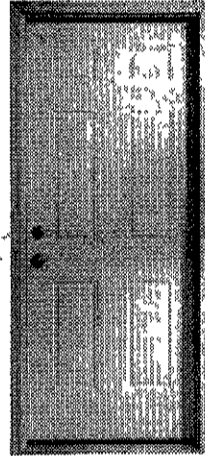
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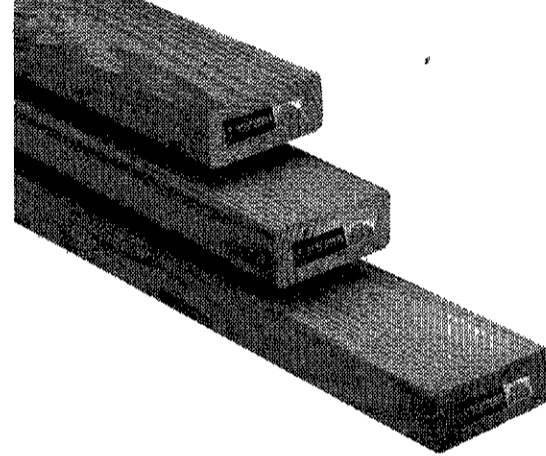


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Over 118,000 student-athletes will greet the beginning of a new school year in the coming week, beginning fall practice in eight sports at member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The fall season is generally the most popular participation season, with approximately 118,000 youngsters of 517,000 enrolled students taking part. This year, practice began Monday with football, followed by boys fall golf on Thursday. Golf cannot begin competition before next Monday, Aug. 15. All other fall sports may begin practice on Aug. 15, with competition allowed on the first day of practice in cross country and girls tennis.

The earliest game date for boys soccer is Aug. 26, girls swimming and diving in the Lower Peninsula may open activity on Aug. 27, and girls basketball may begin competition on Aug. 29.

Practice in football must begin on Aug. 8 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of Aug. 26-28. Schools must have 14 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game. All football schools must conduct at least three conditioning days of practice before beginning contact, and the conditioning sessions may not include any pads. This year, two football dates precede Labor Day. Thursday varsity games will not take place in Week 1, but will take place in Week 2. On Labor Day weekend, 225 games will be played on Thursday, Sept. 1, 78 games will be played on Friday, Sept. 2, and 10 games will be played on Saturday, Sept. 3.

A noticeable National Federation of State High School Associations rules change in football involves pass interference, where contact made which is obviously away from the direction of the thrown ball is no longer a foul; and the rules were clarified to penalize hindering an opponent's vision without attempting to make a play on the ball, whether or not contact is made. There will also be a limit

on forward passes to one during a play. While multiple forward passes on a play were rare, prohibiting them simplifies determining eligible receivers. Any number of backward passes may continue to be thrown during a play. The momentum exception is no longer limited to caught balls, and now also apply to recoveries of a ball hitting the ground on a kick or a fumble. A substitution rule requires a mark nine yards from each sideline, and all players must be between those marks when the ball is snapped. Additionally, a period may not be extended if its final play includes an accepted penalty that involves the loss of a down.

In Michigan, MHSAA Handbook regulations have been modified to cover situations where a school forfeits a football contest and it is alleged that the forfeit is for reasons other than health, risk or other compelling issues, but rather to avoid competition. In such situations, school administrators from the forfeiting school are required to appear before the MHSAA Executive Committee. Sub-varsity teams will be allowed to schedule and play football games under National Federation rules for fewer than 11 players.

Basketball will see the coaches box expanded to 14 feet for those games in which it is desired by the competing schools and which the venue can accommodate. Team members are prohibited from removing their jersey or pants within the visual confines of the playing area, with the penalty being a technical foul. A team control foul has been added to help officials more accurately and consistently penalize offensive fouls, with the penalty for such a foul being a throw-in. The penalty for double personal, double technical and simultaneous fouls has been changed from an alternating-possession throw-in to resuming play from the point of interruption. A player leaving the court for an authorized reason will now be treated as a violation rather

than a technical foul. A soccer rules change will see taunting become a more serious violation, resulting in a "hard" red card requiring the ejection of the player from the game and not being replaced. A swimming and diving rules change allows an individual to continue to compete if after being detected for wearing illegal attire or jewelry, removes the illegal items. No longer will that individual be disqualified from the event in which the illegal item was worn.

Golf will see the addition of a District level of competition in the MHSAA post-season tournament for Lower Peninsula boys. The change was made to help reduce the field reaching the Finals of the event to the same size as the Girls tournament in the Spring - 90 - to improve the flow of play. In addition, no cuts will be made in the two-day Final event of teams or individuals.

The 2005 fall campaign culminates with championships beginning with the Upper Peninsula Girls Tennis Finals on Sept. 30, and wraps up with the Girls Basketball Finals on December 3. Here is a complete list of fall championship dates:

- Girls Basketball: Districts, Nov. 14-19; Regionals, Nov. 21-23; Finals, Nov. 29, Dec. 1-3
- Cross Country: U.P. Finals, Oct. 22; L.P. Regionals, Oct. 28 or 29; L.P. Finals, Nov. 5.
- Football: Selection Sunday, Oct. 23; Pre-Districts, Oct. 28 or 29; District Finals, Nov. 4 or 5; Regional Finals, Nov. 11 or 12; Semifinals, Nov. 19; Finals, Nov. 25-26
- L.P. Boys Golf: Districts, Sept. 29, 30 or Oct. 1; Regionals -- Oct. 6, 7 or 8; Finals, Oct. 14-15.
- Boys Soccer: Districts, Oct. 24-29; Regionals, Nov. 1-5; Semifinals, Nov. 9; Finals, Nov. 12;
- L.P. Girls Swimming & Diving: Diving Regionals, Nov. 15; Swimming/Diving Finals, Nov. 18-19.
- Girls Tennis: U.P. Finals, Sept. 20; L.P. Regionals, Oct. 6 or 7; L.P. Finals, Oct. 14-15.



Division champs

Canton Oaks Premier '93, an under-12 boys soccer team, turned in a stellar spring-summer session by capturing first place in the top division of the Western Suburban Soccer League. The Oaks allowed just one goal during league play. They competed in three tournaments, including a first-place finish in the top division of the Canton Cup. The Oaks also placed runner-up in the Novi Tournament and reached the semifinals of the Rockford (Ill.) Cup against some of the top teams in the Midwest. Members of the Oaks, coached by Bill Joker, include Jeff Cantin, Tyler Sanders, Ryan Sisteck, Tommy Halewicz, Andrew Yoder, Mitchell Vaughn, Michael Ambrose, Drew Roth, Eric Olech, Travis Hall, Nick Riley, Joey Klonowski and Garrett Bryden, all of Canton; Sal Savage and Josh Perrin, both of Plymouth; Connor Smith, Ypsilanti; and Jacob Solomon, Ann Arbor. Assistant coaches include Steve Roth and John Vaughn.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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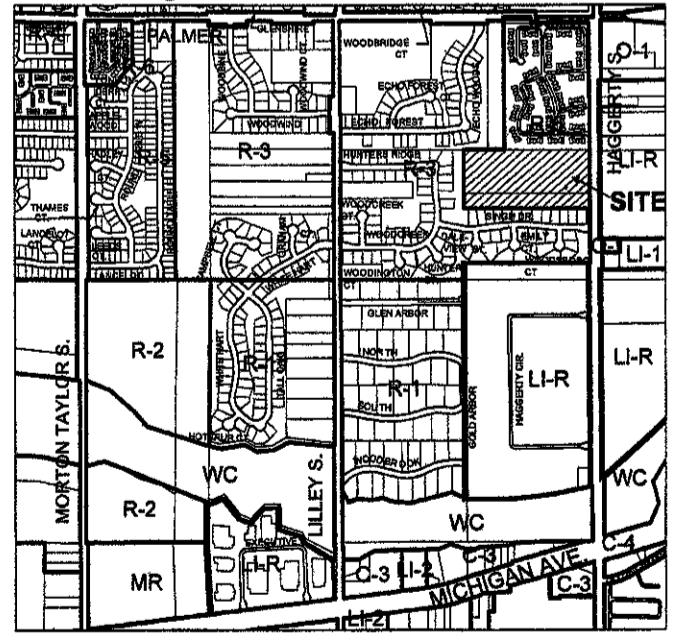
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, August 22, 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:

MONUMENT PRESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 101 99 0005 000 AND 101 99 0006 000. Property is located south of Palmer and west of Haggerty Road. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, prior to Thursday, August 18, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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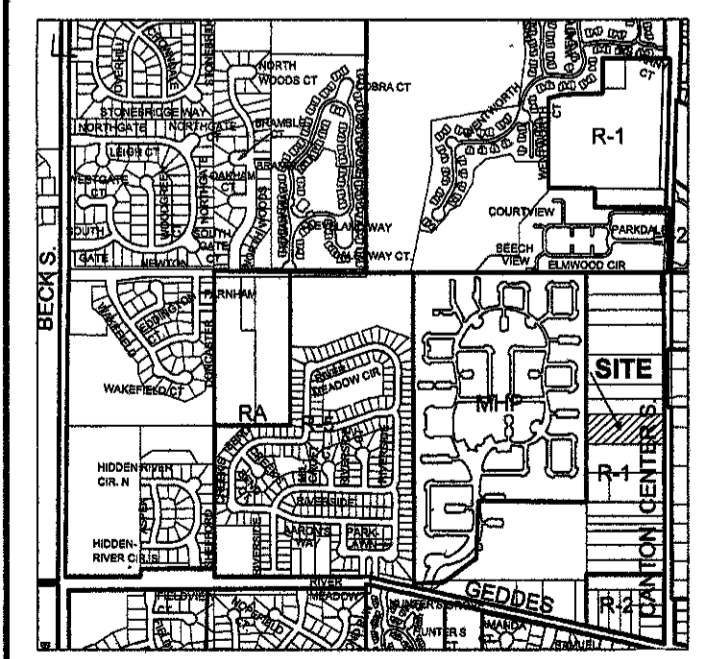
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SINGH/SABHA TEMPLE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 12.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 112 99 0025 000. Property is located west of Canton Center and north of Geddes Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, prior to Thursday, August 18, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "DPW Building Demolition", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 pm, **Thursday, August 25th, 2005** at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

Demolition of Former DPW Building located at 44508 Geddes Road

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A 5% bid bond will be required.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00AM, **Tuesday, August 23rd, 2005** at the project site, 44508 Geddes Road, Canton Michigan.

Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall- Engineering 2nd Floor, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction, and Construction News Service of Michigan.

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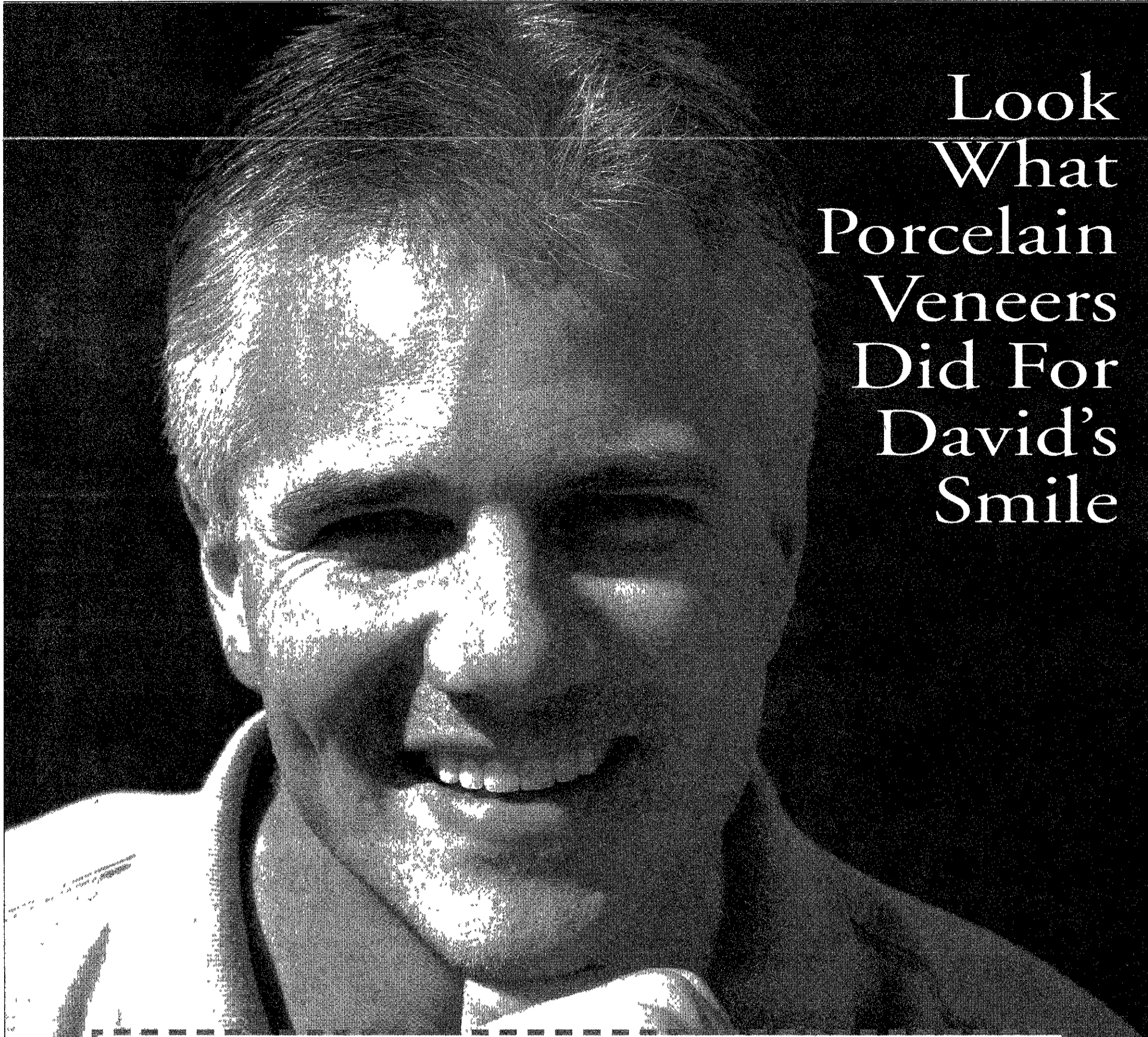
The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

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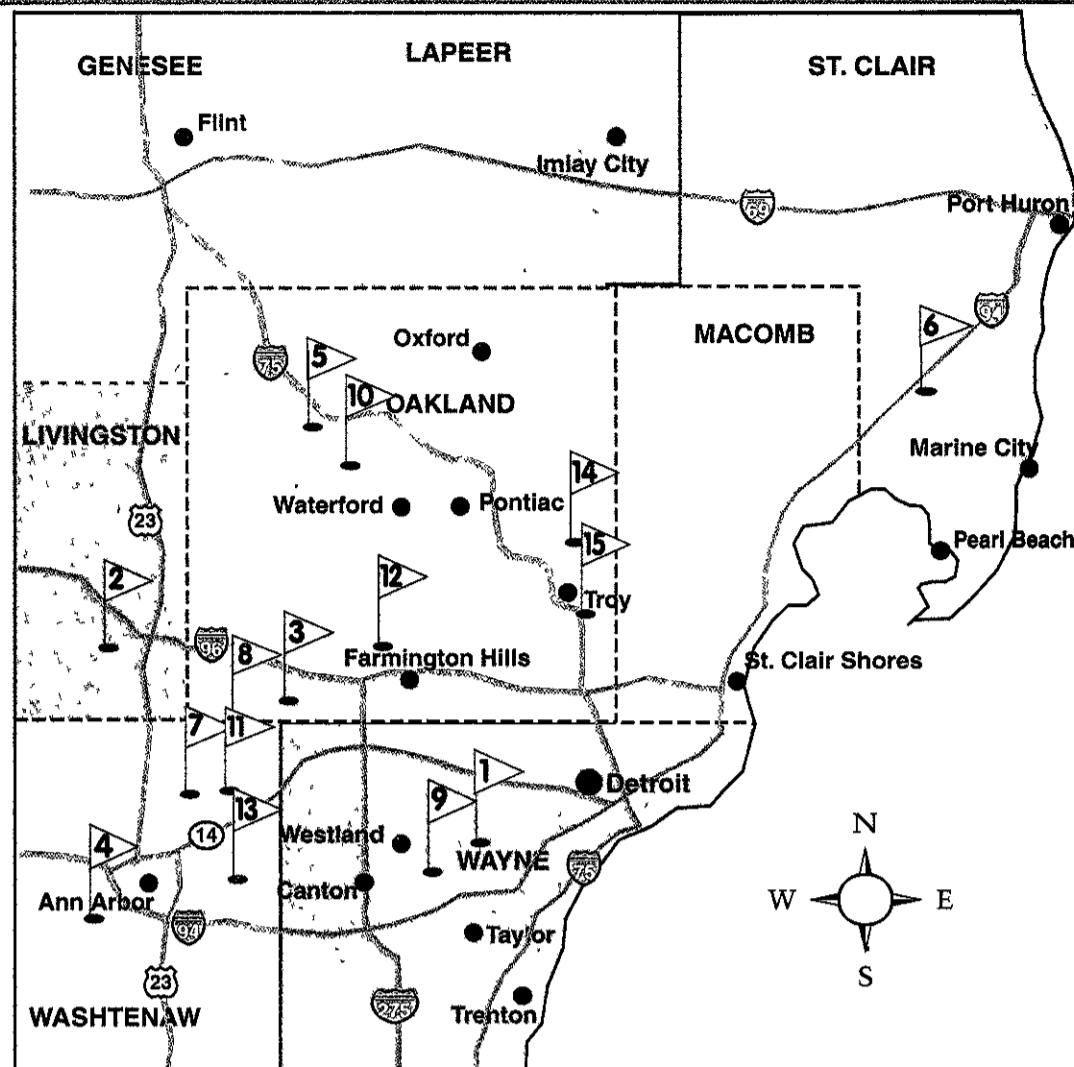
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Club Used: 5 Wood

Art Brown on 7/15/05
Hole #: 14 Par: 3
Club Used: 8 Iron

Inkster Valley Golf Club
Jim Grant on 7/23/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 8 Iron

Pheasant Run
Michael Warren on 8/1/05
Hole #: 7 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Iron
Witness: Craig Spence
Comments: First Hole in One!

Rolling Meadows
Ann Marie Hardesty on 7/28/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Iron / Nike Ball
Witness: Lois Foerster
Comments: Only 20 years old!

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www.jackalgolfclub.com
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Manager: Gerald Cook
Directions: Dixie Highway to Davisburg Road (West) to Ormond Road (South) to Big Lake Road (East)
- 6 RATTLE RUN GOLF COURSE**
7163 Saint Clair Hwy
East China, MI 48054
810.329.2070
www.rattlerun.com
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6865
Manager: Gerry Behaylo
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- 7 ROLLING MEADOWS**
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- 8 TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE**
53503 W 10 Mile
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.3355
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Manager: Ann Lewis
Directions: 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Milford
- 9 INKSTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE**
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- 11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB**
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- 12 INDEPENDENCE GREEN GOLF COURSE**
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Farmington Hills, MI 48335
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Directions: Grand River & Halstead in Farmington Hills
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Women major presence in REAL ESTATE

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you look at "for sale" signs in area front yards, there's a good chance you'll see a woman's name as the responsible real estate professional. Women are coming on strong in the field.

"I think it's a great field for women of all ages," said Realtor Sharon Brockman of Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke Realtors of Birmingham. "To me, it's wonderful. I love taking a buyer into the house and seeing their eyes light up. It just makes me feel good."

She's been licensed in real estate since 1979 and has worked in the field for the past seven years. Brockman, a 57-year-old Rochester Hills resident, was on leave from Ford Motor Co. when younger, working on her degree and selling real estate.

She was an accountant at Ford, where she went after finishing her degree, and worked with the automaker as liaison for people relocating. Brockman and her husband own investment properties and her license has come in handy there as well.

"You just have to be determined," she said. "There's a lot of work involved."

They have one son, a Purdue University sophomore in business; he was in high school when Brockman started her second career in real estate. She admires women in real estate with small children, adding the demands of family make that a challenge.

"It would have been beyond me." She finds women's nurturing abilities help people who are relocating. "You have to understand you're disrupting a family's entire life. I think women have a little bit of a special edge there."

Liking people, loving property, having a sense of humor — and not taking things personally — are keys to success in real estate, Brockman added. "It's not you, it's the house, the property."

Realtor Ruth Martin of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth Township has been licensed in her field since 1979. She taught junior high in Wayne-Westland schools for 10 years before making the career switch.

"Nothing is consistent in this business," she said. It's commission-based, not ideal for those who crave a regular paycheck, and is service-oriented.

Martin, a 59-year-old Livonia resident, finds flexibility a great benefit to her profession. She also likes the fact she's still teaching.

"When you deal with buyers and sellers, you get to teach every day," said Martin, whose husband is also in real estate.

Martin finds women tend to be a little more patient. "It's a great job," she said.

Martin's son, now grown, was in third grade when she started, and she managed her job and family duties. "Oh, I absolutely love it," she said of real estate. "You have to have big shoulders. The rewards absolutely outweigh the negatives."

Realtor Jolie Levine Warpool of Orchard Lake is with Century 21 Today of Farmington Hills and has 17 years in the field. "It's about the best one out there if you're willing to devote the time," she said of her profession.

Warpool, 53, is married with two grown children and two grandkids. She agrees the profession's long, irregular hours make it challenging for women with young children.

She finds women often have a flair for design, are idea-driven and can envision changing a property. Women possibly have more patience, Warpool said.

Her education's in elementary math, although she didn't teach beyond student teaching, having sold diamonds and fine jewelry in the past. Warpool said there's a public perception that real estate is easy; on a recent Thursday, she'd already logged 50 hours for the week, before it ended.

It's possible to work in the field part time, she said, but not as a primary breadwinner. It takes about six months (without a guaranteed income) to get established, she said, holding open houses, possibly working with a mentor and generally learning the business.

"You have to have a backup. You have to be totally dedicated," she said, adding the ability to delegate to competent colleagues matters as well.

"There are more and more women coming in." Women now dominate the profession, Warpool said, with many coming from home or as a second career.

Warpool also finds an outgoing personality an asset in her profession. "You need to be able to communicate with people."



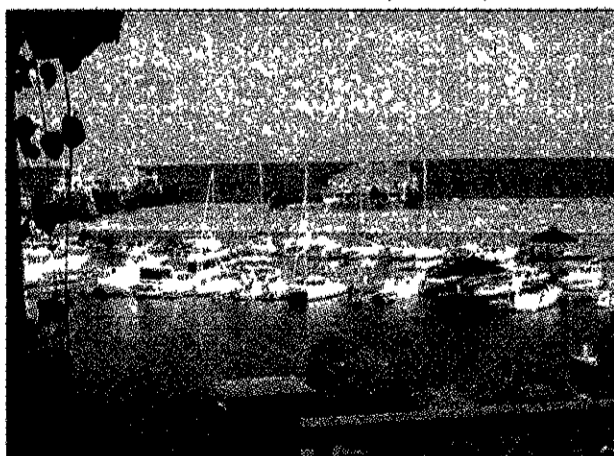
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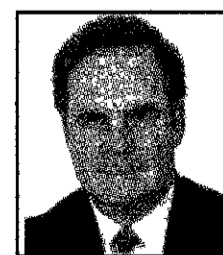
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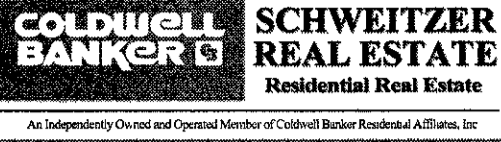
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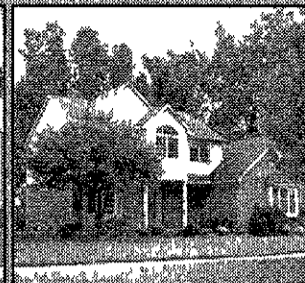
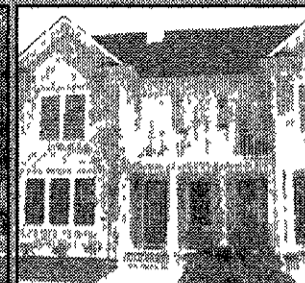

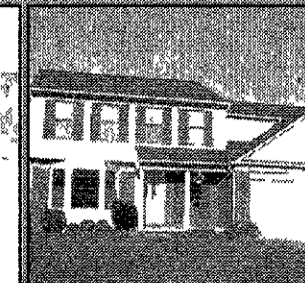




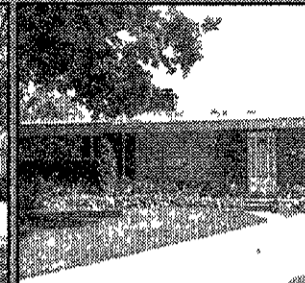
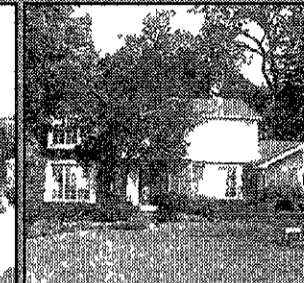

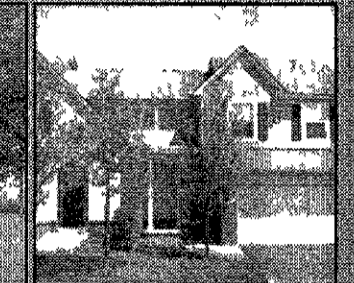


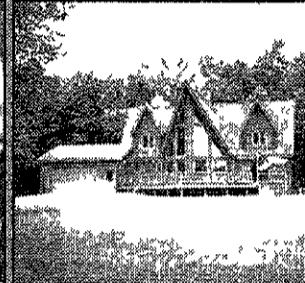

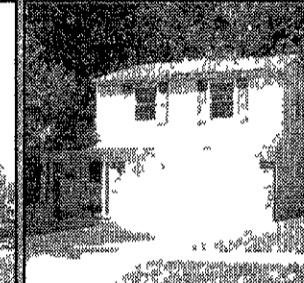
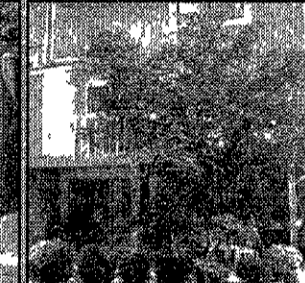



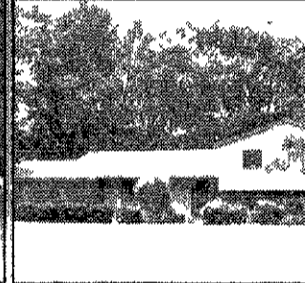
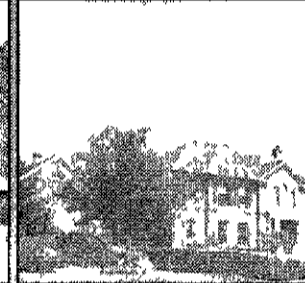

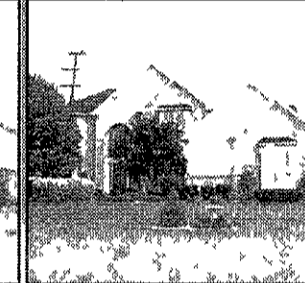

















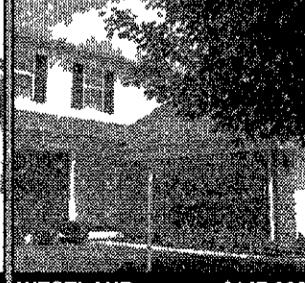

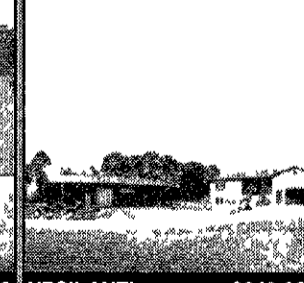
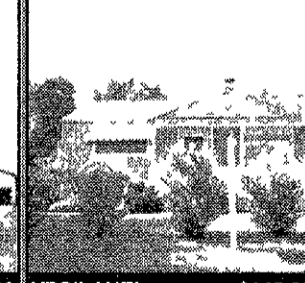

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Timothy Phillips

Well, in the mortgage business, "no credit" is generally better than "bad credit." Here are a few simple ways I have found to get young borrowers with no established credit into starter homes with relatively small down payments.

Lenders want to loan money to buyers who have proven that they are fiscally reliable. Credit scores are the benchmark for helping them make that determination. However, in lieu of scores, buyers may also provide their loan officer other "non-traditional" proof of their ability to pay their bills on time.

Sources of this evidence may come from paid insurance premiums, medical bills, utilities, rentals, and even subscriptions.

Mortgage loan officers, in turn, send that information to a credit bureau to review for inclusion into the borrowers' credit report. Though these items normally do not provide a sufficient basis for a credit score, they do establish the payment track record that will hopefully

allow the mortgage process to continue.

Another easy way to get credit is to "borrow" it from another person. Some young buyers can get a parent, grandparent or other family member to co-sign on a home loan. Although this adds another dimension of calculations with respect to income, debts, and credit, it has historically been a safe, effective way to secure a first mortgage.

Depending on the lender, being able to put up a meaningful down payment of their own may be all that's required for the lender to give leniency on the lack-of-credit issue. A 10-percent down payment relieves

lenders of some of the anxiety of lending mortgage money to an otherwise unknown credit user.

Today's TIMBIT! If you are young and do not have bad credit, you should not hold back on exploring your mortgage options. You may be able to start building equity in a home of your own much sooner than you once might have imagined.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Lucky winner takes TV home

Jim Stevens, broker/owner of Coldwell Banker Preferred, Realtors in Plymouth presented Denise Finnerty with the 20-inch Philips Realfat TV that she won during the drawing for the Ann Arbor Road Days festival in Plymouth.

Businesses along Ann Arbor Road held a nine-day festival featuring prizes, games, carnival, and food.



PLYMOUTH - Beacon Hill Condo backing to wooded ravine with stream! Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family rm w/doorwall to deck & FP w/marble surround, master w/full bath & walk-in closet, fin'd basement w/office & sewing/craft room, etc! \$237,900 (D56Pfin)



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REDFORD - Stop Renting! A great 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home w/partially fin'd basement. Newer concrete drive and garage slab ready to build 2 car garage, maintenance free exterior, & fenced yard! Great neighborhood! Possible assistance for buyer! \$129,900 (L28Can)



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LIVONIA - Great area of Livonia for this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch w/large living rm, fin'd basement, mechanics dream 2 car garage w/workbench & electric. Updated windows, kitchen & counters. All appliances stay \$185,500 (D68Min)

LIVONIA - Nice 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo in NW Livonia overlooks the central commons area! Offers kitchen replace w/light oak Pioneer cabs, new furnace '02, great master, 3 large doorways to 19 balcony w/extra storage \$129,900 (L45Um)

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Unbelievable home on 1/2 acre wooded lot, 4 bedrooms, 2 lavs, library, fam rm, spacious kitchen, exercise rm w/hot tub, waterfall & sauna, all overlooking fantastic ingrd pool & patios. 2 1/2 car heated garage w/add'l heated workshop. \$449,900 (L23Woo)


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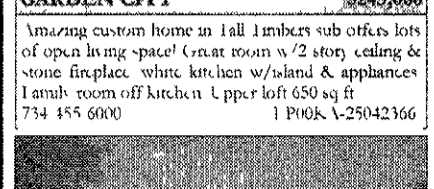
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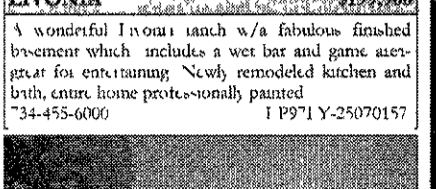
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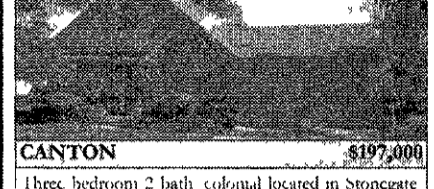
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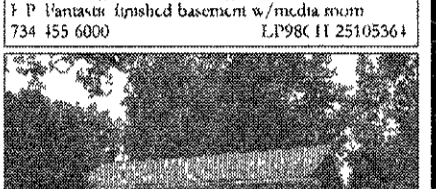
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Livonia 1 states low traffic street 3 bedroom ranch-style in condition. Family room in professionally finished basement. Florida room for 3 season enjoyment. Main updates. Livonia park w/pool nearby.
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THIS HOME IS SPECIAL! Updated island kitchen has been opened to the living room w/fireplace, office w/doorwall to the patio. Prof finished basement w/master bedroom, full bath, walk in closet & fireplace. 2.5 car garage and a fantastic price. \$144,900 (C-732HE)



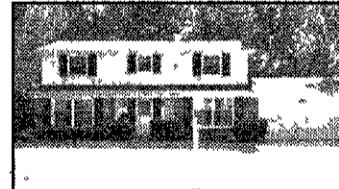
CONDO LIVING AT IT'S FINEST! This one has a beautifully done and spacious floor plan with many upgrades. Main level master and additional 2 bedrooms all with private baths. Ceramic and hardwoods. Backs to preserves \$269,999 (C-725HE)




BETTER HURRY! This beautiful Plymouth ranch isn't going to last! Updated include: windows, siding, a kitchen and bath remodel just to name a few. Call now to make an appointment to see this for yourself! \$169,900 (P-430JU)




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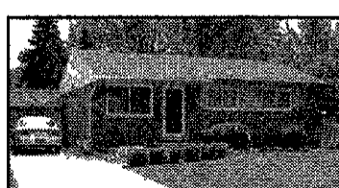
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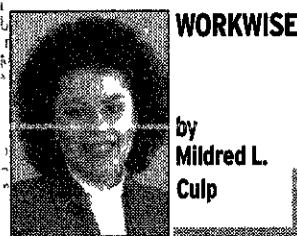
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WHEN A CO-WORKER DISCUSSES RELIGION



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

You may not mind hearing a co-worker discuss religion. However, it's quite another matter if you find such conversation unwelcome.

THE RISK

"This has been increasingly an issue in the last two or three years," remarks James Stone, who chairs the Employment and Labor Law practice of Cleveland's McDonald Hopkins Co. L.L.P.A., a regional law firm. "Is the religious right feeling more empowered? Is religion becoming a more popular topic?" He's not certain, but he's aware of a case involving a manager's surprised reaction at being called on religious discussion with an employee, followed by "I thought it was perfectly fine, that they believed in my message."

Chris Lowney, author of "Heroic Leadership" (Loyola Press, \$16.95), describes the risk an overly zealous co-worker takes: "I'm a practicing Catholic, and as everyone knows, Christians believe themselves charged by Jesus to spread the 'good news' or gospel. But how, why, and when we do that calls for good judgment. The late Pope John Paul - whom no one would consider shy about spreading the faith! - said that our dialogue with others has to start with deep

respect for their human freedom, for their beliefs, for their dignity. If a work colleague, without invitation, aggressively sought to question my religious beliefs, I wouldn't feel very well-respected, no matter how well-intentioned the other person was."

RISK MANAGEMENT

How can you respond to unwelcome overt religious expression?

Lowney seems gentle: "Maybe I'm wrong, but I suspect most people would quite quickly refrain from trying to proselytize as soon as I said that I had my own carefully considered opinions about religious matters, and with all due respect I don't want to discuss them in the workplace."

Jonathan Segal, attorney (and partner) at Philadelphia's Wolf Block, is Jewish. He maintains that some forms of religious expression are acceptable, including "encouraging others to join them in prayer, etc." If that isn't what you want, you must express disinterest and "that the invitations are unwelcome." If not, you may be in a hostile working environment.

Stone, who did not mention a religious affiliation, says that clarity and directness are critical, that being polite may backfire by "encouraging" such conversation. "A lot of people are quiet and try to make polite conversation," he states. "This reaction may be misperceived as an expression of interest." He mentions that "Thanks, but I'm not interested" may discourage

completely, temporarily or not at all. Both attorneys draw similarities with sexual harassment, in which the issue of unwelcomeness is significant.

"If person thinks it's just a misunderstanding," Stone adds, "ask him to lay off. There is no absolute requirement that they do that. The employee may not have heard the unwelcomeness. That can be tricky, because employees have right to talk about religion but not impose. An employer has to walk the fine line. Some employers want to outlaw all conversation about religion, but can't."

If the problem doesn't go away, Stone recommends that, in larger companies, you go to HR and, in smaller companies, lacking a full HR department, to a supervisor.

Lowney maintains that people "will be happier if we change the way we think about how we as religious people are supposed to interact at work. The late Pope felt that Christians and all religious people are called to participate in the dialogue of everyday life." Lowney observes that people tend to socialize with others of the same religion, but that the workplace invites us "to show up and discover/manifest this pool of shared values. A person (of another religion) who takes just as much pride at doing high quality, honest work as I do presents a path for building religious dialogue."

Segal advocates focusing upon work, with friendly conversations - not debates -



James Stone suggests you be direct and clear when someone talks about religion and you feel such discussions are unwelcome.

about religion. If you really disagree, he recommends stating that "it's better for us not to have discussions about it. But I don't want to say people should never discuss faith, because it makes a more enriching environment and experience. People should have appropriate conversations. . ."

"I'm not there," Lowney concludes, "to convince people why Christianity is better than their faith, but manifest values important to me and discover how they might be shared with colleagues. By doing so, we improve our workplace and build bridges among the faith groups. This is one of the urgent questions of our time."

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3 bedroom home freshly painted, neutral decor, newer windows, steel entry doors and flooring. Some appliances, ceiling fans. Nice floor plan. Screened porch and a 1 year home warranty.
(E48CEN) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



LONDON TWP This Home Is Waiting For You
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated hickory kitchen, doorwall in dining room to deck, new roof '04, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors and some appls stay. All this sitting on approximately 12 acres.
(E08PLA) 734-455-5600 \$259,900



LINCOLN PARK Sharp
3 bedroom all brick bungalow w/many updates. New roof on house & garage '04. Newer Pergo floor in kitchen. Newer windows & A/C. Ceramic bath & large fenced-in yard. All appliances stay, some newer SS.
(E00CLO) 248-349-5600 \$135,000




WESTLAND 3 Bedroom Ranch
With Livonia Schools. New '05 roof (tear off), carpeting in LR & hall. Nice kitchen & nook, some appls included. Vinyl windows, updated bath. Large laundry. Spacious closets T/O, C/A, newer humid 2+ car garage. Warranty.
(E68CAR) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



DEARBORN Lovely City Views
Lots of light in this end unit, along w/a great layout, generous room sizes and storage. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, beautiful common pool and patio. All the comfort, ease and security you're looking for in a great setting.
(E00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$124,000



CANTON Outstanding Colonial
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/recessed lights, natural fireplace & built-in entertainment center. Newer kitchen, ceramic floors, newer windows, roof & siding.
(E75BEE) 734-455-5600 \$237,900



LIVONIA Renovated Brick Ranch
Classic 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch on beautiful lot offers updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A, electric, humidifier, ducts, kitchen w/appliances & so much more. Also 2.5 car garage & partially finished basement.
(E07JAC) 734-455-5600 \$189,500



REDFORD Well Maintained
3 BR, 2.5 BA brick ranch. Stunning hardwood floors, finished w/glass block windows, newer windows, including bay. Cement drive updated. Kit w/ceramic tile counter. All appls stay. Newer HWH & garage door '04. Warr.
(E23DIX) 248-349-5600 \$161,900



SALEM Ranch On Approx 10 Acres
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on an approximately 10 acre lot w/attached garage and full basement. Has both a living and a family room. Baseboard heat. Two bedrooms and pond.
(E00FIV) 248-349-5600 \$399,000




CANTON Look No Further!
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 story foyer, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, hwdwd flrs T/O kit, LR, FR, FR w/frpc, 2nd floor laundry, extra high ceilings on FF. Open fr plan from kit to FR. A real must see!!
(E96FEN) 734-455-5600 \$369,900



WATERFORD Curb Appeal & Incredible Updates
Lake privileges in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home. Custom entry doors, newer roof, windows, doorwall, kitchen cabinets and counters w/appliances. Partially finished basement and more.
(E60MAP) 734-455-5600 \$142,900



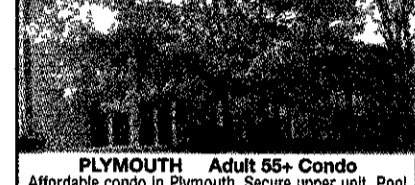
CANTON Outstanding Colonial
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2.5 car attached garage, partially finished basement, FR w/full brick fireplace leading to a 3 seasons room, hardwood floors under carpet in LR and DR. Updated roof and windows.
(E71HIL) 734-455-5600 \$259,900



SOUTHFIELD Move-In Condition
Clean, bright and spacious 3 bedroom ranch with updated windows, shingles and exterior doors. Spacious family room, HWH '05. Appliances included. Home warranty also included.
(E97EVE) 248-349-5600 \$114,950



DEARBORN HGTS Beauty Is Born
Beautiful 2004 built full brick ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail. Generous room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air, custom front porch.
(E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



PLYMOUTH Adult 55+ Condo
Affordable condo in Plymouth. Secure upper unit. Pool and clubhouse. Association dues cover gas and water. Kitchen sink and A/C wall unit in '05. So affordable!
(E99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$69,950



CANTON You Can Have It All!
In this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers family room w/full brick fireplace, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, hwdwd floors under carpet + newer roof, windows and updated patio door, HWH.
(E83HIL) 734-455-5600 207,000



MONROE You Can Have It All!
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick/vinyl ranch offering 2 car garage, updated roof, windows, carpet and kitchen flooring. Large laundry room, cute Florida room, all appliances and 1 year home warranty.
(E43MON) 734-455-5600 \$109,897



CANTON Pride Of Ownership
Beautiful newer 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Spacious fr plan including high ceilings, formal LR & DR, huge FR & eat-in kit. Nice open layout. Fresh paint T/O. Newer appls stay. Fireplace in FR. Plymouth-Canton Schls.
(E07WIL) 248-349-5600 \$265,000



NOVI Ranch - Like New
Accessible w/no steps & 1 car att gar. Double lot w/privacy fence & above-ground pool. Freshly painted & newer carpet. Jetted tub in master bath. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Super location - near x-ways & schls. Applis.
(E30PAR) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



INKSTER Charming Brick Bungalow
3 bedroom, 1 bath, partially finished basement. Wayne/Westland schools. Most appliances stay. Fenced yard w/hdwd 1 car garage.
(E34AVO) 734-455-5600 \$112,000



DEARBORN Own & Rent
Spacious upper/lower apt. Exterior has brick/alum siding. Great Dearborn location. Total of 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, nicely finished basement, lots of storage, 2 car garage and 2 private balconies.
(E32HOR) 734-455-5600 \$179,000



DEARBORN HGTS Affordable And Spacious
3 bedroom ranch w/newer windows, furnace, C/A, steel entry doors, nice fireplace, large eat-in kitchen w/ceramic floors, large deep fenced yard, 2 car garage, FFL, home warranty included. Call Now.
(E66WES) 734-455-5600 \$103,000



DEARBORN HGTS Have Your Cake!
Eat too! A lot of new windows, roof, furnace, A/C, plumbing, electrical, garage door, carpeting kitchen and bath, sliding & new light fixtures too! What a cutie! Currently used multi-family, could be converted.
(E09NIG) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths, master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/viking stove, Sub Zero frg. Walkout LL w/hardwood floors, sauna & full granite kit.
(E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$899,900



DETROIT Curb Appeal Plus!!
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home will draw you in with it's gorgeous landscaping, dusk-to-dawn lighting and in-ground sprinklers. Newly finished hardwood floors/newer carpeting and ceramic tile, 1 yr warranty.
(E86APP) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premium lot w/perfect floor plan 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, open dual staircase, basement, huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space, elegant custom awnings.
(E77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$449,900



CLARKSTON Beautiful Home
This house is ready! Lake privileges, Clarkston schools. Updates roof, kitchen, baths, furnace, A/C, HWH, deck. Only new carpet is needed - owner will help with this. Beautiful fenced yard. Great location.
(E41ELM) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



NOVI Comfortable Ranch Condo
2 BR, 3 BA ranch condo w/gar. Profess fin LL includes 3rd BR's w/W/I closet, full bath and extra living area. Paver patio w/view of pond. Close to shopping and x-ways. Gas frpc in LR. Fresh carpet and paint.
(E79PON) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



DEARBORN Brick Colonial
Updated and shining all brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/new windows, floors, paint and carpet in 2004. Breakfast room and formal dining room. Near Ford Headquarters and shopping. Well built and updated.
(E16WES) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



PLYMOUTH Quaint Bungalow
This home features a library off master bedroom, nice bath, vintage woodwork, alcove, hardwood floors, wet plaster walls, coved ceilings, niche, archways and so much more!
(E50PAV) 734-455-5600 \$229,700



NOVI Well Maintained Condo
Upper carriage unit is very neutral and updated. All major appliances stay. Very clean private entry and attached garage.
(E29ROC) 734-455-5600 \$116,900



REDFORD Bungalow
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with vinyl windows, newer windows, roof & hot water heater. Ceramic bathrooms. Large master bedroom w/large closet & 2nd closet. Finished basement has kitchen area. 1.5 car garage.
(E99MER) 248-349-5600 \$147,800



WALLED LAKE Lakefront Property
Overlooking quiet yard. Boat docking available. Pets ok. In-unit laundry. Garage with opener. All sports lake. Freshly painted '04. All appliances stay. Low association. Deck, neutral decor, beach, fishing, jet ski.
(E95PON) 248-349-5600 \$99,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Great Townhouse
2 BR, 1.5 BA condo w/private entry. Lg oak kit cabinets. Pergo flr in kit & 1/2 BA '03, neutral Berber T/O new '03, all window trims '04, roof & bath skylight new '03, frpc in LR, vaulted ceiling in LR & BR's. Fin bsmt w/gar.
(E23COU) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



DEARBORN Lovely 2 Family Home
Spacious clean & updated 2 family home offers 2 bedrooms, furnished eat-in kitchen, large LR, full bath + C/A, newer furnace & HWH & 1/2 of the basement for each unit. A wonderful income property.
(E48TER) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, finished basement, newer windows, furnace & C/A. Large kitchen w/oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood floors, all sitting on a dead end street.
(E32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$147,000



HOWELL Stunning & ADA Compliant
Ranch condo w/lots of upgrades, rolling showers, low counters, upgraded carpet, stunning kitchen w/roll-in lunch counter. Upgraded appliances, security system and intercom for added piece of mind.
(E60KNE) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



NOVI Super Condo
Exquisite! This one won't last! Impressive upgrades. Ground level 1 bedroom w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutral decor, freshly painted. View of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake.
(E55SLA) 248-349-5600 \$67,500



NORTHVILLE Cute One Bedroom Condo
Great opportunity to live within walking distance to downtown. Charming small condo complex on wooded setting. Cozy & well cared for. Water and gas included in monthly association fee.
(E25FAI) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



CANTON Brick Ranch Beauty
This updated home offers open floor plan, spacious kitchen w/nook and Pergo floor, newer carpet, paint, baths, furnace, C/A and roof. Finished basement for extra space and a 2 car attached garage.
(E22IRO) 734-455-5600 \$235,000




GROSSE ILE Elegance At Its Best
Spacious custom built 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial on approx. 1/2 acre lot, offers 2 car attached garage and finished basement w/bar and bath. Updated kitchen w/Corlan counters, furnace, C/A and roof. All appliances.
(E66MAN) 734-455-5600 \$349,900



GARDEN CITY Well Maintained
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch, 2 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, finished basement w/glass block windows, newer vinyl windows, garden shed, carpeting T/O, gas forced air furnace w/C/A.
(E93BAR) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/attached garage into kitchen. Fireplace heats LR & DR. Combo w/doorwall backing to trees, putting green & walking trails. Basement used as FR has glass block daylight.
(E76TEN) 248-349-5600 \$194,900



WIXOM Want To Save Money?
Cute & cozy 2 bedroom co-op ranch home. Clean and move-in ready. Finished basement with workshop and laundry. Sun porch with patio, open floor plan, walk to shops. Clubhouse and pool. Adult 55+.
(E20HEL) 248-349-5600 \$53,000



PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer
Custom built, all brick contemporary. Big lot in little Plymouth. Very clean & well taken care of. Has built-in double ovens, newer roof & HWH. Unique floor plan in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Bring all offers.
(E90ANN) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



CANTON Gorgeous Colonial
Beautiful curb appeal, 1st owner. Very clean open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, office, living/dining, FFL, professionally finished LL w/full kit, loads of storage, 3 car garage, large stamped concrete patio, landscaped.
(E18KIM) 734-455-5600 \$314,900



SOUTH LYON Premium Location!
Centennial Farms 55+ adult community. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, serene view of wetland and trees. Finished LL. W/O w/sunroom and private setting. All appliances. Lake privileges, clubhouse and sandy beach. Very nice.
(E23SHE) 248-349-5600 \$143,900



LIVONIA Compliment Maker!
No reason to accept 2nd best when you can own this 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch. Updated country kit w/applis. Open fr plan. New '01 furnace & A/C '04, shingles '01. Full bsmt w/glass block windows, hwdwd flrs & att gar.
(E91BAI) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



NORTHVILLE Walking Distance To Town
Contemporary condo w/many upgrades. Hardwood floors, heated floor in master bath. Large WIC, finished LL. W/O. Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on a wooded setting. All appliances. Large deck off DR.
(E00MOU) 248-349-5600 \$322,500

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SALEM 734-455-7000
CUSTOM ... CUSTOM HOME! READY... 4+1 W/O bsmt w/full BA, dbl granite sinks. French drs to brick pavers. 2 mstr stes w/BA on main flr. 2-way fplc, GR & Nook. Custom mldg. Plasma TV over fplc. Surr. Snd. (23F7610) \$1,700,000



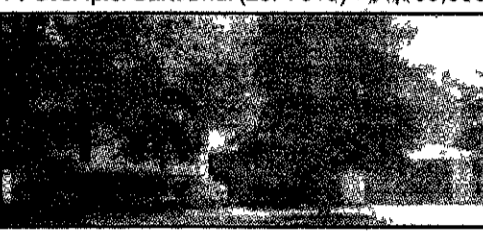
NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
3200 SF Victorian w/5 BR and 3.5 BAs w/period design and accents t/o. Too many high end upgrades to actually list. (25048938) \$815,000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Bicentennial Estates colonial. 2765 SF, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, mstr ste, FR, library, spacious kit, DR, 1st flr hndy, XL bsmt, gar & yard. Many custom features. (25103814) \$399,000



YPSILANTI 734-455-7000
WONDERFUL COLONIAL IN THE PRESERVE Beautifully maintained w/loads of upgrades & improvements. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2900 SF, huge gar, backs to trees, trex deck & stainless appl. (23C6207) \$359,900



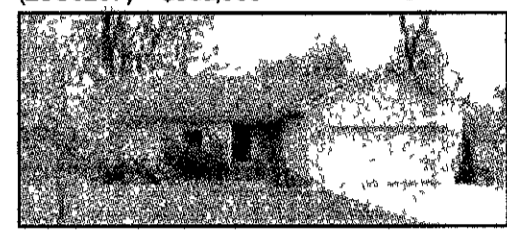
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Welcome to this outstanding, updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2220 SF home in Idle Hills Estates on a .63 acre lot! (25104195) \$294,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
IN NATURE'S COMPANY! Oak island kit, FR w/spruce surround, FP & hwdw flr. Great fin'd bsmt, daylight wndws, office w/"berth". All apps. Home Warranty. (23R3077) \$275,000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Opportunity Here! Excellent neighborhood in Northwest Livonia, loc on a cul-de-sac lot. House needs some work to make it your own, but tons of potential 2034 SF, 4BR, 2.5BA colonial. (25061682) \$274,900



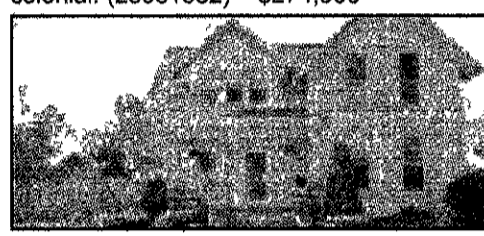
LIVONIA 248-349-6200
1500 SF MAINTENANCE FREE RANCH Walk into this brick and vinyl ranch and see a nat'l fplc surr by marble in a spac FR. Light kit w/dining area, 3 BR, 2.5 BA complete this fir plan. 348-6430 (25080486) \$249,900



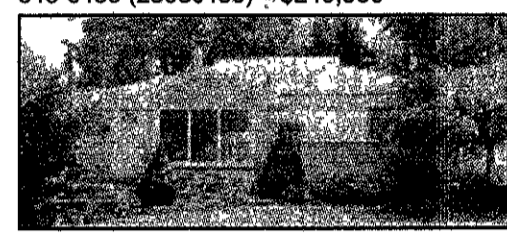
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
NEWER BUILT BRICK RANCH That has all the newest conveniences. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, GR with gas fplc, att 2 car gar, c/a, rec room, nice yard w/ patio & more. (C171) \$249,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Another beautiful updated Burton Hollow ranch. Newer kit w/corrian counters & light oak cabinets. Ceramic floors in kit & BAs. Hwdw floors t/o. (25064481) \$239,900



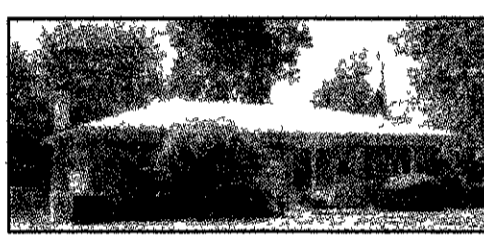
SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
PRETTY AS A PICTURE Attractive remodeled Col, stone fplc in DR, charming kit, lovely LR, oak flrs, crown molding, 3 BR, 2 BA, covered front porch, side porch, stone patio. 349-6200 (25064225) \$225,000



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
PEACE AWAITS YOU Relax & enjoy Koi Pond, fountain, deck & gorgeous gardens. Super 4 BR ranch w/many updates t/o including fin'd bsmt, newer roof & wndws. This home is a 10+. 349-6200 (25096833) \$188,800



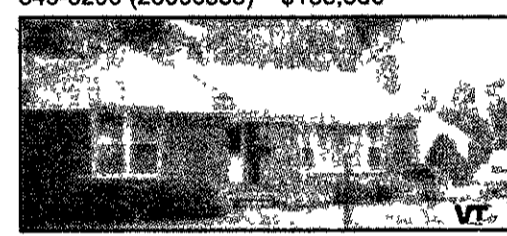
WYANDOTTE 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW DBL LOT COLONIAL Perfect for the new house buyer Updts include: roof, windows, siding, gutters, paint, carpet, BA-the list goes on. All this on a double lot with 2 car gar. 349-6200 (25064760) \$182,900



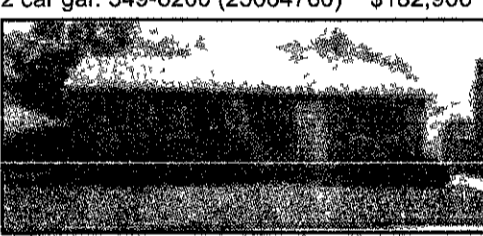
WARREN 734-591-9200
Custom built brick ranch in prime area Neutral decor with no wall paper, Newer C/A, remod half BA & bsmt BA. Newer kit, part fin'd bsmt w/bar & newer crpt provides cozy liv area, full brk gar (25088887) \$182,500



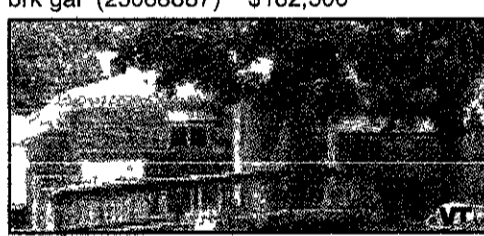
REDFORD 734-591-9200
Attractive brick Cape Cod w/1300 SF of quality living area 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Fin'd Bsmt. 2 FP Updates incl' Roof, furn, C/A, HWH, kit. Fla Rm opens to deck w/jacuzzi Lrg fenced & landscaped yard. (25096484) \$179,900



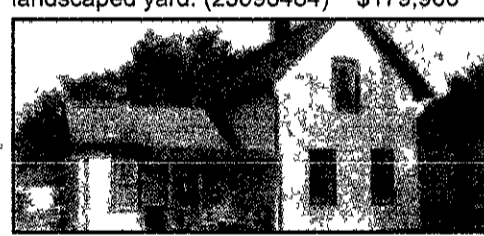
REDFORD 734-591-9200
Brick ranch, 1420 SF of quality living area, 2 BR, 1.5 BA, fin'd bsmt, att gar on double lot Updates incl rf, wndws, plmb, elec suc, hwdw flrs & new crpt. Fla rm overlooks brick patio (25094558) \$166,900



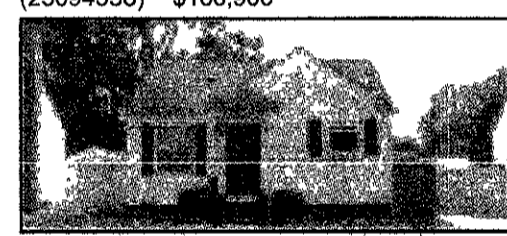
GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
DREAMS DO COME TRUE! Wonderful brick ranch in Garden City. 1113 SF. Extremely well maint. Part fin'd bsmt. Beautiful yard. 2+ car gar. Perfect starter home or empty nesters. (23H5870) \$164,900



DEARBORN HGTS 734-326-2000
TODAY'S BUY - TOMORROW'S HAPPINESS Is this brick 3 BR ranch in Dearborn Hgts #7 school district w/full bsmt, C/A, 1.5 BAs, 2.5 car gar. Newer furnace, windows and carpeting. (M442) \$144,900



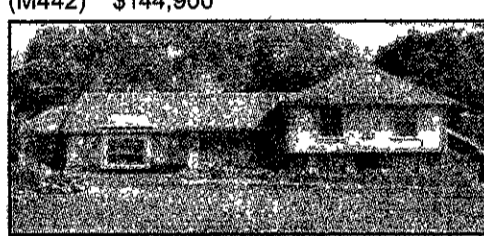
MILAN 248-348-6430
BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN New pergo flooring in formal DR & kit. Updated BA w/oak cabinets, newer roof, Andersen wndws, circuit breakers, drywall & lighting. Immed occup. Hurry. 349-6200 (25088663) \$140,000



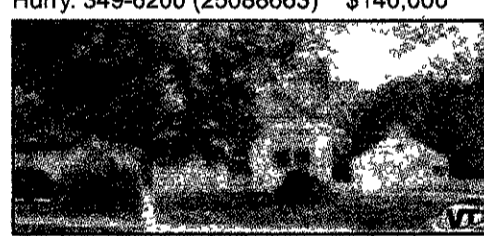
WAYNE 248-348-6430
SHARP 3 BR IN QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD Close to school & shopping. Remodeled kit Hwdw flrs. Part fin'd bsmt w/full BA. Separate office/comp rm. Maint free exterior including 2 car gar. 349-6200 (25097517) \$133,000



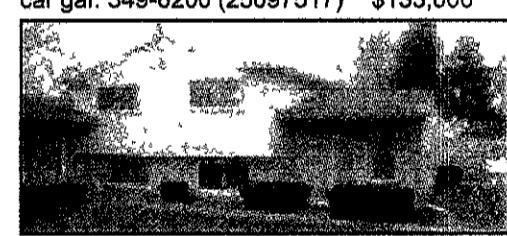
DEARBORN HGTS 734-326-2000
WITHIN YOUR MEANS is this 3 BR brick ranch in Dearborn Hgts district #7 schools, with remodeled kit, c/a, newer Wallside windows and 2.5 car gar. (P212) \$119,900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
House has it all. Completely updated former builder's home. This house has many extras: 3 fplc, inground pool, and granite kit. Finally step out onto a 1/2 acre lush green lot. 349-6200 (25110414) \$463,000



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
FIX ME UP and you will have a great home on over a half an acre in Garden City with a 2.5 car gar for under \$100,000. How can you go wrong? (E304) \$99,900



NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
DUPLEX IN DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE-LEASE Walking distance to Mill Race. Fresh paint & very clean. One year lease min \$1800 moves you in. 348-6430 (24151629) \$900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES backing to Shenandoah Sub. Wooded. Hartland Schls. Great for small development, private estate. Convenient to Brighton, xways! 349-6200 (24080021) \$174,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
EXPANSE NOT EXPENSE is this remodeled 3 BR Cape Cod w/ 2400SF, remodeled kit w/ all apps & BA w/vanity, deck, 3 car gar & huge mstr BR. (25058076) \$159,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
INSPIRING BRICK COLONIAL on a premium lot, lg kit, comfortable FR, charming LR, 4 spacious BR, full bsmt, wooded yard, huge deck, extra deep 3 car gar. 349-6200 (25098195) \$394,900

SOUTH LYON 734-455-7000
WELCOME HOME! Hwdw flrs galore & matching cabs in kit & BA. Almost .5 acre of quiet. 3 BR, 2 full BA, 55+ active adult comm (25064509) \$284,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Great curb appeal on this 4 BR, 1.5 BA. Eat in kit & DR. Deck off mstr BR, natural FP in FR. Close to xways, great neighborhood (25053205) \$226,900

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

NOVI 248-348-6430
UPLIFTING & VERY WELL CARED FOR! 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/hwdw flrs, FR w/nat'l fplc, beautiful mstr BA, all new light fixtures, backs to commons, ext & int recently painted. 349-6200 (25031873) \$372,000

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

CANTON 734-591-9200
This spacious 1700 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial offers a lrg updated gourmet eat in kit (03) w/island, form DR, newer roof, FR w/drwall to deck, neutral decor, and more. (25100190) \$209,900

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

NOVI 248-348-6430
UPDATED HOME ON GREAT LOT Prtyard backing to stream, nice oak kit, 3 BR, 2 full BA, lg laundry, new drive, covered patio, new hi E furnace, well cared for home. 349-6200 (25096192) \$204,900

TROY 734-455-7000
CUL-DE-SAC BEAUTY 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial in beautiful sub on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Brick home w/great deck & fenced yard. Numerous advantages inside & outside. Hurry! (25003436) \$297,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BR, 2.5 BA dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceiling w/fan & FP. Mstr BR has 2 WIC. Bright kit has new fir & drwall to patio, appls stay. 1st flr Indry. 2 car gar & bsmt. (25009266) \$179,900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
AMAZING BUY is this brick ranch w/full fin'd bsmt, & gar. Remodeled kit w/oak cabinets, Hwdw floors, remodeled BA. (25041004) \$89,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP 4 BR, 3.5 BA w/updates: rf, furn, A/C, hot water, cntrs, crpt, sod, landscaping, etc. Bonus: lg 3-season sunrm. (25101511) \$349,900

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STUNNING LIVONIA SCHLS COLONIAL Many custom features. 2 story foyer, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, formal DR, FR w/fplc, 2 tiered deck, sprinklers & much much more. (25053652) \$279,000

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HUNTERS GROVE CONDO W/COURT LOCATION! Well maintained end unit w/neut decor. GR w/vltd ceil & gas fplc. Huge lot/BR Bright kit. All apps incl. 349-6200 (25019266) \$159,900

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1994 built Cape Cod. Well maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1st flr mstr ste w/BA & WIC. 1st flr Indry, upper BR w/double closets. Cerm tile in BAs, white cabs in kit & BA. Lrg deck (25085102) \$234,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
LOOK NO FURTHER! Historical home has everything you need including a great price. 2 car gar. Great backyard, walking distance to downtown. This is a must see. (25065417) \$249,000

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
Newer Constr Condo w/loads of updates. Fully fin'd bsmt w/bar Egress wndw. Home features gas fplc, deck, ceramic tile, hwdw flrs, stainless steel appls and much more (25074971) \$199,900

COMMERCE 734-326-2000
WHERE STREETS WIND & NERVES UNWIND 3 BR bung. 2 car gar on lovely 1/2 acre. Across the street from & w/lake privs on Fox Lk, large LR w/ fplc, some newer windows. (25085940) \$169,900

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

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3 BR IN NICE NEIGHBORHOOD! Newer rf, vinyl siding, wndws, copper pipes, h/w tank, furn, fencing, steel drs & alarm system. A must see. Move in condition. 349-6200 (25013218) \$120,000

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SHARP DUTCH COLONIAL Great curb appeal 3 BR 1081 SF w/fin'd bsmt. Needs minor TLC. Lots of bang for the buck w/newer furnace windows & siding. Big front porch! (25078766) \$109,000

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MOVE-IN CONDITION! 3 BR Ranch - Updtd t/o, awaiting a new loving family in excellent Livonia P.S. - includes fin'd bsmt. (25070088) \$179,900

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WESTLAND 734-455-7000
BUDGET WISE? Then you will appreciate this 2 BR brick ranch w/full bsmt. Newer carpeting and windows, remod kit and BA. (25060976) \$84,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Like New! 3 BR, 2.5 BA on a 1/2 acre. 1st floor mstr w/WIC & full BA. LR w/FP & drwall to patio. 1st flr Indry Prvt back yard (25072976) \$259,900

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BROADMOOR PARK SUB! Let Madison Homes build the home you've always dreamed of on prem sized lot! Close to schls & shopping w/easy frwy access! Novis chls! 349-6200 (25032373) \$595,000

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1 year, plus experience Residential. New construction. Fax resume to 313-386-4461

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Seeking outgoing and social individuals. Hourly part time positions available afternoons and weekends.

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For evenings, must be 18 yrs. Come fill out an application at The Birmingham Family YMCA, 400 E Lincoln St.

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GLEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
looking for All Purpose Kitchen Help, Line Cook/Prep/Dishwasher Exp helpful, but will train (248) 626-2600

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Full-time no exp req'd. We train. M/F. Age 17-34. Good pay, excellent benefits, educational and travel opportunities. Call (734) 729-0450. AN ARMY OF ONE, U.S. Army

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Full-Time Exp preferred. Must work well with seniors. Apply at American House, 1660 S Venoy, Westland

HOT LINK SERVICE
Call Today for details 1-800-579-SELL

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MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Full-time maintenance technician needed. Competitive hourly wage and full benefits. Must have 2 yrs prior maintenance experience. Boiler, Electrical and plumbing experience a plus. Qualified applicants may fax your resume to (248) 366-3509

MANAGER
Looking for sharp individual to learn my business. Will train right person. 734-432-9241

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As a Route Driver, you will be responsible for filling & servicing machines, as well as maintaining excellent customer relations. This is an exciting opportunity for a mature, responsible person who likes freedom & autonomy.
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You may apply in person, email, mail or fax a resume to
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Fax 734-482-0875
Email dwerth@gocvc.com
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Ypsilanti, MI 48198

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PHLEBOTOMIST
Full time for medical practice in Berkley. Phlebotomy exp a must. Light medical assistant skills helpful. Fax resume (248)267-6791

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Licensed Journeymen & Exp Apprentices & Service Exp in Commercial/Industrial. Fax resume to (734) 729-2055

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Pathtrace Systems is seeking an exp'd, dynamic Pre-Sales Applications Engineer to Prep and present product demos to prospective customers.
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to \$14/hr. Must weld. Own tools. Romulus drug screen (734) 891-2680

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Full time, no exp req'd. We train. M/F. Age 17-34. Good pay, excellent benefits, educational and travel opportunities. Call (734) 729-0450. AN ARMY OF ONE, U.S. Army

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Experience with gravel train and semi's. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm (734) 455-4036

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MILLSHOP WORKERS
LARGE MILLWORK CO. LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED & ENTRY-LEVEL WOOD WORKERS. FARMINGTON HILLS. PHONE 248-427-1400 FAX 248-427-1300

MAINTENANCE TECH
Full-time, experienced, for West Bloomfield apt community. Great opportunity for right person. Please fax resume to (586) 775-0175

MAINTENANCE TECH
The Arbors of West Bloomfield is seeking an experienced maintenance tech to live on site. Candidates must have previous apartment maintenance experience and possess own tools. We offer competitive salary, apartment discount opportunities, medical and dental benefits. Please fax resumes to 248-661-9280

MAINTENANCE TECH
Singh is seeking a full-time, live-in maintenance tech for one of their senior communities in Canton. Must have previous maintenance experience and possess own tools. EOE. Send resumes to resume@singhmail.com

Help Wanted-General 5000

HOUSEKEEPER/ MAINTENANCE
MainStreet Village Apartments in Novi is seeking to fill a Full-time housekeeper/light maintenance position. Candidates must be reliable, friendly, outgoing and able to work weekends. Please fax resumes to 248-349-8484

HOUSEKEEPERS
Part-time for American House Senior Living in Northville. Call Judy 248-449-1480

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Full-time, benefits. Please respond to Manager, 28265 Beverly, Romulus 48174

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Part-Time AM & PM hrs available. Veterinary hospital in Farmington 248-476-3662

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Starting pay \$9/hr Exp preferred Belleville (734) 699-4711

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LEASING CONSULTANT - for Northville apartment community. Computer, customer service and at least 1 yr exp required. Fax resume to Rebekah Volz 734-207-9923

LEGAL SECRETARY
For Westland law firm. Must have minimum 3 yrs legal exp. Fax resume to 734-427-0395

LIFEGUARD
Accepting applications for the position of Lifeguard \$8.24 per hr. Must be at least 16 yrs of age. Job description with complete qualifications will be available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division, or on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to 4 p.m., August 24, 2005. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Unlimited leads. Experience required. Salary & Commission. Full benefits, 401(k) Conforming/Non-Conforming. Send resume to pbenezra@aadvantagefirst.us

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Expanding Southfield Broker, looking to fill seats with great people. Exp helpful. Benefits after 90 days. Training provided. Call 248-423-7775 Ext 21

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We are seeking experienced automatic insert machine operators and high speed printer operators to fill positions on our afternoon and midnight shifts. Qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent ability to maintain high quality work in a fast-paced environment, detail oriented ability to work other shifts and/or overtime as needed, exc attendance and punctuality. We offer a competitive wage and full benefits package. EOE. Fax resumes to Lason, Attn HR 734 632 1847

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In Redford, 2-5 years exp in CNC Machining, Exp setting up Horizontal Lathes w/ Daewoo & Mori Selki lathes. Good understanding of metal removal, exp to back up. Ability to read prints & strong math skills + Hoss, Fanuc, O.T & 15-T controls. Speeds and feeds for cutting 4130 and H-13. Own tools. fax 313-937-0228

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DESIGN CENTER MANAGER

Prestigious local residential builder is seeking a manager with a unique mix of skills to launch and run a centralized design center. Candidate must possess a combination of construction knowledge, sales experience, business skills, retail concepts and a flair for creativity along with the ability to do custom pricing requests, profit margin analysis and work closely with customers to personalize their new home. Detail oriented, excellent communication and paperwork skills a must. Salary/Commission/Full Benefits.
Fax resume to Purchasing Manager at: 248-644-1442

Marketing Account Executive
American Laser Centers

- Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Communication/Advertising/Marketing
- 2-3 years agency experience
- Familiarity with media and media planning
- Excellent written, presentation and negotiation skills
- Ability to work with MS Word, Excel, Power Point
- Quick learner and ability to work independently

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Help Wanted-General 5000

TRUCK DRIVERS CDL A & B with experience for Plymouth Co Mon-Fri, Days Benefits Local deliveries 517-223-7399

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TRUCKING - SAFETY CLERK

Local Contract Carrier is seeking an experienced Safety Clerk; the successful candidate will be knowledgeable in all state and federal regulations pertaining to but not limited to driver logs, driver qualification, accidents, claims and basic safety procedures. Only experienced candidates will be considered for this position. We offer a competitive salary with a full benefit package to be considered for this position, please fax your resume to 313-561-6410, Attn. Sylvia

WAREHOUSE

ETNA Supply is looking for a loyal individual to fill an opening in the shipping/receiving dept. The person best fit for the job will have fork lift experience, willing to lift heavy product, values accuracy and be accustomed to working in a fast paced environment. Full time, day shift with competitive pay and benefits. Must have High School diploma or GED equivalent. Please apply in person with resume at 29949 Beck Rd., Wixom EOE

WAREHOUSE

Livonia firm seeks hard worker for warehouse duties Shipping, receiving, inventory control. You must be in good physical condition, able to lift 50 lbs., with a High School diploma and good driving record. Excellent pay, full benefits, M-F 6:30-3:00 pm Fax resume to 734-427-8370, or Email to servicefirm@yahoo.com

WAREHOUSE WORKER, Days, Mon-Fri, full time, \$10/hr benefits, respond Attn Warehouse Manager, P.O. Box 51 Bridgewater, MI 48115

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

Accounting Clerk Full-time, entry level position for property management company in Canton A/R & A/P experience preferred. Must be proficient in Word & Excel, Peachtree 3 plus. Please email resume & salary requirements to delbi@mi-aci.com

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Trucking Company seeks full time employee to process payables track EFT & ACH transactions MUST have previous experience, be detail oriented, analytical and possess STRONG computer skills with emphasis on MS Excel. Previous transportation experience desired but not required. Send resume and salary requirement to Box 1203, Observer & Eccentric 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia, MI 48150

ADMIN. ASSISTANT

Park West Gallery, the nation's largest privately owned art gallery with a 63,000 square foot gallery in Southfield, Michigan, has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. We are looking for an experienced Administrative Assistant who can manage multiple tasks, is well organized, works well in challenging environments and is accomplished in Word, Outlook and Excel. Experience with travel arrangements a plus. Full-time position with excellent salary, medical and dental benefits, 401(k) and an outstanding opportunity for growth and development. Please send resume and cover letter to: Park West Gallery Attn: M.J. Jordan 29469 Northwestern Highway Southfield, MI 48034 or via email: mjordan@parkwestgallery.com No Phone Calls, Please.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

30-40hrs per week, need motivated, self starter, good computer skills necessary, exp with general office procedures, good benefits, fax resume to Carol 248-647-6067

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL

Award winning Bloomfield Hills architectural firm seeks 2 energetic individuals to join our team. One full time administrative professional with some accounting background required. Second position: Part time RECEPTIONIST, light clerical duties may be necessary. Exc compensation package and working environment. Interested candidates please fax resume/salary history to 248-437-6841

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Seeking organized, detail oriented person to work in a fast paced environment. Data entry, oversight of customer databases & customer relations. Computer literacy a must. Will train & use dictation equipment. Full-time Fax resume to 248-478-3122

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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AN OUTSTANDING PERSON NEEDED!

We need a mature, reliable, helpful, friendly, professional, positive person to help us with our busy insurance office in Plymouth. We will provide all training & a professional workplace. Work hrs for this position are Mon-Fri 9-5 Permanent position with growth potential \$10-\$14/hr Call (248) 446-3325 to leave message

ASSISTANT MANAGER/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Experience with bookkeeping, office administration, some computer skills & project management needed. Maturity in dealing with people a must. Medical insurance not provided. 20+ hrs. per week. Send resume to Fours Sons Management Co Box 136, Troy, MI 48064

AUTO DEALERSHIP Seeking Full Time CASHIER

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We are seeking a friendly, enthusiastic, responsible and professional person to work as a full-time cashier. The ideal candidate will possess excellent customer service skills and a professional appearance and attitude. Applicants required to pass pre-employment substance abuse testing and a background investigation. If you would like to become part of our team and meet the above requirements, call Ron Samples for immediate interview at

DON MASSEY

Plymouth, (734) 453-7500

CHURCH SECRETARY

Part time Farmington Hills area. Must have good clerical, communication & computer skills. Must be organized. Send resume to farmhilchurch@yahoo.com

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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General Office for medical office in Livonia. Start at \$9/hr. Call details (734) 425-6950

LEGAL SECRETARY

Farmington Hills law firm needs exp., mature legal secretary. This is not an entry level position. Must be dependable, organized, self-starting and a team player. Proficient in Word, serious computer skills with above average speed (75+) a must. Must be able to think. Please send resume to Managing Partner (MGW), 32300 Northwestern Highway Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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With Dentech exp. Approx 30 hrs/wk W Dearborn area (313) 563-3900

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Downtown Plymouth dental office looking for an energetic, friendly, team player full-time. Experience needed. Fax resume to: 734-453-4513

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Full or part time Exp pref Livonia. Fax resume to 734-266-7170

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ASSISTANT Full time, medical exp necessary. Computer skills needed. Must be able to multi-task. Call 248-476-1210

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Fast paced Southfield Management office, seeks flexible multi-task individual 15 hrs/wk, \$11/hr. Fax resume (248) 357-9654

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General office help needed. Start immediately. Apply in person at 11847 Levan Rd, Livonia or Call 734-464-4444

OFFICE CLERK

Full time, good computer and phone skills. Fax resume to 313-531-0478

OFFICE/CLERICAL

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Permanent Part-time, 4 days per week, \$9.50/hr. Microsoft Word Computer savvy. Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Call (734) 453-6090

RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL

Immediate full time opening for receptionist in Westland law firm with experience and knowledge in Word and Excel, professional phone and people skills. Duties include filing, answering phones, and typing 401k and Profit Sharing. Fax resume to 734-421-6740

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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

BUSINESS MANAGER

For dental practice. Successful candidate will have a proven track record for efficiently managing all administrative aspects of a professional office. Preference will be given to those candidates that show evidence of strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Please fax resume to (248) 356-2568

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DENTAL ASSISTANT COME BE A PART OF OUR EXCITING DENTAL TEAM! Full-time position in group practice. Minimum 2 yrs exp. X-ray certification plus Top Salary & exc. benefits, 401K Call Della (734) 722-5130 or fax resume (734) 252-1192

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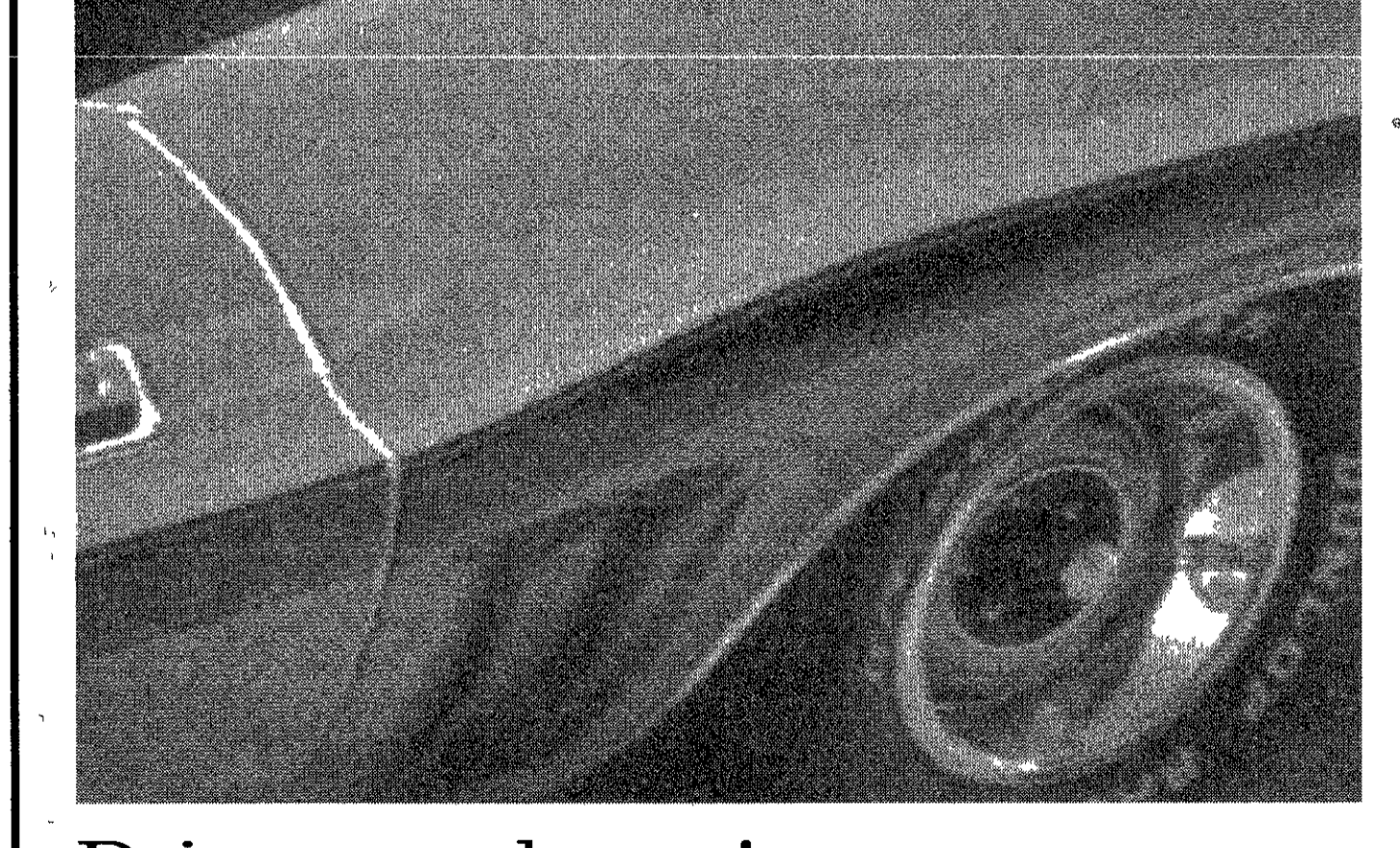
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The 2006 Toyota Highlander Hybrid

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Toyota's 2006 Highlander Hybrid SUV is a great way to have it all: the More performance and cargo-carrying advantages of a big and roomy vehicle, and the leading-edge fuel economy that is driving today's hybrid-powertrain revolution in the market.

But more about all that later. One of the most impressive things about Highlander is one of the least heralded: the design of its interior rear end. This particular space tells a lot about why Toyota vehicles continue to chomp away at the market share of more established players in the U.S. industry - and why rivals are filled with trepidation about the fact that Toyota plans to field a record number of new models in the American marketplace over the next 12 to 18 months.

In the rear of the new Highlander Hybrid, Toyota designers and engineers have managed to create an engineering marvel all its own. First of all, there is the third row of seats that is folded away nicely into the floor of the cargo compartment. So flush with the floor and inconspicuous is the back of those seats that it's difficult even to tell something is there. It's true that this "row" of two seats is designed mainly for kids or short adults, and by no means is it easy to access. But when you easily pop up that row of seats, you'll note right away that Toyota has managed to provide right- and left-side cupholders for the passengers which are molded into the cargo-compartment trim.

And that's just for starters. Toyota also found a way to design a compartment by the rear seats that holds a knob for controlling the climate in that row. And just in case there might happen to be a video-game player in that rear seat or an iPod listener, Highlander Hybrid also includes a power outlet in the area. And, of course, Toyota managed to find places to secure seat belts for the two most rearward passengers.

When the space isn't being used to hold sixth and seventh passengers, and the seat is folded down,



The Highlander Hybrid's V6 engine puts out an impressive 270 peak horsepower while offering an average 27.6 mpg rating.

the area becomes a versatile cargo hold featuring a handful of anchors distributed around the floor that can be used to secure items within the hold. There's also a flexible mat that can cover the whole compartment floor or fold into thirds so that it just covers part of the area. Somehow, designers also managed to find space for a compartment for the jack, another one for tire-changing tools, and a small, empty hideaway chamber, underneath the floor and on top of the spare tire.

Now, of course, this remarkable accomplishment in the rear of the Highlander Hybrid doesn't even begin to approach an even more remarkable thing that Toyota has done under the hood of this machine. That, of course, is its 3.3-liter V6 engine that augments the large battery which is the other integral part of the hybrid powertrain. Highlander Hybrid's engine puts out an impressive 270 peak horsepower - better than most fuel-guzzling, mid-sized conventional SUVs - while at the same time it offers a highly conscience-satisfying 27.6 miles a gallon. This is three times that generated horsepower of Toyota's groundbreaking Prius hybrid.

The Highlander Hybrid is important as well because it's a pretty good bellwether for where Toyota future products will be headed: heavily incorporating hybrid technology not just to com-

mand eye-popping fuel-economy figures but, increasingly importantly, to boost performance as well in vehicles that can still be marketed as extremely fuel efficient.

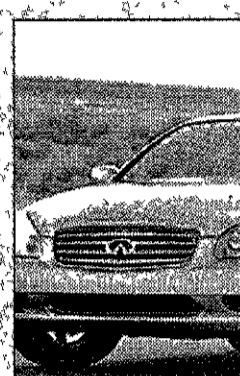
Just a couple of weeks ago, in fact, Toyota announced that it has developed 10 new hybrid models for sale worldwide by early next decade. And Toyota's top U.S. sales executive, Jim Press, said that the company believes that a quarter of its U.S. volume will use the technology by then as Toyota pushes for annual sales of one million hybrid vehicles a year worldwide, a plan that would make it a clear leader of the entire global automotive business.

And if you just want to buy a vehicle that's right for your needs and don't really care about the global perspective on hybrids, Highlander Hybrid is worth looking at anyway. It's chock full of safety features, and the entire vehicle sports the Toyota design and engineering sensibility that I mentioned in the rear.

For a list price of nearly \$37,000, one could expect leather seating in the vehicle, which it doesn't have even at that option level. But that's a small nit to pick. Clearly, Highlander Hybrid offers not only a great present value to consumers but a bright glimpse of Toyota's product future.

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