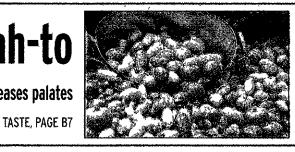




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# Police sweep targets sex offenders in community

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

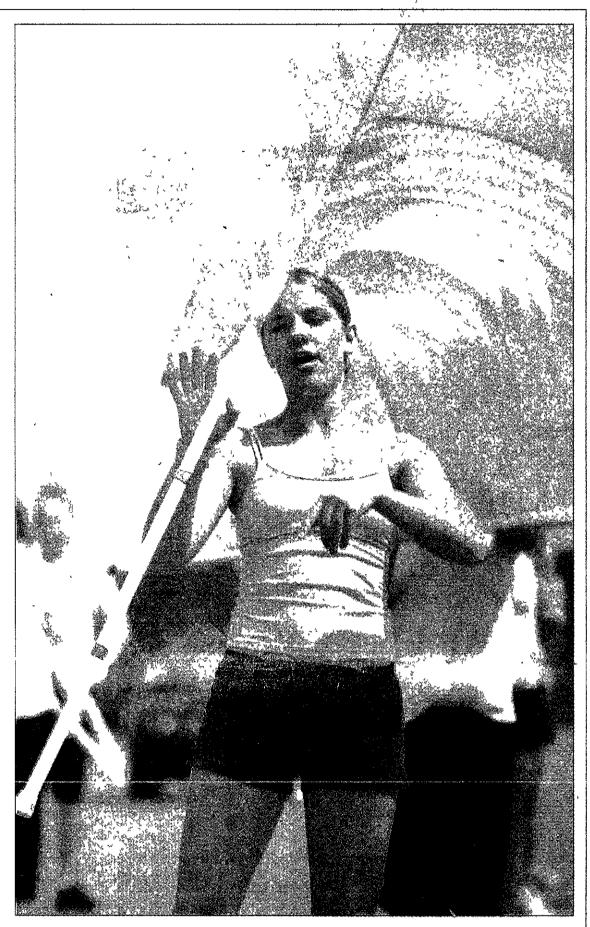
Since May of this year, Canton police officers have been knocking on the doors of the 64 convicted sex offenders living in the township.

"Part of the problem with keeping track of sex offenders is that absent the police going out and checking these people, we have no way of knowing if they are in compliance with the law," said Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "We think that due to the seriousness of these offenses, offenders need to comply with the law."

The department began conducting periodic sweeps to be sure that sex offenders living in the community are in compliance with the Michigan Sex Offenders Act, which requires them to register their addresses with local police departments.

The sweep resulted in seven offenders being arrested for a variety of registration violations, and warrants are being requested on several others. The original crimes committed by those that were checked ranged from the more schools, first degree criminal sexual conduct to fourth-degree eriminal sexual conduct to child abuse and indecent exposure, Santomauro said.

The idea to conduct department's first sex offender sweep came out of a discussion



# Canton Twp. residents to see increase on water bills

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Canton residents will be paying more for water and sewer service. The question now is when and how much.

The "when" will probably be after the first of next year. The "how much" will likely be 7.75 percent for water and 9.5 percent for sewer each year for the next seven years.

But officials say the gradual increase will not only stabilize the township's water and sewer system, it will also keep residents from having to deal with a very steep increase if the rates remain flat for the next five years.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees discussed the proposal to raise rates at a study meeting Tuesday, and will do so again at another study session by the end of the year before deciding whether or not to implement the proposal.

The proposed increase, which would be the first since July 2003, is the result of a new water rate model. The old model, developed in the 1930s, has not kept up to date in terms of calculating depreciation into the cost of providing service.

providing service. "The old model didn't properly allocate costs," said Director of Finance Tony Minghine.

According to township officials, if rates remain as they are now, the township won't

at a Western Wayne Police Chiefs meeting.

"At that meeting, we had a discussion about what we're doing in the area of sex offenders. We realized that there are a number of people who are not in compliance with the law and we decided to go out and physically pound doors to find them," he said.

The department has developed a sex offender violator task force to take rapid enforcement action on any violators. The residences of all registered sex offenders are also periodically being verified by uniformed patrol officers. This approach will also educate patrol officers on local sex offenders, and ensure they comply with the law, according to Santomauro.

"What we want people to know is that you have to comply with the law and if you don't we're going to charge you. Failing to remember will not be an excuse," he said.

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### **Getting ready**

It's almost football season. While the players are busy getting ready for the opening kick-off, the award winning P-CEP marching band is also practicing hard for the upcoming season. Here, Natalie Sutherland practices with the flag corps during afternoon practice on Monday. Check out the Observer's season preview of the Canton High football team in today sports section, C1.

# **Dog days of summer** Camp takes kids on a voyage inside the body

The Amazing Me summer day camp at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station took kids on a voyage - right inside their own bodies. The camp demonstrated different systems of the human body through dissections, interactive games and outdoor activities.

The camp taught kids about skeletal and muscular systems by allowing the campers to dissect chicken wings and have their arms put in casts. Campers also explored the nervous system, the heart and lungs, digestion and safety.

"Each year we develop a program that is intensely hands-on," said Cheryl Phillips, Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration station manager. "In regards to our programs, we have found that the more engaged children are in the learning process, the more interested they are and the more information they retain."

There were also a number of guests this year, including a visit by Saber, one of St. Joseph Mercy's K-9.

The Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station is located within Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 398-

For more information, call (734) 398-7518.



(From left) Danny Currie, 8, of Plymouth, Anthony Groat, 10, of Livonia, Maheen Kanji, 8, of Canton, and Jordan Khalaf, 8, of Westland get acquainted with Saber, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's K-9. The children participated in the Amazing Me summer day camp at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station in Canton.

be able to keep pace with increasing water costs from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). By 2009, Canton's water and sewer fund cash balance of \$13 million would be completely depleted and

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# Magazine inquires, then passes on prom sponsorship

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools' novel policy that allows for the sale of naming rights of new and existing buildings in the district has caught the attention of corporate America.

Seventeen Magazine, after reading of the district's newly adopted policy in the publication Ad Age, contacted Trustee Tom Wysocki about the possibility of sponsoring a prom at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"They heard about our policy for naming rights, and seemed potentially interested in sponsoring events at the school," said Wysocki. "It was interesting to hear from them, considering their market is teens. The word is out there."

Seventeen Magazine merchandising editor Kristi D'Aliso said the magazine has sponsored homecoming activities in the past, but never a prom.

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### **AROUND CANTON**

#### Chalk It Up

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Canton Leisure Services, in partnership with D & M Art Studios, is sponsoring the first annual Chalk It Up Festival in Heritage Park. On Aug. 20, artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in exhibiting colorful artwork along the walkways surrounding the park's pond. In addition, there will be a special "Chalk Yard" for young children eager to test their artistic abilities. Spectators are encouraged to come and watch as the talented artists express their creativity through large scale chalk art. Prizes will be awarded.

Advanced registration at Summit on the Park is necessary for all artists, along with a small fee of \$10 (price includes supplies.) The cost for children who wish to use the Chalk Yard is only \$2

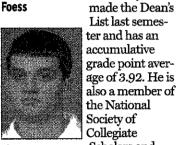
Artists should check in by 8 a.m. Any special canopies, chairs, etc. will be the responsibility of the artist. Entertainment will be on-going in the park, and light snack concessions will be available.

#### Scholarship winners

Canton resident Scott Foess, a 2003 graduate of Plymouth-Salem, recently earned the



Foess



Muresan

and an a tutor for the school's Multicultural Business Program.

Adrian Muresan, a graduate of Plymouth-Canton, has been one of 20 U.S. students to receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship from the Johnson Controls Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Johnson Controls, Inc. Adrian's father, Valentin Muresan, is a Johnson Controls employee.

Adrian plans on majoring in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan. The scholarship will be applied toward tuition his freshman year.

### Children to bowl free

don't own a pair already. Participating Community Bowling Centers in Michigan include Super Bowl Lanes, which is located at 45100 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-6070.

#### Blood drive battle

The Red Cross is sponsoring a Battle of the Badge Blood Drive in Canton, on Wednesday, Aug. 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.

#### Vet carwash

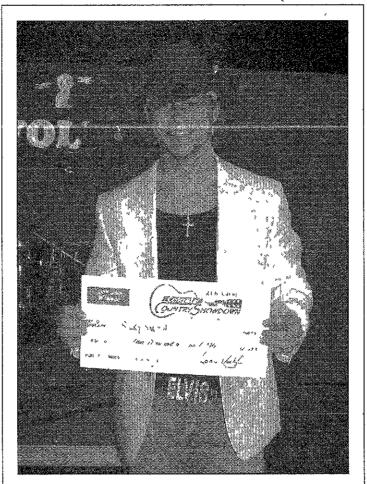
The Vietnam Veterans Of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton will be working at the Lighthouse Car Wash on Ford Road in Canton 8 a.m. -5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21. All proceeds will be used by Chapter 528 to help local veterans and aid in projects at the veterans hospitals.

#### 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.



### A winning crooner

Canton's Ricky Smith walked away with the state title and \$1,000 in prize money at the 24th Annual Colgate Country Showdown Michigan State Final held at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. Seven acts performed at the state level of the national talent search. On Oct. 8, Smith will compete in the Northeast Regional at the Capitol City Music Hall in Wheeling, W.Va. to determine if he will advance to the national final and a chance to compete for \$100,000 and become the "Best New Act in Country Music". The National Final will be televised nationally in March and April 2006. Smith is a former Liberty Fest performer.

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 selfdefense."

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.

#### 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.

desired inscription, to Lauren Cummings at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

send a check, along with the

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.

#### Rotary rummage sale

The Canton Rotary Club will hold its annual rummage sale Aug. 27 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Aug. 28 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at Mettetal Airport, 8550 Lilly Road in Canton.

Housewares, children's items, clothing, furniture, appliances, holiday items, and various miscellaneous items will be available. To pick-up or for dropping items off, call Bill Brown at (734) 455-3344 or (734) 420-2733.

Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2005, at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. The cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of scramble golf with a cart, continental breakfast, dinner, contests and door prizes.

All proceeds from the outing will go to the Canton Police Benevolent Fund to provide 'financial assistance to families of public safety or municipal employees suffering a loss through death or injury.

The Canton Police Benevolent Fund was created in 2004 due to the tragic on-duty death of Officer Gordon "Lew" Stevens. Stevens died on July 23, 2003, after being struck from behind in his patrol vehicle. On December 1, 2003 the Canton Police Department suffered a second devastating loss when Officer Brian Darow died in an off-duty accident.

To register for the outing or to make a donation contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

#### Youth orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2005-2006 school year on Saturday, September 10, 2005. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and for wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will

need to bring their own sticks. The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Society. In fall 2005 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com.

#### NASCAR driver to visit

Busch Series rookie driver Kim Crosby, who will compete in the Michigan 250 at Michigan International Speedway on Aug. 20, will be at the Wal-Mart in Canton today to sign autographs.

Kim Crosby will be driving the Vassarette # 26 for Keith Coleman Racing (KCR). After juggling stockcar racing parttime 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.

Albion student achievements Several local students have earned awards for academic achievement at Albion College.

Rebecca Williams, of Canton was awarded an Albion College Webster Scholarship worth \$11,000. This award is reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 25 (SAT 1140) or a minimum grade point average of 3.5. Rebecca is the daughter of Ronald and Claire Williams of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Gregory Calabrese earned a \$12,500 Albion College Presidential Scholarship, which is reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 27 (SAT 1220) or a minimum grade point average of 3.7. Recipients must also demonstrate substantial involvement in both academic and extracurricular activities during high school. Gregory is the son of James and Jean Calabrese of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

William Fitzsimmons was also awarded a \$12,500 Albion College Presidential Scholarship worth . This award is reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 27 (SAT 1220) or a minimum grade point average of 3.7. He is the son of Julie and Joseph Fitzsimmons, Jr. of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Sarah Jose was awarded a \$14,000 Albion College Trustee Scholarship, which is reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 29 (SAT 1300) or a minimum grade point average of 3.8. Recipients must also demonstrate leadership and/or service activities during high school. Sarah is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Matthew Baciak was awarded an Albion College Presidential Scholarship worth \$15,500. This award is reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 27 (SAT 1220) or a minimum grade point average of 3.7. Recipients must also demonstrate substantial involvement in both academic and extracurricular activities during high school. Matthew Baciak is the son of Jan Baciak and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

**Community Bowling Centers** will be offering free bowling for kids 15 and under today and tomorrow. Children can bowl up to three games for free before 6 p.m. on either day. Kids will just need to rent bowling shoes if they

### 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

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

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# A labor of love

### Diet Center owner driven by her own weight battle

#### **BY CAROL MARSHALL** STAFF WRITER

The photos that hang on the wall in Linda Aubuchon's office say it all. Snapshots taken two years ago remind her what life was like when her body was 70 pounds heavier. She uses them as motivation in her life and for her business.

Aubuchon opened Diet Center of Canton on Aug. 1, and considers herself fortunate to make a living at something she's passionate about, while at the same time helping others meet their health and fitness goals.

"My husband and I had looked for businesses for years, but we hadn't found something we're passionate about. We just weren't passionate about making sandwiches or selling coffee," said Aubuchon, a Canton resident. "But then I started thinking about health and fitness and how it had become such a part of my life, and that's when I found Diet Center. I liked Diet Center the best because it's most closely aligned with the plan that had worked for me.'

D.J. Hodel, of Plymouth, hopes that it's going to work for her too.

On the day that she signed up for her weight loss plan, she sampled meal replacement bars and talked about her motivation to lose 28 pounds.

In 2003, she had a stroke while she was at work. She



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**Diet Center of Canton owner Linda** Aubuchon, right, explains a diet program to a client.

returned to her high-stress job too quickly, and three months later had a heart attack and had to have bypass surgery.

That's when she got serious about fitness.

Since then, she's been working out three or four days a week, and she loves it. But due to being diabetic, and despite her best efforts to eat right, she hasn't been able to lose weight like she'd hoped.

"I have nine grandchildren. That's a pretty good reamon to want to be healthy and live a long time," Hodel said.

Hodel signed on for a 12week weight loss plan, and a

vear of maintenance. Aubuchon wants others to join and is holding a contest in hopes of attracting moti-. vated dieters.

Based on a reality television show, The Biggest Loser, Aubuchon's contest will pit contestants against each other and their unwanted pounds, in a race to see who can make the scale drop the fastest.

The show's second season starts in September, and from Sept. 15 to 18, Aubuchon will accept applications to join the contest in her store. Contestants will receive a 12-week program (though they may have to purchase some products, depending which of the three weight loss plans they choose to follow), and at the end of the contest will receive a prize.

"I'm not really saying just yet what the prize will be, because to me, the weight loss is prize in itself," she said.

Dieters interested in participating in the contest should prepare for a serious regimen, which includes dieting, exercise and journaling, and they should commit themselves to fully following the plan, Aubuchon said.

Diet Center of Canton is located at 7365 N. Lilley. For more information call (734) 414-9200 or e-mail Linda@DietCenterofCanton .com.

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# Proposed '06 budget doesn't include rise in property taxes

#### **BY CAROL MARSHALL** STAFF WRITER

Despite a number of rising costs, Canton Township officials are not expecting a rise in the tax rate for next year. The Canton Township Board

of Trustees will hold public hearings on Sept. 19 and Sept. 20 to discuss the budget and the township's millage rate. After the hearings, the board will hold a study session, then approve a budget during a regular business meeting in October. The board must approve its final budget by the end of October.

Although state law would allow township officials to raise property taxes, the millage rate for next year will remain the same as the current fiscal year - 8.85 total mills, with 2.366 paid to the charter millage, 2.358 for fire service and 4.126 for police.

# RATES

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would be \$1.6 million in debt, said Mark Beauchamp, president of Utility Financial Solutions, the firm hired to evaluate Canton's current system.

If the board adopts the proposal, the average user, whose quarterly water bill is about \$150, will pay an extra \$16 per quarter next year, Minghine said. Of that, the \$60 water bill will go up by 7.5 percent and the \$90 sewer bill will increase by 9.5 percent. The increases will continue by the same percentages each year through 2012.

"I do think this model does a much better job of making sure that costs get passed on to the right customer, and most importantly, it ensures the viability of the system," Minghine said.

The township has had to do some cost-cutting to keep the millage rate steady.

'To be status quo you have to tighten the belt," said **Township Supervisor Tom** Yack. "Obviously insurance costs are going up and you have annual improvements for salaries. If you are going to stay status quo you have to find ways to reduce your costs."

While there has not been an official freeze imposed for hiring or capital improvements, the township has for the past couple budget cycles avoided filling some vacant positions and has put on hold most capital projects, said Finance

"Like a lot of communities we're feeling the belt tightening," he said. "We haven't done much with staff for two-three years even though we have experienced significant growth. And the direction this year is

Though most of the township's sewer and water lines were constructed in or after the 1970s, Canton must maintain a fund balance that's large enough to address repairs and maintenance, as well as pay for water service from DWSD and sewer service from DWSD and the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA).

"We maintain everything from the individual property line to the interceptors that go from YCUA or DWSD," Minghine said.

The costs from DWSD and YCUA are also on the rise. Currently, 65 cents of every dollar on Canton water bills pays for water from DWSD, and 73 cents of every dollar on sewer bills goes to DWSD or YCUA. But that percentage is going up during the next two years to 76 cents on the dollar, Minghine said.

If the township does not

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that we're not doing any significant improvements, unless we see a strong benefit to doing it." He said that much of the

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budget will remain flat, though there may be some room to adjust spending in fire service. The department last month opened its third fire station.

Though the township could levy up to four mills for the general fund, Minghine is anticipating no need to raise taxes, and he is not recommending an increase to the board of trustees.

"It's pretty much a status quo deal. The biggest thing of any consequence is that we may have to replace a couple of fire trucks," Minghine said.

The public hearings will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 and 20 at the township administrative offices at 1150 Canton Center Road.

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make the increases now, consumers will be shocked in 2008 when they not only do not have the subsidy from the water and sewer fund, but they are paying the actual cost of water and sewer service delivery, Beauchamp said.

At least one resident isn't too worried about the proposed increase. Janet Hansen, who lives in the Windsor Park subdivision, often waters her grass and garden. She says she currently pays about \$50 each quarter for her water bill, and would see a number of smaller increases than one big one

"I think the rates are pretty reasonable. If they have to increase, I would rather do it now than all at once," Hansen said.

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# Frozen drink gets red hot

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Chester Mazzoni's son wanted to start a frozen drink company a few years ago, Mazzoni staked him enough money to get him started.

But when Dad saw how the company — Breeze Freeze was doing selling the same kind of frozen drinks everyone else has and did some research into other ways of doing it, he jumped in knowing the company could do better.

Results since then certainly bear him out. Starting from scratch in Canton Township five years ago, Breeze Freeze now has more than a dozen franchisees and some 400 accounts, enough growth to force Mazzoni to move into a new facility in Plymouth Township.

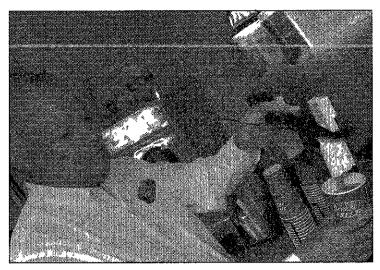
"The first six months, we were doing sugar water ... the same thing everyone's got," said Mazzoni, a Canton resident who owns a medical software company and is semi-retired. "I told them we're going to do it right."

Doing it right meant shifting to a drink that's 100 percent fruit juice, has 100 percent Vitamin C and contains no added sugars.

Doing it right also meant building up not only the list of franchisees and accounts, but also adding school districts as places to get Breeze Freeze out. The company now has drinks in Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Hartland, and some 300 other districts in Michigan and as far away as Florida and Connecticut.

"Parents and administrators want to teach kids to be a little healthier, and (Breeze Freeze) is a healthy drink," Mazzoni said. "There's also talk about taking carbonated drinks out of schools, and someone has to fill that void."

Part of what has helped Breeze Freeze grow the way it has is what Mazzoni calls a unique arrangement with its accounts. Rather than leasing the necessary machinery and then paying for service, Breeze Freeze actually sells the machinery — including



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Chester Mazzoni, owner of Breeze Freeze in Plymouth, pours out a Blue Rasberry frozen fruit drink in the company's Plymouth Township office. Mazzoni said he hopes to add 100 accounts by year's end, and another 300-400 next year.

arrangements for service — to store owners.

The price of the machinery is a little higher, Mazzoni explained but the store owners

explained, but the store owners aren't paying for service. "Store owners like that

because it's saving them hundreds of dollars in service, down time and lost revenue," Mazzoni said. "They don't mind paying a little more for the product if they get that kind of service."

How much has the business grown? Mazzoni expects another 100 franchises by year's end, and is aiming at 300-400 more next year.

The quality of the drink is its own selling point, and Breeze Freeze took advantage of an untapped market, according to the firm's national sales director.

"There was nobody doing 100-percent fruit juice," said Pat Janssen, who has been selling frozen drinks for more "" than 10 years. "Everything was sugar water. The industry needed some better products."

From its humble beginnings in a small Canton building, Breeze Freeze moved into a 15,000-square-foot headquarters on Concept Drive. The company manufactures its own product, and another 261 locations want Breeze Freeze products. "We wanted to design and build our own building," said Mazzoni, who grew up in Dearborn and moved to Canton in 1978. "(But) This place will be too small for us in 18 months."

It's all happening pretty quickly, and faster than the owners ever thought it would. Breeze Freeze started out as a company owned by Mazzoni's son, Chet, and a friend.

Chet Mazzoni, the company's national service director, said he never really considered the idea of growth when he was getting started, and he's surprised the company has taken off the way it has.

"When we started, I never ever really thought about where we were going," Chet Mazzoni said. "I never gave it much thought, until we got into schools, and then it just exploded."

Chester Mazzoni said the product basically sells itself, and the company is basically along for the ride.

"Give people a good product and they'll buy it, and they won't mind paying a few pennies more for it," Mazzoni said. "The public is creating the demand for us. We've given them a good product, and they've rewarded us for it."

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- By Carol Marshall

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# **Canton Post Office** extends hours

The Canton Post Office is extending its hours. Beginning Sept. 6, the branch office. located at 480 N. Canton Center Road will be open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"We want to make using the Post Office quick, easy and convenient for our customers." says Customer Service Manager Reggie Dapremont. "This is just another way were working to better meet our customers' shopping and mailing needs."

Besides extending retail

hours, the Canton Post Office recently installed an Automated Postal Center (APC) to enhance customer service. It's available 14-hours-a-day, 6-days-a-week.

"Our APC works much like an automated teller machine," Dapremont said. "Customers can buy stamps or mail packages anywhere in the U.S. using a credit or debit card. It's easy and convenient for customers in a hurry."

The extended hours will include full-service passport processing.

# Accused attorney ends his own life

#### BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER

A Birmingham attorney charged with using a video camera to zoom in on young girls and their undergarments took his own life at a Super 8 Motel in Luna Pier.

A hotel maid found the body of Andrew Fowler, 49, inside one of the rooms around 1 p.m. Aug. 8. Luna Pier Police Chief Jerald Winkelman said Fowler checked into the room by himself.

"There were no signs of foul play," Winkelman said.

Without going into detail, Winkelman said it's clear that Fowler took his own life.

"He left notes — I can say that," the police chief said.

Luna Pier is about six miles from the Ohio border, near Lake Erie.

In two separate cases, Fowler was accused of videotaping young girls.

He was arraigned Aug. 5 at Plymouth's 35th District Court on four counts of photographing the visual image of undergarments worn by another. Each felony charge carries a maximum two-year sentence.

At the time, he was free on \$250,000 bond after being arraigned on two felony charges July 23 in Washtenaw County, where police arrested him for videotaping young girls at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Birmingham police said they had no contact with Fowler in the time he lived in the city and that there were no local complaints filed against him.

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#### ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY

Canton police responded to a call about an alleged attempted armed robbery Wednesday in the Belleville Road and Michigan Avenue area.

According to reports, a man who lives in a home near the intersection called police and said he'd been the victim of an attempted robbery. He said that at about 6:15 p.m., he was walking home from the Amoco gas station after going there to pay for a pack of cigarettes he'd received on credit earlier that day.

On his way home, he said a man approached him and asked him for money. When he told the man he didn't have any, he said the man punched him in the mouth. Then, he said the man brandished a silver handgun, though he never pointed it at the victim.

Frightened, the victim ran into his house and called police. He thought his attacker had followed him into the home, but when police arrived, he was nowhere to be found.

Other witness reports indicated seeing the suspect running

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"We generally sponsor back-toschool or homecoming dances, with a mini fashion show starring the students," said D'Aliso. "It's a way to have an intimate relationship with teens in a high school setting, while offsetting their costs for the homecoming

"It works out so well, so we thought about a prom, which is much more expensive than homecoming," she said.

Seventeen to sponsor a homecoming dance, D'Aliso said a prom would cost between \$15,000-\$30,000 to support. "I wanted to see what they

While it costs about \$5,000 for

were looking for, and looking to charge," said D'Aliso, who had several conversations with Tom Sklut, the district's chief development officer. "It turned out it wasn't cost-effective for us."

D'Aliso said Seventeen has a program with J.C. Penney to attract teens at shopping malls, which has been successful. However, being at schools is a much bigger advantage.



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### **COP CALLS**

#### eastbound from the immediate stolen. area, near the Amoco gas station. **PROPERTY DAMAGED** The suspect is described as a

black male, approximately 20 A Canton landscaper reported years old, wearing a black shirt to police on Aug. 8 that someone and blue jeans. The case is under had purposely damaged his boat investigation by the Canton and some of his business equipment.

The owner of Napier Landscaping said the damage occurred between 4:30 and 8:50 a.m. In all, there was more than \$800 worth of damage.

Police noted that someone had thrown a rock through the boat's window, and someone had cut the brake line and tires on a dump truck on the property.

#### **CHECK FRAUD**

A Canton man called police after someone tried to defraud him of \$7,000.

According to the victim, he had advertised a car for sale on an Internet site. He received an e-mail from someone claiming to be a car dealer with a customer who wanted to buy the car for \$15,000.

The victim said shortly after the e-mail he received a check for \$22,000, and the person who sent it from a bank in Houston said he had overpaid and asked

"When we go to the malls, we're hoping to get teens who are shopping," she said. "At school, we have guaranteed audiences in a more intimate level. The schools are happy with the financial support, and Seventeen is able to get its name out to teens."

Meanwhile, Sklut said MEEMIC Insurance has paid \$5,000 to sponsor the community giving campaign, which encourages employees to contribute to the Educational **Excellence Foundation**, Canton Community Foundation and Plymouth Community United Way.

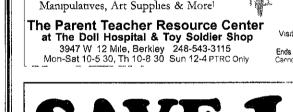
Sklut said the MEEMIC name will be present on all printed and electronic materials concerning the campaign that are sent to district employees.

"This (MEEMIC) is a marketing activity, not a purely philanthropic one," said Sklut. "The money is in exchange for some exposure to employees of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

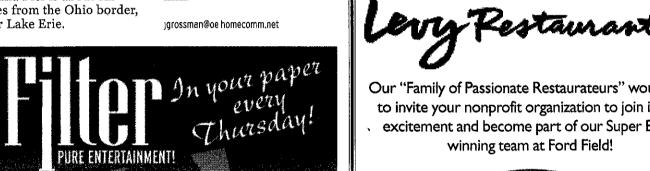
"While many have always supported the school district, we are now thinking of it in marketing terms," said Sklut.

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Police Detective Bureau.

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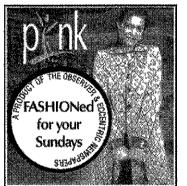
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# Coalition driving for signatures to force public education funds

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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The K-16 Coalition, the group that organized nearly 12,000 parents, teachers and school board members to descend on the state Capitol in June to protest the lack of funding for public education, has launched a petition drive to require the state to increase funding for schools and universities each year by at least the rate of inflation.

If the group acquires more than the 254,000 petition signatures, the state Legislature will be forced to vote on the issue. If the Legislature rejects or ignores it, the measure will automatically be put on the November 2006 ballot.

"Plymouth-Canton Schools had to make serious cuts the past several years," said Jim Angell of Plymouth, a representative of the Michigan Education Association, one of the groups collecting petition signatures. "It's not because of mismanagement, it's a direct result of not funding public education."

Along with a guaranteed annual increase in the state foundation grant – in which Plymouth-Canton currently receives \$7,025 per pupil – the K-16 Coalition plan would give the Legislature five years to increase the minimum state grant to schools from \$6,700 per student to \$7,000. It also would force the state to pay more into the school employee retirement system.

"We're going to ask all our employees in the Plymouth-Canton district to get five signatures each on the petitions," said Angell. "I'm looking to get 15,000 signatures from people in Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"We want to show the same support that we had in Lansing in June," added Angell, "and get 700,000 signatures so the legislature knows the people in Michigan are tired of it not properly funding public education."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Mark Slavens, who has been leading the district's effort for more funding from Lansing, said with no increases over the past three years, plus two executive order cuts by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Plymouth-Canton is competing with neighboring districts at a disadvantage.

"In 1994, when the state took over funding, they said they would equitably and adequately fund the schools," said Slavens. "Some districts get \$1,000 more per student than we do. We have 18,000 students, so that means over the last 10 years we've lost out on \$18 million.

"A lot of our issues wouldn't be here if we had adequate funding," he said.

on PresidentIt's a given. During the summer, the custodial staffs ofno has beenmer, the custodial staffs ofct's effort forWayne-Westland schools spendon Lansing, saidthe summer scrubbing and polishing, getting the buildingssover the pastready for the new school year.

But Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary in Wayne has gotten some extra attention as the result of last weeks' explosions and fire at EQ Resource Recovery Inc. in Romulus.

BY SUE MASON

STAFF WRITER

An emergency response company, hired by the district, has "thoroughly cleaned" those areas of the school and property where soot and debris fell following the explosions.

<sup>1</sup>We wanted to provide a sense of relief and a sense of safety and a comfort level for the parents of the students," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We want them to know we took every extra step possible to put

every extra step possible to put parents at ease." According to Baracy, fallout

from the fire was limited to the northeast corner of the building and property because of the narrowness of the cloud of smoke that rose from the EQ site. The school is on Currier north of Van Born.

School gets extra cleaning

after EQ fire

In a statement during Monday evening's board meeting President Frederick Weaver reported that the school's roof was cleaned and powerwashed as were the building walls, sidewalks, parking lot and playground equipment.

"One of the reasons we did this, even though we know it was not toxic, was because we wanted to make sure any dust or soot was removed in case there are children with asthma and similar conditions at the school," Baracy said.

The speed at which the work was done was reflective of the initial response to the fire.

"What was most helpful ironically was that many school people lived in the area and saw the explosion," said Baracy. "Immediately after that, they went to the site and determined what needed to be done."

All unit ventilators and air handlers (in the school) were shut off Tuesday night and not turned back on until Monday afternoon, after all the filters had been replaced.

The district also brought in its

own environmental consultants, Health Air Inc., to analyze air quality in the building and the debris that fell on and around the building.

"It's been confirmed by Health Air and the EPA that there are no toxic or hazardous materials in the ash samples," Weaver said.

The response at Roosevelt-McGrath was only part of what the district did during the crisis. Notified around 10:30 p.m. the night of the fire, officials opened up the alumni arena to receive evacuees after Wayne decided to expand the evacuation area.

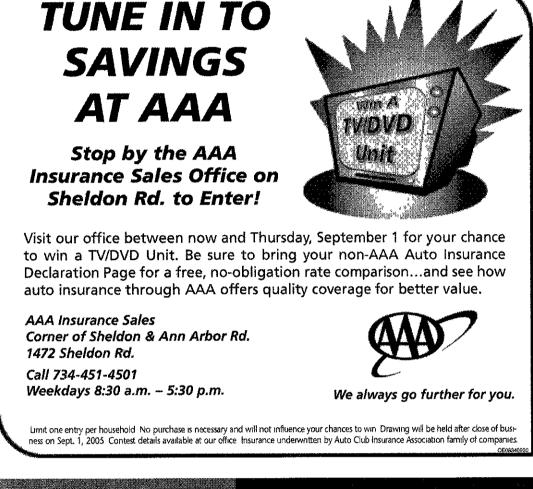
But hot conditions at the arena led them to relocate to the nearby Stockmeyer Auditorium where there was air conditioning and comfortable seats, Baracy said.

In all 200 people came to the auditorium the first night, with 70-80 staying over for a second night.

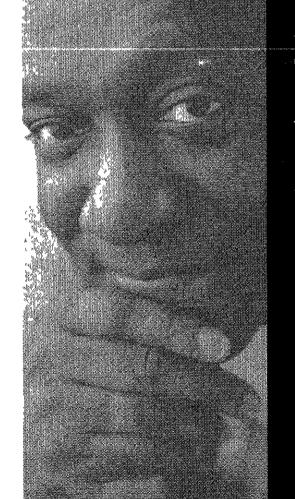
"Our staff reacted quickly and competently," Baracy said. "I'm very proud of what they did. I also feel confident with our parents at Roosevelt-McGrath. Many have expressed how they appreciate what we've done."

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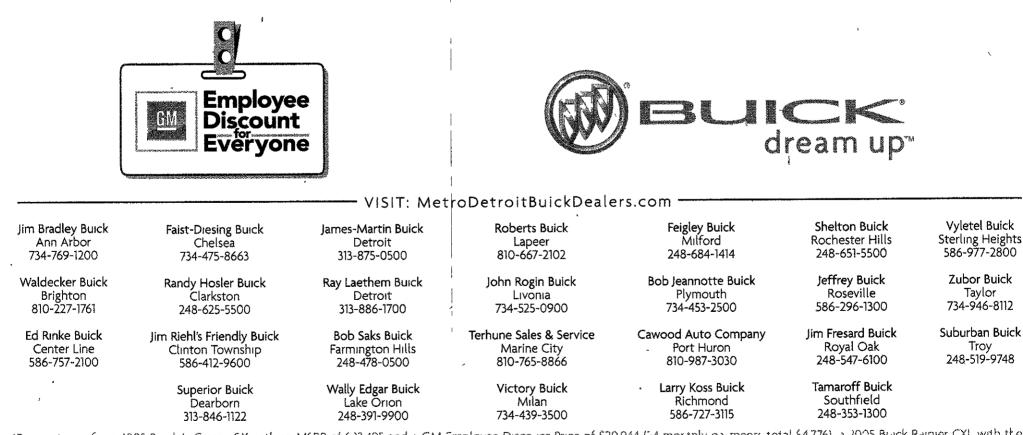


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# **Response to fire** was job well done

When explosions and a massive fire at EQ Resource Recovery Inc. rocked portions of Wayne and Romulus last Tuesday night, law enforcement officers and fire fighters from Detroit Metro Airport, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills, to name a few responded.

When safe shelter was needed, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Romulus school district opened the doors to nearby facilities.

The response was well-choreographed, the results of careful planning, some of which came about because of 9/11 but most was because of a longstanding Mutual Aid Agreement.

Within an hour of the initial blasts, residents were being evacuated to safe areas. Many went to hotels or the homes of friends and family. Those who went to a shelter found volunteers ready to do anything and everything to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

The Red Cross provided beds, while food and beverages was supplied by the Salvation Army, McDonald's and other businesses in the area. The idea of church and state disappeared as volunteers from St. Mary's Parish ferried bottled water to Wayne Memorial High School and worked with city and school employees to get the Alumni Arena ready to receive evacuees.

The focus has now shifted to the investigation into what caused the explosion and what contaminants were released. There can be no rush to answer the questions and concerns of the people who live in the shadow of that facility.

But while we wait, we will use our time to praise the emergency personnel for their quick response to the disaster and to school officials, volunteers and relief agencies who stepped in to take care of the evacuees. Cooperation was the key from start to finish for this job that was very well done.

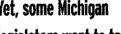
To all who were there to help, we say, thank you very much.

# Let districts decide when to start school

Michigan school boards have little local control left. With federal mandates like No Child Left Behind and statewide student achievement testing like the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, they're left with little discretion about what to teach youngsters and when.

Yet, some Michigan legislators want to take Yet, some Michigan away one of the few they can control: legislators want to take things when school starts.

school starts.





Observer

#### 'Toyotaville' backlash

Kudos to the Observer! Do you think there might be maybe two or three residences in Cherry Hill Village who have been affected by the ill fortunes of the Big 3 auto companies in southeastern Michigan - like laid off? I'll bet they'll be pleased as punch to have a Toyota in their driveway. Do you really think items regarding "Toyotaville" deserve headline coverage in this area?

**Mike Gresock** 

Canton

#### Slap in face

Cherry Hill Village is one of the oldest and, until recently, most forgotten places in southeastern Michigan. It was established even before Henry Ford built his first automobile. Cherry Hill Village is a piece of Americana. Now the new development is trying to revitalize the American "Front Porch" community. Cherry Hill Village is like a fresh piece of apple pie, which is American as it gets.

In today's troubled times for the North American automobile industry, welcoming a foreign company like Toyota to sentially mock the American way of life with an all American town being referred to as "Toyotaville" is sort of a slap in the face to the American automotive companies. Now I do not want to come across as someone against good competitive businesses adding jobs and some revenue to the local area, state of Michigan or the entire country. But in your article there is a quote by Warren Martin that stands out as ironic, "It's what we do here. We're all about the automobile." The irony comes in where, if you think about it, we no longer are as strong with regard to automotive production, engineering and even sales as we used to be because of foreign auto companies like Toyota.

### LETTERS

in my driveway. I would hope and urge residents of Cherry Hill Village who work for, or have family member who work for the Big 3, to park their company's products in their driveway throughout the last weeks of August and early September until the production company leaves. I don't think that Canton should be a part of Toyota's marketing campaign to fabricate the perception that Toyota is an American company or that Toyota is good for America. Toyota is not good for Detroit or the Detroit metro area.

> **Tom Baptist** Canton

#### Caccamo not going away

I read your editorial on trustee Caccamo on July 28. I agree he has been doing many good things for Canton, but the only baggage he brings with him is Mr. Yack and his cronies. I was at the meeting and you have incorrectly quoted Mr. Caccamo. Some of the other trustees are deliberately doing the same so they can run for political cover.

Mr. Caccamo never accused anyone of wrongdoing. He said many times that due to the public's perception of what study se sions. he wants to end the appearance of impropriety. As far as backroom dealings go, he gave a very recent example: There was no valid reason to meet in the back conference room (i.e. not in the PUBLIC meeting hall) to discuss the City View Software purchase. None. Also, I do not think you are giving Mr. Caccamo a fair shake as far as being a team player. No one understands teamwork better than a Marine, which Mr. Caccamo is. Mr. Caccamo has offered numerous compromises on many issues while Mr. Yack has stated that Mr. Caccamo is the minority on a board of the majority and Mr. Yack has no plans on changing to satisfy one new board member. Furthermore, on many occasions, Mr. Caccamo has offered compliments, giving credit where credit is due, and trying to respect other board members when none is returned. Yes, it is fair to say Mr. Caccamo aggressively attacks the issues while using facts, figures and illustrations. But his opponents relentlessly attack him personally when they cannot justify their actions. For you to suggest that Mr. Yack voted against the proposal to televise all meetings simply because of its delivery means that Mr. Yack would let his ego get in the way of doing the right thing. That is not a leader. Yes, the board is supposed to be a team. But the people elected Mr. Caccamo because he is a leader, a fighter, a straight talker and not a politician. I would advise the board to begin working with Mr. Caccamo not against him, because he's not going away any time soon. **Daniel McCausland**  watching concerning study sessions. It certainly wasn't the one my friends and I watched. It was clear everyone in the room except Todd Caccamo and his three invited friends understood that ALL meetings under the old and new bylaws were always treated as regular meetings. When Caccamo was asked what the difference was between the old bylaws and the new bylaws, he refused to answer the question. Either he didn't know or he didn't want to admit there wasn't a difference.

Peak should have done her homework before taking pen in hand. All meetings (regular and study) of the board of trustees are posted in the same manner. The agendas are posted in the administration building and online. Her suggestion that conducting study sessions provides a means to slip one by on the public is without merit and is in line with Caccamo's generally bombastic approach to issues.

Caccamo on a regular basis uses innuendoes, borderline slanderous comments, misinformation and personal attacks to support his otherwise weak positions. The meeting in question was a good example. He insinuated that study sessions led to backroom deals. When pressed on the question, he was at a loss to identify a sir

Once again, a bill has been introduced in the state House requiring all public school districts to start classes after Labor Day, traditionally considered the official end of summer. Some districts.

away one of the few things they can control: when

like Rochester, begin almost a full two weeks before Labor Day.

Proponents say starting school after Labor Day would be good for the state's tourism industry since it would extend the summer traveling season by a week or more, bringing in more revenue to resorts, restaurants and other tourist-dependent businesses. It would also allow those businesses to employ high school-age students longer so they're not short on help the last two weeks of August.

However, if a school district prefers to start school before Labor Day, it should be allowed to do so. Many districts operate year-round schools, and educators find that students retain more of what they've learned when they don't have a long break over summer.

In addition, late-summer practices for sports, marching band, cheerleading and other extracurricular activities often mean families are already committed to staying home in late August.

Past efforts to legislate when school begins included Public Act 167 of 2001, which prohibits public schools from holding classes on the Friday before Labor Day. We think that law is a good compromise. As for the latest proposal to force all districts to start

after Labor Day, we say leave it up to individual districts. Local school boards, teachers and parents are the ones who know what works best for them.



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James A. Drozdowski

Canton

#### Disgust

Oh, what a feeling of disgust. I just shook my head as I read the article to turn Cherry Hill Village into Toyotaville. a community that has a Toyota in every driveway. Canton's growth over the years has come on the backs of residents working for Ford, General Motors, and the Chrysler Group, especially Ford due to our close proximity to Dearborn. Many more have mothers, fathers, sisters or brothers that work for the Big 3. I find it a slap in the face to have Toyotaville in Canton.

If I lived in Cherry Hill Village, I would park my General Motors products

#### Should of done homework

ber that night I would have rejected Caccamo's assertion and his agenda item. On another occasion, Caccamo objected to a software program because it could be used to track ordinance violations. In stat-

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ing his opposition to the purchase, he cited a trending down of the housing market. When pressed for the factual basis of his statement, he said he would provide the board with facts to back up his claim at the next board meeting. Caccamo has vet to produce the information.

I must admit I voted for Mr. Caccamo mainly because of his party affiliation and I assume many others did as well. What a mistake. He has opened my eyes and what I see is the worst kind of politician. He clearly isn't bothered by tarnishing the reputations of those who have in most cases served Canton in an honorable and professional manner for many years.

**Peg Fenwick** Canton

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"I'm certainly in favor of a bond, and I'm moving forward with the process to get input from other board members. I'm inclined to look at the need for a new middle school in Canton. We have the land, the geographic population dictates we need another middle school in that area, and it would help us with busing costs. Continuing renovations to the other schools is another interest."

- Plymouth-Canton School Board President Mark Slavens, on why he thinks the district should ask voters to approve another bond measure

Canton

I don't know what Canton Township Board meeting letter writer Judy Peak was

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f New York can do it, why can't Michigan? If 28 other states can do it, why can't

<sup>®</sup> Michigan enact a reasonable Direct Shipping of Wine law? Talk to the beer and wine wholesale industry.

Approximately two months ago, the U.S. Supreme Court required states to treat in-state and out-state wineries the same.

If in-state wineries could ship their wine to



Michigan residents, then out-ofstate wineries, California, New York, Oregon, etc., must also be allowed to ship their wine to Michigan residents. The case, Granholm (State of Michigan) vs. (Ray and Eleanor) Heald, featured the noted columnists of this newspaper. As of today, the state has yet to pass the bill allowing the direct shipment of wine.

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shipment of wine. Michigan, if you recall, has a three-tier distribution system that dates back to the repeal of

Prohibition. The producer sells to a distributor who sells to a retailer who sells to the consumer, you and me. If the producer is small, and many are, there is no economic incentive for a beer or wine wholesaler to do business with the small boutique winery. They just don't sell enough cases of wine. The economics don't work. If direct shipping is allowed, the producer sells directly to the consumer, bypassing the wholesaler. Direct shipping allows a small boutique winery to widen its customer base and grow its business.

If you bypass the wholesaler you reduce their opportunity to earn a profit. So the powerful and wealthy beer and wine wholesale lobbyists have been hard at work trying to convince anyone that will listen or take their political contributions, which many politicians have done, that the state should shut down all shipping of wine, Michigan wineries as well as out-of state-wineries. (Six of the nine members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee received contributions from the wholesalers' political action committee. They voted 5-1 for HB 4959 which would ban direct shipping for all.)

Their argument centers on keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. If direct shipping is allowed, minors will order alcohol, wine or beer, over the telephone or the Internet, where the age of the purchaser can not be easily checked and illegally obtain alcohol. I certainly do not condone the purchase or consumption of alcohol by minors. But let the facts speak and let's be realistic how minors obtain alcohol.

The Federal Trade Commission considered this issue and deemed it a non-starter. In fact, in 35 years no single Michigan winery has been cited for shipping to minors. If minors are seeking to purchase alcohol they usually obtain "fake" identification or stand outside an establishment that sells alcohol and convince an adult to purchase it for them. It's done all the time and it's quick and easy. Planning to purchase over the telephone or the Internet and waiting for the shipment to arrive isn't the preferred course.

The other argument against direct shipping is the collection of sales taxes. How does the state obtain its sales tax if there is direct shipping? This is a similar argument to Internet sales. The state has solved this problem in one of two ways. First, each of us has to estimate what we purchased via the Internet or use the state estimate of purchases on our income tax forms and pay the sales tax along with our income tax. In addition, the state has joined a consortium of other states to make sure that Internet sales are taxed for sales tax purposes. I'm sure that with 28 other states in the direct shipping mix a simple and easy method has been arrived at for the collection of sales taxes.

Gov. Granholm recently visited Japan seeking jobs for Michigan. She was successful. This was a trip that made some sense. However, there is a saying in business that it is far easier to keep a customer you currently have vs. trying to obtain a new customer. Replace the word customer with jobs. If there is a ban on direct shipping, Michigan's wine industry would lose jobs.

When our state is so desperate for jobs, doesn't it make sense to protect what jobs we currently have? Maybe the governor should revisit the Traverse City area and talk to Michigan's wineries about keeping jobs. Direct shipping would allow these wineries to grow and expose our wonderful award-winning wines to others in the nation. They might even come to visit and increase our tourism business.

California has built a huge tourist business in the Napa and Sonoma regions. They have great restaurants, golf courses and wineries. The Traverse City region may not have the same number of restaurants, golf courses or wineries but we certainly have outstanding ones. We also have the Great Lakes which California does not.

I enjoy a glass of wine with my meal from a boutique winery that I've read about or heard about whether it is from Michigan or elsewhere. I don't have the time or resources to travel to purchase wine from a new winery because my local wine shop doesn't carry it.

If it were not for the beer and wine wholesalers doling out their political contributions trying to stifle commerce and preserve their "turf," I'm sure that we would have had legislation which allows direct shipping for both our in-state wineries and other wineries.

Responsible direct shipping legislation would preserve jobs, create new jobs and increase tourism. Michigan should join with the other 28 states and get with it.

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**SUMMER** 

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# With game on the line, Gosselin swings, misses

tate Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, took his "at-bats" in the Aug. 4 Observer & *Eccentric* ("Court calls strike three, so DARTA should be OUT!"). It hit a couple of singles, fouled off a few and whiffed with the game on the line.

That Detroit and surrounding core communities are in trouble goes without saying. Lost jobs, a mass exodus of middle-class residents, a school system and city government so deep in quicksand they can't see up, blighted neighborhoods and a declining tax base are all factors in the escalating decline of the once powerful and proud city. Arguing that we can



Largent

ignore the nucleus of southeast Michigan makes as much sense as ignoring cancer in one lung because, "hey, we've got two of 'em."

The representative is right on the mark when he describes DARTA as "highly bureaucratized, inefficient, rule-bound, overregulated, over unionized, etc." with its focus on cre-

ating jobs vs. effectively moving people. And, as is often the case, this is a classic example where "regional cooperation" means Oakland County has money a

means Oakland County has money, a Detroit "institution" needs it, so, "Let's cooperate."

And like the representative, when I see one of these "freighters on wheels" traveling surface streets with one or two riders, I too want to board it and scream, "Pléase, can we buy you a new Chevy Malibu?" believing it would be cheaper, not to mention save a few jobs.

But all of this misses the real issue. Rep. Gosselin's argument that we don't need transit because most commute patterns are suburb-to-suburb fails to recognize that it was and is our current transportation policies that created this situation.

And stating that "Our economy has moved far beyond the old industrial model in which public transit system made sense" ignores the reality of \$3 per gallon gas and the vibrancy of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other model cities because of public transit.

So here's the deal. Our current pattern of expanding suburbs (or exurbs) is shortsighted and costly. The impact is now being seen on education, health care and the environment.

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But all of this misses the real issue. Rep. Gosselin's argument that we don't need transit because most commute patterns are suburb-to-suburb fails to recognize that it was and is our current transportation policies that created this situation.

Even though we'll spend \$5.6 billion over the next five years on road expansion and improvement, perpetual gridlock is now a way of life, not just during rush hour, but all day long.

While pages could be written on just these four topics (and has been) the short answer is this — we are bankrupting ourselves.

SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) reports we are \$25 billion short over the next 20 years just maintaining current roads. Add in water and sewer improvements mandated by federal law (with no federal money available) and the numbers get worse.

If we look at DARTA strictly as a new bus system, the representative is correct. But it's much more than that. It's about regional transportation. It's the opportunity to build a dynamic urban area with a central business district, cultural center and place to play and explore.

It's a way to reverse the brain drain of our best and brightest and even attract the minds that will invent the new industries and jobs for our region.

I am currently leading an initiative inviting all stakeholders to sit down, examine the body of work already in place and plan the first steps in reversing a land use policy that has proven to be a monumental failure.

You're welcome to join us. I hope you can drop the well-worn rhetoric and instead help navigate what is certain to be a very bumpy road.

**Bill Largent** is a Farmington Hills resident and serves on the board of the National Small Business Association; the board of New Detroit; the Greater Detroit Health Council; the Native American Business Alliance and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

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Florence Smith, recently elected state president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, sits among the flower bed in the front yard of her Farmington Hills home.



## Farmington Hills woman takes reins of gardening organization

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

lorence and Robert Smith's yard has undergone a renaissance of sorts. Two years ago the Farmington Hills couple removed several ash trees grasses. That sort of initiative in gardening should serve Smith well as she was elected president this summer of The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

She was elected to a two-year term by members, after serving as vice-president for two years.

#### LOOKING FOR MORE

Smith hopes to promote gardening with a larger membership.

"One of the things I want is for each club to get a 5-percent increase in membership," she said. "I'm also asking our members to plant ribbons of yellow flowers in public gardens and their own personal perennial gardens to support our troops."

Garden clubs take on many public . garden projects by volunteering to plant and maintain them.

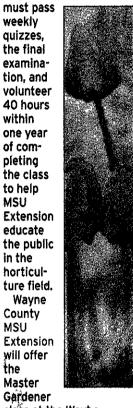


# Enrollment is open Wayne County resi-

dents who are interested in becoming a master gardener can enroll now for fall classes.

The Michigan master gardener program is a horticulture education and volunteer leader training program offered by the Michigan State **University Extension** office. An interest in plants, a personal commitment to volunteerism and an enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others are the only prerequisites.

To become certified as a master gardener, participants



destroyed by the emerald ash borer in front of their home.

Florence replaced the trees with new plants to color the yard, including a Cleveland pear tree, hostas, yellow lillies, impatiens and begonias. It was also a chance to fill the front with begonias, cigar plants, coleus, sweet potato vine, miniature fuchsia and

The organization is dedicated to creating, promoting and furthering interest in horticulture, floral and landscape design, and gardening. The group consists of 6,800 members in seven geographic districts.

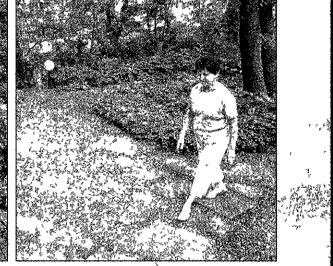
Smith has been a member of the North Farmington Garden Club for 25 vears.

"We also have the Northern Great Lakes Forest project. We're selling Michigan ornaments to benefit that project. They are 14-carat gold-plated oval ornaments with apple blossoms (the state flower) and robin, the state bird."

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Florence Smith has placed a nice little seat along a path for a little quiet in the shade.



With little sun shining into her back yard, Florence Smith has a great pathway lined with shade loving plants for her to walk.

# Resurrect home movies with a video-capture gizmo



ext month I'll celebrate 10 years of marriage to my incredible, wonderful, beautiful wife.

She will, however, kill me if I don't make it possible for us to watch our wedding video.

It's a VHS tape, you see, and we haven't had a VCR hooked up to our TV for a couple of years. (We're exclusively a DVD and

DVR family now.) Luckily, I've found just the marriage-saver: the Turtle Beach Video Advantage USB (www.turtlebeach.com).

Rick Broida

Savvy

This terrific gizmo enables you to record video from VCRs and older camcorders to your PC, where you can edit it or copy it straight to a DVD. (The kit

includes software for both tasks.) In other words, I can rescue our wedding from its decaying magnetic-tape prison and move it to a shiny digital DVD. That should buy me at least another 10 years.

The Video Advantage connects to one of your PC's USB ports. Make sure it's a USB 2.0 port (it should be if your computer was built within the last three years;

any earlier, check the documentation), or the device won't work properly.

You also need a fairly fast processor and lots of hard drive space. Turtle Beach recommends at least 2GHz and 15GB, respectively. If you plan to burn DVDs, you will, of course, need a DVD burner and some blank discs.

The kit includes the cables needed to connect any standard VCR or analog camcorder. (Owners of dig-

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ital, or MiniDV, camcorders should The Turtle Beach Video Advantage USB captures video from your VCR or camcorder. You can then edit your movies and put them on DVDs.

Applications for the 2005 Master Gardener class can be picked up at the Wayne County MSU Extension office at 640 Temple, 6th Floor, Detroit or at the class location, 5454 Venoy, Wayne from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. To have an application mailed to your home, please call (313) 833-3412 or 3417 during the same hours.

Wayne County MSU Extension must receive your completed application and a check for the entire course fee made payable to MSU Extension by Monday Aug. 22. Acceptance into the class is based on the application. Those not accepted will have their checks returned.

class at the Wayhe County Extension and Education Center, 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne. The first class is scheduled 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 and the course will run for 13 consecutive weeks.

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The following topics will be covered: Introduction to Plant Science - Soils for Plant Growth; Flower **Gardening -Native Plants** and Water Quality; Plant Propagation - Lawn Establishment and Care; Integrated Pest Management - Backyard Fruit; Vegetable Gardening - Diagnosing Plant Problems; Woody Ornamentals ~Composting and Organic Gardening.

The fee structure for the course is as follows: home gardener, Wayne County resident, \$240; 💲 home gardener, out-ofcounty resident , \$280; two members of same household (share one book), \$440, and horticulture professional paying by business check, \$260.

### AT HOME

You can fix clogged

disposal and drain

# Prevent gutter backups with protectors

#### BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Olivia asks: "Every time I run the dishwasher I've got to stand by the sink with a cup to bail the water out that comes up and drain it into the adjacent sink. If I don't, the sink and dishwasher will overflow.

"The water comes up on the side of the sink where the garbage disposal is. We've never used the disposal because it's been broken since we've moved here some weeks ago, but I'm not sure this should affect the way the dishwasher drains, should it?

"Also, the water never completely drains after running. There's always a small pool in the dishwasher and a small collection in the sink that doesn't recede.

"Is there anything I can do to fix this problem?

This is definitely one that you can fix. The reason the sink is flooding is because the disposal and its drain are clogged.

Water leaves the dishwasher through a rubber hose that trayels up under the sink to a

device called an "air gap," a vent that equalizes air pressure so that the water can easily drain out of the dishwasher without air pressure resistance.

From the air gap, a second hose travels into the disposal. Once in the disposal, the

water from the dishwasher is drained into the sewer system (the same place that the other side of the sink drains into).

If the water has made it into your sink, it means that the lines to the disposal are working fine and that the drain from the disposal is clogged.

Remove the disposal and the associated drain. Clear the drain, install a

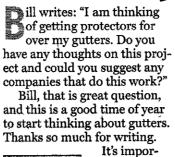
new disposal and you can start using that cup for drinking instead of bailing.

By the way, you can eliminate the disposal, but it will probably cost less to replace it.

There is a ring under the sink right at the drain that can be gripped with a small

Phillips screwdriver. A quick tug and the disposal will fall out.

And that's all there is to it!



tant to keep gutters running free. Anything that inhibits the flow of water in gutters can cause them to

corrode pre-Ask maturely. In Dad addition, debris can get

Harry into the down-Jachym spouts, clogging them. The

result is possible flooding, which can damage wood with mildew and other fungus problems and sagging gutters. Standing water in gutters can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can carry West Nile virus.

Keeping gutters cleared means climbing on ladders sometimes two stories or more, a difficult and dangerous project. If you live in an area with many trees, gutter protectors may work for you. There are several styles from which to choose and the correct choice will depend several factors.

The most simple and inexpensive gutter protectors are the screen type, found at home improvement, hardware and discount stores. The screen comes in a roll and has openings about 1-inch wide. They are made of metal or plastic. They are slightly wider than a gutter opening, using tension to hold them in place.

Screen type gutter protectors do a very fine job of keeping large leaves and debris out of gutters, but they do not shed seeds, berries or pine needles. In fact, they can clog with this material rather easily, preventing water from entering the gutter.

A variation of the screen type protector is the snap-in screen type. These are similar to the tension screen type but the screen is mounted in a frame that snaps onto the top of the gutter. Though a bit more expensive than the roll type screen, they are easier to install and remove for cleaning.

If you have trees that produce needles, berries or seeds, the gutter helmet type of protector may be the best for you. These consist of sheet metal formed with rounded front edges that cover the gutters. The surface tension of water runs around this rounded edge while shedding debris.

There are several styles and manufacturers of these protectors. Some snap in place, some are fastened to the existing gutters while there are others that replace the existing gutters. Many have flashing that mounts under the existing shingles. In most cases contractors who specialize in them install the helmet type systems.

You asked about suggestions for companies who install gutter protectors. It's best to get at least three quotes on any project. Keep in mind the cheapest (or most expensive) contractors are not necessarily the best choices.

Check references. The best source is friends, workmates and relatives. The question I like to ask is "Would you have this contractor work for you again?"

Ask to see a copy of the copy of the contractor's license and their certificates of insurance

before making your final selection. You can be held responsible for an injured employee or damage to a neighbor's property if the contractor doesn't have proper protection.

Be leery of contractors who accept only cash payment or require all money up front, ask you to get the permits, pressure you for an immediate decision or have no permanent street address and telephone number. Limit down payments. Don't make final payment until you are completely satisfied.

Most important, don't sign on with any one you are not entirely comfortable with. Be certain to get everything in writing and keep a copy.

My best columns come from reader's questions. Don't hesitate to send one, no matter how complex or simple you may think it is.

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

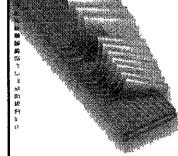


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#### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

#### Algae seminar

A seminar on algae control will be given 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at AguaFina Gardens & Imports, 2629 Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake.

Matt Niemiec, AguaFina's resident aquatic expert, will share secrets and insight on keeping your pond clean throughout the summer

#### Call (248) 738-0500 or visit www.aguafina.com.

#### **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 scheduled 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. Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais.

The center is three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile (phone (248) 246-3900). Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m Ann Cline will present the program, Reblooming Irises, fea-

turing slides of irises that rebloom in Michigan. What are reblooming irises? Where do I buy them? How do I grow them? Why won't my rebloomers rebloom? Attend the program to find out

#### **Bonsai show**

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its Annual Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens greenhouse, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children through teens More than 100 bonsai trees will be on display Bonsai experts, and vendors of plant material, bonsai trees and bonsai tools and equipment, will be available Demonstrations of bonsai design from nursery stock will be offered several times both days

#### Fall gardening

A free program Earth-friendly Fall Gardening, will take place 7-8:30 pm 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 Szeriag and Jeff Ball will speak on perennial flowers for fall, mulches and compost, manag-

ing weeds without chemicals, and landscape design ideas. The city of Westland is sponsoring the event.

#### Shade gardening

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at

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check out the Video Advantage ADX, an internal version for PCs that don't have the necessary FireWire ports.)

ure and editing, you'll want to spend some time perusing Turtle Beach's excellent manual. I'm happy to report that it's an actual paper manual, not an electronic document that must be read on your PC.

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).

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.

Do-it-yourself Landscaping will be the topic Aug. 31. The seminar will give you ideas to help, whether you're creating a new landscape or improving an existing one. Learn basic styles of design and get information to help you define your landscape goals and determine your style.

**Rose programs** Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of free programs open to the public.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow 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.

Cooking With Roses will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 Learn how to grow edible roses and prepare tempting rose recipes

Insect and Disease Control for Roses will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29) The program will feature a slide presentation and a tour of the Lindleys' "less-than-perfect" garden. Special emphasis will be on natural and cultural controls of common problems. Home composting

A free, hands-on workshop on home composting will take place 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) offices, 3910 W. Webster, on 12-1/2 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield in Royal Oak.

SOCWA master composter volunteers will present the workshop. In case of rain, the workshop will take place indoors. To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Getting started, balancing materials, troubleshooting, the composting process, tips for making compost in six months, bin choices, benefits for water quality; and using compost will be featured

#### 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 sited appropriately. Also, they can provide habitats for regional birds and insects.

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A case of botanical identity theft

#### BY DEAN FOSDICK FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

How's this for a case of identity theft? I went shopping for some geraniums recently and came home with an assortment of pelargoniums.

The labels read "geraniums." The nurseryman called them "geraniums." But an illustrated guide about the geraniaceae botanical family identified them as "pelargoniums." So , what's with the name game? This isn't an instance of 21st

century cyberhacking; it's more a case of motivation lacking. It's a reluctance to drop old

habits, to exchange the popular but incorrect name "geraniums" for that of "pelargoniums," says Faye Brawner, author of Geraniums: The Complete Encyclopedia (Schiffer Publishing Ltd.; list price, \$19.95) and president of the International Geranium Society.

"It is safe to say that the vast majority of plants seen and called geraniums in the U.S. are actually pelargoniums," she said.

Botany wasn't an exact science when the first geraniums and pelargoniums were introduced en masse into Europe from South Africa in the 17th century.

"The plant collectors lumped everything in as geraniums," Brawner said.

"A few years down the road, a French botanist decided there was a difference. Half were geraniums and half were pelargoniums. But geraniums had been called that for so long, people shrugged their shoulders and went along with

# Replace PVC to crack down on noise

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

from a bathroom that runs about 8 feet down through the

"When hot water is draining from the bath, there is a loud

it. Many of them still do." Brawner, from Beverly, Ohio, has spent much of her adult life trying to correct the record. So why does accurate naming matter in this case?

#### DIFFERENCES

It matters plenty if you're looking for a plant capable of thriving in sun or partial shade; a woodland flower with smallish blooms, carried singly, and ranging in color from white to pink to purple; a mounded plant that will spread into an attractive ground cover; a plant hardy enough to flower through several frosts. That's a true geranium

But the pelargonium has a lot going for it, too.

If you bought what you thought was a geranium and its leaves give off an attractive scent, then it's probably a pelargonium. If you have a plant displaying leaves as colorful as those on a coleus, chances are it's a pelargonium. If it's a stemmed plant, growing upright rather than horizontally, then it's probably a pelargonium.

Pelargoniums come in a wide range of colors, ranging from red and white to salmon and pink, shades of purple to orange and many combinations.

"You can't help people who want a certain plant find it if they don't know what it is," Brawner said. "But if it has the correct name, you can find it."

Pelargoniums and geraniums are classified as perennials, but the pelargonium actually is a tender perennial, Brawner says.

cracking sound generated in

the drainpipe. What can I do to the drainpipe to reduce the noise?"

The "cracking" noise is the result of expansion and contraction of the PVC pipe as it heats up and cools down when hot water is run through it.

Indelievable Prices.

While there is a host of

Use true geraniums for rock gardens or for shady spots. Brawner says.

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Think pelargoniums if you want a long-blooming plant on a porch or something prominent in flower beds, hanging baskets, containers or window boxes.

So, if you hope to see that favorite herbaceous plant of yours survive periods of extreme cold, then ensure that it's a true or a hardy geranium  $^{\rm HLS}_{\rm X}$ something like the "Sanguineum," "Macorrhizum" or "Magnificum."

If you're looking for a combi-" nation of bloom and patterned leaves, think pelargoniums –  $\Omega_N$ 1400 "Valentine," "Greetings," 10 "Blazonry" and the "Wirral New Look" are popular fancy leaf cultivars.

If it's an attractive plant with enticing odors you want, then select "Candy Dancer" (rose to lemon rose scent), or the aptly named "Peppermint," "Apple" and "Cinnamon" cultivars.

You also can find a scented pelargonium with some oil of citronella bred into it. This variety is popularly called the "mosquito shoo" or "Citrosa."

You may see it advertised as a plant containing a natural insect repellent but scientists haven't proven that claim to be valid, horticulturists say.

No matter what you come to call them, both plants have a place in your garden, says Brawner.

For more about geraniums, visit the North Carolina State University **Department of Horticulture Science** Cooperative Extension Web Site: http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/hil/hil-8504.html.

means to deal with this problem, we believe that the best solution is to replace the PVC with a section of no-hub cast iron. Use no-hub couplings to connect the cast iron to the PVC. You will not only be rid of your cracking noise, you will hardly be able to hear water running through the new pipe.

Tim J. asks: "We have a 3inch schedule 40 PVC drain

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### AT HOME

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# Worn wax ring could cause toilet water seeping

#### BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Gary S. asks: "Why is water seeping around the bottom of the water closet and how do we remedy it?"

Water at the base of a toilet can be caused by a hairline crack in the tank or bowl; a "sweating" tank due to condensation; a leaking water supply (valve, hose or connections); leaks where the tank connects to the bowl; or a faulty wax ring.

Use a few drops of food coloring in the tank and bowl to determine if the toilet is cracked. If the dye test reveals a crack, replace the tank or the entire toilet.

If the leak is confined to the area

immediately around the base of the bowl, chances are good that a new wax ring is needed. You'll need to remove the toilet in order to replace the wax ring.

Begin this project by arming yourself with the required tools: an openended wrench (1/4-inch or 3/8-inch), a crescent wrench, a pair of pliers, a screwdriver, and a hacksaw. Start by turning off the water sup-

ply to the toilet. Simply turn the little valve that is

located below and behind the toilet clockwise until it stops.

Flush the toilet and remove any water that may remain in the tank or bowl with a small cup and a sponge. Once all of the water has been removed, disconnect the water supply line at the base of the tank. This can be achieved by backing off the nut in a counterclockwise direction.

The next step is to unfasten the toilet from the floor. Most residential toilets are anchored to the floor with a couple of fasteners called closet bolts.

Pry the closet bolt caps off with a screwdriver and remove the nuts that remain with an open-ended wrench turning counterclockwise.

Now comes the fun part – removing the toilet. We suggest that you have one other person help you lift the toilet and carry it out because it's as awkward as it is heavy.

Don't be alarmed by the gooey mess

that may appear on the floor where the toilet once sat. What remains is some of the wax

ring.

Remove any of the wax that remains with a putty knife. Chances for achieving a new leak-proof seal will be especially good if you take care in cleaning up the surface to accept the new wax ring.

With the toilet lying on its side, affix the new wax ring to the exhaust port of the toilet with the plastic throat facing away from the toilet.

It's a good time to replace the old and rusted closet bolts with new ones. Attach the new closet bolts to the closet flange in an upright position just as you found the old ones. Next, pick the toilet up and, without allowing the bottom to touch the floor, align the holes in the base of the toilet with the closet bolts and gently lower it until it completely seats.

Install the nuts onto the closet bolts being careful not to tighten them too tight – this could result in a broken toilet!

Then place the bolt caps over the nuts.

If the bolt caps don't properly seat, chances are that the bolts are too long. Shorten the bolts by cutting off the excess with a hacksaw.

Reattach the water supply line to the tank with the new nut and washer  $c_{\mu\nu}$  provided with the toilet and turn the water on.





**GARDENING** FROM PAGE B1

Easements created by the project will help protect the state forests.

Florence and Bob moved into their current house in 1974. The couple has three sons and seven grandchildren.

#### STARTING EARLY

Florence started gardening at age 3 or 4. When she was very young, she picked several flowers off a plant in the garden and brought them into the house.

"I picked all the flowers off of our string bean plants and said 'Look, I have all these flowers.' I don't know if (her parents) wanted to praise me or kill me," she said with a laugh. Smith said her mother

reminded her of that story for many years. She loved gardening as a

child, whether it was weeding or picking flowers to brighten up a table inside the house. "I've always enjoyed it. It's a

I ve always enjoyed it. It's

great stress reliever," Smith said.

When Florence and Robert moved into their current house, the yard had many perennials.

"It's a challenge with a shade yard. It's all trial and error. Whether it is the sun, shade or soil, it doesn't always work for you."

Hummingbirds enjoy the front yard.

"They like anything tubular, that their bill will fit into, like hostas or the cigar plant."

On the front right side, she planted Korean lilacs, magnolias, azaleas and Michigan holly, hydrangeas and grasses. Once the sunlight hit the bare yard after the ash trees were removed, the yellow hostas became white and blue became green.

Container gardening gives planters more choices of plant variety and color, Smith said.

Her back yard is terraced, and cool with all the shade. Hostas and pachysandra are everywhere. Impatiens, ferns and bleeding hearts are also in Three of her grandchildren (Michael, Scott and Kyle) gave them a stepping stone for the

the yard.

yard in 1997. "You have to get children interested in gardening when they are little," she said. Federated Garden Clubs

Federated Garden Clubs hosts many children's garden events, she said.

Smith enjoys the spring. "It's my favorite time of year with all of its new beginnings," she said. "And it's just about that time (September) to begin ;the fall planting of bulbs."

Tulips and daffodils paint a colorful front yard for the main approximately 250 bulbs in the main front yard every September.

Husband Bob likes the flowers. "You have so many varieties,"

he said to Florence. He also gives her credit for

her work. "I'm not a flower planter, I'm ...

a flower watcher."

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# Light dimmer offers quick fix

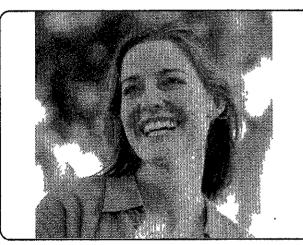
If your family is like many others in America, you've decreased the size of the living room and made the family room the hub of activity. The family room has become the place for doing homework, relaxing with a book or magazine and watching movies with family and friends. midnight trips to the bathroom or kitchen. Flexible lighting is key to creating the right mood.

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# From Broadway to Bloomfield

Cantor, his wife, use their artistic talents to nurture spirituality, creativity

#### BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

He was almost crushed by a giant marshmallow in Ghostbusters and terminated in Exterminator II. She was a bedazzled showgirl.

But that's in the past for this West Bloomfield couple. Stephen and Christine Dubov have traded Hollywood, Broadway and national and international performance tours and are now using their many talents to help area families nurture not only their spiritual needs, but their creative abilities.

Dubov is the cantor and spiritual leader of Cong. Chaye Olam (eternal life) in Bloomfield Township. He and his equally successful wife, who has a master's degree in dance therapy from New York University and has published five children's books, are the driving force behind the Reform Judaism congregation that was formed three years ago. It has grown from 18 to 120 families.

"We were in New York City to celebrate my wife's birthday when the World Trade Center was attacked," said Dubov, who at the time was the cantor for Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. (They originally had reservations to stay at the Trade Center Marriott, which was also destroyed during the Sept. 11 attack, but had switched to another hotel because it was more convenient for them.) "Because I had my Beaumont Hospital chaplain badge, we were able to offer help near ground zero," he said. "This experience made me re-evaluate my life and way of thinking. My desire became to unite people into a oneness of tolerance and love and to teach Judaism through the arts." This was the impetus for the formation of Cong. Chaye Olam.

For the Dubovs, it's been an exciting and glamorous journey that brought them to Michigan and their current life. And, they added, they now feel that they have "come home."

#### **MUSICAL FAMILY**

Dubov, who was raised in Miami, was recognized for his exceptional singing talent in his teens when he served as cantorial soloist at his family's temple. His talent brought him years of singing, dancing and acting roles in major Broadway productions, television shows and Hollywood movies. In addition, he has appeared as the operatic and principal soloist for opera companies and orchestras across the nation. "I even did stand-up comedy at clubs in New York," he added. Christine Dubov, a native of Pittsburgh, was a special education teacher and a dance therapist working with autistic children in New York when she auditioned for and became a member of the cast - a dancer/showgirl - of Les Follies Burlesque at a hotel in Atlantic City. "There was a garbage strike in New York and I wanted to get out of the city," she said. The dancer met the male lead singer of the show (Dubov) at the first rehearsal and they became housemates (with other cast members) and friends. Their relationship grew and two years later they were married. That was 22 years ago. They are the parents of Aleksandra, 21, a voice major at Indiana 🖉 👾 University, and Ariel, 17, a senior at Cranbrook.



Stephen and Christine Dubov perform together in 1996.



al voice and often joins me to sing for the High Holy Days," the proud father said. "Ariel, too, has musical talent. When he is not playing football, he plays the

Cantor Stephen and

Cong. Chaye Olam have

left behind glamorous

and 'come home' to

Michigan.

performing arts careers

**Christine Dubov of** 

maintaining an ongoing relationship with our Creator," he said.

Dubov has used his skills and experience as a multitalented

**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register

#### Ice cream party

Come register your children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school during an afternoon of fun, ice cream, games and crafts 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. Livonia. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974 by Aug. 24. **Community festival** 

Spirit of Community service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, followed by free family fun festival with food, movies, music, moonwalk, games, face painting, at First Baptist Church of **Plymouth on North Territorial** between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 455-2300.

#### Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, donuts, conversations and Christ are always present. Call (248) 374-5920. Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian church, 1841Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Baptism and Holy Communion are the focus of the school curriculum at this time. Nursery care available. Refreshments immediately after the service. The Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. offers an informal, casual environment. Refreshments afterward. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620

#### UPCOMING

#### **Greek festival**

Homemade Greek food and desserts, live music and dancing, Greek marketplace, coffee house, kid's activities, tour of church, cultural exhibit, 50/50 raffle 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0131 Memorial service

Congregation Beit Kodesh remembers

FREDERICK L. MIRBACH

RoseAnne, predeceased him seven

weeks ago on June 22, 2005. A World

Hoboken, NJ to parents who were nat-uralized citizens. Fred and RoseAnne

made their home in Leonia, NJ. Fred

of Calvary Lutheran Church where he

was a Sunday School teacher, council

year member of the American Legion

Post 1, a Troop 71 Boy Scout leader and was a regular blood donor. After

an international career in sales and

marketing, he and RoseAnne moved

to their treasured home on Cape Cod

Other interests included clamming,

completing the NY Times crossword

puzzle and enjoying his family. Fred is survived by his daughter, Lyn

Mangiapane and her husband, Tony of

Halfmoon; son Fred Jr. and his wife,

and his wife, Rachel of Cincinnati,

Patrick of Rexford, Christopher

Mangiapane of Atlanta, Evan Mirbach

and Meredith Mirbach; and five great grandchildren, Connor and Sophie

Brophy and Alex, Rayn and Nicholas

Mangiapane. Funeral service was held

Tuesday, at Zion Lutheran Church,

Nott Terrace, Schenectady. Internment

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member and head usher. He was a 50-

the victims of the terrorist attacks 11 a.m Sunday, Sept. 11, with guest speakers Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson and state Sen Laura Toy, guest soloist is Cantor Harry Sturm, at 31840 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. The public is welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-8974. Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, applications now being accepted for table rentals (\$30) which includes a 1177) rack and a box lunch, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor trail, Livonia. For information, TO call (734) 422-0149.

4113 Sisterhood installation 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept 27, at 4 Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 West 🤼 Seven Mile, between Farmington and " Merriman, Livonia. There will be entertainment and refreshments (no charge). For more information, call (248) 477-8974

#### **Craft show**

Applications available for exhibitors for the 22nd annual St. Aidan Craft Show 9'30 a m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1527 Sisterhood luncheon

For paid-up membership 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. There will be entertainment by Vick and Rick. No charge for lunch with paid-up Sisterhood membership. New members always welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-8974 English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help  $\frac{1}{2}$ students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To 📲 register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

#### Tiny Tots Preschool

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



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"Aleksandra has an exception-

drums and the guitar," added his mother.

"As exciting as it was being a professional performer [Dubov worked in hundreds of productions, including television series - he had a regular role in 1990-91 on the daytime soap Guiding Light] and working with such actors and singers as Fred Astaire, Woody Allen, John Travolta and Sammy Davis Jr., I never gave up my goal of being an invested cantor," he said. "It was something that I knew I had to do."

#### CREATIVE POTENTIAL

In 1987, he began studies at Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. The first year of the program was studies in Israel. After three more years of study at the college, he earned his master's and investiture. This degree enables him to perform all the clerical duties of a rabbi.

According to Duboy, Cong. Chaye Olam is dedicated to · enabling its members to reach their fullest potential by developing and retaining "kavanah" - truly believing and not doubting — with our Eternal Creator. "We recognize the creative energy within each soul and strive to help our members identify their true creative potential through

performer to form the Kidz Klez Band of Michigan, a 24-member youth instrumental ensemble that performs traditional klezmer (Jewish folk music) with jazz and Broadway melodic influences. The group performed at Carnegie Hall in 2003

Christine Dubov not only supports her husband and children in their endeavors, but has continued in dance. In addition, she teaches Pilates classes at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and for private clients.

Cong. Chaye Olam is JCC's featured congregation for the month of August. "Those joining the JCC receive reduced membership fees and other gifts and benefits from our house of worship," Dubov said.

The congregation will also have an open house birthday bash family Sabbath service Friday, Aug. 26, to celebrate its third year, There will be a 6:30 p.m. preglow, 7:30 p.m. service and activities and games for children. There is no charge and no reservations are needed.

For more information about Cong. Chaye Olam, located at 4875 W. Maple Road (at Inkster), Bloomfield Township, and its programs and services schedule, call (248) 851-7485.

#### **JOSEPHINE M. ALGERO**

Age 79, July 13, 2005. Beloved mother of Gayle. Dear grandmother of Gina and Dominic. Great-grandmother of Molly Rose and Catherine Emily. Godmother of Neil Fetter. A Memorial Service will beheld at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville at 9:15 a.m. on August 26. In lieu of flowers donations may be directed to Don Imus Ranch for Kids with cancer, c/o WFAN Radio, New York City, NY

#### **CLARICE BEHLER**

Age 70, of Plymouth, died August 16, 2005. She was born May 16, 1935, in Nimmons, Arkansas. She was a member of the Salem Bible Church in Salem, and was active with F.I.S.H. of Plymouth-Canton. She is survived by her husband, Dale; her children, Leigh (Philip) Timlin and Lynn Behler; her grandchildren, Anthony, Dana, Nicholas, Kate Lynn, and Kellen; and her sisters, Wanda (the late James) Hendon and Yvonne (Ken) Ray She is preceded in death by three sisters. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday Visitation Thursday 5-9pm 11am. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108, or The Senior Alliance, 3850 Second St., Ste. 201, Wayne, MI, 48184.

#### JAMI A. HOLBROOK

Age 33, of Redford, August 13, 2005

Services were held August 17, 2005 at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford, MI

**BETTY M. MORRISON** 

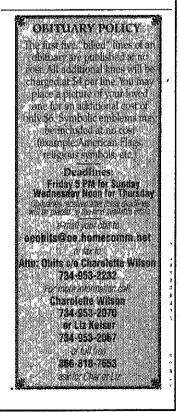
Age 82, of Plymouth, died August 14 2005. She was born October 9, 1922, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1964, from Redford. She was a retired school teacher from Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth. She loved to read and travel. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Jack; her sons, John Michael (Karen) and Donald Earl (Kim) Morrison; and her grandchildren, Greg (Jennifer) Morrison, Paige (TJ) Johnson, and Devin Morrison. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home,

**JAMES G. PIPER** Age 83, died July 29 2005, in Salt Lake City. Born June 4, 1922 in Akron, OH, he Served in the U.S. Army in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Mr. Piper received 22 decorations, including The Distinguished Service Medal and two Purple Hearts. Survived by big sister Patricia Biker of Patricia Riker of his sister. Bloomfield Hills, MI; many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine. Donations in Mr. Piper's memory to Beta Theta Pi Foundation for Indiana University Chapter P1, P.O. Box 6277, Oxford, OH 45056. Services October 21, 2005, at Arlington National Cemetery.

58, Formerly of Farmington, MI, died Age 85, of Delmar and Orleans, MA, passed away August 14, 2005. Fred's beloved wife of 63 years, on Aug. 13, 2005 at his home in Pawleys Island, SC. Born May 19, 1947, Mr. Thomas was the son of the late Charles and Dorothy Thomas He was a teacher in the Cherry Hill School War II veteran, Fred was born in District for 16 years until becoming a school administrator in the Wayne Westland Community Schools. Mr Thomas retired in 2000 from the position of principal of John Glenn High School in Westland, MI. Surviving are was a lifelong Lutheran and member his wife Helen (DeJiulio) Thomas of Pawleys Island, SC; his sister Linda Allington and her husband George of Pawleys Island, SC; his brother Paul Thomas and Lauren Thomas; nephews Jason Allington and his wife Jennifer and Blake Allington and his wife Sue great-nephews Connor Allington and Luke Allington, and great-neice Charlotte Allington. Visitation will be where he was a founding member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Harwich. held on Sunday, August 21 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home (248-474-5200) in Farmington, MI. The funeral service will be held on Monday August 22 at 4:00pm. in the same loca tion. Officiating will be the Reverend Paul Fuener from Prince George Bonnie of Birmingham, MI; five grandchildren, Nicholas Mangianpane Episcopal Winyah Church Georgetown, SC where Mr. Thomas will be interred at later date. In lieu of Katherine Brophy and her husband flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Mr. Thomas name to the Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC in care of Ms. Rachel Smith, PO. Box 250955 Charleston, SC 29425, or Tidelands Community Hospice, 2591 N. Fraser Street Georgetown, SC 29440. He will be in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. Contributions in memory of Fred may be made to the

missed.

**NEIL CHARLES THOMAS** 



# Capuchin Kitchen names new executive director

Smith

Dan Anholzer, provincial minister of The Capuchin Order of St. Joseph, announced recently that Capuchin Friar Jerry Smith will be the new executive director of the Detroit ., <sup>\*</sup> }∳ Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

We searched nationally for an Executive Director. When all was said and done, we realized that the individual who would best serve our mission statement was a Capuchin brother. The Franciscan spirit of the Capuchin Order is the factor that sets the Capuchin Soup Kitchen apart from other soup kitchens. We determined that a Capuchin brother was the best choice to continue to lead the soup kitchen's future directives," Dan Anholzer explained.

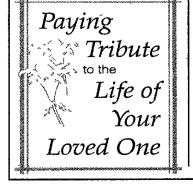
"It is important that the soup kitchen remain a spiritually directed ministry versus an agency that works only with the physical needs of its guests," Anholzer said. "The Capuchin Order of St. Joseph's mission statement is to attend simply and directly to the spiritual and other basic human needs. We have prayerfully considered which of our brothers would be the best fit for this critical position. We are grateful to Brother Jerry Smith for undertaking this new role."

Brother Jerry Smith's previ-**Brother Jerry** ous ministry was as a case manager with Wisconsin Community

Services which serves the chronically mentally ill, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"The order is profoundly grateful to Dave Preuss who has served as the interim director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen for the last nine months, "Anholzer said.

The Capuchin Order of St. Joseph is headquartered in Detroit and serves Capuchin ministries worldwide.



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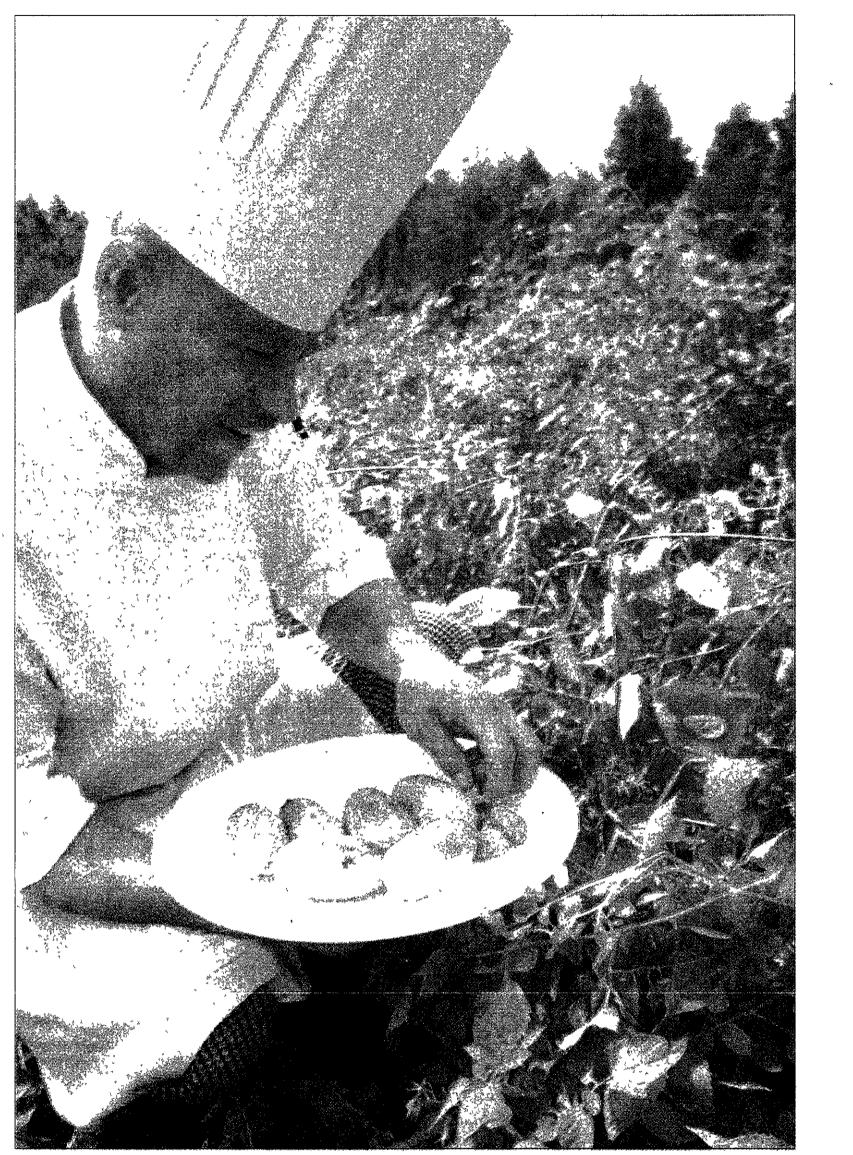
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**RISOTTO -** A simple summer dish

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**Apple-tizing** Want a perfect summer dessert without all the baking? Krispy Kreme's new, limited edition Apple Cobbler doughnut topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream is a delicious treat. The Apple Cobbler doughnut is made with a yeast-raised, unglazed Krispy Kreme doughnut shell, filled with a Granny Smith apple filling, and topped with white icing and oat crisp crunch. Every few months, Krispy Kreme introduces a new, one-of-a-kind feature doughnut for a limited

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to-man-to

Chef Jeffrey Hoffa of Cafe Cortina picks a few Grape and Roma tomatoes out of the restaurant's own garden. For recipes, please see page B8.

With a warm summer, Ristorante Cafe Cortina is now harvesting bushels of tomatoes out of its house garden in back of the Farmington Hills restaurant.

# No matter how you say it, versatile tomato pleases palates

#### BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

Whether you say to-may-to or to-mah-to, you can enjoy tomatoes in many different ways.

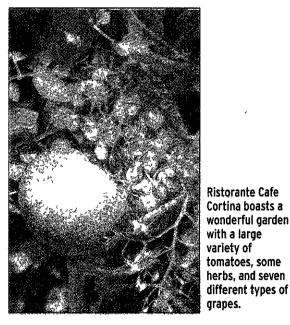
This versatile fruit or vegetable (more about that later) is a garden jewel, almost priceless in what it brings to the table. Tomatoes are delicious eaten by themselves – raw or cooked, fresh or canned – and their acidic property brings out other flavors in a dish.

And tomatoes are good for

you. They are high in vitamin C, vitamin A and potassium, and contain lycopene, an antioxidant that helps prevent certain cancers.

At Ristorante Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, voluminous amounts of produce and herbs are grown in a garden in back and used in the restaurant's dishes. Adrian Tonon, owner, compares it to being seaside and catching fish right from the sea.





Salsa cruda celebrates summer tomatoes

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An uncooked tomato sauce is a quick solution to the problem of what to do with all those plentiful summer tomatoes.

Salsa cruda, or raw sauce, is "cooked" by the heat from mixing it with the hot

pasta. The heat also brings out the rich flavors of the ingredients in the sauce.

The sauce starts with lush, ripe tomatoes. If the tomatoes have no flavor, the sauce will have no flavor. Any type of fresh tomato works fine.

Putting basil and tomatoes together is always a good idea. Red onion, parsley, a little olive oil, and salt and pepper are the only other ingredients you'll need.

You can vary the ingredients for salsa cruda as you can for most pasta sauces. Add chopped olives, capers, anchovies, sun-dried tomatoes or other ingredients for different tastes.

Don't limit salsa cruda to pasta. It

goes well with grilled, broiled or baked fish such as salmon, swordfish or halibut. Put it on slices of grilled or toasted garlic bread to make bruschetta. Add crumbled feta cheese or diced mozzarella to the sauce and

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enue.

time.

The Apple Cobbier doughnut is available now through Sept. 25 in participating stores. Visit http://www.krispykreme.c om/storelocator.html to find the closest location. **Cookoff moving** Organizers of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Motorcycle Bike Show have decided to move the event from Plymouth, because of increased city costs and reduced sponsorship rev-

This year's event, scheduled for Oct. 2, has been canceled. The cookoff board will announce a new date and location once arrangements are final.

Chili cooks come from six to 10 states to participate in the annual cookoff. The motorcycle show draws more than 2,000 bikes from Michigan and surrounding states.

All proceeds from the event have been donated to charities, including Make-A-Wish, the Rainbow Connection, the Plymouth Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and Bridgepoint.

About \$100,000 has been donated to these organizations over the past nine years.

#### **Chicken choices**

Michigan McDonald's restaurants introduced new Premium Chicken Sandwiches in late July.

Now customers can choose from a trio of topquality chicken sandwiches: the Premium Chicken Classic, the Premium Chicken Ranch BLT and the Premium Chicken Club.

The three Premium **Chicken Sandwiches are** available with grilled or crispy chicken and are served on a honey wheat roll. The Premium Chicken Classic features flavorful chicken, lettuce, tomato and light mayonnaise. The Premium Chičken Ranch BLT sandwich starts with grilled or crispy chicken and is combined with three strips of bacon, lettuce, tomato and ranch dressing. The Premium Chicken Club sandwich is garnished with bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and light mayonnaise.

### TOMATO

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"We take everything and sun dry it and use it all winter long," he said.

Heirloom, Black Plum, Grape and Pear are just a few of the varieties of tomatoes raised at the site that are transformed into savory sauces, soups, salads and even tapas at the restaurant.

"It's what they're serving in Italy now," Tonon said.

The mouthwatering culinary works of art include combinations of tomato, herbs and paper-thin slices of parmigiano-reggiano cheese on bruschetta, and tomato and basil on buffala mozzarella.

We use a lot of tomatoes in our food," said Pierre Farah, owner of Anita's Kitchen in Troy.

"We order our tomatoes by 25-pound cases, two cases a day."

A presentation of tomatoes, feta cheese and olives is among the appetizers at Anita's Kitchen. Burgul is a vegetarian dish of cracked wheat cooked with tomatoes. Tomato burgul soup is zesty and nutritious.

Anita's salads featuring tomatoes include tabbouleh (with chopped parsley, onion, mint and cracked wheat), fattoush (with toasted pita bread, cucumber, green pepper, onion, mint and parsley) and eggplant salad.

#### QUALITIES

Brandywine and Big Beef, a new variety of Beefsteak, have a "good meaty flavor" and are good for eating alone or in dishes, said Pam Palechek of Farmington Hills, a senior instructor at the Livonia-based Michigan School of Gardening.

Celebrity is good both for cooking and eating fresh; fresh, it's great in pizzas, sandwiches and salads. Roma or Plum stars in salsa, paste and sauce. Sausage is used for påste, and Old German for slicing.

Children especially enjoy the Sweet 100. Nancy Perry of Canton, an instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening, said Matt's Wild cherry tomatoes are delicious.

Tiny Tim cherry tomatoes are often grown in pots, making them good selections for container or small gardens. Most tomatoes are red. Some are yellow, such as Santa

Sweet and Yellow Pear. Basil isn't the only herb that makes a wonderful pairing with tomatoes. Palechek likes to use dill.

Joan Wysocki, vice-chair of the Herb Study Group and treasurer of the Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei **Botanical Gardens and Nichols** Arboretum, suggested lemon thyme, fennel, sweet marjoram, rosemary, pepper, chives, lovage and parsley.

"Oregano is great with tomatoes," said Joanna Larson, another herb group member. "Of course garlic, thyme, black pepper."

When selecting tomatoes in a store, look for ones with a firm touch.

"If you get them too soft, they will be just mush when you come to slice them," Perry said.

"They should be not hard like a baseball, but firm like a tennis ball."

Knowing when to picking tomatoes in your garden depends on the variety. With many, turn the tomato on the stem. It should be ready to come off.

It's better to pick Brandywines before they get too red, Perry said.

#### **DRYING, STORING**

Tomatoes can be dried in the sun, an oven or a dehydrator.

According to *The Victory* Garden on PBS, Plum tomato varieties give the best dried results. They dry quicker than other varieties.

For all drying methods, slice off the top of the tomato, cut the tomato in half and scoop out the seeds, the program said. It continued:

To oven dry, brush the seeded and halved tomatoes lightly with olive oil. Put them on a baking sheet at extremely low heat - about 150 degrees – all day or at least eight hours, turning them occasionally.

"To infuse dried tomatoes with wonderful flavor, you can layer them in a mason jar with olive oil, basil and garlic, and store in the refrigerator," the

Tomatoes on bruschetta and buffala mozzarella combine in these culinary creations at Ristorante Cafe Cortina. program said. "These are espe-

cially good on sandwiches, in salads and on pizzas." Palechek shared a handy way to store excess green tomatoes

left in a garden after an early frost. "All of those that are

unblemished, don't have any type of bump or bruise in them, can be washed in 9 cups of water to 1 cup bleach," she said.

After washing the tomatoes, dry them, wrap them in newspaper and store them in a box in a single layer, she said.

"I've had tomatoes last as long as Thanksgiving," said Palechek, who usually stores them in the garage.

"They must be unblemished (to begin with).

Palechek had other suggestions for good green tomatoes. "I will often pickle them

with dill. They're also good the little bit larger size ones - fried up with a little olive oil ... and sometimes I'll use a little bit of egg to dip them in and cracker crumbs. It's a great way to use up your green tomatoes at the end of

#### the season." **FRUIT OR VEGETABLE?**

Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?

Botanically, a tomato is a fruit. But by popular definition, it is considered a vegetable because it is typically served with a meal rather than for dessert.

The question led to legal implications in the United States. In 1887, U.S. tariff laws imposed a duty on vegetables but not on fruits. A controversy arose over the tomato's status and was settled by the U.S.

Supreme Court in 1893. In the case of Nix vs. Hedden, the court declared that the tomato is a vegetable, along with cucumbers, squashes, beans and peas. The court used the definition mentioned above that classifies vegetables by use.

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#### HEIRLOOM TOMATO, ARUGULA AND MAYTAG SALAD

2 medium tomatoes 6 slices Maytag blue cheese Large handful Arugula leaves, washed and paper towel dried

#### Salt and pepper to taste

Thoroughly wash and dry tomatoes, then thickly slice.

Place tomatoes in shallow bowl to marinate with 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil, 1 tablespoon champagne vinegar, kosher salt to taste, white pepper to taste, 1 branch finely chopped flat-leaf parsley and two torn basil leaves.

Layer on a fresh plate: tomatoes, Arugula, Maytag blue cheese. Repeat.

Drizzle strands of virgin olive oil on the plate, dot the strands with reduced balsamic vinegar. Garnish with basil leaves.

To make buffala mozzarella in the photo, just substitute fresh buffala mozzarella for the blue cheese. Serves 2.

#### WILD STRIPED SEABASS PREPARED IN PARCHMENT

2 8-ounce filets of fresh wild striped seabass

2 sheets of parchment paper, 24

Mix all the following ingredients in one bowl: 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh San Marzano pear tomatoes 2 tablespoons pitted Gaeta 127 olives 3+11 1 teaspoon caper berries 1 filet of anchovy, crushed until -17 smooth 1/2 teaspoon dried pepperoncino Pinch of fresh oregano 110 4 torn basil leaves 1 tablespoon virgin olive oil ½ cup pinot grigio Place each filet of fish on parchment paper lengthwise. Proceed to use<sup>1/2</sup> amount of ingredients on each filet. Fold remaining paper over the fish. Begin to start folding 2 inches of the edge of paper, starting from top right-hand corner.

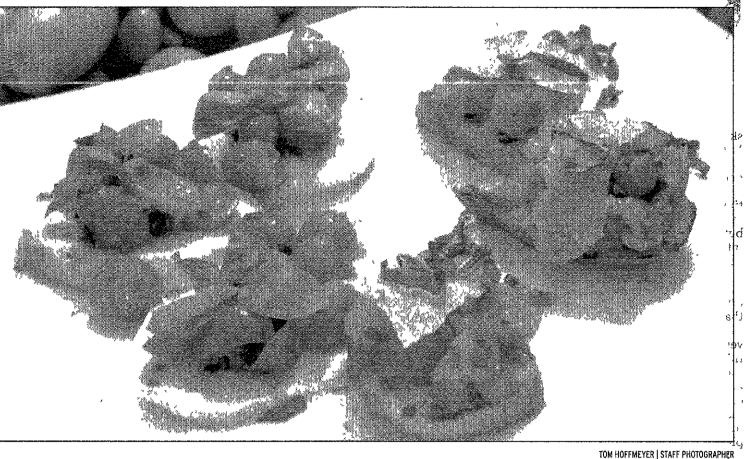
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Keep folding edges in a clockwise circle until completely sealed.

Bake on a sheet tray at 350° F for 25 minutes.

Serve in parchment paper. Cut 6 inches in top of paper when serving.

Recipes courtesy of Rina Tonon, proprietor Ristorante Cafe Cortina of Farmington Hills.



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# **Risotto made summery and easy**

#### BY DANA JACOB CORRESPONDENT

Some home cooks make risotto to demonstrate their skill and dedication to fine Italian cooking. They are happy to hand-tend this demanding dish, which requires patience and precise timing to come out right. Most of us, however, like eating it but find its preparation overly intense and time consuming, despite the delicious result.

Venetians, as passionate about well-prepared dishes as other Italians, prepare a risotto that takes far less effort than most, including their seafood versions. Called "risi e bisi," this Venetian risotto, tinted an exquisite green by a generous amount of tender green peas, combines the first steps for making risotto with a method more like that used in making pilaf.

Risi e bisi, like other risotti, calls for sealing the grains of rice in a bit of oil, and then adding a small amount of hot liquid. But after it is absorbed, you add all the remaining liquid and simmer the rice gently until it is al dente, rather than adding broth a little at a time, then stirring and waiting for the broth to be absorbed each time, as is usually done with risotti.

Perfectly made risi e bisi is said to be all'onde, to make a small "wave" as you pull a spoon through it. Compared to a classic risotto, this describes perfectly risi e bisi's soupier texture while anchoring it

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firmly in its water-bound Venetian origins. Culinary historians say it was, in fact, served to the Doges, the powerful dukes who ruled the Venetian Republic, to celebrate St. Mark's Day in honor of the city's patron saint. Fine enough for a duke, risi e bisi's rich flavor is perfect in summer as it contrasts sweet baby peas with the deeper, herbal flavor of its traditional parsley garnish. Any time of year, use the frozen peas also known as petit pois, since fresh ones are tender and sweet enough only if they come directly from the garden.

Using short-grain brown rice makes this a whole-grain dish while producing a texture close to that of the Arborio or carnaroli white rices Italians use for risotto.

#### **RISI E BISI - VENETIAN RISOTTO** WITH GREEN PEAS

3 cups frozen baby green peas, divided 4 cups fat-free reduced sodium

chicken broth 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive

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1 small onion, finely chopped 3 tablespoons minced flat-leaf parsley, divided 1 cup short grain brown rice ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Rinse 1 cup of the peas in a colander under warm water and set aside until defrosted. Whirl them in blender or food processor with1/2 cup water until puréed. Set puréed peas aside.

Bring the broth to a boil in a small saucepan. Set aside.

Heat the oil in a small Dutch oven or large, heavy saucepan. Sauté the onion until it is translucent, 3 minutes. Mix in 1 tablespoon of the parsley and cook 1 minute longer. Mix in rice, cooking it over medium heat until half the grains turn opaque, 1 minute. Add/2 cup of hot broth, and cook until the rice is almost dry, about 6-8 minutes. Pour in all the remaining broth, and the pureed peas. When the liquid boils, cover, reduce heat, and simmer the rice 20-35 minutes. Add remaining peas. Simmer, uncovered, until rice is al dente, 20-25 minutes. (The finished dish should be somewhat "soupy.")

Off the heat, mix in the cheese and remaining parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper and divide the risotto among four shallow, wide bowls. Serve immediately.

Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 303 calories, 8 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 46 g. carbohydrate, 13 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 643 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

#### Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

**Cooking 101: Skill Development** 

Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques, and how to properly use basic knives and hand tools. To make sure you stay healthy and happy, discover safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. This two-day course, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, is a prerequisite for all Schoolcraft College's Culinary Education hands-on Culinary Arts classes or you'll need chef's approval for those classes. Cooking 101 is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 and 5-9 p.m Wednesday, Sept. 21. Fee is \$105 and \$84 for seniors.

**Swiss Chocolates** Acquire chocolate knowledge Enjoy demonstrations of how to temper chocolate, produce hollow shells, dip chocolate, and caramel dipping techniques.Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 and taught by certified master pastry chef Joe Decker. Fee is \$98 and \$78.40 for seniors. Hands-On

Note Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101. Skill Development class listed above or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others International Breads, 5-9 pm, Thursday, Oct. 6; Cooking with an Asian Flair, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 11, Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two

#### **CALENDAR**

days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m Saturday, Oct 22. Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights The classes will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes. Cost is \$162 for seven sessions. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna will be the instructors.

Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment. Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America

#### Classes in the series are:

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An Introduction to Wine, 7:30-10 p.m. Sept. 14 (one session, \$29). Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction into the world of wine, suited for both the novice as well as the slightly experienced. This is a great foundation course for taking further wine classes. Topics include wine grapes varieties, wine making techniques, types of wines and wine labels, and proper wine storage. Evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions around the world. Learn to identify and read wine labels and order from a restaurant wine list.

California and the Pacific Northwest, Sept. 21 (one session, \$29). Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington state. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions. Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimally match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included.

French Wines, Sept. 28 (one session, \$26) Receive an introduction to wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser-known areas. Learn about the variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted.



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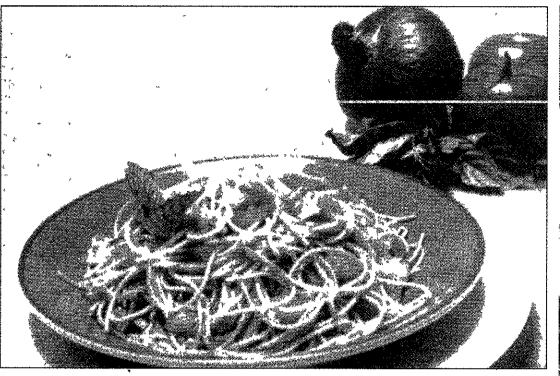


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¾ pounds whole-grain spaghetti

In a glass, ceramic or plastic

with the salt, onion and 2 table-

Meanwhile, boil a large pot

ti al dente according to pack-

the pasta with the remaining

Mix the parsley and basil into

cruda over the warm pasta. Toss

the entire mixture to blend well.

Per serving: 325 calories, 9 g.

total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 54 g.

carbohydrate, 11 g. protein, 10 g.

dietary fiber, 478 mg. sodium.

age directions. Drain the

spaghetti and turn it into a

tablespoon of oil to keep it

with pepper. Pour the salsa

Serve immediately.

Makes 5 servings.

from sticking together.

bowl, combine the tomatoes

fresh basil

minutes.

Freshly ground pepper

A summer salsa cruda is a good way to get great nutrition as well as great taste. Salsa cruda goes well with pasta and fish, on slices of grilled or toasted garlic bread, and combined with crumbled feta cheese or diced mozzarella and sprinkled over a salad.

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sprinkle it over a salad. Fresh summer tomatoes are high in health benefits as well as flavor.

Lycopene, the substance that gives tomatoes and other red or pink fruit their characteristic color, is a powerful antioxidant that neutralizes molecules that would otherwise react with and damage cells. Lycopene seems to reduce growth of prostate cancer cells, for example.

Serving salsa cruda with whole-grain pasta further enhances the health benefits of the meal.

New research reported by the American Institute for Cancer Research shows that whole grains have powerful antioxidants and cancer-fighting agents that went undocu-

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mented for years. Whole grains, the study found, exhibit a level of anticancer activity that is equal to, and sometimes greater than, the level known to occur in produce.

A whole grain has three parts: endosperm, bran and germ. When wheat - or any grain - is refined, the bran and germ - which contains most of the nutrients and fiber - are removed.

A summer salsa cruda is a good way to get great nutrition as well as great taste.

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### **COOKING CALENDAR**

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Madeleine Kamman His well-rounded career includes working as chef de cuisine and as a pastry chef in gourmet restaurants as well as corporate and private settings. Freeman recently received the prestigious international Association of Culinary Professionals Pastry Award to study at Ecole Lenotre in Paris



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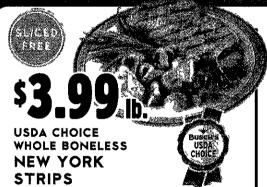
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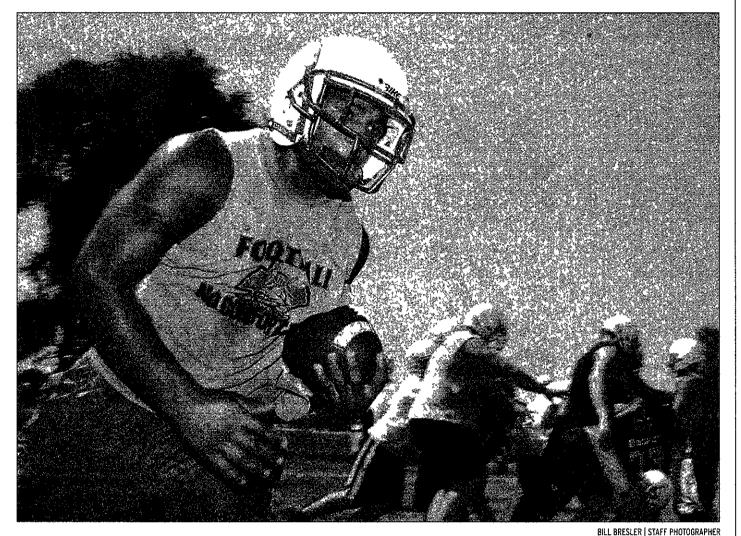
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**VOLLEYBALL** – Wildcats capture 3-on-3 crown



## - 2005 Prep Football Preview ------



Junior running back Deshon McClendon's combination of power and speed will make him a one of the main threats for the Canton football team this fall. McClendon will double as the Chiefs' free safety on the defensive side of the ball.



# Perennially strong Canton guns for another stellar season

BY ED WRIGHT

For Canton's 2005 football team, the upcoming season will mark a changing of the guards ... and tackles, tight ends and center.

Following a script that has been successfully followed the past few years, the Chiefs will rely on an entirely new offensive line to plow running lanes for their talented crew of running backs.

two one-loss seasons, it will be far from vulnerable.

"The past three years or so we've had all seniors starting on the offensive line and defensive backfield," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "We've had some decent juniors in the past, but they weren't quite ready to start. The seniors we've called on have been inexperienced, but they've taken the opportunity we've given them, stepped up and made things happen."

Ĉanton cruised through its first 10

Chiefs were derailed by Novi, 20-0, in the second round of the Division 1 playoffs when they were stopped on two separate drives at the Wildcats' 1-yard line.

"Last year, we knew we were going to be strong defensively because we had six or seven starters back from the year before," Baechler said. "Our offensive line seemed to get stronger every week and we got on a nice roll. I have high expectations for this year's team as well." Half of the Chiefs' starting offensive

backfield – senior quarterback Shawn

# Refunds to be offered by PCJBA

<sup>4</sup> Long-awaited refunds will be issued within the next couple of weeks to players who registered several months ago to play in the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association's spring league.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

That is the pledge from longtime PCJBA President Al Flower, who said no league games were played in the spring due to a lack of facilities.

Several coaches and parents of players who had signed up to play in the spring high school basketball league contacted the *Observer* throughout the summer to express concern about the lack information regarding the league's future and refunds.

"We weren't able to go through with the league because we were unable to secure gym space," said Flower, who has been affiliated with the PCJBA for over 30 years. "Although we don't have a refund policy, we will do one of two things for the people who paid for the spring league: We will refund their money or they can put the money towards our fall league.

"By the end of this month or the beginning of September, I will be contacting the players who paid for the spring league to see what they want to do."

Flower said there's a chance the PCJBA has seen its final games.

"If we don't have any more leagues, than everyone will get the refund."

The registration fee for the spring league was \$115. Flower said approximately 30 players signed up to play in the league with games originally slated to begin in early April.

The start date got pushed back to mid-July at one point before Flower canceled the league altogether.

"We were going to play games at the Salvation Army in Plymouth, but then we found out that wasn't available when we needed it," Flower said. "We were going to move it back to the summer, but we weren't able to find any gyms. The low number of players we had sign up was a problem, too."

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### 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 years old for Tball, 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

Summit on the Park in Canton or by visiting the Web site www.csc.cantonmi.org; or call (734) 394-5489.

The deadline for registering is Aug. 26.

### Roush open house

The Roush Racing Collection Facility will stage an open house and cruise-in style event from 5 p.m. until dark tonight.

The self-led museum tour is available for free. A special engine build demonstration and live run will begin at 6 p.m. with a live run of the engine to follow.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase, along with Roush Racing merchandise. The Portable Chassis Dynamometer will also be available to employees for a discounted fee of \$60 (cash or credit). The fee covers three power runs, along with a data sheet to provide your horsepower and torgue.

While the new O-line will lack game experience, based on the Chiefs' last

games last season, outscoring opponents by an average margin of 44-8. The

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Omietanski edges Lucko for O&E golf title



Jim Omietanski of Livonia

earned his first O&E Golf

championship flight title.

**Tournament men's** 

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

New Observer & Eccentric men's golf champion Jim Omietanski certainly had plenty of empathy for his younger adversary, Livonia Churchill High School junior Tommy Lučko. It seemed Omietanski was always in the hunt during his previous attempts in the men's championship flight of the Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament, only to come up short.

But on Sunday he made up three shots over the final two holes in regulation and won in a playoff over Lucko for his first O&E title ever at Fox Creek Golf Course.

"Tve taken second, third and fifth (last year), but never won it," said Omietanski, a 45-year-old supervisor with Ford. "I birdied the two par-5s. It was nothing fancy at all, I just got up-anddown. I was just steady the whole day."

Omietanski carded identical 72s for a two-day total of 144 in the tourney which started Saturday at the city of Livonia's Whispering Willows and ended Sunday at Fox Creek.

Lucko, who led the field with a

69 on Saturday, shot 75 on Sunday. He carried a three-shot advantage heading into the 379yard, No. 17 hole, but Omietanski sank a long putt for a birdie to pull within two and got a break on 406-yard, par-4 No. 18 when Lucko double-bogeyed after sending his tee shot to the base of a tree down the right-side rough. "He's get game he just get a

"He's got game, he just got a bad break on No. 18 when he hit the tree," Omietanski said of Lucko. "He (Lucko) played awesome, he just had one bad hole, really just one bad shot on No. 18. The second shot (on No. 18) he just wanted to advance it and he had a tough up-and-down." When the two went to the 369yard, par-4, No. 10 for a playoff, Omietanski's drive landed in the ninth fairway, while Lucko's tee shot found a mound in the left rough just inside of 150 yards.

With both scrambling to make par, Omietanski's second shot fell short of the green, while Lucko's sailed over on the back side just off the green.

Both had nearly the same distance in their short approach attempts, but Lucko had little green to work with, while

PLEASE SEE TITLE, C3

# **Czech trip memorable for P-C hockey players**

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Unforgettable memories far outnumbered victories for three Plymouth-Canton student-athletes who traveled to the Czech Republic last week for an international female hockey tournament.

But Emily Patton, Tara Boliard and Kelli Bargowski weren't com-\* plaining about the lack of wins – not after experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime trip that included competition against Olympic-caliber skaters, fascinating tours of Prague and upclose encounters with a culture most of their peers will only read about in textbooks.

"The entire trip was a great learning experience," said Patton, a sophomore-to-be at Salem. "It was fun and different. Even though our team didn't do as well as we would have liked, we had a blast."

Patton, Boliard and Bargowski

were members of Team USA-Midwest, a select squad of high school hockey players from Wayne and Oakland counties who were assembled in June to compete in the weeklong 2005 Czech Hockey Challenge Cup, which attracted premier teams from Russia, Finland, Sweden, Canada and the Czech Republic.

#### WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING

The team lost all seven games it played, but the on-ice results were secondary to the off-ice memories the players gathered.

"The entire trip was a wonderful experience for all of us," said Team-USA Midwest coach Judy Rounsifer, the girls hockey coach at Farmington Hills Mercy. "The girls got to play against some of the top Russian players out there and they never quit, never gave up."

The United States players got a taste of the stiff competition not long

after their plane set down in Prague, following a 10-hour-plus flight from Detroit Metro Airport.

"We were pretty tired when we arrived at the rink for what we thought was going to be a practice," remembered Boliard, who posted four goals during the week. "It turned out to be an exhibition game against the top Russian team. They were very good. Whenever they passed the puck, they knew one of their teammates was going to be there.

"The Russian players were really nice. After the game, they gave us bandanas and we gave them Plymouth Whalers stuff."

#### ROUGH AND READY

Boliard said the style of play was more physical than she was used to seeing this past season while skating for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

PLEASE SEE **Hockey, C6** 



High school hockey players (kneeling from left to right) Emily Patton (Plymouth), Tara Boliard (Canton), Catherine LaGrasso (Rochester Hills) and Kelly Bargowski (Canton) represented the United States in last week's international tournament in the Czech Republic. The team was coached by Judy Rounsifer (standing) from Farmington Mercy. Door prizes are also available, including a pair of MIS grandstand seats for the GFS Marketplace 400 on Sunday at Michigan International Speedway. Drawings will be staged at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (must be present to win).

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#### **Baseball tryouts**

The Canton Alley Cats 12U baseball team will hold a tryout on Sunday, Aug. 21, at Flodin Park in Canton from 4-7 p.m. Players interested in playing for the team during the 2006 season should pre-register prior to the tryout. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 673-4432.

Tryouts for the Plymouth Canton Cardinals under-13 travel baseball team will be from 1-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 20-21, at Flodin Field, located on Saltz between Sheldon and Lilly Roads. All players must be

born after April 30, 1992. Call Doug Heuer at (248) 763-2850.

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Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy? Or do you have an interesting, sports-related hobby or job? If so, contact *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright so he can let the community know about it in a future feature story.

Call him at (734) 953-2108; or e-mail him at ewright@oe.homecomm.n et.

#### **CHIEFS AT A GLANCE**

Head coach: Tim Baechler 2004 record: 10-1 overall: 5-0 in FROM PAGE CI Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA champions; lost in second round of Division playoffs, 20-0, to Novi).

Players on varsity roster: 70 Returning starters: 2 on offense; 3 on defense. Key returners: QB Shawn Little, **RB/DB** Deshon McClendon, **RB/DE Andv Rossow. OLB Jeff** Piper, DB Matt Sweda. Circle this date: Aug. 26 - season-opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Pioneers led Canton, 6-0, at halftime last season before the Chiefs stormed back to win, 26-6. Memorable stat: Outscored opponents 445-86 in 2004. Noteworthy fact: Members of this year's junior class went 9-0 both at freshmen and junior varsity levels.

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Little (6-foot-1, 175 pounds) and senior running back Andy Rossow (5-11, 175) - return this season. The strong-armed, fleet-footed Little is a rare, three-vear starter, so there won't be many situations that crop up this fall that he hasn't already faced.

Joining them in the starting backfield will be junior Deshon McClendon (5-6, 170), who registered considerable playing time as a sophomore. Like Rossow, McClendon offers a potent mix of power and speed that make bringing him down about as easy as tackling the Tanzanian Devil.

The battle for the third starting running-back slot was ongoing as of Monday night, Baechler said.

The Chiefs' seven-man offensive line will be anchored by four seniors and three juniors. Manning the tackles positions will be seniors Ryan Jonik (6-5, 302) and Joe Zugaj (6-0, 220). Senior Mike Edwards (5-10, 190) and junior Keil Price (5-10, 190) earned starting berths



Little's primary passing targets will be starting junior tight ends Brandon Fender (5-

11, 210) and Bill Turner (6-1, 185). Junior Colin O'Shaunessy (6-0, 215) will also see ample time at receiver, Baechler said.

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275) will start

the year snapping the ball to

Canton's defensive line will include Rossow at one end along with junior tackles Donnie Laramie (6-3, 295) and Wardell Fuqua (5-10, 275). Jonik will also see considerable time on both sides of the ball.

The Chiefs' corps of linebackers will consist of senior Jeff Piper (6-3, 210), O'Shaunessy, senior Marwan Faraj (5-10, 175), senior Kyle O'Neil (5-10, 185) and Edwards.

The defensive backfield will be made of returning senior starter Matt Sweda (5-11, 175), who will fill the strong safety or "Chief" position, and a trio

of juniors - cornerbacks Chris Woudstra (5-10, 165), Chris Bogdanski (5-9, 165) and McClendon, the team's free safety.

"Overall, I think we're going to be bigger and faster defensively this year than we've been the past two years," said Baechler.

Punter Brian Dean and place-kickers Erik McKee and O'Shaunessy will ignite the Chiefs' special-teams units.

The Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, which the Chiefs have dominated the past several years, could be up for grabs between several teams this season, Baechler forecasted.

"Walled Lake Western, Wayne Memorial, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth should all be improved this year," he said. "There may be a lot of teams that are right there." Canton opens Aug. 26 at home against Ann Arbor

Pioneer. They were tough last year and they'll be tough this year,"

Baechler said.

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# Armstrong's golden at World U-18 event

When Plymouth Whalers center John Armstrong reports to the team's training camp in two weeks, he should arrive with a lot of confidence.

Armstrong – playing for Canada in the World Under-18 Junior Cup — was part of a gold medal effort as Canada defeated the Czech Republic, 5-3, on Sunday in the title game in Piestany, Slovakia.

"Winning this tournament was one of the biggest thrills of my hockey career," Armstrong said from his home in Unionville, Ontario. "We won because we worked harder than the other teams."

The Under-18 Junior World Cup tournament features many of the top 17-year-old hockey players in the world, including several young men who play in the Ontario Hockey League. Besides Armstrong, other OHL players skating for Canada included forwards Jordan Staal (Peterborough), Jamie McGinn (Ottawa), Cory Emmerton (Kingston) and defensemen John de Gray (Brampton) and Ben Shutron (Kingston). All of the other Canadian players except Jonathan Toews play in the affiliated leagues of the OHL, the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior League.

The Canadian team was coached by Sarnia Sting head coach Shawn Camp.



"This is a great tournament for our team," Camp said in a Hockey Canada press release. We play the

best teams Armstrong from Europe

and the U.S. It's a great measuring stick for our young players in the program of excellence with the goal that we develop these players for the national junior team."

Canada won the tournament for the ninth time in the last 10 years. Team USA finished 1-1-1 in the tournament, which put it out of the running for a medal.

Although he scored twice in the tournament, Armstrong played much of the time on a checking line with Peterborough's Jordan Staal and Brady Calla of the Western Hockey League's Everett Silvertips.

"We were the biggest line (physically) in the tournament," Armstrong said. "Our job was to get the puck in deep and try to keep it there."

In the meantime, Armstrong and the rest of the Whalers will get a couple of weeks to rest before reporting to training camp later this month.

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# Terek finishes 13th at World track meet

#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek knows he can do better and there's room for improvement.

The 2004 Olympic decathlete from Livonia Franklin High and Michigan State just returned from a 13th-place finish in the IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki, Finland frustrated and disappointed with his showing.

Fellow American Bryan Clay, a silver medalist in last year's Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, unseated gold medalist Roman S'ebrle of the Czech Republic for the title with 8,732 points. S'ebrle was runnerup with 8,521 and Attila Szivoczky of Hungary was third with 8,385. "(Bryan) Clay did a great job," Terek said. "(Clay) is probably one of the most hard-working guys. He's definitely talented. He's very focused. He's very determined."

in the vault - completely ridiculous, I have never jumped in worse conditions - didn't even provide an opportunity for things to go better the second day.

Helsinki was plagued by plenty of rain, wind and cool temperatures. "Because of my inconsistencies, these outside factors just made it that much more difficult to compete in," Terek said. "I think the most disappointing thing about this trip is that I'm tired of just making the teams and not performing at the big meets. You know how I was in high school and college. I pride

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Terek's total was 7,921, well below his personal best 8,312 set in last year's U.S. Olympic Trials. (He was 21st in the Olympics.)

Terek's meet opened with promise Tuesday morning as he ran a 10.83 in the 100-meter dash and picked up 899 points.

"I seemed to start out well, but my problem all year has been consistency in the technical events," Terek said. "My running shape and form have greatly improved since I have been back working with my old college coach (Darroll Gatson). But the field events, specifically the technical aspects of those events, have suffered since there has been nobody working with me." Terek was on target for a top-

10 finish after the first five events on Tuesday with a total of 4,142 points, but he slipped to 3,779 on Wednesday.

"I think my 100 was the only real satisfying event for me at the Championships," he said. " I mean, with the exception of the shot put, my first day was right where I had predicted it.

"Then the huge headwinds in the (110) hurdles, the rain in the discus, and headwind and rain / myself on showing up and competing and succeeding when the big games or meets come. And that hasn't been the case lately.

So what does the future hold for the former Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Year from MSU?

It's back to the drawing board. Terek is unsure where he's train in the future. He moved back this season to train in East Lansing after spending the Olympic year training on the year-round, ideal climate of San Luis Obispo, Calif. (under the guidance of jumps and throws coach Sheldon Blockburger, who is now at the University of Arizona).

"When I get back, my immediate plans are to take a month to six weeks off and just work at Home Depot," Terek said. "After that, I'm starting training again for next year and doing tons of work on the technical aspects of each event. Since there are no worlds next year, the only thing I am changing is my competition schedule. I'll maybe do one more meet in Europe instead of USA."

Although this decathlon season was injury-plagued early on, Terek refused to make excuses.

"To be honest, this is the healthiest I've been since college," he said. "My shoulder is coming back and I am feeling great in terms of flexibility and mobility. Ironically, the year I am healthy is the year I can't get anyone to help me in my (technical) events."

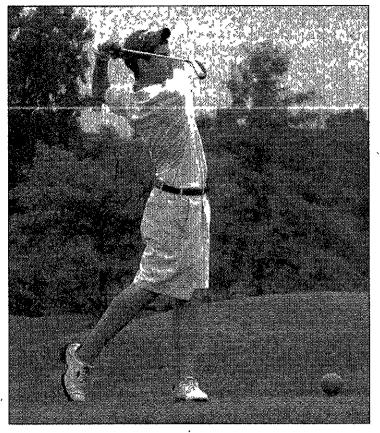
# PCA linksters drop opener

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team opened its season Tuesday afternoon with a 340-369 setback to Oakland Christian. The match was played at Bald Mountain Golf Course.

"Southfield Christian is usually the No. 1 team in our conference (the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference), but Oakland Christian is always right there too," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston.

The Eagles were paced by sophomore Ross Gerulis, who fired a nine-over 81. Mitch Geracz (91), Derek Elenbaas (91) and Aaron Lorincz (106) also scored for PCA.

Oakland was led by match medalist Sean Gillesby, who carded a 78. Also scoring for the winners were Mike Stine (80), Justin Zehtabzadeh  $(\overline{89})$  and Alex Coyle (93).



Livonia Churchill junior-to-be Tommy Lucko saw a three-stroke lead slip through his grasp over the final two holes Sunday of the O&E golf tourney.

# TITLE

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Omietanski, with plenty of green in front of him, stuck his chip within six inches.

Lucko's 7-foot putt for par then rolled past the hole and Omietanski tapped in to secure the win.

"I play Fox Creek Tuesday nights in the Ford Engine Design League, so I know the course fairly well," said Omietanski, a 1-handicapper who played three years of golf at Dearborn Fordson High and one year at Henry Ford Community College. "The big thing was to get up-and-down on No. 18. I hit a 6-iron for the (par) save.

"They had some good ones (pin placements). Paul (Worley, the tourney director) had it tricked up pretty good out there."

Omietanski took home the first-place trophy and a \$180 gift certificate, while Lucko settled for a \$140 gift certificate and the runner-up trophy.

Madonna University's Justin Goyt and Ryan Ossenmacher tied for third at 147, each earning \$100 gift certificates.

Although Lucko categorized his O&E finish as "horrible" and graded himself a "B" for his overall performance, it's been a productive summer for

#### He also earned a trip to the Optimist International Junior Tournament at PGA National in West Palm Beach, Fla., after qualifying at the Highlands in Grand Rapids.

"That's the first time I ever played with him ... he can putt," Omietanski said of Lucko. "He's definitely got a future in this game."

Defending champion Gary Kraus of Livonia, who fired a 78 in the opening round, could not play Sunday and had to withdraw.

# Habit-forming

GOLF

# Cordes, Jacobs repeat at O&E golf tournament

#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Winning the Observer & Eccentric golf tournament is becoming a habit for men's first flight winner Dale Cordes of White Lake and women's championship flight winner Janina Jacobs of Livonia.

Cordes earned his third straight O&E title by edging Jim Matthews by a stroke in the two-day tournament.

Cordes, who carries a 9handicap, started with an 80 in Saturday's opening round at Whispering Willows and finished with an 82 Sunday at Fox Creek for a 162 total, one stroke ahead of runner-up Jim Matthews and three shots up on third-place finisher Jim Dolmetsch.

"I did not putt worth beans," said Cordes, a technician at Toyota. "The (two) courses (Whispering Willows and Fox Creek) played well. There were a lot of tough pin placements. That was the consensus. Nobody putted well."

Cordes, who has placed in Michigan Publinx tourneys, enjoyed the day overall.

"The group that was tied (the first day) played together and that made it competitive," he said.

A year ago, Jacobs won by seven strokes, but on Saturday at Whispering Willows outlast-



Janina Jacobs successfully defended her title at the 2005 0&E women's golf tournament Aug. 13-14.

ed Susan Macinkowicz (Chesterfield Township) in a playoff after both shot 79s in regulation. Molly Gibson (Livonia) was third with an 82. She won an \$80 gift certifi-

cate and trophy, while Gibson took low net (\$50 gift certifi-

cate and trophy). Meanwhile, Elaine Crawford

(Livonia) emerged as the women's first flight champion with a 97, two strokes better than Peggy Stevens (Livonia). Crawford won a \$50 gift certificate and trophy.

### **O&E GOLF RESULTS**

#### 2005 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS Aug. 13 at Whispering Willows Aug. 14 at Fox Creek

Aug. 14 at Fox Creek MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Jim Omientanski, 72-72-144 (won playoff); 2. Tommy Lucko, 69-75-144; 3. (tie) Justin Goyt, 73-74-147; Ryan Ossenmacher, 74-73-147; 5. Chaz Kornegay, 72-77-149; 6. Chris Kiehler, 77-75-152; 7. Paul Rys, 78-76-154; 8. Krls Tennyson, 78-77-155; 9. Alex McLuckie, 81-75-156; 10. (tie) Mike Dolmetsch, 80-78-158; John Corrigan, 78-80-158; 12. Steve Robinson, 82-78-160; 13. (tie) Bill Jardine, 83-79-162; Dennis Kitchen, 84-78-162; Bruce West, 77-85-162; 16. Kirk Osler, 85-80-165; 17. Matt Robinson, 89-87-176; 18. Matt Courtright, 93-85-178; 19. Colin Fitzgerald, 92-88-180; 20. David Lave, 90-95-185.

MEN'S FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Dale Cordes, 80-82-162; 2. Jim Matthews, 77-86-163; 3. Jim Dolmetsch, 83-82-165; 4. Albert Patrash, 82-84-166; 5. (tie) Ron Russ, 84-84-168; Dan Omientanski, 83-85-168; James Mlynarczyk, 80-88-168; Ty Iles, 83-55-168; 9. Peter Mianowski, 85-84-169; 10. Charles Bridges, 88-82-170; 11. Steve Anton, 84-87-171; 12. Nikos Moutafis, 89-83-172; 13. (tie) Brian Hoff, 88-87-175; Craig Nehasil, 92-83-175; 15. Craig Tripp, 87-89-161. Ered Gunderson, 86-94-180; 17. Mike Zammitt, 89-92-181; 18. Sam Williams, 91-92-183; 19. Fred Korte, 97-91-188; 20. Tayfun Oender, 95-97-192.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Janina Jacobs, 79 (won playoffs); 2. Susan Macinkowicz, 79; 2. Molly Gibson, 82; 4. Nancy Rhatigan, 91. WOMEN'S FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Elaine Crawford, 97;

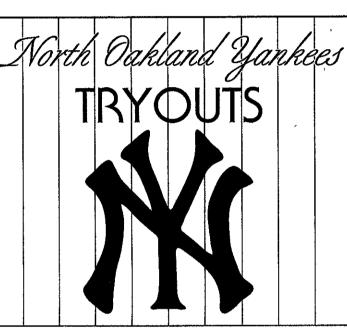
WOMEN'S FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Elaine Crawford, 97; 2. Peggy Stevens, 99; 3. Carol Johns, 104; 5. Angela Corrigan, 115.

MEN'S LOW NET (CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT): 1. Paul Rys, 140; 2. (tie) Chaz Kornegay and Rick Wheeler, 143 each.

MEN'S LOW NET (FIRST FLIGHT): 1. Al Putrash, 150; 2. Ty Iles, 114; 3. James Miynarczyk, 146.







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the Churchill standout, who was a Division I state tourney qualifier as a sophomore. Earlier this summer, Lucko

Earlier this summer, Lucko finished third at the Golf Association of Michigan Junior event, while adding a second and a pair of thirds on the Power Bilt Junior Tour.





### VOLLEYBALL

# Wildcats capture 3-on-3 crown

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

A trio of Plymouth High School student-athletes proved to be fast-learners Sunday at the inaugural High School Summer Challenge, a 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament held at Hines Park.

Plymouth seniors Brandi Swyhart, Jeanine Moise and Sarah Haskins - all of whom are members of the Wildcats' varsity volleyball team - captured the event's Division 1

championship by going 5-1 in pool play before ousting a squad from Northville in the finals.

"It's more intense than playing six-on-six because you have to cover a lot more ground," said Swyhart, who captained the champion Sand Kickers. "This was our first three-onthree tournament, so we went over to Freedom Park a few times to get used to playing on sand. It's a lot harder than playing in the gym. It was fun though."







Fourteen teams from throughout metropolitan Detroit competed in the inaugural Summer Challenge 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament Sunday in Hines Park. The tournament was won by the Sand Kickers, a team made up of Plymouth High School varsity volleyball players.

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The final match against Northville's Untamed couldn't have been more dramatic. Untamed led, 14-13, in the third-and-deciding game before the Sand Kickers rallied behind the serving of Moise to win the last three points and the game, 16-14. Untamed consisted of three Northville High School players - juniors Joanna Foss, Elise Fleishaker and Amanda Marquardt.

"Northville beat us twice last year during the high school season, so we were really motivated to win this time," said Swyhart. "We got down on ourselves a few times after we lost points, but our parents kept reminding us that we

were still in it."

Fourteen teams competed in the tournament. Several suburban Detroit cities were represented, including Novi, Troy, Livonia, Ypsilanti, Commerce and Farmington Hills.

"This was the first tournament of its kind that we've hosted, and we're hoping it will be an annual event," said Christina Ortega, the organizer of the Summer Challenge. "Everything turned out very well. Raid was predicted, but it held off for more of the day. There was a light sprinkle during the break between the pool play and playoffs, but that was it.

The Division II competition

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Plymouth High School varsity volleyball players (left to right) Sarah Haskins, Brandi Swyhart and Jeanine Moise teamed up to win the inaugural Summer Challenge 3-on-3 sand volleyball tournament Sunday at Hines Park. The three Wildcats edged a team from Northville in a three-game final.

> was won by the Dearbornbased Thunderchix. They went undefeated on the day and upended the Saline Sand Fleas in the championship match. Anyone who may be inter-

ested in entering next year's tournament can e-mail Ortega at chrissyortega@yahoo.com. Information regarding the 2006 event will be mailed out in the spring.

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### No stopping these Bullets

The Livonia Bullets, an over-30 men's soccer team, captured the Michigan Soccer Association Tournament of Champions July 9-10 in Canton. The Bullets are the defending champions of the Michigan United Soccer League, the state's largest adult soccer league with over 1,300 players. The teams consists of Russ Ganz, player-coach Rick Hammers, Viorel Stavar, Manny Murua, Joe Nora, Jeff Gold, Andy Cosenza, Rich Kulczycki, Gary Mexicotte, Jack McBride, Boris Andrikos, Henry Klimes, Gary Reynolds, Tom Derdelakos, Ryan Carriere, John Dyer, Matt Gold, Mike Gold, Zoran Ljubevic, Joe Sebestyen, Brent Wasik and Wayne Worosz.

## HOCKEY

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"They played really aggressive over there, especially the Russians," said Boliard, who will be a senior at Canton in the fall. "I got called for a couple of roughing penalties because they were so big and so fast that you had to battle them for 20 seconds sometimes to try and get control of the puck."

While the on-ice competition couldn't have been much better, there was room for improvement when it came to cuisine, the Plymouth-Canton players agreed.

"For breakfast, we could either eat eggs or this weird cereal that you had to pour at least 10 packets of sugar on to make it taste OK,"

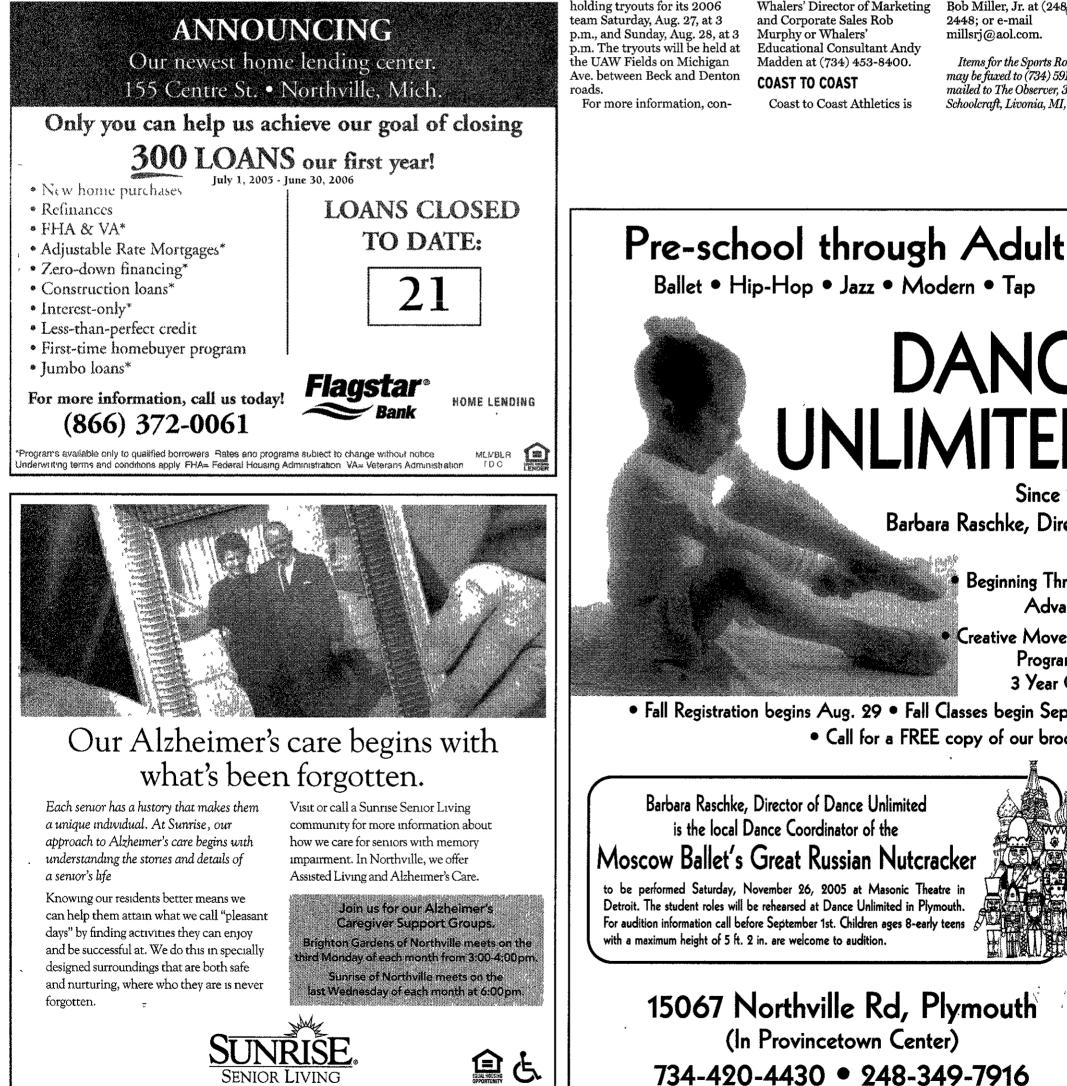
Patton said, chuckling. "I usually went with the cereal. For dinner, they usually had chicken and potatoes. I probably lost about 10 pounds during the trip.

"They had McDonald's over there, but the food wasn't anything like it is at McDonald's in the United States. One of the different things they had was pizza nuggets."

Both Boliard and Patton said they wouldn't hesitate to return to Prague for a future tournament.

"In the beginning of the week, I couldn't wait to be able to go back home," Boliard admitted. "But by the end of the week, I didn't want to leave. I made a lot of good friends. When I had to say goodbye, I cried at the airport."

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#### **PLYMOUTH NEEDS CHEER COACHES**

Plymouth High School is hiring assistant coaches for its freshmen, junior-varsity and varsity cheer teams. For more information, contact Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

#### **GRIZZLIES TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth Grizzlies 11U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for its 2006 team on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on diamond #2 at Plymouth Township Park (McClumpha Park), which is located on Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck Rd.

All players must be 11 years old or younger on April 30, 2006.

For more information, visit the Web site www.eteamz.com/plymouthgrizzlies; or send an e-mail to Sudzy190@aol.com.

#### **PC PRIDE TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Pride girls fast-pitch softball teams will be held Aug. 27-30 on fields 9-12 of the Canton Sports Complex, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave. The Pride sponsor teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions.

Registration for the Aug. 27 and 28 tryouts begins at 1 p.m. with the actual tryouts slated to be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryouts will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m with registration starting at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the team's Web site: www.eteamz.com/pcpride; or

call Denny Taylor at (734) 667-

4257.

#### PANTHERS TRYOUTS

The Canton Panthers 14U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for its 2006 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. The tryouts will be held at the UAW Fields on Michigan Ave. between Beck and Denton

tact Don Staley at (734) 416-8375 or Tom Byrne at (734) 981-3191.

#### SALEM FOOTBALL NOTICE

All former Salem and Plymouth High School football players who would like to be included in a "Where are they now?" feature in the 2005 Salem Rocks football game program are encouraged to contact Linda Sorensen at (734) 476-3903 or e-mail sorensenfamily@comcast.net no later than Aug. 20.

#### WOLVES TRYOUTS

The Michigan Wolves, a 14and-under baseball team will be staging 2006 season tryouts during the last weekend in August. The Wolves are seeking two solid players after finishing the 2005 season with an overall record of 43-6 and a fifth-place out of 40 teams at AAYBA World Series in St. Louis, Mo.

For more information, call Tim Broughton (734) 645-9033; or visit www.miwolves.com.

#### WHALERS GOLF

Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers' eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville.

Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers' Player Education Fund.

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

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

#### **COAST TO COAST**

Coast to Coast Athletics is

recruiting baseball players, ages 11-18, to represent the USA in Puerto Rico, Australia and Hawaii during 2006. The tour will last roughly two weeks with intensive training and cultural excursions. Tryouts in Michigan will be held at Oakland Community College (Aug. 26), Michigan State University (Aug. 27), Central Michigan University (Aug. 27) and Western Michigan University (Aug. 28). Cost is \$25 per each open tryout.

For complete details, including exact starting times and field locations, call (740) 373-4455, or visit www.CoastToCoast.com.

#### MARCH OF DIMES

**Detroit Pistons President of Basketball Operation Joe** Dumars will be the honored guest at the 25th annual WJR/Arvin Mentor March of Dimes Celebrity Golf Classic, which will be held Aug. 23 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Orion Township. Individual playing spots are still available at \$420 and Corporate fivesomes are at available \$2,125. Spectator tickets are also on sale. For further information. call (888) 663-4637, or visit www.marchofdimes.com.

#### **UDM BASEBALL OUTING**

University of Detroit Mercy baseball alumni and friends will hold a golf outing Monday, Sept. 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course, located on Six Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads, in Redford Township.

A dinner will follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road, just north of Grand River, in Farmington Hills.

For more information, call Bob Miller, Jr. at (248) 568-2448; or e-mail millsrj@aol.com.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS – AUGUST 9, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**<u>Roll Call</u>** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Bill Serchak, Engineering

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda deleting General Calendar Items G-10 Approve Landscaping at Rotary Club Clerk Island and G-11 General Fund Budget Amendment – Assessor's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the amended Board Study Session Minutes of July 20, 2005 to read "Treasurer Kirchgatter stated her concerns and indicated the Township has encouraged less signage and/or smaller signage on Ford Road". Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of July 26, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** Bob McCausland, 211 Lotz Road, attended the Bike Path revitalization meeting in Northville Township would like to see a study session on the bike path in the future.

**Payment of Bills**<sup>\*</sup> Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for August 9, 2005 General Fund 101 \$890,455.27, Fire Fund 206 54,351.78, Police Fund 207 91,262.34, Summit Operating 208 70,433.12, Street Lighting 219 18,511.39, Cable TV Fund 230 1,586.07, Public Improvement 245 5,300.00, E-911 Utility 261 753.29, Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 738.38, Federal Grants Fund 274 368.30, Auto Theft Grant 289 1,962.77, Downtown Dev. Authority 294 22,738.93, Cap Proj Road Paving 403 6,610.00, Golf Fund 584 34,576.09, Water & Sewer Fund 592 1,075,518.67, Trust & Agency Fund 701 10.758.00, Construction Escrows 702 58,682.21, Post 736 36,882.94, Saltz Road Paving Employment Benefits 803 440.00, Cherry Hill Road SAD 815 11,308.00, Total - All Funds \$2,893,237.55

**PUBLIC HEARING:** 1. PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR LOTUS INTERNATIONAL COMPANY. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Lotus International Company. Motion carried unanimously. No one spoke in opposition of this tax abatement for Lotus International Company. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Lotus International Company. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Lotus International Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF LOTUS INTERNATIONAL COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and,

WHEREAS, Lotus International Company has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their new their facility located within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on August 9, 2005 at the Canton

Township Administration Building, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before June 21, 2005, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will

was for a 10 year payback period. Mr. Castello inquired why this change in term was not communicated to the Association before now. Terry Chen, 8146 Steven Court, stated she personally visited every home in the North Pointe Subdivision and gathered all the signatures. The Association sold this proposal to the residents based on a 10 year payback term. Ms. Chen stated before the Board can go forward on this change in term an agreement from the residents needs to be obtained. A motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to table and spread the assessment to the roll over a five year period. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 5 NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2004-4

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a **Regular** meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Board Meeting Room at 1150 Canton Center South in said Township on the **9th** day of **August**, 2005, at 7:00 **p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: None The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_and supported by Member \_\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Township Board has had prepared said special assessment roll for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain improvements as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Special Assessment Roll No. 2004-4," and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2004-4."

2. Said Special Assessment Roll No. 2004-4, in the amount of 32,880.00, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed.

3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into two (2) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on **December 1, 2005**, at the rate of **five percent (5%)** per annum, said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date; provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township.

4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby rescinded.

#### AYES: NAYS:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.** Township Clerk

#### EXHIBIT A NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2004-4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves the repair of concrete roads, sidewalks and installation of road signs, including removal and replacement of approximately 4,600 square feet of 7inch Concrete Road with integral curb and gutter, 200 square feet of 4-inch concrete sidewalk, installation of 15 "No Parking Fire Lane" street signs, removal and replacement of one stop sign by a yield sign, replacement of two street name signs, and installation of one "No Trucks" sign.

ASSESSMENT ROLL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: North Pointe Subdivision, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan SIDWELL NUMBERS 71-014-01-0001, 71-014-01-0002, 71-014-01-0003, 71-014-01-0004, 71-014-01-0005, 71-014-01-0014, 71-014-01-0015, 71-014-01-0016, 71-014-01-0017, 71-014-01-0018, 71-014-01-0019, 71-014-01-0020, 71-014-01-0021, 71-014-01-0022, 71-014-01-0023, 71-014-01-0024, 71-014-01-0025, 71-014- $\begin{array}{c} 01-0026, \ 71-014-01-0027, \ 71-014-01-0028, \ 71-014-01-0029, \ 71-014-01-0029, \ 71-014-01-0030, \ 71-014-01-0031, \ 71-014-01-0032, \ 71-014-01-0033, \ 71-014-00-0033, \ 71-014-00-003, \ 71-014-00-003, \ 71-014-00-003, \ 71-014-00-003,$ 01-0034, 71-014-01-0035, 71-014-01-0036, 71-014-01-0037, 71-014-01-0038, 71-014-01-0039, 71-014-01-0040, 71-014-01-0041, 71-014-01-0042, 71-014-01-0043, 71-014-01-0044, 71-014-01-0045, 71-014- $\begin{array}{c} 01-0046, \ 71-014-01-0047, \ 71-014-01-0048, \ 71-014-01-0049, \ 71-014-01-0050, \ 71-014-01-0051, \ 71-014-01-0052, \ 71-014-01-0053, \ 71-014-0053, \ 71-014-0053, \ 71-014-0053, \ 71-$ 01-0054, 71-014-01-0055, 71-014-01-0056, 71-014-01-0057, 71-014-01-0058, 71-014-01-0059, 71-014-01-0060, 71-014-01-0061 Principal Amount \$539.00 Annual Interest Rate 5.00% Payments per Year 1 Number of Years 2 Annual Principal Payment \$269.50

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL based on the findings of fact presented by staff and reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval including a modification to allow a maximum 20 foot high mounting height for parking lot lights and conditioned upon receipt of an executed access and easement agreement with the owner of the adjoining Cherry Plaza Shopping Center, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Najim Saymuah, to approve the special land use for a shopping center equal to or greater than 40,000 square feet and the site plan for the proposed Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 2. CONSIDER REVISINS TO THE CHERRY HILL GARDENS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for revisions to the PDD and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Gardens. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Revisions to the PDD and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Gardens

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested revisions to the Planned Development District (PDD) Agreement and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Gardens located south Cherry Hill Road and east of Denton Road (Parcel nos. 078-03-0001 through 078-03-0126-000; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the revised PDD and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, Cherry Hill Gardens PDD and Site Plan Revisions,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the revised PDD and site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Revisions to the Planned Development District and site plan for Cherry Hill Gardens; subject to all other regulations of the Township.

**Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT - FLEET SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer fund to increase Fleet Services Overtime account (592-550-708-0000). Increase Revenues: Interdepartmental Vehicle Maintenance #592-000-678-0000 \$10,000 Increase Appropriations: Fleet Services Overtime #592-550-708-0000 \$10,000 This budget amendment will increase the Fleet Services Division budget from \$652,445 to \$662,445 and the Water & Sewer Fund budget from \$27,922,583 to \$27,932,583. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID TO DOMINIC GAGLIO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION NORTH POINTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to table the award for the construction of the North Pointe Subdivision Special Assessment District for Road Repairs, Sidewalk and Sign Installation to Dominic Gaglio Construction, Inc. for a total of \$27,400.00, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$2,740.00 for a not-to-exceed total of \$30,140.00 and to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASING MAST ARMS FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS. MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of mast arm hardware for three intersections: Cherry Hill /Sheldon; Saltz / Sheldon; and Beck / Warren in the amount of \$89,850 plus a 10% contingency of \$8,985 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$98,835 from Carrier & Cable, Incorporated. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. SET MILLAGE RATE LIMITS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2005 TAX LEVY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FY 2006 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the maximum millage rates to be levied by Canton Township on December 1, 2005 be set as follows Charter Mills (General Fund) 2.3660 Fire Protection Special Assessment 2.3580 Police Protection Special Assessment 4.1260 Total 8.8500 I further move that a Public Hearing be held on September 12, 2005 to receive public input on the proposed millage rates and the proposed 2006 budgets. Motion carried unanimously

at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that:

1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township.

2. The application of Lotus International Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel No. 71-045-99-0008-702: Part of the northeast \_ of section 12, town 2 south, range 8 east, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning north 88 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds east 328.56 feet and south 02 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds east 264.54 feet from the north \_ corner of section 12; thence north 89 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds east 656.944 feet; thence south 31 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds west 952.33 feet; thence north 02 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds west 566.00 feet to the point of beginning. 10.28 acres. be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years, expiring December 30, 2017.

2. CONSIDER HOLDING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTING THE CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 CONFIRMING THE ROLL FOR THE NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS, SIDEWALK AND SIGN INSTALLATION SAD NO. 2004-4

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to consider adopting the confirming resolution Number 5 confirming the Roll for the North Pointe Subdivision Special Assessment District for Road Repairs, Sidewalk and Sign Installation SAD. NO. 2004-4. Motion carried unanimously. Dave Castello, Vice President North Pointe Homeowners Association Board, stated he represented the homeowners and there were concerns with the length of payback for the SAD.

Mr. Castello stated the residents of North Pointe Subdivision had an estimate done for this work in the spring of 2003. The estimated cost at that time was \$24,000 and would have cost the residents \$400 per household. In the summer of 2003 a special assessment through the homeowners association collected the \$400 per household. Mr. Castello stated that he discussed with Supervisor Yack the term of an SAD could be 10 to 15 years. In the winter of 2004 the North Pointe Homeowners Association decided to return the \$400 to each household and go with the SAD for 10 years. Mr. Castello stated just last week the homeowners of North Pointe Subdivision received the letter notifying them of the Public Hearing for August 9, 2005. The notice indicated a two (2) year term for the SAD. Mr. Castello stated that a 10 year term was understood at the time the petitions were signed. Mr. Castello stated this has been a

two (2) year process and all along the residents have assumed it

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| <b>Beginning Balance</b> |          | \$539.00 | \$269.50 |
| Payment                  |          | \$296.45 | \$282.98 |
| Interest                 |          | \$ 26.95 | \$ 13.48 |
| Principal                |          | \$269.50 | \$269.50 |
| Ending Balance           | \$539.00 | \$269.50 | \$ 0.00  |

61 Parcels Total cost \$32,880.00 equal \$539. each with Interest (\$32,880 is based on the numbers from Bill: bid, contingency, Canton costs) BREAK DOWN OF COSTS Bid \$27,400.00 10% Contingency \$ 2,740.00 10% Engineering \$ 2,740.00 TOTAL: \$ 32,880.00

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 1. GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO STREET LIGHTING FUND. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$12,500 from the General Fund to the Street Lighting Fund to fund 2005 expenditures. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer:

GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$12,500 Increase Appropriations: Contribution to Street Lighting Fund #101-959-965-2190 \$12,500 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$3,166,351 to \$3,178,851, and the General Fund budget from \$28,140,817 to \$28,153,317.

STREET LIGHTING FUND: Increase (Decrease) Revenues: Contribution from General Fund #219-000-676-1010 \$12,500 Appropriation from Fund Balance 219-000-699-0000 (12,500) Total \$ -0- This budget amendment does change the Street Lighting Fund budget total. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES 'MOM TO MOM' SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve grant special event status and to approve installation of signs (50 signs, placed on September 25 and removed after October 1, 2005) advertising the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples 'Mom to Mom' sale, October 1, 2005 at the Plymouth VFW Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **GENERAL CALENDAR:**

Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CHERRY HILL CROSSING SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Najim Saymuah has requested special land use to construct a shopping center equal to or greater than 40,000 square feet and site plan approval for Cherry Hill Crossing Shopping Center to be located on Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, identified as tax EDP # 064-99-0013-704, 064-99-0014-702 and 064-99-0016-000; and, Item 7. FUNDS TRANSFER FOR MS EXCHANGE SOFT-WARE (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the transfer of \$7,853 from 2005 ITS Capital Outlay (101-258-977-2580) to Software Purchases (101-258-755-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AWARD BID FOR PRINTING FALL DISCOVER BROCHURE. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for the printing of the Fall 2005 Discover program guide to S & N Graphic Solutions, P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$15,380 to be paid from account #'s 208-757-900-0000, 101-691-900-0000, 101-672-900-0000, 211-756-900-0000, 101-755-900-0000 and 101-750-900-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item. 9. AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASES FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the emergency purchase of chemicals for Pheasant Run to Verdicon, Inc., 3854 Bath Rd., Perry, MI 48872, in the amount of \$5,280. I further move to approve the emergency purchase for grub control to Turfgrass, Inc., P.O. Box 667, South Lyon, MI 48178, in the amount of \$5,384. Funds for both purchase orders are to be taken from account 584-756-930-0000 Pheasant Run Golf Club Maintenance and Repair of Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. APPROVE LANDSCAPING AT ROTARY CLUB CLOCK ISLAND. (LSD) DELETED FROM AGENDA.

Item 11. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT-ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. (SUPERVISOR) DELETED FROM AGENDA

Item 12. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE RECORDS BUREAU. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase and installation of a security camera for the Records Bureau from Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc, 9282 General Dr. Ste. 110, Plymouth, MI 48170 in the amount of \$1300.30. Further, I move to approve the reprogramming of capital from the balance of line item # 1 Administrative Vehicle to create a new line item for this purchase. This budget amendment will not increase the Police Budget for 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - PATROL. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the budget amendment to create a new line item for the purchase of a 2006 Ford Interceptor from Signature Ford, of Perry, MI for a cost of \$20,338. Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #207-000-699-0000 \$20,338 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$20,338 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$13,077,606 to \$13,097,944. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER:** Supervisor Yack wished to thank Congressman Thaddeus McCotter for a securing \$1.8 Million for project specific which is Cherry Hill between Morton Taylor and Canton Center.

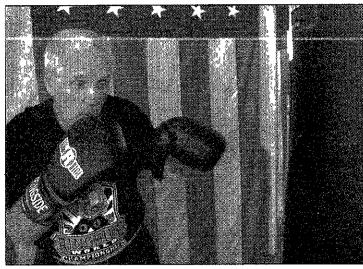
**ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

#### THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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

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# 66-year-old boxer captures championship title belt



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Boxer Paul Soucy, 66 of Livonia is the Ringside World Champion, above throwing a few jabs at his Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland.

#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

At age 46, some criticized Thomas Hearns for stepping back into the ring. But he's got nothing on 66-

vear-old Paul Soucy, who returned recently from Kansas City, Mo. with a championship belt of his own.

There were only four competitors in the men's 55-to-75 age division, so the Livonian had to win only one bout in the 165-pound Masters Division weight class at the **Ringside World** Championships held at the K.C.I. Building.

Soucy started his boxing career in 1957 with a loss to a Marine in the New Hampshire

Golden Gloves Tournament. And nearly40 years later, Soucy got revenge by winning a unanimous three-round decision over Lawrence Shelton, ironically an ex-Marine – and almost 10 years younger- from Denver, Colo. "Paybacks are hell," said

Soucy, a trainer and director at Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland. "I waited a long time for this. He (Shelton) gave me a lot of respect. He had the better body, but I was more determined.

"I got an eight-count 30 seconds into the first round with an awesome right hand and hit him into the ropes. It's the best fight I've ever fought. I was up for it and God was with me."

Soucy's return to the ring is remarkable in the fact that it was a year ago July when he was operated on at St. John Medical Center in Detroit for coronary bypass surgery. One of his former Livonia Boxing Club competitors, Dr. Sanjay Batra, performed the successful quintuple bypass.

"I've never had more fun, although my wife (Rita) is not too happy," said Soucy, who has another bout scheduled for Sept. 10. "I'm a diabetic, but my doctor O.K.'d. it. Everything just went right."

The Ringside World Championships, held Aug. 2-6, drew competitors from 15 countries.

Soucy was joined on the trip to Kansas City by his trainer,

Renee Muniz, owner of the Lincoln Park Boxing Club, and 70-year-old Bill Webb of Chesterfield Township, who lost on a decision in his only match.

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"They had six rings going at once, 60 fights per day per ring, 36 bouts per day," Soucy said. "The toughest thing was the 14-hour drive. We got there on a Tuesday and had to wait all week for one fight, but it was well worth it."

Soucy can't get enough of admiring his championship belt, valued at \$400.

The three headed home on a Saturday night (Aug. 6) immediately after Soucy's bout.

The long drive, however, was well worth the trip – and the belt.

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., September 1st, 2005 for the following:

#### HOUSING REHABILITATION: REPAIRS AND LEAD BASED PAINT ABATEMENT ON HOME

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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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Casework for the New Elementary School at Cherry Hill. Bid documents are available by contacting Doug Underwood of the District's Construction Management Team of McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, August, 24th, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. This bid will solely cover Bid Division #BD128 Architectural Casework and sealed bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2005 where they will be read publicly. The bidder shall provide a notarized copy of the disclosure of familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan. For additional information please phone Dan Phillips of the PCCS Finance Department at 734-416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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

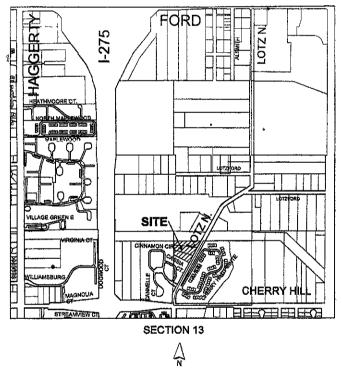
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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, 11 50 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SARNECKY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 052 99 0016 708, 052 99 0016 709, 052 99 0016 710 AND 052 99 0016 71 1 FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED **RESIDENTIAL** Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Lotz Road





#### CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm, Friday, September 2, 2005. The bid opening will

be at 2:00 pm, Friday, September 2, 2005 for the following:

Downtown Streetscape Brick Paver Leveling, 2005-2006

**Plymouth City Hall** 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

> LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC **City Clerk** City of Plymouth

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2005-07

#### CHAPTER 24

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO: C-2002-05 FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTER-NATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.



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#### MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT **1179 STARKWEATHER PLYMOUTH, MI 48170** (734) 459-0053 NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 On August 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

| VEHICLE              |                        | <b>V.I.N.</b>       |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1993 Dodge           | Intrepid (Silver)      | 2B3FD46T3PHS82167   |
| 1987 Cadillac        | Sedan de Ville (White) | 1G6CD5188H421941    |
| 1986 Dodge           | B250/B2500 Incomp      | 2B6HB23T6GK510994   |
| 2000 Pontiac         | Grand Am SE (Blue)     | 1G2NF52E5YC511387   |
| 1993 Pontiac         | Sunfire (Black)        | 1G2JC14T6P7510168   |
| 1986 Ford            | Mustang (Black)        | 1FABP2734GF125077   |
| 1990 Ford            | Econoline (White)      | 1FDEE14N5LHA42880   |
| 1994 Dodge           | Intrepid (Teal)        | 1B3HD56T1RF309672   |
| 1994 Ford            | Mustang (Blue)         | 1FALP4041RF150685   |
| 1998 Mercury         | Mystique Base Mod      | 1MELM6536WK605997   |
| 1990 Plymouth        | Voyager (Burgundy)     | 2P4FH25K3LR640279   |
| 1990 Ford            | Tempo (White)          | 2FAPP36X9LB211173   |
| 1990 Nissan          | (Gray)                 | JN1HS34PXLW108295   |
| 2000 Dodge           | Stratus (Gray)         | 1B3EJ46X6YN166361   |
| 1991 Jeep            | Cherokee (White)       | 1J4FT5898ML630557   |
| 2004  SLM            | Trailer (Black)        | 5 LEBU 172541002440 |
| 1989 Ford            | Taurus (Blue)          | 1FABP50U4KG256694   |
| Dodge                | Daytona (Black)        | 1B3XG24K6KG148568   |
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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH** 

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed

bids until 2:00 pm, Friday, September 2, 2005. The bid opening will

Marketing, Publication, and Image Consulting

**Downtown Business Association/** 

**Downtown Development Authority** 

**Plymouth City Hall** 

201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

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Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170

during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the

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The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

ENTERTAINMENT

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bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

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be at 2:00 pm, Friday, September 2, 2005 for the following:

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 Publish July 31, and August 18, 2005

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#### CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Sheldon Road Approach Reconstruction South of Ford Road (M-153)", 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 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2005, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

#### SHELDON ROAD APPROACH RECONSTRUCTION SOUTH OF FORD ROAD (M-153)

Project includes the reconstruction of 117 feet of Sheldon Road south of Ford Road (M-153). This reconstruction consists of removing existing pavement, placing 720 square yards of 9-inch non reinforced concrete pavement, and adjusting drainage structures as necessary.

Bid documents are available at the office of Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI), 6215 Canton Center Road, Suite 301, Canton, Michigan 48187. A nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township - 3rd Floor Finance, 3rd Floor Supervisor, NCI, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority 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 Canton Downtown Development Authority.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRIOR FIRE CODE.

This section provides for the repeal of Ordinance No: C-2002-05.

#### SECTION 2. FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

This section provides that Chapter 24, the Charter Township of Plymouth Fire Prevention Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24.010. Code Adopted.

This section provides that the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices is adopted by reference, as modified in this article, as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth for regulating the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards.

Section 24.020. Changes in the Code.

This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated.

Section 101.1: <u>Title.</u> This section provides that these regulations shall be known as the Fire Prevention Enforcement Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth and are hereby referred to as such or as the "Code".

Section 109.3: Violation penalties. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 111.4: Failure to comply. This section provides that any person who continues any work after having been served with a stop work order shall be fined.

#### SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2005-07 considered for first reading at the August 9, 2005, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2005. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734 354-3224.

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# Talk to the pros when you buy new home

#### BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

A good Realtor certainly carries his or her weight in the homebuying process. There are other real estate pros also knowledgeable about how buyers, especially first-time ones, can avoid trouble.

"Ideally, they have good credit," said Timothy Phillips, mortgage broker and Observer & Eccentric columnist. Credit can be built with nontraditional sources, such as utility and insurance bills that have been paid on time, he said, or having someone co-sign is an option.

Phillips gives clients a brief worksheet for nontraditional credit sources, basically showing they've been accountable for monthly payments. Funds to close on a new home include the down payment, escrow account for property taxes and insurance, and closing costs.

"They have to have that policy in place prior to closing," Phillips said of homeowners' insurance.

It's best to contact the insurance agency when an offer is accepted, said Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance Agency of Westland. At the closing, proof of a homeowners' policy will be needed, and preliminary information is needed for setting up an escrow account.

Juenemann, who's been in business 23 years, recommends going to your auto insurer if you're happy with that service, as you may very well get a multiple policy discount.

"Try to keep it affordable," he added. Juenemann said homeowners' policies are now credit-scored, and a better credit score means better rates.

A \$500 deductible is typical for a policy now. "Today, a lot of companies don't even offer anything less than \$500," he said. It's not very expensive to up your liability coverage to \$300,000, covering such things as falls on slippery driveways.

Jewelry, boats and even some small in-

home businesses, such as photography, can be added to homeowners' policies, Juenemann said.

Phillips, the mortgage broker, noted an appraisal is done for the lender's benefit, whereas an inspection is usually between the buyer and seller. FHA appraisers are trained to identify health and safety risks such as possible trip dangers or pest damage.

Phillips works with new clients to educate them, helping them to understand their mortgage is their largest lifetime purchase. He wants them to understand both the financing and the home purchase parts.

"You have to back up and say, 'Is this the smart thing to do?" Sometimes, people like a home so much they let their emotions carry them away, he's found.

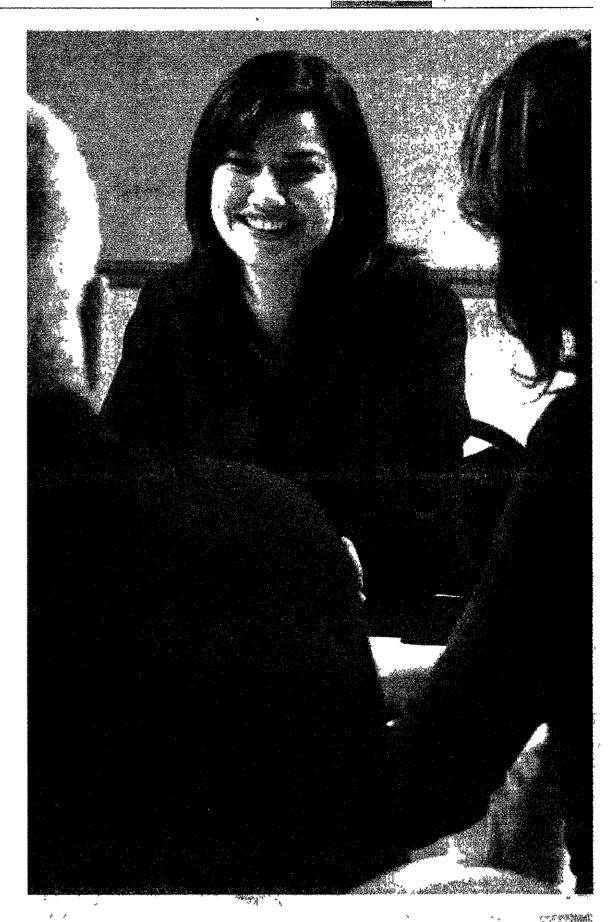
Attorney Steve Bernstein, whose practice is in Farmington Hills, strongly recommends a home inspection. "Reserve the right to conduct a home inspection, and have it done," he said.

Bernstein said a lawyer's help is an asset in the homebuying process, and should be sought prior to signing the purchase agreement.

"That's the whole contract," he said, adding it's possible to include an "out" with three days for a lawyer to approve the contract.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, you should take a minute to figure out how much mortgage you can afford. Generally, a lender will want your monthly mortgage payment to total no more than 29 percent of monthly gross income (monthly income before taxes and other paycheck deductions are taken out.) You also need to consider current loan interest rates. The lower the interest rate, the more expensive the home you'll be able to afford.

Additional information is available online at www.hud.gov.





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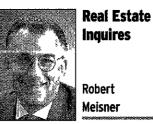
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# Challenge board over holiday gift giving

We have an on-site manager who receives a holiday bonus gift without the approval of the co-owners. I do not believe that the condominium documents give the board the right to provide what we consider to be a misappropriation of funds. What or how do we prevent the board from giving an outrageous sum based upon their interpretation of the documents?

As with any decision made by the board, it is subject to the business judgment rule and there must be a reasonable basis on the part of the board to make the decision that it is rendering. If the co-owners are dissatisfied with the acts or the board, they generally have recourse under the community association documents to remove the board, typically, with a vote of majority of the homeowners. Generally, however, hiring and firing employees



and/or contractors is within the sound discretion of the Board of Directors.

I sold a parcel of land to a buyer next to my parcel and he promised to construct a road to provide access to my parcel. However, the contract did not specify the precise location for the road and in that it called for a location that would minimize cost subject to the opinion of my architect. The buyer has failed to install the road claiming that it is impossible to perform and that my architect has to establish a road location before he is obligated to

#### build.

I think you have a good argument that the contract itself calls for the buyer's architect to locate the road subject to the approval of your architect. As to the question of impossibility, the buyer may not be able to claim impossibility of performance if the promise anticipated an event that could not have been foreseen or guarded against in the contract. In that event, the buyer would be deemed to assume the risks of difficulty in obtaining, for example, permits to construct the road.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.



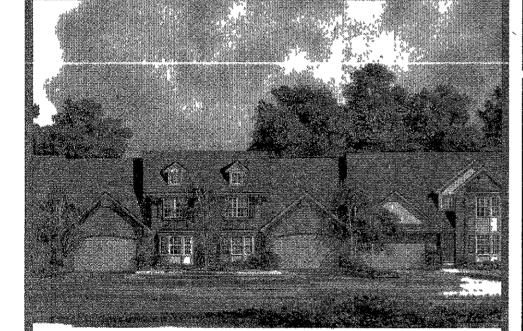
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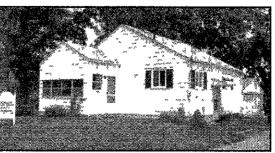
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| area residential real-estate closings |
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| 46472 Creekside              | \$310,000 | 46236 Barring             |
| 2940 Doncaster               | \$305,000 | 1055 Beech                |
| 44175 Duchess                | \$230,000 | 1362 Beech                |
| 44992 Fair Oaks              | \$256,000 | 10528 Chestnu             |
| 42174 Fairview               | \$197,000 | 49573 Donova              |
| 48696 Fifth                  | \$367,000 | 780 Harding               |
| 1439 Hampshire               | \$190,000 | 49255 Hunt Cl             |
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| 7685 Provincial              | \$204,000 | 19992 Denby               |
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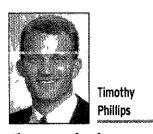
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# New bankruptcy law changes debt bailout rules

f you have been contemplating the use of bankruptcy as a tool to bail yourself out of debt, your time may be running short. Americans who once thought they had an escape tunnel through which they could bore into a fresh, new debt-free life may soon have to re-think their exit strategy.

On Oct. 17, a new bankruptcy law, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, will go into effect. This new law will have a great impact on consumers, as it will make it much harder for debtors to wipe out credit card debt.

Instead, the new laws could push for debtors to file



Chapter 13 bankruptcy, which means they will still be required to repay their outstanding debt over an extended period of time. Frankly, consumers who foresee having to tackle huge debt burdens should immediately acquire legal counsel, financial advice, or both.

As most Americans know, the way a law is written and the way it is enforced can

sometimes very different. In the case of this new bankruptcy law, a major question on many homeowners' minds is, "Does this new law place my home equity in jeopardy if I were to file for bankruptcy?" The answer, of course, is, "maybe." It's certainly not as safe as it used to be.

What's this have to do with mortgages? Three things.First, if you have any meaningful amount of equity in your home, there is almost always a way to convert it to bail yourself out of debt. Second, you should know that even if you find yourself in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy paying off debt over several years, there are

lenders who will allow you to convert your home equity to bail yourself out of the bankruptcy early. And third, there is life after bankruptcy.

Today's TIMBIT! My message of hope for you today is that there is life after debt. Whether you are facing it, in it, or recovering from it, a bankruptcy is not a nailed coffin. We have ways to bring you back to life, especially if vou are a homeowner.

#### Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper

#### columnist. Visit

USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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| Community Bank of Dearborn              | (734) 981-0022   | 5 75  |         | 5 375  |                | J/A                   | Peoples Mortgage                | (800) 730-5087   | , state sectors and                     | 0        | 5 125    | 0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000 | J/A  |
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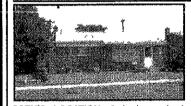
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LOTS OF PIZZAZZ. Bigger than it looks exterior with over 1300 sq ft offering ranch with an open floor plan, formal dining plus an updated "Tuscan" design kitchen w/ great room, kitchen & full bath Fantastic doors, and more Great floor plan w/vaulted eating space, attached 2 car garage, open floor plan w/cathedral ceilings, ceilings, a cozy fireplace and retro finished fenced yard w/2 pattos, many updates and



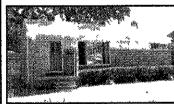
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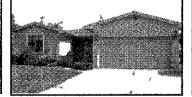
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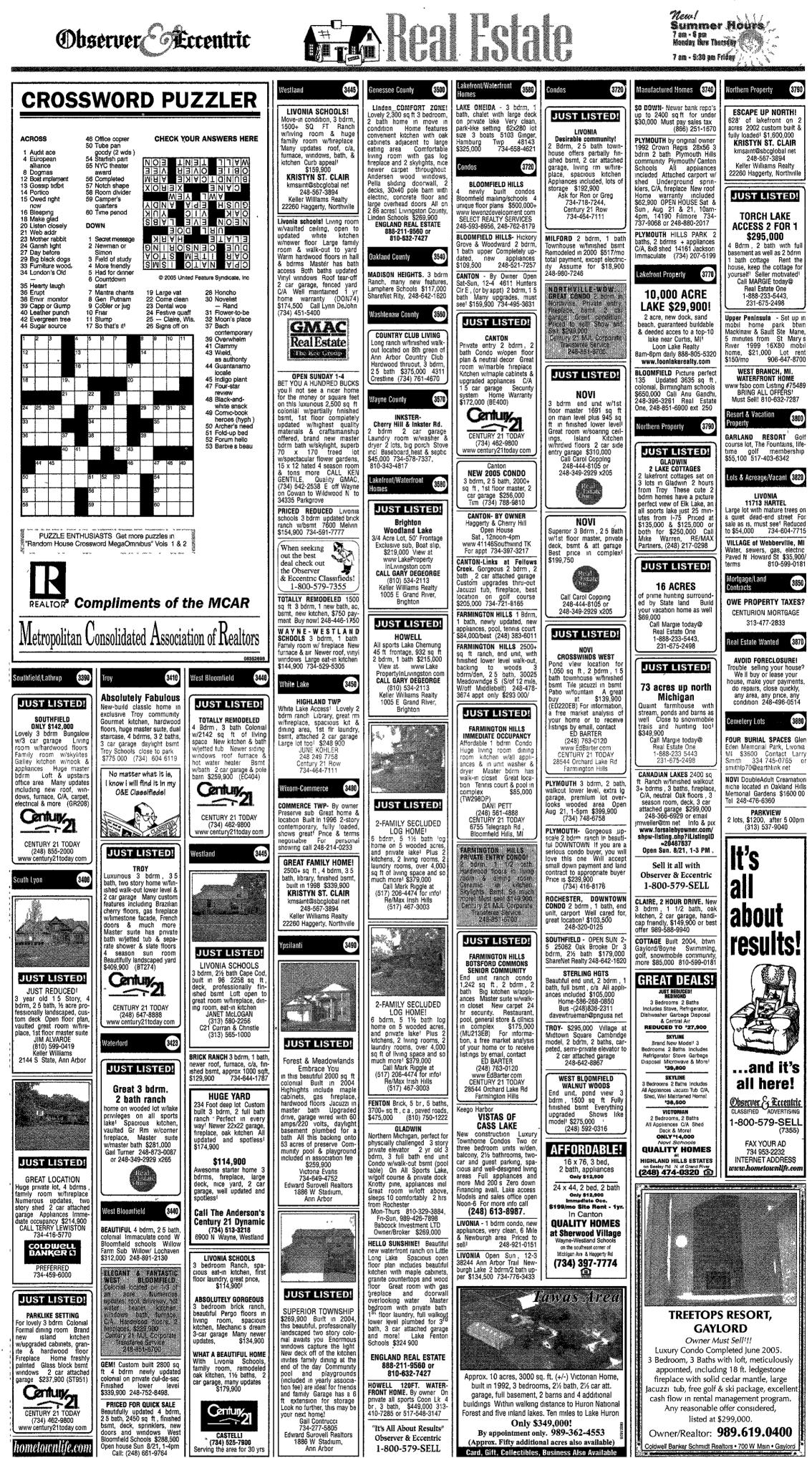


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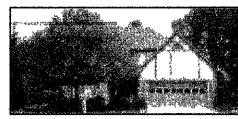


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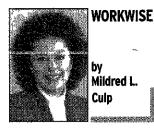
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### SUBSTANCE WINS WHEN SELLING BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS



Is your small business opening a market of large companies? Personality takes a backrow seat to

substance in business-to-business marketing and selling, according to Jeff Thull, CEO and president of Prime Resource Group in Minneapolis. "The key ingredient of substance is relevance," he says. Michael McLaughlin, co-author with Jay Levinson of "Guerilla Marketing for Consultants" (Wiley, \$19.95), steers prospects into "focusing on the problem being solved by the seller's product or service."

Jill Konrath, chief sales officer of St. Paul, Minn.'s SellingtoBigCompanies .com, projects greater success if you can help a person save money for a company or be promoted: "The customer is not one bit interested in your product or service," she remarks. "No features, no benefits, only results."

PROSPECTING

There are several ways to prospect. Chris Consorte, president of Integrated Direct in New York City, a direct and interactive marketing firm, recommends using online lead generation. "Rather than just cold-calling," he advises, "put the bait out there in this cost-effective form of advertising. Get people to call in, fill out a form or send an e-mail so that you can solicit them again with a sales pitch." He digs up decision-makers by identifying advertisers, such as companies in the Yellow Pages. The method works: "We get twice the response rate, absolutely."

He also advocates monitoring media coverage. Even an award, a promotion or job change presents "a lead-in . . . (to follow with) 'Oh, and by the way, what else are you doing?"

Konrath promotes niche prospecting. "Look for the best fit in a company," she states. "If you're a small business, go online and break a big company down into bite-sized chunks. Look for fit based upon (your) expertise and background. Companies have different business units departments and such functional areas as marketing, sales, legal, HR or B&D."

Contact schedule recommendations vary. Consorte calls back weekly to assure timeliness. He gets a "hit" when a prospect calls back, saying, "It's funny that you called, because I have x, y, z going." Konrath recommends an "account entry campaign" of seven to 10 contacts in about a two-month period, all completely personalized, whether by telephone, letter or fax. "Immediately show that you've done some homework on a company," she says. In addition to publicity, that means recent research, an annual report or conversations with customers.

Jacques Werth, president of High Probability Selling Inc., in Media, Pa., which sales trains through distance learning, recommends "monthly calls, with differently-worded prospecting offers . . (describing) the product or service and two features that can clearly benefit the prospect."

TELEMARKETING

How can you best telemarket? Chet Holmes, CEO of Jordan Productions in San Rafael, Calif., gets big-name people on the telephone after he's sent a (thin) letter. He takes control of conversations with gatekeepers, keeps them off-balance by sending them back and forth to the boss and wears his prospect down so that he takes the call. Holmes says that you must give your name and use an authoritative tone. One technique is to refer to the letter by stating "that the name of your company might jog his memory."

Consorte speaks enthusiastically about leaving voice mail messages in the absence of gatekeepers. "You have to leave them to get that first window of opportunity," he says. "Of about every 100 messages, you may get one response. I leave a phone number and URL so they can find out everything and don't waste time. E-mail is almost overkill..."

Be sensitive to your prospect's information style, advises Anne Miller, speaker and coach at Chiron Associates Inc., in New York City. "People filter their information through four screens," she says, "people, data, action and ideas. If the orientation is:



Chris Consorte, president of Integrated Direct of New York City, offers many tips on selling business to business.

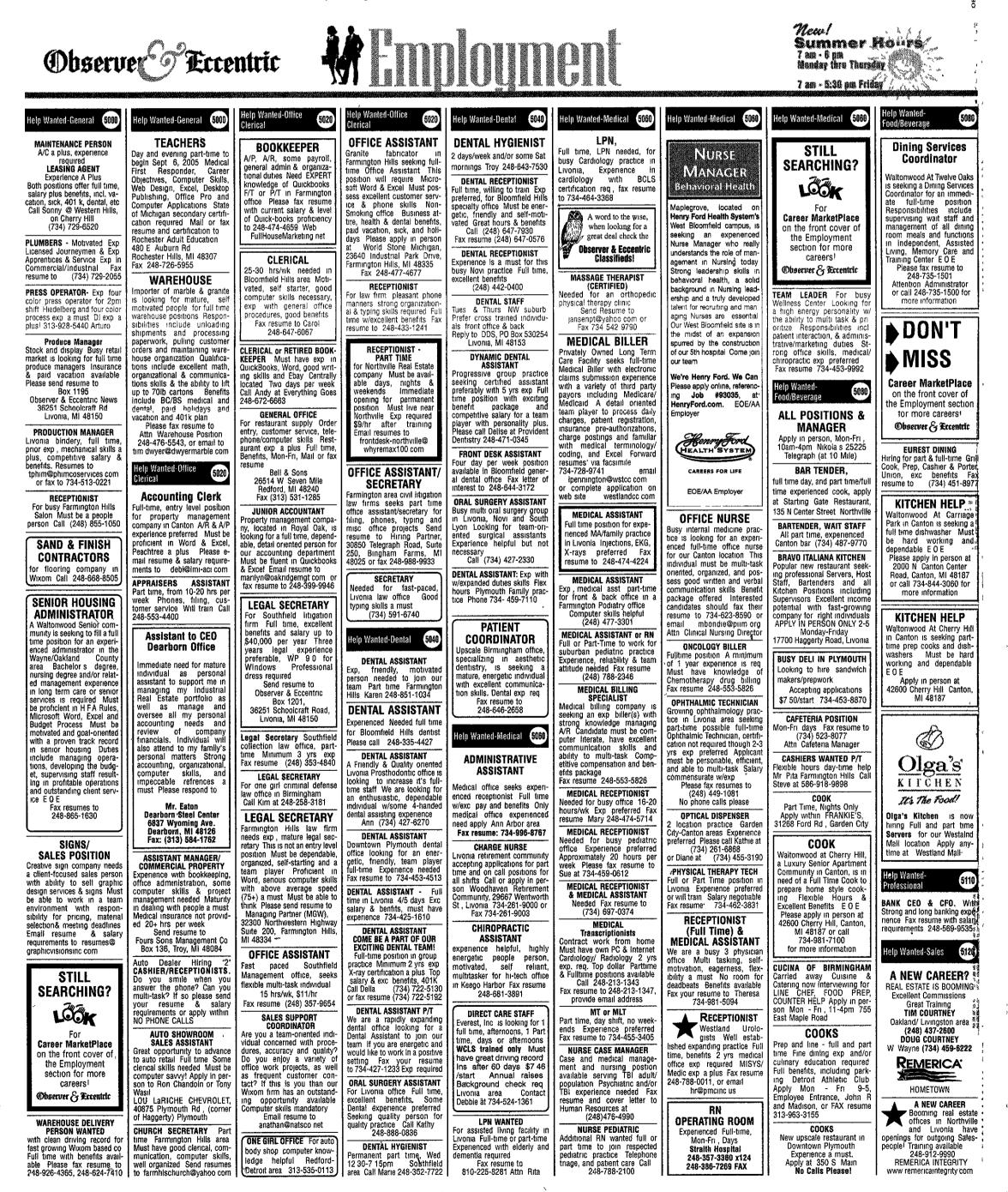
-- "people, couch benefits in terms of the impact on the client's employees or customers.

-- "data, detail your services and couch your benefits in measurable terms.

-- "action, describe services in bulletpoints and talk 'bottom-line' results.

-- "ideas, use robust imagistic language and couch your benefits into their longterm plans."

Were you looking for answers? There is no one-size-fits-all in prospecting and marketing. Just substance.



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| <ul> <li>Burnmer Manna Marken Markan Marken Marken Marken Marken Marken Marken Marken Marken Mar</li></ul>  | & more! 1657 Hanley Ct ,<br>behind Ice Arena   | 42518 Addison, S of Ford, W<br>off Lilly Something for every-<br>one, even the pets! Multi level | Huge Salel Fri-Sat, Aug 19-<br>20, 9am-3pm 30253 Pipers       | 27499 5 Mile, W of inkster<br>Craft supplies, furniture,                                    | clothes, house decor, enter-<br>tainment center 52730 West 8<br>Mile Rd , 3 miles West of Beck | 8/20, 9-1pm<br>PLYMOUTH: DEMOLITION  | 4pm Clothes, furniture,<br>Christmas stuff, lots of odds                                 | WEST BLOOMFIELD 2493  | 7pm, 28010 Five Mile Rd   |
| <ul> <li>SALEI</li> <li>Bundarden De, Karen M, Ka</li></ul>  |  | cat cage, \$300<br>CANTON - Fri-Sat, Aug 19-   | Orchard Lake & Middlebelt                                     | baby clothes, toys, & misc  | NORTHVILLE - Aug 19, 20 &  | Furniture, appliances, fixtures, yard items, etc Thurs -Sun ,                            | Southfield, just S of 13 Mile.   | N side of Lone Pine, corner of<br>Ogden & Turner Fri -Sun , 10-                               | HOUSEHOLD SALE! Books,<br>clothes, furniture, sports,<br>toys, kitchen items. Thurs,  |
| <ul> <li>And Line Charles Marge Angel Angel</li></ul>   |  | ment, plano, many clothes & household items 1256   | 20937 Inkster Rd N/ of 8<br>Mile 13 ft travel trailer, table  | Sat, Aug 18-20, 9-5pm 15507<br>Williams, 5 Mile & Levan                                     | 9-2 19486 Inlet Ct , bet 7 &   | PONTIAC  | Lane, Sat, 9-5pm Furniture,<br>clothing, computer & stereo                               | accessories, baby items, TVs,<br>electronics, CD's, VHS tapes,<br>books, kitchen items/appli- | pones till Fri 1 minute off I-<br>75, R off Nadeau Rd, Exit L                         |
| <ul> <li>Granzenski, W. of Woodmaar</li> <li>Granzenski, W. of Woodmaar</li></ul>   | wall unit, couch Household,<br>clothes, toys Fri., Aug 19, 9-                                  | Sub, Saltz & Sheldon area  | morel Aug 19-21, 9am-7pm                                      | size rugs, Pistons & Lions  | Aug 19, 3-8pm, Aug 20, 10-   | Grandie St off Baldwin, N/ of<br>Howard St Lots of goodies                               | dog grooming table, crate and much more  | in airly new condition  | Hurd Rd, in Monroe  |
| <ul> <li>Burners and Hermitz Am. 168.</li> <li>BATTOB Get The Goods, Tool Search Sear</li></ul>  | Granbrook, W of Woodward   | Ironwood (N of Palmer, W of  | GARDEN<br>CITY  | desk, and lots of misc Fri &<br>Sat 9-4pm 15410 Bainbridge                                  | Haggerty   | 4pm, 9287 Gerome Tons of<br>girls/boys clothes from pre-                                 | 5 20082 Beechaven (N of 12,<br>off Evergreen) Plus & Junior                              | 8/18-8/19, 9-6pm, 8/20, 9-<br>Noon 36025 Palmer, btwn   | 5 Table saw, small band saw,<br>cabinets, household, many                             |
| <ul> <li>Bergerson and Ser, Aug<br/>rest services and services and<br/>rest services and services and services and<br/>rest services and se</li></ul>   | Downtown Birmingham - 185<br>West Frank Street, between<br>Pierce and Henrietta Fri , Aug      | Before Ebay Does! Thurs -Fri -   | HUGE GARAGE SALE!   | *Fri 8/19 - Sat , 8/20, 9-6pm<br>14629 Hubbard Household                                    | see! Aug 20 & 21, 8am-5pm,<br>21950 Greentree Some furni-                                      | maternity & misc household<br>REDFORD Aug 18-20, 14223                                   | refrigerator, washer/dryer   | clothes, home goods, more<br>WESTLAND - Fri -Sat, 9am-  | & Beck (248) 349-6553   |
| <ul> <li>Bit Market Market</li></ul>  | 27, 8am-3pm NO Junk - two  | Sub, 45117 Coachman Ct S/of<br>Ford Rd, off Canton Center,<br>behind Meijer Fisher Price doll    | 32130 Cambridge, Warren<br>& Merriman Household               | clothing, sports cards<br>LIVONIA Multi family 8/18-  | NOVI Estate/yard sale Fri  | blks E /of Inkster Mary Kay<br>products, rocker, toys NOT                                | OF DETROIT - GIGANTIC<br>GARAGE SALE! Great bar-   | of Wayne Huge Multi-family<br>Sale to benefit Inspired  | niture, housewares, excercise,<br>holiday, games, toys, books                         |
| <ul> <li>And Design of the set and the set of the s</li></ul>  | 18-20, 9-3 Quality women's &   | Barbie items, toys, all<br>new/nearly new (boxes), puz-  |   | St N of 5 Mile, W of Middl-<br>ebelt Bdrm furniture, house-                                 | hold, jewelry, many more<br>items W/ of Haggerty, btwn   | REDFORD - Aug 26-28, noon-<br>6pm Home decor, kitchen                                    | (8 Mile & Southfield), 8am-  | group Various items available   | of W Chicago Thurs-Sat. 10-6  |
| <ul> <li>much nuch, 444 Pigram, Ward, Hain M 2012 (Chase G., Bark 2, 20 + 56m, Fride, 92 - 140, 147, 140, 148, 148, 148, 148, 148, 148, 148, 148</li></ul>  | ing, boy s baby clothes, others<br>also. Toys, bikes, books,                                   | clothes, treadmill and more  | womens clothes & jewelry,                                     | LIVONIA Multi-Family Garage   | NOVI Thurs-Fri -Sat , 9-3pm  | & more 18620 Kinloch<br>REDFORD - 7 Family Garage  | Sale Thurs-Sat, 10-4pm   | 18-20, 8-4pm Tools, clothes,<br>& misc items 32152 Anita,<br>W of Merriman, 1 blk S of        | ThursSat., 8 30-4pm 5300<br>Creekmonte, S /of Stiverbell,                             |
| BLOOMFIELD HILS Marriers for Jacks Kass       Marry Berns for Jacks Kass </td <td>much more. 444 Pilgrim Ave ,<br/>N of Maple, W of Southfield</td> <td>Covington Square Sub, off Lilly<br/>btwn Cherry Hill &amp; Palmer</td> <td>6pm, 27660 Chester</td> <td>20, 9-5pm, Friday, 9-3pm<br/>Saturday 9327 Frederick,<br/>West of Merriman, south of</td> <td>Haggerty area Curio cabinet,<br/>vacuums, misc, household</td> <td>of Schoolcraft, E of Beech<br/>Aug 19-23, 10-4pm Riding</td> <td>stereo, gifts Play Spin-n-Win<sup>†</sup><br/>6353 Canmoor Drive, N of</td> <td>WESTLAND Sub wide sale at</td> <td>SOUTHFIELD Sat only, 8-</td>  | much more. 444 Pilgrim Ave ,<br>N of Maple, W of Southfield                                    | Covington Square Sub, off Lilly<br>btwn Cherry Hill & Palmer                                     | 6pm, 27660 Chester  | 20, 9-5pm, Friday, 9-3pm<br>Saturday 9327 Frederick,<br>West of Merriman, south of          | Haggerty area Curio cabinet,<br>vacuums, misc, household                                       | of Schoolcraft, E of Beech<br>Aug 19-23, 10-4pm Riding                                   | stereo, gifts Play Spin-n-Win <sup>†</sup><br>6353 Canmoor Drive, N of                   | WESTLAND Sub wide sale at   | SOUTHFIELD Sat only, 8-   |
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| Hickory G1, off Hickory Grove<br>Rd, of S quare Lake Rd, W<br>of Telegraph Tons of contem-<br>pory & antiques functives, kot-<br>chemware, attractives, kot-<br>chemware, a                        | decór, pictures & furniture  | Vanborn, 1 block W of<br>Telegraph, 1 block N of Van-  | GARDEN CITY MOVING SALE -                                     | 8 00-4 00pm One Day Only!<br>Lots of baby stuff including                                   | 45767 Sheffield Dr, 9 Mile &   | garden equipment, furniture  | & 20, 9-4pm Antiques, house-<br>hold & baby items, furniture,<br>tools, & much more! 300 | 5pm Furniture, computer<br>equipment, bedroom furni-  | TROY - 5762 Glasgow, S of   |
| porty & antiques turniture &<br>collectiones, fat-<br>chenware, artwork, kids' stuff<br>building materials and more?<br>Thurs-Sat, 10-4pmATTIC SALE<br>Aug 20 & 21, 10am-4pmATTIC SALE<br>Aug 20 & 21, 10am-4pmWINNWest SaleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>soleSale<br>sole <th< td=""><td>Hickory Ct , off Hickory Grove<br/>Rd., S of Square Lake Rd , W<br/>of Telegraph Tons of contem-</td><td></td><td>and Much More Everything<br/>Must Go! 930 Douglas, Garden</td><td>St , off 7 Mile, btwn Merriman</td><td>Furniture, grill, clothes, row</td><td>6pm, 26381 Margareta, S. of 7</td><td>btwn Livernois &amp; Crooks</td><td>toys 33682 Avondale, btwn</td><td>tools, appliances, kangaroo</td></th<>  | Hickory Ct , off Hickory Grove<br>Rd., S of Square Lake Rd , W<br>of Telegraph Tons of contem- |  | and Much More Everything<br>Must Go! 930 Douglas, Garden      | St , off 7 Mile, btwn Merriman  | Furniture, grill, clothes, row   | 6pm, 26381 Margareta, S. of 7  | btwn Livernois & Crooks  | toys 33682 Avondale, btwn   | tools, appliances, kangaroo   |
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| 6-19-5-20, 9-50min 10ys/play       Greening, E of Orchard Lk, 27100 Avoidale Avo  | BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fri -Sat,   | more!<br>Farmington Hills 28124  | INSKTER Guadior garage sale                                   | north on Garden Dorm furni-<br>ture/refrigerator, WMU<br>loftbed, bicycles, teen cloth-     | PLYMOUTH Garage/moving   | Auburn<br>REDFORD- Aug 19-21st, 9-   | WAYNE Collectors Garage<br>Sale! Barbles, Disney, & Star                                 | Furniture, lighting, appliances,<br>books, tools, etc. Sat , Aug 20,                          | Designer, collectibles,<br>knick-knacks. Aug 18-21,                                   |
| S/off 15 mile<br>CANTON NORTHPOINTE SUB-<br>SALE! Btwn Joy & Warren<br>SALE! | structure, exercise equip,<br>home items, clothes, 6560  | N off 12 Mile Sat Aug 20, 9-<br>4pm Wilton cake pans, and  | and Inkster Rds Electric<br>wheel chair, household, furni-    | MUCH more   | niture, and too much to list<br>9147 Manton, Joy & Maine                                       | 6pm 15385 Woodbine, S of<br>5, W of Telegraph Lots of<br>baby items, household items     | S/of Michigan Ave 1 blk W/of<br>Merriaman Thurs Aug 18                                   | Moving Sales 7130   | Lone Pine, btwn Orchard   |
| DIVISION-WIDE GARAGE 28250 Schroeder 12 Mile & Sunnybrook, 1 blk N/of 696 misc 15509 Shadyside, cor- Thurs-Fri -Sat, 9-5pm 46334 Capital, 3 blocks W of Beech 5433 South Picadilly, North of 41949 Sunderland Ct, E off more 1411 Berry, off Palmer, SALE! Btwn Joy & Warren Halsted Furniture, appliances, off Southfield Rd Electronics, ner of Shadyside & Roycroft Wesford Ct btwn Sheldon & Daly Thurs - Sat 9-4pm Maple West of Farmington Lilley btwn, Ford & Warren, between Wayne & Newburgh.  | S/off 15 mile  | FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-<br>Family 8/19-8/20, 9-3pm   | LATHRUP VILLAGE Sat,<br>Aug 20, 8-4pm 18152                   | 9-4pm, 8/19 9-1pm TONS of<br>boys & girls clothes infant-<br>size 12 Adult clothing & other | PLYMOUTH Huge Garage,<br>Antique & Collectible Sale  | REDFORD- 26075 Southwest-<br>ern, N of Plymouth & S.                                     | WEST BLOOMFIELD,<br>furniture, household goods,  | items Aug 20-23, 8am-6pm,   | Antiques, Books and much  |
|   | SALE! Btwn Joy & Warren  | Halsted Furniture, appliances,   | Sunnybrook, 1 blk N/of 696<br>off Southfield Rd Electronics,  | misc 15509 Shadyside, cor-<br>ner of Shadyside & Roycroft                                   | Wesford Ct btwn Sheldon &  | Daly Thurs - Sat 9-4pm   | Maple West of Farmington   | Lilley btwn Ford & Warren,  | between Wayne & Newburgh.   |

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## The 2005 Scion tC

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#### BY DALE BUSS

Of the various ways that Toyota seems to be slowly taking over the U.S. automotive market, perhaps the most surprising is its Scion brand.

Toyota has achieved its remarkable American-market-share position and its even more amazing momentum largely on the strength of its unparalleled manufacturing quality and efficiency, and the engineering and development speed and flexibility it has been demonstrating by coming out with an ever-increasing flurry of new models, faster than anyone else.

While most consumers in this country probably would correctly identify "Oh, what a feeling!" as Toyota's erstwhile corporate slogan, they probably wouldn't be able to tell you much about what kind of branding messages the company tries to communicate in its advertising, nor would they really be able to identify what sorts of marketing values overall that Toyota is trying to spread.

What's more, Toyota isn't necessarily known for quirky or even innovative products – certainly not like Honda, for example, with its funky Element compact SUV and Ridgeline truck-SUV hybrid, or Nissan, with the wild design strokes deployed in vehicles such as the Murano. Yet its genius was in creating an entire new product category: the Japanese luxury-car segment, with its Lexus brand, two decades ago. Today, many people within and outside the auto industry will argue that, pound-for-pound, vehicle-for-vehicle and spec-for-spec, Lexus vehicles are the best overall in the 5.5 market.

Toyota is hoping to accomplish something similar with Scion: the creation of a powerful new brand and, thus, Toyota's prominence in a previously amorphous product segment. Scion is Toyota's "youth" marque, meant largely to be fun and inexpensive. Now it's true that there are already dozens of vehicles that are basically aimed at entry-level and young automotive buyers, from most Chevrolets to Ford's Focus to the Honda Civic to the Pontiac Vibe. But it's been difficult for any single auto maker to be able to understand the youth market so thoroughly and to be targeting it so specifically that it has created an entire brand that's identified with youth.



The Scion tC gets 22 m.p.g. in the city and 29 m.p.g. on the highway.

That's what Toyota is trying to change with Scion, which means "son of" - Toyota, presumably. Independent analysts are saying that Scion already is bringing in youthful buyers that Toyota didn't have before and that the company already can realistically shoot for U.S. sales of around 120,000 vehicles or so annually for the foreseeable future, about half an assembly plant's worth of annual output.

Thus two of Scion's first three models are bold in design and packed with features that young buyers would most appreciate, with plenty of factory-provided options for upgrading and customization, for prices starting in the low teens. The xA is a small crossover vehicle, reminiscent of the Vibe or maybe Ford Focus; the xB is unlike anything else in the car market in this country, so radically squared off in design that it basically resembles a shoebox with a snout.

Now joining the lineup is Scion's tC, a little fastback coupe whose personality and stance and features are a logical extension of Scion's lineup. Starting at retail prices of under \$17,000, tC now effectively represents the sub-\$20,000 sports-coupe market for the whole company, superseding the old Celica.

Scion's web site says much about how Toyota is positioning the car: "A 2.4-liter DOHC VVT-i power plant

with 160 hp and 163 ft.-lb of torque, independent MacPherson struts, and 17" alloys where the rubber hits the road. A 160-watt Pioneer AM/FM/CD/MP3 player receiver with a 6-speaker system. Power windows, door locks, and mirrors. And a panoramic moonroof so large that even the back seat drivers can get in on the fun."

That covers much of tC's appeal, all right. Plus the fact that its feisty little engine yields 22 miles a gallon in city driving and 29 miles a gallon on the highway. There are also features such as Scion's hatchback, . which externally looks like it must be a trunk. "Extra body parts" are available from the manufacturer such as a \$1,000 Ground Effects Kit and a \$385 Rear Spoiler Lip, allowing young buyers to "pimp" their rides as they see fit. And of course aftermarket providers also have gotten into the game of providing fun amenities for Scion owners.

Scion's tC is plagued by some of the inevitable limitations of entry-level vehicles, such as the fact that its fivespeed manual transmission is far from smooth, producing a discomfortingly balky ride for passengers.

But Toyota clearly is on to something with tC and the rest of its Scion line. And as with everything else, expect Toyota to keep its pedal to the metal now that it has recognized something good.

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