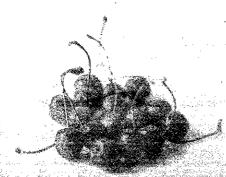


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Claire Madill, a 16-year-old Salem High School junior, is set to take her first solo flight some time this week at Mettetal Airport.

Shooting for the sky

Young pilot prepares for her first big solo flight

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It's not unusual for grandparents to have high hopes for their first-born grandchild. So it only made sense when Claire Madill opened her Christmas present the year she was 13 years old, her grandfather had given her flying lessons.

This week, Madill, a 16-yearold Salem High School junior, will take her first solo flight at Mettetal Airport in Canton.

"I love it," Madill said of flying. "It's really cool when you're in the air. You get to see things that other people don't normally see." Madill's instructor, Dale Muss,

a Plymouth Township air traffic controller who teaches for fun,

said Madill is the youngest woman to solo at Mettetal in at least 10 years, and possibly the youngest student pilot to solo in Mettetal's history.

"We're just waiting for the right day and the right conditions," Muss said. "She's ready."

And even though Madill doesn't yet have a license to drive a car (she will, as soon as she can learn to parallel park, she said), Muss said he's confident she'll do well as a student pilot.

Youngsters can start taking flying lessons at any age, but they have to be 16 years old to receive a student pilot certificate, said Muss. They also have to pass a 50-question written test (a score of 70 percent is considered passing, and Madill



Claire Madill got flying lessons as a Christmas present from her grandfather three years ago. Now she's ready for her first solo.

scored 92), and the instructor has to feel the student is ready to fly alone.

Once Madill makes her first solo flight - takeoff from Mettetal, a circle around the airport and then a landing - she can start working toward becoming fully licensed. She'll have to work on flight maneuvers such as cross-country

flying, navigation, radio communications and night flying. Then she'll take an oral examination and a flight test.

Madill's grandfather, Adrian Kramer of St. Clair Shores, isn't concerned that his granddaughter is too young to fly. And he wasn't concerned about it when

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Greg Goetchius of Material Sciences Corporation stands in one of the facility's silent anechoic chambers, which absorb all

Research firm works to quiet the noise

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Since moving into its new Canton facility, Material Sciences Corporation has had a lot to make noise about. To be more precise, the company is making noise about not making noise.

"This is arguably one of the quietest rooms in the world," said Matthew Murphy, MSC's global director of sales and marketing, as his words fall flat in air that feels heavy due to the absolute lack of echo and outside noise, an effect of soundproofing which can be disquieting to the layperson.

The room is located in the heart of the Application Research-Center, a 65,000-squarefoot, one-of-a-kind noise and vibration testing facility near Koppernick Road. MSC, along with two partner companies Link Engineering, and Bruel & Kjaer products, moved into the center in

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The historic

Hanford house,



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Clowning around

Mitchell Arnery, 6 (from right to left), Abigail Winfrey, 5, and Madison Arnery, 9, all of Canton, high five 'Wink' the clown during the Westland parade over the holiday weekend.

'One of a kind' historic Hanford house looking for a new owner

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Real estate, you can buy. A great story, you cannot. At least not usually.

But when the historic Hanford house in Canton went on the market, so did an opportunity to buy a home and the stories that go with it.

"The house makes for good show and tell," Jeniene Armbrester said. She and husband, Dave, and the

couple's three children bought the house eight years ago, and are now selling it due to a move to Atlanta. "It's neat when people know your house as soon as you mention it. It makes you feel proud of it."

The Armbresters found the house eight years ago when they were reading the Sunday newspaper, which ran a story about the historic home after it had been newly refurbished and put on the market.

"We weren't looking for a house at all," Dave Armbrester said. "We had just built a brand new house, but we saw the story in the paper and wanted to go see it."

When they got to the house, located on Ridge Road just north of Hanford, they found it unlocked and knew it was meant to be, Jeniene Armbrester said. "It felt like home right

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located on Ridge Road, is a Greek revival home, which is believed to have been built sometime between 1830 and 1855. It is currently for sale. The asking price is \$695,000.

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Camping and a movie

Canton's Family Campout/Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, July 7, at Heritage Park.

For a \$5 per tent fee, families can set up camp around the amphitheater and enjoy a movie at dusk. There will also be many family performers. No advance reservation necessary. This Family Camp Out is always a popular activity and is limited to tents only -- no trailers or mobile homes. Tent set up begins at noon. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

DDA jazz

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has partnered with radio station V98.7 Smooth Jazz and Canton Leisure Services to host a jazz concert series this summer. The concerts will be held every Friday night in July and August at various venues along Ford Road in a portable stage called "Canton Live." The shows are free and run from 6-8 p.m., and guests are encouraged to bring their lawnchairs.

The concert lineup and location is as follows:

July 7: Lin Rountree -New Towne Center (Kohl's) July 14: Penny Wells -

Willow Creek Plaza ■ July 21: Gerard Gibbs & ReORGAN' YZ - Home Depot

July 28: United Music machine featuring Gene Dunlap - Wal-Mart

Aug. 4: Jesse Palter Quartet - To be announced Aug. 11: The Kimmie Horne Show - To be

announced

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Aug. 18: John E. Lawrence & Friends - New Towne Center (Kohl's)

■ Aug. 25: D. Lee & the Edge - Max & Erma's

The last concert of the season will be held on Sept. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and feature internationally acclaimed musician

Alexander Zonjic and Friends. The schedule is subject to change. For more information, please call (734) 394-5367.

Art exhibit

Canton resident Diane Mitchell, a pastel artist who primarily draws and paints landscapes, will have her work on display through July 30 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, 48187.

Mitchell's work has been exhibited in many of the annual Canton Project Art shows for some she has won awards. Her works are also displayed in many local residences. Many of these are of the Canton landscape. In addition to the awards she's won in Canton, she's received other awards in the metro Detroit area. Her work is also displayed in other private collections throughout the United States and Canada.

Office hours

Wendy Larvick, legislative

aide for state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will hold office hours on Monday July 17, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. Local residents can meet with her to discuss state government concerns or issues. Larvick will immediately convey any and all concerns to Rep. LaJoy. No appointment is necessary.

Rockettes golf outing

The Salem High Rockettes will be hosting their 6th annual golf outing Saturday Aug. 12 at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville, with registration beginning at 12:45 p.m. Participants will play 18 holes of golf in a scramble format and get a buffet-style dinner with beer provided. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, closest to the pin contest, first place prizes for men, women and mixed teams, a 50/50 drawing, and a silent auction.

The cost of the event is \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorships are available for \$125 and door prizes are still needed and appreciated. Registration deadline is July 24.

For more information, call Bob Chamberlain at (734) 451-2209 or e-mail him at rdcham@wideopenwest.com.

Blood drive

A blood drive and bone marrow registry will be held Sunday, July 16 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, east of Canton Center Road in Canton. The event is co-sponsored by St. Thomas a Becket. Please call Peggy at (734) 397-8495 or Sandy (734) 844-8718 to make an appointment for donating blood. Walk-ins are welcome. There are three options available: donate blood only; donate blood and register for the bone marrow registry; or register for the bone marrow program only. The fee for registering as a potential bone marrow donor is usually \$65. However, due to a grant received for this specific occasion, the tax-deductible fee is only \$25. There is no fee for minorities to register for the program.

Safety Headquarters at (734) 394-5400.

Volunteer ushers needed

New duds

Canton ordinance officers T.J. Turowski (from left), Ken Kunka, Mark

Hook and Sean Heck recently wrapped up a week long orientation of

officers can be identified by their new public safety uniforms and the

new public safety markings on their cars. The ordinance officers were

moved to public safety from municipal services, but will continue to

work primarily on property standards. They will also be assigned to a

community policing team to work directly with police officers and fire

inspectors on dealing with problems occurring in commercial and

residential areas. The teams will work together with businesses and

residents to achieve the common goal of compliance with ordinance

requirements. Residents with questions regarding ordinances should

Residents wishing to report an ordinance violation should call Public

call the Public Safety Ordinance Department at (734) 394-5335.

public safety training and hit the streets on June 26. The four ordinance

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton is looking for people to volunteer as ushers for upcoming events, and will hold four free training dates in August: Monday August 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday August 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Monday August 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday August 29. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All training sessions will be at The Village Theater located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. You can register for the date of your choice by calling (734) 394-5460, Ext. O.

Corvettes at the Summit

The second annual "Corvettes at the Summit" is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, at Canton's Heritage Park.

Presented by Corvette Legends Club and Canton Leisure Services with sponsorship by Les Stanford Chevrolet, the 2006 "Corvettes at the Summit" is expected to draw more than 100 Corvettes of all vintages for a daylong display and car show.

Specially trained judges will evaluate the presentation and condition of the entries. Trophies will be awarded to Corvettes that meet the judging standards.

The show will also feature music, food, a display of special interest Corvettes unique model cars, entertainment and door prizes. It will culminate in a Corvette road tour leaving from Heritage Park at 4 p.m.

Show hours are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Participant registration

starts at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 9:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, July

Admission is free for spectators. There is a registration fee for participants.

Design excellence nominations

The deadline to submit nominations for Canton's fourth annual Design Excellence Awards, which promote excellence in landscaping, architectural, and environmental design, is July 15. Judging for the competition will take place July through August and awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in October.

Categories for the Landscape Design Award include neighborhood entryways, residential homes, commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facilities, and public facilities. The award will be based on quality of design, use of plant materials, year round appeal, and creativity.

Categories for the Environmental Excellence Award include detention pond maintenance, preservation, and wetland mitigation. The award is intended to highlight projects that preserve or enhance natural features, use native vegetation, and create natural habitats.

Categories for the Architectural Design Award include commercial retail and office buildings, industrial facilities, additions, renovations and remodeling, and public facilities. The award will be based on building design, quality of building materials, and quality of site design.

Nomination forms are available on Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org, the Summit on the Park, Canton's Administration Building, the Canton Library, and several Canton-area nurseries.

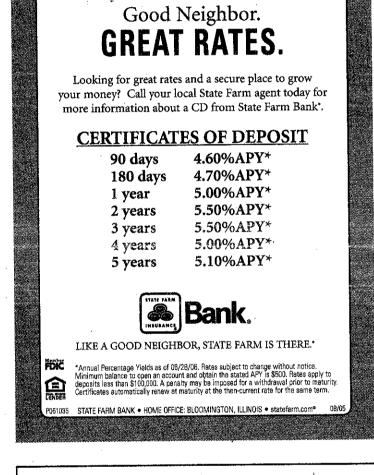
Completed forms must be sent to:

Canton Design Excellence Award

1150 Canton Center Road

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The Design Excellence Awards are sponsored by Canton's Council for Community Excellence. For questions or more information please call (734) 394-5164 or visit www.canton-mi.org.





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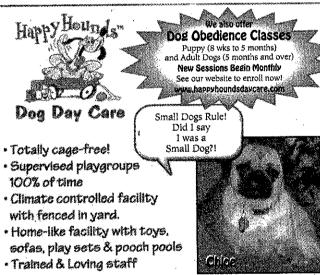
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Out of the trenches

After 32 years, firefighter moves on to next phase of life

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Having spent more than three decades on the fire department, a guy can collect a lot of stories. And when that guy knows exactly how many days he spent as a fireman (32 years, four months and 13 days, to be exact), you can count on the memories being

pretty specific. That's how it is for Capt. Jim Davison, who retired in April from the Canton Fire

Department. "It was a job I always wanted to do. As a kid I wanted to be a firefighter," 53-year-old Davison said. It all started one day, back in 1972, when he found himself at the fire department in Canton, turning in a lost dog. One thing led to another, and next thing he knew he was a volunteer for the department. Two years later, he was hired by the township to fill a full-time position with the fire depart-

According to Davison, the business of fire fighting has changed rapidly, just as the community has changed. What has changed the most, he says, is the amount of equipment and level of training firefighters must have.

"We used to have rubber coats and boots, and gloves that would melt in a fire," Davison said. "The equipment has become much more sophisticated."

What hasn't changed much at all is the opinion of firefighters.

"Firefighters are heroes. Who do you call when you don't know who else to call? You call the fire department," Davison said.

The things he's most proud of have as much to do with what he did outside the duties of his job as a fireman. Davison was for more than 30 years an active volunteer in the community where he lives and works, and said he sees, all the time, those places where he left his mark.

Davison was a board member on the Canton Country Festival board (the festival at which the now-infamous cow chip toss was started). He started the CPR program, after having worked on his own time to become certified.

"Before there were EMT's (emergency medical technicians) all we had was a CPR program," Davison said. "It wasn't until (Public Safety Director) John Santomauro came on board that we really had a CPR program in the

department. Since I was already certified, he saw an opportunity to do that for the community."

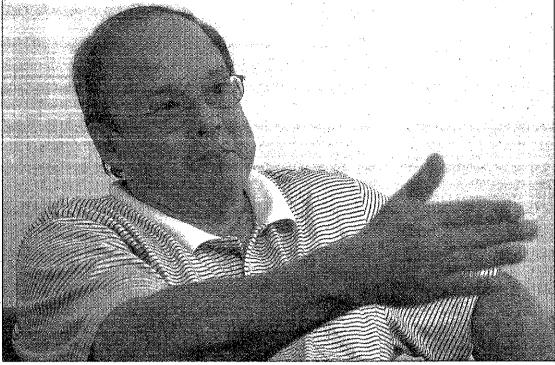
Davison also taught classes for the American Red Cross. and he still does.

Davison was one of the original two Canton members of the Western Wayne County Haz-Mat team, and was a team leader for several years. He was for 10 years on the Wayne County Technical Support Team, a federally funded terrorist response team made up of police and firefighters, chemists and physicians. And he was one of the founding members of the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation.

He started the annual spaghetti dinner - twice - first with the Canton Country Corn Festival (that was before the Canton Country Festival) and then again at the Liberty Fest.

Davison also started the fire department's clown team in 1998, after seeing the Farmington Hills clown team. The team goes to local parades and festivals, spreading cheer

and fire safety tips. And a few years ago, they even found themselves on the job in the middle of the Liberty Fest parade. Davison was in the parade, riding a



Jim Davison reminisces about his firefighting career, which spanned 32 years with the Canton Fire Department. Throughout that time, he was also an active community member.

tiny bicycle with the clown troupe, when he spotted a man lying down alongside the

He pulled the bike over to see what was wrong. "Do you need some help?"

Davison asked the ailing man. The parade stopped abruptly until an ambulance arrived to take the man, who had suffered heat stroke, to a nearby

hospital. "Of course all these clowns were firefighters and EMT's. The poor guy came to, and looked up and saw these clowns taking care of him. A doctor who has an office right across the street from where

he collapsed had to tell him it

was OK. We were professionals." Davison said. And all the while, Davison

himself reported for duty without fail, never taking a sick day between 1988 (when he took a day off because he

had pneumonia) and 2005.

Davison's best days were always when someone would come back to say thanks - a man whose wife had been transported after a heart attack and lived to tell about it, or someone who was pulled from the wreckage after a car crash and was saved by skilled medical personnel.

The hardest days were days when the story ended badly. "Any time there is a fatality,

it's always tough. But especially when there are kids who are hurt," Davison said.

And now, every day is a best day again, as Davison has started his mid-life career, working for IKEA as a loss

prevention and safety agent. "I love it. It's just fantastic, just like when I was first hired at the fire department, and everything was new and excit-

ing," Davison said. "I'll work here until I retire. Again."

To contact Davison about CPR training, e-mail him at ltjad@yahoo.com.

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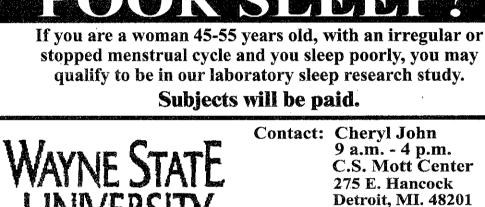
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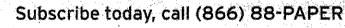
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away," she said.

Before they moved in, however, the house already had a long history. The Hanford familv acquired 160-acres on a federal land grant on Oct. 6, 1826, according to Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett. In 1827, James Hanford sold the land to his brother, William H. Hanford.





DEEP ROOTS

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The Greek revival home, listed on the 1840 census, is believed to have been built sometime between 1830 and

The farm passed out of the Hanford family by the 1860 census, when it was listed as being owned by John Clayton. But in 1862 Henry O. Hanford married into the Clayton family and he and Margaret (Clayton) Hanford bought it back. The couple had four daughters, two of whom later taught at the nearby Hanford School.

Henry O. Hanford served as the justice of the peace, and as chairman of the Executive Committee of Michigan State Agricultural Society, Bennett said.

The house itself has had more residents than one could possibly count, partly because at one point during the Great Depression the house was divided and turned into a rooming house, where workers at the nearby farm and saw mill could live for free - part of their wages including rent, according to developer Jeff Brown, who acquired the house when he bought the 60 acres on which it was located.

It was in the late 1990s when Brown was seeking approval for a planned development district, which is now the 132-unit Royal Pointe West subdivision.

"Usually when you're going for a PDD, the township is looking for some kind of community benefit," Brown said. (Planning commissioner and trustee) Melissa McLaughlin



Large original beams that look handhewn are left exposed in the basement of the Hanford house.

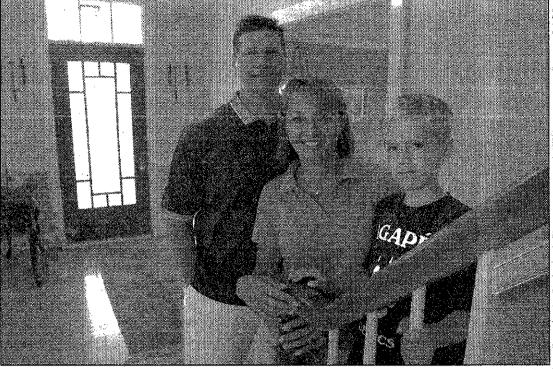
mentioned during a Planning Commission meeting that the house on the property was in terrible repair, and that it would be a benefit to the community to have it restored and sold to a family."

Nearly every element of the house needed repair or replacement. All that was left of the original house was the framing and a few other features, which now add to its charm and value.

Some of the home's original elements remaining include stair railings, the original wood mantel and stone fireplace, and the home's original handhewn beams are visible in the finished basement.

SOME UPDATES

However, just about everything but the wall studs has been replaced and refurbished, all with the blessings of the township's historic district



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Dave and Jeniene Armbrester, with son Carter, have owned the Hanford house for eight years, but must sell it because of a job transfer.

commission. The home now includes modern features such as a full basement with 9-foot ceilings and a bar, a Jacuzzi bath, walk-in closets, marble kitchen countertops and an inground swimming pool on the lot's nearly 1.5 acres.

Brown hired an architectural firm in Ann Arbor that specializes in the restoration of historical buildings and they came up with the plans - right down to the colors.

"This was a great education. It was a really fun project because it's so different than what we do. It was really a work of love," Brown said.

Part of the history of the house, Brown learned from an older woman who was passing by and stopped in to see what was happening to the old

"She was telling me that her parents had lived in the house during the Depression, and she gave me the history about how it became apartments and they worked on the farm in exchange for their rent. There's a really cool history," Brown said.

And it's the history of the place that made it worth the trouble.

"We had two choices -

restore it or demolish it. Restoring it was the right thing to do," Brown said.

The 3,404-square-foot home has five bedrooms, and three and a half baths. The asking

price is \$695,000. We're really going to miss it," said Dave Armbrester, who bought the house from Brown. "We wish we could pick it up and take it with us. It's one of a

For more information, call Jeniene Armbrester at (734) 354-0574 or Realtor John Toye at (734) 641-1111.

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Phoenix, also seen at

Music in the Park

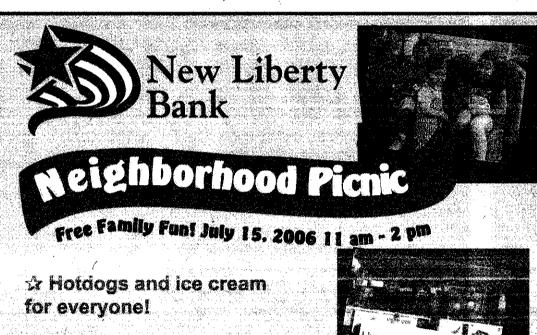
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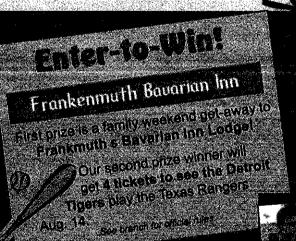
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Police trailer damaged

Last week Canton Police Department noticed damage to one of their SMART trailers. The trailer was parked on Kingsbridge, north of Emerson when it was vandalized. SMART trailers are used around Canton to display the speed of vehicles as they pass by. "We are disappointed about the damage to the equipment, which is used for the community's benefit. Residents rely on the speed trailers to help alert motorists to their speed, especially in residential neighborhoods," said Lt. Bob Kerr. "The speed trailers are an effective tool in helping to slow drivers traveling through neighborhoods where speeding is a common complaint with residents."

Anyone with information on the damaged trailer is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Businesses sell to minors

The Canton Police Department's Special **Enforcement Unit conducted** alcohol and tobacco sales checks during the month of June. Decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 11 businesses in Canton. According to police officials, a total of four businesses sold to the minors, while seven refused the sale. A complete list of the locations checked is as follows:

- Speedway, 45350 Ford, did not sell tobacco
- 🖪 Amoco, 45495 Michigan,
- did not sell tobacco Marathon, 41479
- Michigan, did not sell tobacco Citgo, 40200 Michigan,
- did not sell tobacco M Shell, 40400 Michigan, did not sell tobacco
- Marathon, 40401 Michigan, sold tobacco to
- minor Pinetree Market, 42444
- Ford, sold tobacco to a minor Oakview Party Store, 42256 Palmer, did not sell alco-
- Country Deli, 7349 North
- Lilley, did not sell alcohol CVS, 7269 North Canton
- Center, sold alcohol to a minor ■ Pinetree Market, 42444 Ford, sold alcohol to minor

The Special Enforcement Unit has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years. The SEU utilizes a "zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol sales to minors. Establishments selling alcohol to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation. Alcohol violations are also reported to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force grads

■ Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Victoria L. McKinney has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

McKinney is a 1991 graduate of Salem High School in Plymouth.

Air Force Airman Lance S. Berner has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San

Antonio, Texas During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human rela-

Berner is the son of Mark Berner of Canton and Kathleen Kaiser of Walled Lake.

In 2004, the airman graduated from Walled Lake Western High School.

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he gave her the lessons. Kramer had always wanted to learn to fly, but hasn't. He had dreams of Madill becoming a pilot and applying to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Even though she's not interested in the academy - she's leaning toward law school -Kramer couldn't be more proud of his oldest grandchild.

"They say you live your dreams through your children," Kramer said. "I guess I was just a little slow."

Madill's mother, Lori Madill,

took a little time getting used to the idea of her daughter learning to fly.

"I felt a little frustrated and displaced that he was sending her up in the air in a cardboard box," Lori Madill said of the Christmas present three years

But she's come around. "I was nervous at first, but

now all I feel is pride," she said. Claire Madill has been trying to fly at least once a week for the past few months, and it's not cheap, she said. She pays \$75 per hour to rent the plane, and \$30 per hour for her instructor. But every once in awhile it's worth it, like at her school's career day, when she told her classmates that she

was working toward getting her license.

"People thought that was pretty cool, especially the guys," she said.

After she gets her license, she wants to take her grandfather in the plane (he hasn't been up with her yet) and then wants to take her friends to Cedar Point, Madill said.

But first she has to fly alone. And land alone.

"Landings are the most difficult thing ever," Madill said. "You have to do so many things at once, and if you do something wrong in the beginning the ending is going to be bad.

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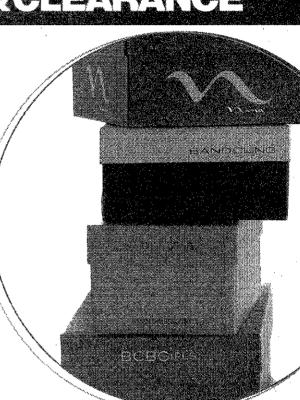
Claire Madill's grandfather, Adrian Kramer of St. Clair Shores, isn't concerned his granddaughter is too young to fly. And he wasn't concerned about it when he gave her the lessons for Christmas three years ago.

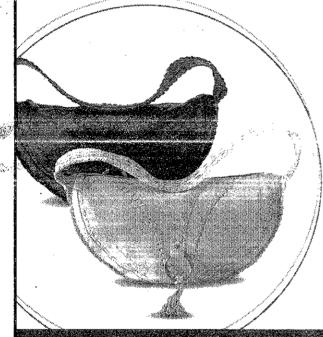
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The 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry raises their rifles during the singing of the song "God Bless the USA."

Remembering the sacrifices

Memorial park a stirring tribute to local vets

All Bob Zaetta and John Pappas wanted to accomplish 14 years ago was to get the Civil War monument known as "The Lady" out of the cemetery where it was located

and into a more central ocation that would do it jus-

years later, they've done considerably more than that. What Kadrich they've created with the new

Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park is a gorgeous, stirring tribute to the nearly 150 Plymouth-area veterans who have given their lives in defense of this coun-

But what they really got done was to bring the veterans of this community, not all of whom were huge fans of the project in the beginning, into the fold by cajoling, persuading and, ultimately, convincing them of the value of the idea.

The end result had veterans and civilians alike in tears at Tuesday's unveiling of the marble monuments that now stand as testimony to the bravery of Plymouth's soldiers.

"I am so proud of this park," a choked-up Zaetta said moments after the ceremony ended. "It's really a dream come true. I never dreamed I'd see something like this 14 years ago."

Jim McDowell of Plymouth is a Navy man. He saw active duty, some of it in Korea, from 1951-55. That's about two years after he graduated from the old Plymouth High School; coincidentally, the new memorial park is nestled on the school's front lawn. He saw enough action -

"Even a little was enough," he said - and served proudly enough that he was one of the many who bought an inscribed brick paver for the park's foundation.

"This has special meaning for me, because I walked these

sidewalks for a lot of years, and I love this community,"

McDowell said of the park. "This is a tribute a long time coming. It excludes politics and brings to the forefront the value of coming together as a nation and not hating America."

Bill Thomas of Plymouth, who served in the Army's 11th Armored Division, Tank Battalion, fought in World War II's Battle of the Bulge. Thomas – pointing to his kneecaps - remembered fight-ing in snow "this high" during the 13-month battle with the Germans which began in December 1944 along the German-Belgian border, in what is considered the snowiest weather in memory in the Ardennes Forest.

"I'll never forget that, or what I saw," said Thomas, who served from 1942-46 and was shot during one of the many battles. "It's important for us to recognize our veterans. If people could only see what veterans have to do to protect this country, especially if



Matthew Asher, a member of the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, speaks with Canton resident Richard Wears, whose wife's grandfather served with the Michigan 24th.

they're overseas."

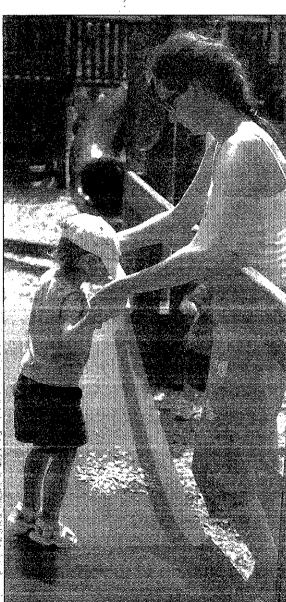
Three flags - the American, the state of Michigan and the POW/MIA - were raised for the first time during the dedi-cation ceremony. Four other war monuments - a memorial rock representing World War II veterans; a

Korean/Vietnam memorial; a monument to World War I veterans; and a cannon representing the Spanish-American War located in Cannon Park – which at one time were scattered throughout Plymouth, join The Lady in the new park.

The committee that put this park together lived by one credo - veterans "are not dead until they are forgotten."

The hundreds of people who crowded into the park Tuesday, and the countless numbers who have or will visit the park, know this: Plymouth's veterans will never be forgotten.

Brad Kadrich, community editor of the Plymouth Observer, proudly served 15 years in the U.S. Air Force. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 459-2700.



Lindsay Edwards of Redford smiles fondly as she helps her 2year-old daughter Ava jump on the playscape in Plymouth Township Park.



Two-year-old Mathew Richard of Plymouth swings the water gun back and forth so he can spray as many people as possible in the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park. At right, Jacob (right) and Jarrett (left) Droski engage in a heated "sword" fight to decide who is the best at the Good Old Fashioned Picnic at Plymouth Township Park.



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Paul Kuhnenn of Farmington Hills watches his daughter, Jasmine, pretend to drive a car on the playscape at Plymouth Township Park during the



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Canton in March.

MSC, the developer of Quiet Steel, has for more than 50 years worked to make cars quieter, but has also started applying Quiet Steel technology to computer hard drives and home appliances.

To do that, the facility's testing areas are designed to eliminate noise in a completely controlled environment, in order to measure how subtle noises are transmitted through automotive compo-

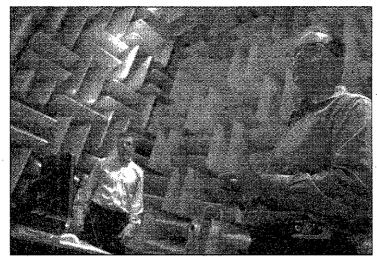
"Noise and vibration problems are hard to resolve," said Gregory Goetchius, MSC global noise and vibration director. "It's not quite astrophysics but it's up there. We have Ph.D.s and master's degrees on our staff and every day we learn something new."

Testing is done in large chambers, including the company's crown jewel - the fourwheel-drive noise and vibration chassis dynamometer suite. Inside, the company can "road test" cars to see how much noise is coming from them. Cars are placed on four spinning cylinders in the floor, and can be tested at speeds up to 140 miles per hour without ever hitting the road.

"We can go wide open full throttle, by putting a car on these chassis rolls," Goetchius said. The room is designed to eliminate extraneous noise, using large anechoic (soundabsorbing) wedges to cover the walls and the ceiling, creating a bizarre looking and futuristic chamber.

'We need to eliminate all noise so that we can determine what noise is coming from the car itself," Murphy

But creating those kind of "open road" conditions requires heavy equipment that can produce "wind" (to keep the engine from overheating) and "speed" (by spinning the cylinders on which the tires



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Matt Murphy (left) and Greg Goetchius discuss how the facility's anechoic chambers work. The 'wedges' that cover the walls and ceiling absorb sound.

are placed).

So, as incredible as the testing chamber appears, what lies below is a feat of engineering in itself.

Below the testing chamber is equipment large enough to fill an average bedroom. In order to keep the operating machinery from causing vibration in the room above, it is mounted to a 250,000pound "seismic mass" slab of concrete, which is then isolated from the rest of the floor by special footings. The floor underneath is 12-foot deep concrete, which will support the mass of the machinery and slab without cracking or shifting.

In the room where nonautomotive components - like computer hard drives and dishwashers - are tested, the wedges are even built into the floor, and the room itself is separated from the rest of the building, making it quite possibly the quietest place on the planet.

Noise elimination is serious business to MSC's customers the largest of which are the "Big Three" automakers.

Noise and vibration shows up very high in customer satisfaction surveys, according to Goetchius, and customers equate quiet with quality.

Yet, very often noise reduction is an afterthought to car designers.

"Typically a car is 90 percent done and an engineer will ride in it and say it's too loud. Then they throw a lot of money into it, trying to get the car to be quieter," Murphy said.

But when MSC is involved from the early phases of design, the car maker can incorporate quiet right into the core design, saving weight and money in every car, and also improving quality, he added. Quiet Steel is used in approximately 40 different automotive models, manufactured in three countries.

Before moving to its Canton location, MSC didn't have a testing facility, and had to outsource much of its testing, Goetchius said. So when it made the move from Farmington Hills earlier this year, testing capabilities were behind the relocation of the business, which employs some 60 workers.

The company considered locations near Chicago, where MSC is headquartered, and near Toledo, where the company's manufacturing facility is located.

"Michigan and Canton did a very nice job of offering incentives which made it a good decision for us to be here,' Goetchius said.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed 8.5 Million Dollars (\$8,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing infrastructure and streetscape improvements in the Township's Downtown Development Authority Downtown District.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable primarily from tax increment revenues collected in the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority Downtown District and if necessary, the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations.

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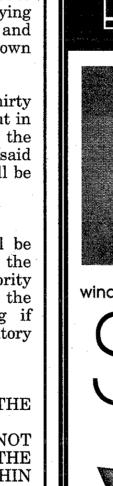
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **JULY 13, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Gary Seelbinder of Roy A. Seelbinder Const. Co. Inc., 275 E. Big Beaver, Suite 201, Troy, MI 48083 representing All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187 for property located at 48735 Warren Road, south side of Warren Road between Beck and Ridge Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31, (18), ground sign variance and Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-34, (1), a, b, ground sign variance.

Parcel 030-99-0001-708 (Building) (TABLED FROM JUNE 8, 2006)

Melanie Gray of Valley City Sign, 5009 West River Dr., Comstock Park, MI 49341 representing Jeff Wagner of Fifth Third Bank, 1000 Town Center, Suite 1600, MD JTWN3D, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48075 for vacant property located at 43710 Ford Road, north side of Ford Road between N. Morton Taylor Road and N. Sheldon Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article I, Section 102-1, definitions for roof, roofline, and wall sign and Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31, (19), signs prohibited - roof sign.

Parcel 040-99-0006-705 (Building)

Zone C-2

Usama Baalbaki of What's Your Sign & Graphics, 14245 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126 representing Celestial Lustitute of Plastic Surgery, 42680 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 42680 Ford Road, north side of Ford Road between N. Sheldon and N. Lilley Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31, (20), ground sign which identify more than one business and Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-34, (1), b, ground sign shall not exceed 24 square feet also Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-34, (2), a, one wall sign not exceeding 50 square feet. Zone O-1

Parcel (Building)

043-99-0007-001

Approval of the June 8, 2006 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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Canton Planning Commission set to meet

The Canton Planning Commission will meet on Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m., on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. Items on the agenda include:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Geric Beck Road Investments rezoning --Consider request to rezone. Property is located on the east side of Denton Road and south of Geddes Road.

J.B. Donaldson rezoning --Consider request to rezone from LI-R, Light Industrial Research Park to LI-1, Light Industrial. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road and south of Palmer Road.

SITE PLANS

■ Canton Christian Fellowship modification --Consider request for site plan modification. Property is locat-

ed on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Ronda Drive. MMB Office Building --Consider request for reapproval of site plan. Property is located south of Jov Road

and west of Sheldon Road.

NEW BUSINESS

■ Super Liquor -- Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Haggerty Road.

■ McDonald's rebuild ---Refer review of proposed site plan to staff. Property is located north of Ford Road and west of Sheldon Road.

■ Singh Executive Park rezoning -- Set public hearing date for Aug. 21 to consider request to rezone from LI-R, Light Industrial Research to C-3, General Commercial. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Lilley Road.

@ THE LIBRARY

The Canton Public Library has done some virtual remodeling. The Internet Branch has been the subject of an extreme makeover with great new fea-Lunch and a Book: July tures, more information and 13, at noon. The Da Vinci Code resources than ever and a fresh

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2006

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that JULY 10, 2006, is the last day

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Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. Registrations will

be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton

Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday

through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who

are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will

July 10, 2006.

Terry G. Bennett

Clerk

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www.cantonpl.org Summer Reading sign up continues at the library. Stop in and register for programs for adults, teens and children.

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■ Teen Movie Night: July 11, at 6 p.m. The Notebook. Registration started July 3.

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Friendship Bracelet: July 12, tweens program at 1 p.m., and teen program at 3 p.m. Registration starts July 5.

by Dan Brown. Tie-Dye Shirts: July 13, tweens program at 1 p.m. Teen program at 3 p.m. Registration

starts July 6. Teen Book and Pizza Club: July 15, noon. An Acquaintance With Darkness

by Ann Rinaldi. Book Buddies: July 17, at 2 p.m. Book Club for third- and fourth-graders. Advance registration required.

Evening Book Discussion: July 17, at 7 p.m. Kabul by M.E. Hirsch.

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(30) in number, with

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Terry G. Bennett Clerk, Charter Township of Canton

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County welcomes Italian sweets, money management

SISTERS IN BAKING

Last fall two sisters - Monica Ingles and Bertha Ferguson – began a little baking business in Ingles' Farmington Hills home. When orders for the sweet stuff began pouring in around the holidays, they decided the time had quickly come to open their own bakery.

Ingles and Ferguson, a Westland resident, picked a middle ground and bought the former Pat-A-Cake bakery location on Five Mile Road in Livonia. They opened the doors as Sorellas Homemade Baked Goods last March, appropriately using the Italian word for sisters.

'We grew up baking and cooking in a big Italian family," said Ingles.

Sorellas specializes in wedding cakes, Italian desserts like ricotta-filled canolli, bumpy cakes, New York-style cheesecakes and chocolate fountains.

To set themselves apart from the sticky-sweet competition, Sorellas offers all homemade treats. "Everything is made from scratch," said Ingles. "It helps us stand out."

Both sisters intend to create a friendly Old World atmosphere at the bakery. Ingles said she hopes their customers feel comfortable enough to stop in for a cappuccino, a slice of cheesecake and to share some conversation in a relaxing environment.

We're having a good time," Ingles said. "We want our customers to have a good time."

WHAT'S IN STORE

Customer service is a priority at the sweet shop. Stop in any Saturday afternoon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the chocolate fountain is running. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sorellas is at 31236 Five Mile Road at Merriman in Livonia. For more information, visit www.sorellashomemade.com or call (734) 525-5544.

MONEY MATTERS

Senior citizens and their families are the focus of a fullservice certified public accounting firm which recently opened in Livonia.

Criss, Wilmarth & Parr, CPAs created a new division called Senior Money Managers. Denise Wilmarth. CPA and partner, described the venture as a banking, bookkeeping and tax service designed to provide seniors and their families with the trusted financial management of that is customized to meet their individual needs.

'We are not an investment firm," said Wilmarth. "What we do is design a personal money management plan with each client. Our goal is to eliminate the ongoing burden of routine financial tasks like managing bank accounts, processing estimated taxes, monitoring expenditures and, of course,

completing tax returns." The process begins with a



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sisters, and owners of Sorellas, Bertha Ferguson (left) and Monica Ingles stand with an assortment of individual cakes and bite-sized goodies.

comprehensive financial assessment used to create "cus- (734) 432-2500. tomized cash flow plan," according to Gayl Parr, partner and CPA. "When the plan is in place, we provide the services on a yearly basis with regular reports to the client."

Senior Money Managers offers everything from routine banking to fiduciary planning. For more information call

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

Hendrix leads Red Cross

Freman Hendrix, president and CEO of Advanced Security & Investigative Solutions, is the new chair of a mostly new board for the American Red Cross-Southeastern Michigan Chapter.

New Red Cross chapter board officers are vice chair Melanie D. Davis of Sterling Heights and Art Espey of Detroit. Returning officers are secretary Susan D. Nine and treasurer John W. Hebert, both of Bloomfield Hills. Davis is president of The Macomb Chamber, Espev is COO of Power Process Piping Inc. in Plymouth, Nine is office manager at Nine & Groulex P.C. and president of Spruce Cos. Inc. and Hebert is a partner at Plante & Moran in Southfield. Each will serve a one-year term.

Joining the Red Cross chapter board as directors are Bettye V. Arrington of Bloomfield Hills and Charles R. Frizzell of Grosse Ile. Arrington is managing director of Martin, Arrington & Hasse P.C. of Bingham Farms and Frizzell is president and CEO of Fraza Forklifts in Roseville.

Outgoing Red Cross board chair Neil G. Bristol of Grosse Pointe will now serve as governance chair. He is a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers in Detroit. Dr. William A. Conway of Birmingham, Elizabeth A. DuMouchelle of Bloomfield Hills and N. Brewster Broder of Farmington Hills have stepped forward and are actively engaged in providing new opportunities and direction for the Trustee Advisory Council. Conway in senior vice president of clinical affairs at Henry Ford Health System, DuMouchelle is senior attorney at Butzel Long P.C. in Detroit and Broder is investment advisor at Financial Advisory Associates in Southfield.

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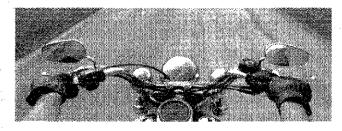
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OUR VIEWS

New leaders should step up

Mark Slavens and Judy Mardigian have been the unquestioned leaders of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education the last few years, and they've done a great job.

However, when the board convenes Tuesday for its 2006 organizational meeting, we believe the two highest-profile board members should take one step back and let some new eaders emerge.

It's time for trustees Barry Simescu and Tom Wysocki to take larger roles in leading the school board.

Slavens, who is running against state Sen. Bruce Patterson in the November general election, has already said he'll be stepping back. He's got a lot on his plate in a difficult race, and giving the board presidency his full attention would be tough.

Mardigian has been a stellar leader, championing issues such as education finance and class sizes. She's tough, she knows what the district faces and her experiences make her an invaluable member of the board.

But she's been in one of the top leadership spots for years now. It's time for others to step up to the plate. Wysocki was actually board vice president last year and expected to make what has generally been a natural progression to president before Slavens was elected.

The Board of Education has some very sticky issues with which to deal. The school administration has done an admirable job making budget cuts, but the district still faces a sizeable deficit projection for the upcoming school year.

Graduation requirements are going to change, and despite the recent agreement to hike the foundation grant, state money is always an iffy proposition.

The board has to decide if (it will) and when (likely February) it will try again for a bond issue. One of the two new board members - Dianne Gonzalez - adamantly opposed the last bond proposal, and she'll have to be incorporated, along with Steve Sneideman, into the mix.

Whomever takes the reins of the board, discussion about the board elections - which in past years has been almost non-existent - should be out in the open. Candidates' qualifications and interest should be debated vigorously in public so residents can get a feel for their leaders.

When the dust settles, Wysocki and Simescu should finally get their shot. Both are bright, reasonable, intelligent men who have helped the board tackle difficult issues ranging from budget to curriculum. Both have displayed the promise of strong leadership.

With veterans like Mardigian and Slavens to guide them, it's now time for them to fulfill that promise.

Wetland decision muddies waters

A recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on two Michigan cases involving the development of wetlands only muddies the water about what constitutes a protected wet-

The court ruled June 19 that the federal Clean Water Act doesn't necessarily allow federal and state regulators to stop developers from building on wetlands that are not directly adjacent to navigable waterways. The case involved two Michigan developers, including Midland's John Rapanos, who argued he was prevented from building a shopping center on his land even though it was 20 miles away from the nearest river dumping into Lake Huron.

Four of the justices, led by Antonin Scalia and John Roberts, ruled federal law only allows the government to regulate wetlands adjacent to navigable, flowing bodies of water. However, Justice Anthony Kennedy was joined by four other justices in arguing that the Clean Water Act was intended to protect the chemical, physical and biological integrity of all the nation's waters.

The court did agree to send the two cases back to the lower courts, where they will be treated on a case-by-case basis. The court could have solidified federal water protectigns, but instead chose to leave that up to individual courts and judges, which may prove to be inconsistent.

Biologists will tell you that wetlands are really the lifeblood of any river system. Wetlands are vital because they collect and slowly filter stormwater into a river system. When they are filled with impervious surfaces like parking lots and buildings, stormwater picks up pollutants, such as the motor oil that leaks from our cars, and is sent directly to creeks and rivers. The rush of stormwater also scars a river system with erosion. To see an example of this, look no further than our very own Rouge River, which is polluted every time it rains. The Clean Water Act was implemented to "improve water quality by maintaining and restoring the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters." When a river system's wetlands are destroyed, that is an impossible task. The Supreme Court should have recognized this.



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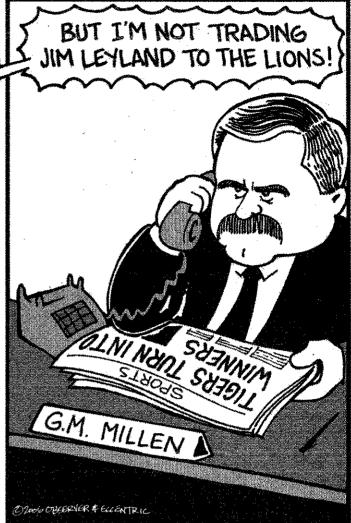
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VG.M. Dombrowski

Write more youth stories
I am 12 years old and I go to Central
Middle School. I liked the article titled "Making sense of numbers" (June 25) about student Hunter Hall. I am happy to see someone in my age group achieve something that high. I appreciate that you have decided to put an article about this in the paper, if there are more articles about the youth of our nation, I am sure that they will become more interested in the news and the world around them. Thank you.

Kyle Rosiek Canton

Scrolling isn't effective

I'd like to congratulate young Mr. Hall on setting a goal and working hard to achieve it. He has learned a valuable lesson that will prove beneficial in all aspects of life. When inserting the context of this article into the broader scope of our educational curriculum, I vehemently oppose its place in the classroom environment.

Many of today's parents aren't familiar with number grids (or scrolling) since they were not a part of our own generation's elementary school experience. The process math assignment before the rest of the class, they are supposed to take out their scroll (such as a roll of dot matrix printer paper or a stack of sheets stapled or taped together) and write consecutive numbers. Mid-year in my daughter's first-grade class, one student had scrolled to over 7,000, while another had only scrolled to 30. Does this mean that the entire class learned only as much math as the latter student? Could this be a prime example of educating to the "lowest common denomi-

I have heard parents comment on scrolling — from "It gives the teacher time to help out the students who need more direction" to "It's just a way for the teacher to keep the kids busy while she does her own work." I don't know if either of these parent comments are valid, but I am left wondering what the intended purpose is, and at what point does this mind-numbing, repetitive task cease to fulfill its original purpose? Close your eyes for a moment, and picture yourself sitting at your office desk, writing your numbers from 1 to 10,000. Is this what you want for your child's education?

Grasping the mathematical concept of place values is a necessity. Wouldn't a much more meaningful goal have been to "demonstrate understanding and usage of place values to 5 digits" instead of "being able to write numbers to 10,000?" How high does a student need to scroll in order to understand sequential number relationships? The schools are sending the wrong message to our children by offering a candy bar or other prize for those who scroll to 10,000. Each individual student possesses unique aptitude and deserves educational opportunities that utilize all of their abilities. As a parent, I want my children to be continually exposed to new concepts and ideas that will help them grow intellectually and analytically. If a school refuses to accelerate those who possess mathematical talent, there are many other practical math games that utilize realworld number relationships and teach students to begin thinking critically.

Scrolling may be a nice hobby, or a good way to pass the time while confined in an airplane. If Mr. Hall would have spent all

LETTERS those hours practicing addition, subtrac-

Cox Brooks

tion or multiplication facts, just think how much more effective and successful he could be as a second-grader, or eventually a much more valuable, contributing employee in a globally competitive workforce.

Sandra Martin

Thanks for participating

The Canton Newcomers invited a number of "guests" to our Libertyfest Awareness booth last week and wanted to publicly thank our participants: Orchestra Canton; The Canton Library; Supervisor Tom Yack; Diversity Representative Anita Rivera; Officer Traylor and the Canine Unit; Supt. of Plymouth/Canton Schools Dr. Jim Ryan; Clerk Terry Bennett; and Canton's own saxophone player Justin Young for answering questions in that casual environment.

This community spirit, cooperation, access and openness makes us proud to be part of Team Canton.

Recognized as the community's "social roup for the entire family," and where you don't have to be "new," we welcome other groups with this same spirit to contact us for consideration of other projects and/or joint efforts. Call Jennifer at (734) 981-1725. To order a complimentary copy of our newsletter, which includes exciting summer activities, please visit our Web site at cantonnewcomers.org.

Karen Kruszka president, Canton Newcomers

Stewart gets vote

I am writing to ... inform readers of the excellent qualifications Beth Stewart possesses that would make her an excellent state representative.

Beth is the director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and is active in civic and philanthropic causes. She serves on the board of directors of the Phoenix Mill "Women's Historical Museum" and is president-elect of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club. In her endeavors at the museum and the Historical Society, she has enabled the museum to make an outstanding chronicle of history for the Plymouth-Canton area. Under her leadership, volunteers guide visitors from all over the state to view

museum exhibits and artifacts. Always gracious, she greets people well and extends to them a warm welcome. People who work with her know she will follow through on projects.

As the wife of current Rep. John Stewart, she has been a gracious hostess at various civic functions. This relationship has also allowed her to have an insight into the affairs of state government.

Both John and Beth are very knowledgeable of current events and are advocates for a strong school system in the state. Beth has instituted a meaningful liaison with local school systems and has given children a knowledge of history and government.

Family is an important part of her life. She is proud of her two daughters, Laura and Sarah. I have enjoyed talking and working with Beth. I know she would be an excellent representative from our dis-

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QUOTABLE

"We should be able to, in the next several years, make a significant improvement on Ford Road in terms of aesthetics and functionality."

- Canton Township trustee Melissa McLaughlin commenting on the decision to spend millions on burying utility lines.

shock regarding my statements about the

Plymouth

illegal alien crisis. My statements are far from "unsubstantiated." If anyone is interested (possibly Mr. Brock?), they can research my data at Web sites such as www.fairus.org,

Alien crisis must be stopped

I'd like to respond to Alfred Brock's

www.numbersusa.com and www.cis.org. All of my statements are accurate. His view of our country is that we do not have a country. He states that every one in the western hemisphere is "an American." For many, many years, the term "American" has been used to refer to a citizen of the United States. Living in the

Western Hemisphere does not make you a

citizen of the United States. This country was founded on the rule of law. The illegal immigration into this country is strictly against the law. The welfare of citizens of the United States should be this country's first priority. If you research immigration laws in Mexico, you see a double standard. Mexico does not welcome poor citizens from our country. They do not provide them with health care, jobs, education and the freedom to demonstrate in the streets. If the "border imaginary," why isn't Mexico giving the same benefits to their illegal alien immigrants?

Mr. Brock's vision of a combined North and South America certainly smacks of the current political agendas of some of our leaders. We must realize, however, that this "combining" of countries will strip us of the Bill of Rights and will continue to deprive Americans of the standard of living they have worked so hard to acquire. Millions of poor come to this country to take advantage of the benefits, but do not pledge their allegiance to the United States. Our own poor lose jobs, benefits, etc. I do not know a lot about Zorro, but I am aware that he defended a way of life that he believed in. As Americans (my definition — citizens of the U.S.), we need to defend our way of life and take a "time out" on immigration as well as put a screeching halt to illegal immigration.

If we do not get control of our government and the immigration crisis, we will no longer be a nation. Americans need to become informed and become politically active. Our government is not working for us, so it is time to hold their feet to the fire. Contact me at mcfir805@comcast.net.

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Peggy Robichaud Canton

Power

Ideological idiocy frustrates stem cell research progress

you might say that Michigan is in a state of depression these days - psychologically speaking. What's more, it is clear that our elected masters are responsible for a good share of the blame.

The evidence is clear. A new round of polls has found that more Michiganders than ever before believe our state is headed in the wrong direction and

are alarmed at the poor state of the economy. What's more, they don't have any confidence things are going to get much better any time soon.

There are lots of reasons for this. But one big one is the seeming total inability of our elected legislators to do something — anything — competent. As proof, consider how ideological idiocy in Lansing is frustrating progress in a promising area for our economy, not to mention the human

Stem cells are generic cells capable of developing into various kinds of more specialized cells. Stem cells taken from very early human embryos can quickly differentiate into various types of tissue, such as blood, skin or nerves. Virtually every scientist in the country agrees that research using stem cells could produce breakthroughs in treating so far untreatable ailments such as Parkinson's Disease.

race: Stem cell research.

Lots of states are vigorously pursuing research into embryonic stem cells. California, for example, recently passed a state ballot proposal allocating \$3 billion to stem cell research.

Not surprisingly, this has led lots of very able scientists to move to California to pursue this work.

Wouldn't it make sense for Michigan, with our network of excellent hospitals and research universities, to do the same?

Apparently, that's hard to understand if you are in Lansing. Back in 1978, the Michigan legislature passed a law banning research on live fetuses and embryos. That was understandable then. Fertility clinics were then in their infancy, and nobody had any idea there would be any such thing as stem cell

But that law is now being used today to prevent scientists in our state from taking part in some of the most important research in history - work which could also be an economic bonanza.

The justification for the law is that it protects human embryos. Maybe that's the intent, but it just doesn't fit the facts. Here's something we all need to understand. Nobody is proposing to do this research on embryos from abortion clinics. There is no threat that more abortions will happen so stem cells can be harvested, which is what a lot of anti-abortion folks worry about.

These are stem cells from nearly microscopic embryos from fertility clinics. If they aren't used for potentially life-saving research, they are washed down the drain. According to University of Michigan professor and stem cell biologist Sean Morrison points out, fertility clinics discard unused tiny human embryos all the time.

"It's legal in Michigan to discard human embryos,"

Professor Morrison, who heads stem cell research in this state, told me, "but it's illegal to use them for medical research to help cure disease."

The cost to all of us is steep. Morrison pointed out that Michigan is losing out on research projects because funders are scared of our laws. "The state of Illinois is funding research projects there that we would go to jail for trying here in Michigan.

"Our laws are some of the most restrictive in the world, far tighter than federal law and equaled only by

The silliness of the present law is compounded by the negative effect all this is having on our economic future. According to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), more than \$2 billion is invested annually in life sciences research and development in Michigan, The industry produces \$4.8 billion in sales and is one of the few rapidly growing sectors in our economy.

Indeed, the MEDC says the State of Michigan has over the last four years invested \$178 million in growing the Life Sciences Corridor running from Wayne State University through the U-M and Michigan State University to the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids.

So on the one hand we have a rapidly developing scientific field that is terribly important for the health of every citizen, one in which there is great talent at our research universities and has proven to be one of the few bright spots in our economy.

And on the other hand we are suffering under a disco-era law that prohibits exactly the kind of research that needs to be done.

No wonder people in this state are pessimistic. Various attempts have been made to resolve this Catch 22 in the legislature, most notably by Rep. Andy Meisner, D-Ferndale.

Given the ideological stranglehold Michigan Right To Life has on the legislature, is it any surprise that his measure has been bottled up in committee for the past two years?

But the idiocy of our present situation is beginning to be felt, even by legislators. Early last month, some House Republicans held a press conference endorsing "an innovative network of umbilical cord banks." Well, they may be starting to get it — but Morrison calls this idea "misguided." Trouble is, umbilical cord blood cells simply cannot replace embryonic stem cells for research. (Last time I looked, the proposal has yet to

Even in a city as gripped by partisan deadlock as Lansing, don't we have the right to expect our lawmakers to break free of ideology and find a commonsense way to allow our scientists to do the kind of research that an overwhelming majority of people want and need? Especially, that is, when that research would also be a shot in the arm for our troubled econ-

If our legislature doesn't step up to the task, it may be time for all of us to move beyond pessimism ... to outright anger.

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

Regardless of outcomes, politics benefit from youth

ith voter turnouts nearly always below 25 percent and, in the case of many school board elections, in single digits, we hear frequently the younger generation simply isn't jazzed by the political process. Locally, the election process is frequent-

ly controlled by the absentee voters, many of whom are senior citizens. In fact, the election last year in which Plymouth Township got approval to sell \$6 million in bonds to help pay for a new township hall was totally decided in the absentee vote.

Turnouts in Plymouth Kadrich and Canton aren't any

higher than they are anywhere else in the country - a couple of years ago, the turnout for a school board election was something like 4 percent but an interesting trend appears to be developing.

If it continues, and finds a way to be successful, the political process will be served by, and perhaps benefit from,

Joe Hawver of Plymouth Township is running for the 20th House seat being vacated by the term-limited state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. Hawver is a 27-year-old law school graduate in his first foray into political life. He hopes to fare better than 18-year-old

Brandon Hynes, the Canton Township college student who ran for, and failed to gain, a seat on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Whether Hawver is any more successful than Hynes — he's one of three Democrats in the August primary - is obviously yet to be determined.

But Hawver believes his youth gives him at least one advantage in a large district that covers both Plymouths, both Northvilles, a small slice of Canton and the city of Wayne.

Our campaign strategy is to go around talking to people door-to-door, meet people and let them get to know me, give them a brochure," Hawver said. "It's a big district, but we've got young, fresh legs, so we're going to go out there and walk and try to meet every single person we can."

Obviously that's not possible, but you have to like his youthful enthusiasm.

He likes to say that, as the youngest person in the campaign, he's the closest to the 21st Century (although Northville lawyer Marc Corriveau isn't a lot older).

Hawver is convinced he can draw on his political acumen — he's got a bachelor's degree in public law from Western

Michigan University and he's been working on various political campaigns since he worked for John Dingell over a decade

He's always shied away from politics because of what he calls "the dark side," but friends have been nagging him to get involved and, when they most recently discussed the open 20th seat, he finally capitulated.

Hynes, on the other hand, decided to get into this year's school board race because he didn't feel "the young of our district are being represented on the current board. It's about a young voice and a young vision the school board needs."

Hynes wasn't concerned his voice, if elected, might have been ignored - "I won't allow that to happen," he said - and cast himself as the one with a different ___ & perspective.

Hynes didn't just sit and watch from afar, but got involved in his issues, traveling to Lansing for senate committee hearings on graduation requirements, for example. It's the kind of involvement we generally say is lacking in our young peo-

Hynes, who had no political experience prior to running for the school board, had little chance against more experienced adults in a non-partisan race, but he gave it every effort, and should continue trying.

Hawver's case is a little different. He's running against two other Democrats school board member Joanne Lamar and Corriveau. Lamar has more experience having served on the school board, and Corriveau gained valuable lessons in an illfated campaign against Stewart two years

Since none of the three really has districtwide recognition, it'll come down to who campaigns better.

No matter how it turns out, Hynes and Hawver represent a younger generation frequently stereotyped as not caring about politics. There is a notion that we need to leave

the world a better place for our young people, and the wonder about whether any young people will care enough to accept Hvnes was unsuccessful, and Hawver

may yet fall in his first try. But their mere candidacies should provide a hope that, somewhere out there, the younger generation is getting ready.

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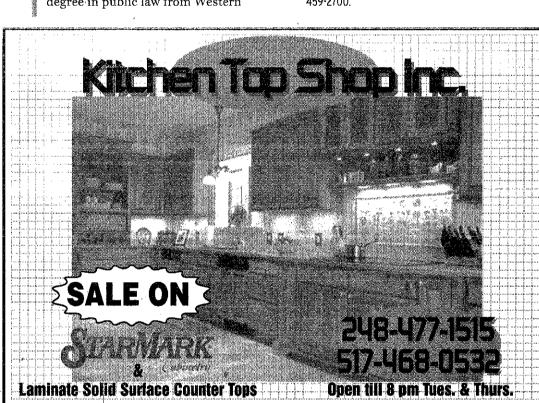
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Father of invention

Troy man sees through the problem to find a solution

BY MEGAN PENNEFATHER
STAFF WRITER

The key to this story is found in something lost.

Namely, Craig Richardson's glasses, without which he can't read or see much of anything.

One night, not so long ago, the Troy resident wanted to listen to a particular CD, but couldn't find his glasses to search the stacks of plastic cases.

It took a while, but he eventually found it. And, while peering through squinted eyes at the small-print on the CD case spine, he uttered the phrase that's likely launched countless inventions throughout history:

"There has to be a better

There was. Soon after his late-night brainstorm, he got to work trying to find a new type of CD case, one that let even visually impaired people read the normally small print on CD case spines.

"One of the issues all of us face is retrieving the content from the case," Richardson said.

That's where Richardson's new invention comes in: the Easy See Case.

"It increases the area of content identification by approximately three times the current spine label area with no change at all to the dimensions of the case," Richardson said.

As far as specifics, that's about all the inventor will allow. With a patent pending gadget that could bring money and success to its creator, Richardson is careful about opening the door for those less-than-ethical rivals.

Instead, he said he's received nothing but praise from music companies like Sony, BMG and Warner Bros., which are indicating they're interested in offering a more user-friendly

"They said this case is going to totally revolutionize the entertainment landscape," Richardson said of the music representatives he's contacted about the Easy See Case.

The invention already has a fan in Patrick Cannon, state director of the Michigan Commission for the Blind.

Cannon said the larger spine area will allow for Braille labels to be placed on CD cases, a feature that will make it easier for blind and visually impaired people to file and find CDs.

"It's one of those inventions you look at and you see how simple it is and you think it's so simple I'm surprised nobody's thought of it before," said Cannon, who got a first-hand demonstration of the new case. "It's definitely going to be much easier for a blind person

to put a Braille label" on a CD.

It's not the first invention for Richardson, but it may turn out to be his most lucrative. Or, at least, it's poised to be more successful than his very first invention.

When he was 13, he came up with the idea for a collapsible fishing pole that was easier to carry and pack. He drew it out, thought up a plan, and decided to ask his uncle, who was also an inventor, for advice.

His uncle looked at the plan and told the young Richardson, "Forget get-rich schemes. Dedicate your life to work and maybe in 40 years you'll have something to show for it."

And that wasn't even the worst part: "Ten years later they came out with my idea," Richardson said.

Still, it's probably a good thing he didn't end up taking his uncle's advice. After a career as manager of a transportation company in Cadillac, he was laid off unexpectedly. He was rehired by the same company, which transferred him to Troy a few years ago, only to be laid off a second time.

But Richardson is something of an optimist, and saw his misfortune as a type of opportunity.

"It was like this big plan was set in motion, because it gave me time to do this," he said.

He's taken advantage of that extra time. For the last few years, he's spent long days and nights not only developing the Easy See Case, but making the myriad business contacts.

"I get up at 6 in the morning and I'll work 'til 10 or 11 at

night," he said.

As it turns out, having the idea for his invention was the easy part. Now comes the hard part — manufacturing and marketing the Easy See Case.

Richardson said that while he's gotten nothing but interest from big media companies and retail outlets, he can't find a manufacturing facility that can make that many plastic CD

So far, he's been concentrating his facility search to Michigan, and hasn't given up hope he'll eventually find one. "That's the goal, trying to make my small contribution to the state of Michigan economy," he

He hopes to have the some

cases made and out to stores as early as 2007.

Then, he hopes to be able to let everyone else understand a product he already thinks is a success.

Troy resident Craig Richardson has spent the last few years developing the Easy See Cases, which make reading CD spines and cases easier.





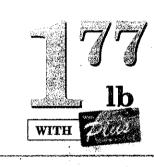
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Infant well-being declines in Michigan

Adolescent measures such as high school dropout rate improved in Michigan between 2000 and 2003, according to the annual Kids Count stateby-state report released last week by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

In the area of maternal and infant well-being, however, state progress stalled, and economic security weakened. The state's overall ranking placed Michigan 27th among the 50 states (No. 1 is the best ranking) based on 10 key measures.

"Michigan's progress in the area of adolescent health and development reflects the state and community commitment to programs that have improved the lives of youth," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate at the Michigan League of Human Services and director of the Kids Count in Michigan project. "We now need that same level of dedication to improving maternal and infant health and blunting the impact on children of the state economic downturn."

In the area of maternal and infant mortality rate at 8.5 deaths per 1,000 births earned the state its worst ranking, 43rd among the 50 states, dropping from 39th in 2000. The state rate was well above the national average of 6.9 deaths per 1,000 live births. State data show the infant mortality rate for African-American infants (17.4 deaths per 1,000) was 2-1/2 times that of the state's white infants

"This disparity in infant mortality rates is driven by differences in access to health care, good jobs, safe housing and transportation services. said Michele Corey, director of Community Advocacy at Michigan's Children.

Another troubling trend was the erosion of economic security among Michigan families reflected in the 29 percent

Kids Count in Michigan, a collaborative effort project of the Michigan League for Human Services and Michigan's Children, is part of a broad national effort to measure the well-being of children at state and local levels. The project regularly collects and publishes such information to enlighten public policy and community action.

increase in child poverty between 2000 and 2004, compared to only a 6 percent increase nationwide. By 2004 child poverty in the state had climbed to 18 percent of children, matching the national average. Children in families with income below the poverty level (\$19,311 for a family of four in 2004) suffer a higher risk of hunger, health problems, low academic achievement and behavior problems.

"Michigan families are not unscathed by the state's economic difficulties, and many parents either do not have or are losing access to decent jobs with adequate wages and benefits. Erosion in the public programs that supplement the basic needs of children and their families during economic hard times will compromise the future potential of these children as students, workers, citizens and parents," said Zehnder-Merrell .

All the positive trends for the state in the national Kids Count report reflected better outcomes for Michigan youth. Compared to 2000, the 2004 percentage of the state's youth who dropped out of high school declined by 30 percent, those who were neither working nor attending school decreased by 11 percent. Teens were also more likely to postpone parenthood in 2003; births to teens, ages 15-19, dropped by 15 percent - from 40 of every 1,000 female teens giving birth in 2000 to 34 in

The state earned its best rank, 10th among the 50 states, for its teen death rate, which dropped from 64 to 55 deaths per 100,000 youth between 2000 and 2003, compared to a national average of 66 deaths. The 14 percent improvement in this measure over the trend period countered national trends that showed only 1 percent improvement. State data showed the most likely cause of death to a teen, ages 15-19, was motor vehicle accident, representing more than one-third of all deaths (36 percent) to this age group.

"Policy makers and community leaders should be inspired by the results of their efforts for youth, and take responsibility in making sure more our youngest children have a healthy start in our communities," said Corey.

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The state project is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore, MD.; the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation: as well as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation and the Michigan Association of United Way.

Education efforts to reduce deaths

Despite the fact that there are nearly a dozen first-rate hospitals in Michigan, the state has the seventh highest infant mortality rate in the nation.

Michigan Department of Community Health Director of Communications T.J. Bucholz said there are a lot of reasons why the state's infant mortality rate is as high as it is. They're much the same reasons that the U.S. rate is higher than other western

"Women aren't seeking appropriate pre- or post-natal care," he said. "They don't always understand the proper care of an infant,"

That lack of knowledge, combined with the less-tangible causes like low birth weight and a higher rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) are making Michigan's numbers poor.

The state is working on a parcel of programs aimed at preventing unwanted pregnancies and educating people on the proper care and maintenance of children.

The first program, "Talk Early, Talk Often" is geared toward teaching parents how to talk to their middle school-aged kids about sex and preventing pregnancy.

The second program, "Plan First," just got kicked off this month.

The economics of the program, he said, work out. The cost of preventative contraception runs between \$200 and \$300 a year where the cost of a Medicare-funded birth costs on average \$11,000.

"The state had a Medicare program to extend family planning to women at 100 percent of the poverty level," Bucholz said. "For a family of four, that's \$38,000 a year. With the new waiver the state has, it's been extended to families at 185 percent of the poverty

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"The program saves money and makes sure that every child is a wanted child," he said. 'That's what the governor is shooting for."

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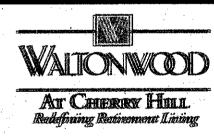








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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -June 27, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for June 27, 2006 General Fund 374,606.91 Fire Fund 47,967.28 206 90,419.02 Police Fund 207 Summit Operating 208 37,668.05 230 1,434.41 Cable TV Fund Twp Improvement 246 49,602.47 E-911 Utility 360.50 261 1,053.64 Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 Federal Grants Fund 9,902.85 1,192.55 **Auto Theft Grant** 136,822.14 Cap Proj-Road Paving 403 Golf Fund 25,313.18 584 592 1,044,890:35 Water & Sewer Fund Trust & Agency Fund 5,592.00 Construction Escrows 47,032.63 Post Employ. Benefits 10,883.80

1,884,741.78 **Total - All Funds** PRESENTATION: Supervisor Yack acknowledged Tony Minghine for his 10 years of service to Canton Township. 1. SERGEANT'S BADGE PRESENTATION. Canton Police Department promoted police officer Robert Sidor to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Sidor was hired by the department in 1980 as a police cadet. Sidor has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement from Western Illinois University, and successfully completed an extensive testing procedure for the promotion. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution in recognition of employee retirements. Motion carried by all members present. The Canton Board of Trustees proudly recognizes the retirements of Barb Adkins, Diana Anderson, Judy Beeker, Janet Broschay, Bob Dates, Ken Doletzky, Marv Drews, Theresa Fliss, Karl Gorham, Brenda Katulski, Bill Laird, Linda Molnar, Bob Schuelke, Polly White and Carol Quinn. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Canton Board of Trustees recognized the tremendous contribution and dedication of all the retiring employees and wish them the very best as they enter into this new phase of their life. Item 2. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR DIVERSIFIED MACHINE, INC. REQUEST OR TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #99-581. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing date for July 25, 2006, to consider the Diversified Machine, Inc. application to transfer the UniBoring Company, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR CANTON GARDEN CLUB'S GARDEN WALK. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve placement of signs for the Canton Garden Club's Garden Walk on July 16, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SECOND READING TO AMEND THE PARK ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE II; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES SEVERABILITY, AND SAFING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table for the second reading and adoption of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, Chapter 50, Article II of the Park Ordinance with publication and effective date of July 6, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, PARK ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE II; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. REVISION TO CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE II Chapter 50. Article II is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS Sec. 50-31. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Department means the Department of Leisure Services of the township. Division means the Park and Facility Maintenance Division of the Department of Leisure Services. Organization means any for-profit corporation, non-profit corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or sole proprietorship, and persons accompanying such organization. Park means any of the public parks located in the township or under the jurisdiction and the control of the division. Public building means any park and/or Leisure Services building. Director means the Director of the Department of Leisure Services of the township, or his/her duly authorized agents or assistants. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 2, 6-23-1994) Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2. Sec. 50-32. Supervision of parks. All township-owned parks shall be operated and maintained under the supervision of the Department of Leisure Services. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 3, 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-33. Authority of Director. The Director shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the township parks, and all employees of the Department of Leisure Services concerned in the maintenance of such parks shall perform their duties under the supervision of the Director. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 4, 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-34. Enforcement. The police division and ordinance inspectors shall enforce the provisions of this article and any other ordinances pertaining to the township parks and shall enforce all rules and regulations relating to the use of such parks. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 5, 6-23-1994) Cross references: Officers and

employees, § 2-51 et seq. Sec. 50-35. Violation of rules. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any duly adopted rule or regulation governing conduct in any township park. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 6, 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-36. Operating hours and closed areas. (a) Parks shall be open to the public every day of the year from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., official township time, unless otherwise permitted by the Director in writing. The opening and closing hours for each individual park shall be posted therein for public information. (b) Any park or section thereof may be declared closed to the public by the Director at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular stated intervals (daily or otherwise), either entirely or merely for specific uses, as the Director shall find reasonably necessary. The local law enforcement agency shall have the authority to close any park or section thereof, in the interest of the public safety. (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, occupy, frequent, loiter in or be in any park in the township unless the park is officially open to the general public. (Ord. No. 81, as amended, § 12(A), eff. 10-10-2000; Ord. No. 108, as amended, §§ 7(D)(3), 8(A), (B), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-37. Permits. (a) Application. Applications for park permits shall be filed with the Division. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis starting February 1st of each year. Such applications shall be sworn to and shall state: (1) The name of the person or organization wishing to conduct such activity. (2) If the activity is proposed to be conducted for, or on behalf of, or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization, and the authorized and responsible head of such organization. (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be chairperson of such activity and who will be responsible for its conduct. (4) The name, address and telephone number of the person to whom the permit is desired to be issued. (5) The date when such activity is to be conducted. (6) The park or portion thereof for which such permit is desired. (7) An estimate of the anticipated attendance. (8) The hour when such activity will start and terminate. (b) Criteria for issuance. The Director shall issue a permit when: (1) The proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park. (2) The proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of the public health, welfare, safety and recreation. (3) The proposed activity or use is not unreasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime, or disorderly conduct. (4) The proposed activity will not entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation by the township. (5) The proposed activity will not create noise to the extent that it unreasonably disturbs persons within the township. (6) The facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the days and hours requested on the application. (7) The application has been accompanied by a nonrefundable park permit application fee, in an amount to be set by township board resolution, to cover the township's administrative costs in reviewing and evaluating the application. (c) Notice of denial; appeal of denial. Within seven days after receipt of an application, the Director shall apprise an applicant in writing of his or her reasons for refusing a permit if the permit is refused, and any aggrieved person shall have the right to appeal in writing within five days to the township board, which shall consider the application under the standards set forth in subsection (b) of this section and sustain or overrule the Director's decision within two weeks. The decision of the township board shall be final. (d) Liability of permittee. The person or organization to whom a permit is issued shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury to any person or property whatever by reason of the negligence, gross negligence, or recklessness of the person or organization to whom such permit shall have been issued or any of his or her guests. (e) Revocation. The Director shall have the authority to revoke a permit for any of the following causes: (1) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statements contained in the application for the permit. (2) Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statements made by the permit holder on the performance of the authorized operation. (3) The failure to comply with the provisions of park rules, ordinances of the township, including this article, or laws of the state. (4) The person or organization that received the permit attempts to transfer the permit to any other person or organization not named on the permit. (5) The permittee or her or his designee is not present for the entire specified use, and/or fails to present the permit upon request of the Director, a police officer, or an ordinance inspector during the permitted use. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 8(D)--(H), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-38. Damaging or tampering with buildings or other property. No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace, or remove any park building, bridge, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, painting material, public utilities or appurtenances, signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(A)(1)a, 6-23-1994) Cross references: Offenses involving property rights, § 46-61 et seq. Sec. 50-39. Use of restrooms or washrooms designated for opposite sex. No person in a park over the age of five years shall use the restrooms and washrooms designated for the opposite sex. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(A)(1)b, 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-40. Damaging trees, shrubbery or lawns; standing or sitting on fences or other property. (a) No person shall willfully damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark of any tree or plant, or attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant in a park. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area in the park. (b) No person shall climb any tree, or walk, stand, or sit upon railings, fences or any other property not designated to be customarily used for such purposes. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(A)(2), 6-23-1994) Cross references: Offenses involving property rights, § 46-61 et seq. Sec. 50-41. Injuring wild animals or birds. (a) No person shall attempt to harm or injure, kill, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, reptile or bird in park. No person shall remove or have in his possession, give away, sell or offer to sell, or buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift, any specimen, alive or dead, of any animal, reptile or bird. An exception to this section is made for snakes known to be deadly poisonous, such as rattlesnakes. (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to feed or attempt to feed any animal or bird any known noxious substance. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(A)(3), 6-23-1994) Cross references: Animals, ch. 14. Sec. 50-42. Pollution of waters. It shall be unlawful to throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park, or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will result in the pollution of such waters. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(B)(1), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-43. Disposal of refuse. No person shall throw or deposit litter, refuse or trash in any park within the township except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the refuse and trash will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter, refuse and trash shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere in accordance with the laws of the township and the state. No person shall bring into or dump, deposit or leave in any park any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse or other trash unless it directly results from an authorized park use or function. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(B)(2), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-44. Use of picnic areas A picnic area shall be used on a first come, first serve basis unless area is designated for permitted use. It shall be unlawful to picnic or lunch in a park in a place other than those designated for that purpose. The Director shall have the authority to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end. For picnic pavilion structure rental, refer to Section 50-58. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(C)(1), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-45. Camping. No person shall erect or set up tents, shacks, house trailers, camping trailers or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping in a park, unless allowed through a Township event sanctioned by the Director. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(C)(2), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-46. Games. It shall be unlawful to take part in the playing of games such as golf, baseball, football, soccer and softball in a park except in areas designated for such activities. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(C)(3), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-47. Horseback riding. It shall be unlawful to ride a horse in a park except on designated bridle trails. Where horseback riding is permitted, horses shall be thoroughly broken and properly restrained and ridden with due care, and shall not be allowed to graze or go unattended, nor shall they be hitched to any rock, tree or shrub. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(C)(4), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-48. Domestic animals. (a) No person shall bring into or have in his possession or control within the boundaries of any community park any dog or pet of any kind, unless the dog or pet shall be kept on a leash of not over six feet in length and under the immediate control of some responsible person. The Director may restrict dogs and pets from accessing park properties when safety is a concern during certain special events. The person who owns or is in charge of the dog or pet shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by such dog or pet by any sanitary method. The droppings shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of the dog or pet on the property of the person owning or in charge of the dog or pet or deposited in a trash receptacle. (b) A guide or leader dog, hearing dog, or service dog, if the guide or leader dog is wearing a harness or if the hearing dog or service dog is wearing a blaze orange leash and collar, hearing dog cape, or service dog backpack, and being led or accompanied by a person with disabilities, is exempt from subsection (a) of this section if the person with disabilities being led or accompanied has in his possession a pictured identification card certifying that the dog was trained by a qualified organization or trainer. (c) Public Safety Canine Patrol dogs are exempt from subsection (a) of this section. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(1), 6-23-1994) Cross references: Animals, ch. 14. Sec. 50-49. Fires. No person shall start or maintain a fire within the boundaries of any community park except in picnic stoves, fireplaces or other such containers for such purposes. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other flammable material within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(2), 6-23-1994) Cross references: Fire prevention and protection, ch. 38. Sec. 50-50. Conducting amusement for gain. No amusement for gain or for which a charge is made can be conducted in any park without first obtaining a permit in accordance with section 50-37. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(3), 6-23-1994) Cross references: Amusements and entertainments. ch. 10. Sec. 50-51. Alcoholic beverages. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume any alcoholic beverages, including spirits, liquor, beer or wine, in any township park, except beer or wine purchased on the premises from a duly licensed vendor. Obtaining a day vendor's license does not alleviate the facility use permit requirement outlined elsewhere in this article. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(5), 6-23-1994) Cross references: Alcoholic liquor, ch. 6. Sec. 50-52. Off-road vehicles; motordriven vehicles restricted to roadways and parking areas. (a) No person shall operate or have in his possession within the boundaries of any community park any off-road motor-driven vehicle, including, but not limited to, a mini bike, dirt bike, dune mobile, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, converted snowmobile, amphibious vehicle or similar motorized device. (b) No person shall operate, drive, push, or otherwise propel any motordriven vehicle on any portions of any community park covered by

grass or other natural vegetation unless authorized by the Director.

All motor-driven vehicles must remain on the roadways or in the

designated parking areas. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(6), 6-

23-1994) Cross references: Traffic and vehicles, ch. 70. Sec. 50-53. Remote control vehicles. No person shall operate within the boundaries of any community park any remote control airplanes, helicopters, cars or gas or electric powered boats without first obtaining a permit in accordance with section 50-37. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(7), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-54. Skateboards and Rollerblades. No person shall skateboard in any community park except at such times and in such places as may be designated by the Director for such use. The Director may restrict rollerblading on park properties when safety is a concern during certain special events. (Ord. No. 108, as amended, § 7(D)(8), 6-23-1994). Sec. 50-55. Assemblies. No person shall engage in, participate in, aid, form, or organize any assembly or group of people or make any speeches, or conduct any musical program or festival, in any park, unless a permit has been obtained from the Director, and unless such a permit is carried by the person heading or leading such activity; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to students' work when constituting a part of their educational activities under the immediate direction and supervision of the proper school authorities, or to any governmental agency within the scope of its functions. (Ord. No. 108, as amended. § 8(C), 6-23-1994) Sec. 50-56. Conducting sales for gain. (a) No person shall engage or participate in the sale of food products or goods for gain or for which a charge is made in any park without first meeting the requirements of Chapter 54, Peddlers and Solicitors, including but not limited to receiving a permit thereunder. (b) No person shall engage or participate in the sale of food products or goods for gain or for which a charge is made in any park without first obtaining a permit in accordance with section 50-37. Sec. 50-57. Organization or group participation. At posted locations, including but not limited to the Heritage Park Splash Playground, a group which has or is reasonably expected to have twelve (12) or more persons, or an organization, participating at park amenities must first obtain permit in accordance with section 50-37. Sec. 50-58. Picnic pavilion structures. No person or organization except the Permitted person or organization shall use designated picnic pavilions during times posted for rental use only. For use of picnic areas refer to section 50-44. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the Unlawful Acts provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 27th day of June, 2006, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: June 13, 2006 Published: June 22, 2006 Adopted: June 27, 2006 Effective upon Publication: July 6, 2006 Item 5. PURCHASING COOPERATIVES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the 2006 list of those agencies who meet our bidding criteria. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. SECOND READING AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, SECTIONS 74-37(B) AND 74-37(F), CROSS CONNECTIONS WITH PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the second reading of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, Chapter 4 Section 74-37(b) and 74-37(f) Cross Connections with Public Water Supply with effective date and publication of July 6, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 74-37(b) AND 74-37(f) OF CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 74-37(b) AND 74-37(f) OF CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE WATER SUPPLY CROSS CONNECTION RULES OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE STATE PLUMBING CODE AND THE WAYNE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE. HEALTH CODE; PROVIDING FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES AND THE TESTING THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES: PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR EVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE. Sections 74-37(b) and 74-37(f) of Chapter 74, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton are hereby amended to read in pertinent part as follows: Sec. 74.37. Cross connection with public water supply. (b) Compliance with applicable regulations; statutes and administrative rules adopted. A connection with a public water supply system shall comply with the following which are hereby adopted by reference: (1) The Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality being R325.11401 to R325.11407 of the Michigan Administrative Code, and (2) The State Plumbing Code, and (3) The Wayne County Environmental Health Code, Articles I, II and IX, effective September 1, 1977, as amended. (f) Corrections; testing of backflow prevention devices. (3) All testable backflow prevention devices shall be tested upon installation to be sure that the device is working properly. Subsequent testing of devices shall be conducted on an annual basis as required by the water utility in accordance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements. Only individuals that are approved and State of Michigan certified shall be qualified to perform such testing. The individual conducting such testing shall certify the results of his/her testing. SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. 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 3. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 27th day of June, 2006, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: June 13, 2006 Adopted: June 27, 2006 Published: July 6, 2006 Effective: July 6, 2006 Item 7. CANTON FINANCE POLICY AMENDMENTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following amendments to Policy F:06. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. SPECIAL EVENT STATUS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES/DDA EVENTS. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the special event status and placement of signs along Ford Rd. for Canton Leisure Services/DDA events occurring July 7 -September 30, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. GÊNERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. 2005 AUDIT PRESENTATION. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to accept the 2005 financial reports for the Charter Township of Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR APPLEGATE PRIVATE DRIVE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the

(Continued From Page A14) resolution for the site plan for Applegate Private Drive. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Applegate Private Drive WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. William Applegate, has requested site plan approval for Applegate Private Drive to be located on Hanford Road between Napier and Ridge Roads, identified as tax EDP # 027-99-0005-009 and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, 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. William Applegate, to approve the site plan for the proposed Applegate Private Drive subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 3. CONSIDER FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR PHASE 1 OF GRANDVIEW ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the final PDD and Phase 1 Preliminary Site Plan for Grandview Estates. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD and Phase 1 Preliminary Site Plan for Grandview Estates WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District approval for Grandview Estates located on 166.5 acres located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads; and, WHEREAS, the project Sponsors have also requested Preliminary Site Plan approval for 99 units on 56.45 acres for Phase 1 of Grandview Estates Site Condominiums: and; WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the Final PDD and Preliminary Site Plan for Phase 1 of Grandview Estates to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed Final PDD and Preliminary Site Plan for Phase 1 of Grandview Estates and determines the proposals 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 Final Planned Development District for Grandview Estates located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads on Parcel Nos. 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 $0014\ 000,\ 121\ 99\ 0015\ 001,\ 121\ 99\ 0015\ 002,\ 121\ 99\ 0024\ 002,\ 121\ 99$ 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 $0029\ 000,\ 121\ 99\ 0030\ 000,\ 121\ 99\ 0032\ 000,\ 121\ 99\ 0033\ 000,\ 121\ 99$ $0034\ 000,\ 121\ 99\ 0038\ 000,\ 124\ 99\ 0001\ 000,\ 124\ 99\ 0002\ 000,\ 124\ 99$ 0003 005, 124 99 0004 000, 124 99 0010 000, subject to completion and approval of the sewer remediation agreement; and furthermore does hereby approve the Preliminary Site Plan for Phase 1 of Grandview Estates Site Condominium on 56.45 acres of the above described land; subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HERITAGE PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING ADDITION. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Heritage Park Maintenance Motion carried by all members present. Facility Addition. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Heritage Park Maintenance Facility Addition WHEREAS, the Leisure Services Department has requested site plan approval for the addition to the Heritage Park Maintenance Facility located at the west end of Heritage Park Drive (Tax EDP#: 083-99-0004-707); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed 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 site plan for the Heritage Park Maintenance Facility Addition; and also subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 5. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HIDDEN COVE CONDOMINIUMS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Hidden Cove Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Hidden Cove Condominiums WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Michael Furnari, has requested site plan approval for Hidden Cove Condominiums to be located on Lotz Road between Cherry Hill and Ford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 052-99-0016-708, 052-99-0016-709 and 052-99-0016-710; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, 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. Michael Furnari, to approve the site plan for the proposed Hidden Cove Condominiums 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 6. CONSIDER DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE DENTON ROAD EXTENSION, NORTH OF CHERRY HILL AND EAST OF RIDGE ROAD AND FOR ONE PARCEL ON CHERRY HILL ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the dedication of road right-of-way from the following Tax Numbers: 71-072-99-0006-700, (parts of) 71-072-99-0003-702 & fka 71-067-99-0011-701 fka 71-072-99-0022-000 & 71-067-99-0011-000, and (part of) 71-071-99-0002-701 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the waivers and quit claim deeds. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. FIRST READING OF REPEAL OF CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE II, FOREST PRESERVATION, SECTION 94-31 THROUGH 94-38. (MSD) Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish the first reading of the repeal of Chapter 94, Article II Forest Preservation, Section 94-31 through 94-38. Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF FOREST CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF FOREST PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE II FOREST PRESERVATION, SECTION 94-31 THROUGH 94-38. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF OR DINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE FOREST PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 124; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY: PROVI DING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBL ICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: Section 1. Repeal Of The Ordinance. That the Forest Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 94, Article II Forest Preservation, Section 94-31 through 94-38 be and is hereby repealed. Section 2. Violation And Penalty. 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 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance. Section 4. Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. Section 5. Savings Clause. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. Section 6. Publication. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Introduced: June 27 2006 Item 8. APPROVE PURCHASE OF PENSION SERVICE CREDIT. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve Canton Township's purchase of up to five years of service time in the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) pension program for Dan Durack. Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Lease Agreement for the management of Fellows Creek Golf Course to Fellows Creek Golf Club, Inc., 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton, MI 48188. Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. AMEND MERS RETIREMENT WINDOW. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to

amend the MERS Retirement Window for the Non-Union employee

group establishing the window period of January 1, 2006 to June 30,

2006 during which time eligible employees would be able to retire with a

2.8 pension multiplier. Motion carried by all members present. Item 11.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - TRANSFER OF POSITION FROM

ACSD BUDGET TO CLERK'S OFFICE BUDGET. (ACSD) Motion

by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund

budget amendment for the transfer of the Clerk Typist II position in the

Copy/Mail room from the Administrative & Community Services

Department to the Clerk's Office effective July 1, 2006: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: #101-175-705-0000 \$(16,250)

Fringe Benefits-Admin Services 101-175-720-0000 Salaries-Clerical-Clerk's Office101-215-705-0000 16,250 Fringe Benefits-Clerk's Office 101-215-720-0000 <u>6.500</u>

Item 12. APPROVAL OF BID TO PRINT THE FOCUS NEWSLETTER. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid for printing the monthly Focus newsletter with Kimcraft Printers, Inc. for a twelve month period, for \$21,252, and further, that pursuant to the bid specifications, the bid may be extended for an additional two year period upon mutual agreement of Kimcraft Printers, Inc. and Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PARKS/GOLF MAINTENANCE FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund for the Parks/Golf Maintenance Facility Expansion project. Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - WAYNE COUNTY ASSESSMENT

EQUALIZATION BILLS 2003 AND 2004. (FBD) Deleted from the agenda. Item 15. NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION-GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS-WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS. (FBSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the attached resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to publish a notice of intent to issue General Obligation Capital Improvement bonds not to exceed \$40,000,000 Motion carried by all members present. NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (Water and Sewer) 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 (the "Township") held on the 27th day of June, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Members Bennett, LaJoy, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Members Caccamo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Clerk Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter: WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items consisting of improvements to the Township's water and sewer systems; and WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the

requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. 2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form: NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing water and sewer improvements in the Township. Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board. SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including water and sewer rates and charges, and if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations. RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON. THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. Terry G. Bennett Clerk, Charter Township of Canton 3. The Township Board does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the Township's taxpayers and electors of this Board's intent to issue the bonds, the purpose of the bonds, the security for the bonds, and the right of referendum relating thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed. 4. The firm of Bendzinski & Co., Detroit, Michigan be and is hereby retained as financial advisor to the Township for this bond issue. The firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan be and is hereby retained as bond counsel for this bond issue. 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Member Bennett, LaJoy, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: Member None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk Item 16. NOTICE OF INTENT OBLIGATION RESOLUTION GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS-RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move to approve the resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to publish a notice of intent to issue General Obligation Capital Improvement bonds not to exceed \$1,500,000: Motion carried by all members present. NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (Recreational Improvements) 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 (the "Township") held on the 27th day of June, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Members Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Members Caccamo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Clerk Bennett and supported by Member LaJoy: WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items consisting of improvements to the Township's Fellows Creek Golf Course; and WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. 2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/ 4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form: NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the Fellows Creek Golf Course. Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board. SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including golf course revenues, and if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations. RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON. THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. Terry G. Bennett Clerk, Charter Township of Canton 3. The Township Board does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the Township's taxpayers

and electors of this Board's intent to issue the bonds, the purpose of the

bonds, the security for the bonds, and the right of referendum relating

A15 thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed. 4. The firm of Bendzinski & Co., Detroit, Michigan be and is hereby retained as financial advisor to the Township for this bond issue. The firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan be and is hereby retained as bond counsel for this bond issue. 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Member Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: Member None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk Item 17. NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION-GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS-DDA. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to publish a notice of intent to issue General Obligation Capital Improvement bonds not to exceed \$8,500,000. Motion carried by all members present. NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (DDA Project) 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 (the "Township") held on the 27th day of June, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Members Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Members Caccamo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Clerk Bennett and supported by Member Zarbo: WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed 8.5 Million Dollars (\$8,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items consisting of various infrastructure and streetscape improvements in accordance with the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan; and WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. 2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form: NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed 8.5 Million Dollars (\$8,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing infrastructure and streetscape improvements in the Township's Downtown Development Authority Downtown District. Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board. SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable primarily from tax increment revenues collected in the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority Downtown District and if necessary, the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including if necessary, property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations. RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON. THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. Terry G. Bennett Clerk, Charter Township of Canton 3. The Township Board does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the Township's taxpayers and electors of this Board's intent to issue the bonds, the purpose of the bonds, the security for the bonds, and the right of referendum relating thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed. 4. The firm of Bendzinski & Co., Detroit, Michigan be and is hereby retained as financial advisor to the Township for this bond issue. The firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan be and is hereby retained as bond counsel for this bond issue. 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Member Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: Member None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 27, 2006, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk Item 18. CONSIDER GIS STREET MAPPING UPDATE AND LAYER CREATION - CLEMIS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the GIS street information update through North Arrow Technologies, 12272 N. Fenton Rd. Suite #5, Fenton, MI 48430 in the amount of \$1,120 FY 2006 Police Budget Capital Outlay Computers #207 301 977 2580 (Cost Center P000049 0192 0000). Further, to approve the following budget transfer for the GIS Layer creation for Common Places through North Arrow Technologies, 12272 N. Fenton Rd., Suite #5, Fenton, MI 48430 in the amount of \$8540 Transfer to Fund Balance #261 346 999 0000 (\$8540) Contracted Services Account #261 346 818 0000 \$8540. This budget transfer will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 911-Emergency Services Fund. Motion carried by all members present. Item 19. CONSIDER PURCHASE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAPTOP COMPUTER-HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT, (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of the Panasonic CF-74 Toughbook, from Tough Solutions 39 Park Place, Suite 300, Appleton, WI, 54914 in the amount of \$3133. Additionally to approve the purchase of a Sierra MP775 modem and annual wireless fee in the amount of \$1231. Total cost not to exceed \$4364, reimbursable through the Wayne County Homeland Security Grant. Further, to approve following budget transfer for this purchase in the amount of \$2780 from 911 Service Funds (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000)

Transfer to Fund Balance #261 346 999 0000 (\$4364) Capital Outlay Account #261 346 977 0000 \$4364 This budget transfer will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 911-Emergency Services Fund. Motion carried by all members present Item 20. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VHF RADIO FOR THE COMMAND POST-HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of Motorola VHF CDM-1250 and JPS interface for the command post from ComSource Inc., 2130 Austin Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$3243.65, reimbursable through Wayne County Homeland Security Grant. Further, to approve following budget transfer for this purchase in the amount from 911 Service Funds (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000) Transfer to Fund Balance #261 346 999 0000 (\$3244)

Capital Outlay Account #261 346 977 0000 \$3244 This budget transfer will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 911-Emergency Services Fund. Motion carried by all members present. Item 21. CONSIDER UPGRADE TO LINE CONNECTIVITY FOR VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve an upgrade of a 3-year internet access service agreement with Telesthetic, LLC, 3422 N. Tipsico Lake Rd., Hartland, MI 48353 in the amount of \$495/month. FY 2006 911 Service Fund Contracted Services 261 346 818 0000. (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000). Motion carried by all members present. Item 22. APPROVE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FOR DEARBORN REALTY. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo that the Canton Board of Trustees approve a \$41,040 (3%) real estate commission (Water and Sewer Fund) to Dearborn Realty for real estate services rendered in the purchase of the 6.615 acres (north of the Lower Rouge Pump Station) from Frankel and Associates. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Trustee LaJoy wishes to thank the volunteer/staff/residents for a great Liberty Fest. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a regular Board meeting on July 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. There will be a Joint Study Session on July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. There will be a Regular Study Session on July 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - 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 www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JULY

Movie Night Presented by Ward Presbyterian Church's Single Point Ministries Friday, July 7, bus leaves parking lot F (40000 Six Mile in Northville) at 6:45 p.m. for the Historical Redford Theater, pipe organ mini concert at 7:30 p.m. before film It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, World begins. Call (248) 374-5920.

Classic car show Livonia Church of Christ will hold its 5th Annual Classic Car Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, rain or shine. Classic car enthusiasts are invited to attend this event benefiting Angela Hospice in Livonia, with programs serving terminally ill patients and their families.

Spectators can attend the car show for free and participants can enter a car for \$15, includes a meal ticket. The first 100 entrants will receive a dash plaque and goodie bag. Entrants will also have the chance to vote for class awards. Judging will take place from noon to 2 p.m., with the presentation of class trophies, Best of Show, and People's Choice at 3 p.m. The event will also feature a DJ, refreshments and door prizes. Livonia Church of Christ is at 15431 Merriman Road. north of 5 Mile in Livonia. For more information, contact Mike Bennett at (248) 380-8078 or visit www.angelahospice.org.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at Nankin Mills Administration Office parking lot, Hines Drive, east of Farmington Road,

Westland. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church (248) 374-5920.

Salad potluck luncheon Women's Fellowship hat Day 12:45 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at Ward Presbyterian

Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. **Blood drive**

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 10, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau to make an appointment at (734) 455-5395, or

iust drop in.

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 10-14, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland. Cost is \$15 per child, \$30 family maximum. Scholarships available. Each participating family will receive a Sing & Play Ole CD which includes all of the songs learned during VBS. Call (734) 722-1735 to register.

Arctic Edge

Adventures in Courage Vacation Bible School 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, second block south of Ford, Garden City. All ages welcome, preschoolers must have an adult stay on site. Call (734) 421-0472 for more information.

Vacation Bible school Faith Covenant Church in Farmington

Hills invites all children ages 3 through grade five to join in at SonTreasure Island VBS 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 10-14, at 35415 W. 14 Mile at Drake. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.4fcc.org

call (248) 661-9191. **Meditation classes**

Begins 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 10, and continues to .Aug. 7, Elizabeth

Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No preregistration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit

www.renaissanceunity.org. Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Concert

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization for divorced and separated of all faiths, gathers to hear Air Margaritaville 6 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Heritage Park, 1010 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Call (734) 519479.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separat ed of all Christian denominations 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, 8 Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-

Detroit River Cruise

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Bethany Suburban West is supporting First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Single Place Hawaiian-Portafino Cruise Saturday, July 15, 8 p.m. to midnight on the Detroit River. All aboard is 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes pizza and dancing, Call (248) 349-0911.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16; at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Polish American picnic

Join us for mass with Polonaise Chorale at 11 a.m., rain or shine, live music at picnic, at Historic St.



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Obitùaries. Memorials, Remembrances

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DALE A. NYHUS

Age 69, of Gladwin, formerly of Canton passed away July 1, 2006. Loving father of Lori (Kurt) Cassidy, Tina (Steven) Provot, Renee (Lee)Cochran and Ronnie Horvath. Grandfather of ten and great grandfather of one. Dear brother of Becky (Frank) Tillotson-Krohn and Kitty (Perry) Tillotson-Smallwood. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by brother Ron and by long time companion Dolores Horvath. Funeral service Thursday 11:00 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 9a.m.until time of service. www.schrader-howell.com

DOROTHY CONLEY

(LEEDER) Age 85 of Dayton, formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away Friday, June 9, 2006 at Walnut Creek Suites in Dayton, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward C Conley. She is survived by her daughter Mary and husband Brian Kosmal of Dayton and her son John and wife Lois Conley of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren Rachel Kosmal McCart and Ryan Conley. Dorothy attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO and Michigan State University. She was very active in St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, MI. Interment at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stephens College Alumnae Scholarship Fund 1200 East Broadway, Columbia, MO 65215, in Dorothy's memory. To send a special message to the family, visit:

www.NewcomerFamily.com.

\Longrightarrow MARY STEWART COATSWORTH

Died July 4, 2006 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital at the age of 83. She was born in Pontiac, Michigan, November 14, 1922. She grew up in Huntington Woods and attended St. Mary's School of Royal Oak. After high school, Mary went on the Michigan State University and then transferred to Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin to earn her Bachelors of Science Degree where she was a member of the Tri Delta sorority. Over the last 42 vears she has been a resident of Beverly Hills. Mary is survived by her loving husband William. Dear mother of Greg, Sandy (Michael) Burke, Mary Sue Coatsworth, and preceded in death by her son William "Skip" Coatsworth. She is the proud grandmother of Brittany and Christopher. Funeral from St. Ives Church, 29400. Lahser Road, Southfield, Friday 10 am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 am. Visitation at Lvnch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Roads), Thursday 2-8 pm. Prayers Thursday 7pm. Memorials to the Church or Lions Club of Rochester appreciated.

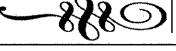
PAUL H. BINNS

The Memorial Service for Mr. Binns, who died June 28, 2006, will be held Sunday, July 9, 2006 at 2:00 PM from the Birmingham Unitarian Universalist Church. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of your choice.



KATHERINE BRUK PEARCE

Age 66, of Bioomine Michigan died Sunday, July 2, 2006 at her home. Katherine was born October 28, 1939 to Paul and Mary Bruk in Greenwich, Connecticut. She grew up in Greenwich and graduated from Greenwich High School in 1957. In 1961 she graduated from Central Connecticut State College and taught elementary school for five years in Greenwich. She then traveled to Japan and taught in the U.S. Armed Forces school system for one year. She returned to Chicago, Illinois in 1966 and taught school in Glenview, a Chicago suburb. The following year she married Lieutenant Harry Pearce. They moved to Chanute AFB where Harry was a JAG officer and Kathy taught elementary school in Gifford, Illinois. The following two ears they lived in England and Holland where their first child was born. After Harry's service they moved to Bismarck, North Dakota where they raised their three children, Shannon, Susan, and Harry Mark. In 1986 Harry and Kathy and family moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where Harry worked as a General Motors executive, retiring as Vice Chairman in 2001. In 1998 Kathy became her husband's primary care giver through a long tough battle with leukemia. Kathy was a long time member of Goodwill and past president of Questers. She enjoyed decorating her homes with fine antique furniture and designing beautiful flower gardens. She was a skilled knitter and an avid reader of English history. She also enjoyed boating with her family on Gull Lake in Minnesota and the Great Lakes. However, most importantly Kathy was a kind and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family was her reason for being. She ever he recounted. Her cheerful giving spirit befriended all who met her She was truly an extraordinary lady loved by all. Kathy is survived by her husband Harry J. Pearce; daughters. Shannon Paula (George) Baker and Drs. Susan Pearce (Robert) Pikal: son. Harry Mark (Katie) Pearce; three grandchildren: Hal, Pearce, and Jack Baker. She was preceeded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary Bruk and her brother, Paul Bruk Jr. Funeral from First United Methodist Church, Maple, Birmingham, Saturday 11am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday 3-9pm. Interment in Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills. Memorials appreciated to The University of Michigan Cancer Center, 301 E. Liberty, Ste. 400, Ann Arbor, MI



PHYLLIS GLEE BOUFFARD

On June, 30 2006 with her son Tom by her side, in her 81st year, our dear mother and grandmother passed away. Of classic grace and beauty, she laughed, loved, gave, played, gave more, danced, forgave, judged not; was rightly stubborn, loyal, strong, proper, compassionate and witty. She knew struggle and was survivor. Memories of her dancing to the music of Tony Bennett and Al Hibler, of her incomparable spaghetti sauce, of her dear friends and love of Oakville, of shelling on the beach, of her joy in living simple pleasures, these and so much more all live on. In her life she left much more than she took. Thanks Mom for always being there- Peter.Tom, Barb, Liane and Betsy. She also left 9 grandchildren: Bersndon, Joe, Crystal, Jamie, Matt, John, Andy, Rick, Siobhan, and Shannon and 2 great-grandchildren: Mia and Caden. Memorial service will be held in Westland, Michigan, Friday, July 7th.

SARAH JANE EVERY

Age 87, July 1, 2006. Wife of Peter Dear mother of Pauline Hina and Jacqueline Gillahan. Dear sister of Peter Cummings. Dearest grandmother of 4 & great grandmother of 4. Services were held R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home (734-422-6720) in charge of arrangements.

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OBITUARY POLICY

The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems máy be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

Deadlines: Friday 4:30 PM for Sunday Wednesday Noon for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

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or fax to: Attn: Obits c/o Charolette Wilson 734-953-2232 For more information call: Charolette Wilson 734-953-2070 or Liz Keiser

> or toll free 866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz

734-953-2067

East Canfield, Detroit. Cost is \$8 per plate for polish dinner and dessert, includes beverages. If you ever attended St. Albertus School, come and see your classmates and have fun. For information, call Emelie at (586) 294-5245.

Albertus, 4231 St. Aubin, corner of

Family Bible school

Family Vacation Bible School for age 4 to 14-year -olds plus their parents 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 17-20, enjoy music, crafts, games, snacks and bible lessons. This is an enjoyable activity for you to do with your children at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City, For more information, call (734) 421-8628. **Vacation Bible School**

Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday,

July 17-21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each addition-ੁਕੇ। child. A CD of the week's music may be purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-Bloweru playtime **See mems and tots 10-11 a.m. Weddesdays** beginning July 19, at

Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143. Free event For students entering fifth through

seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333. Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W.

Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 538-1142. Christian writer workshops

Taught by Donna Clark Goodrich of Arizona, author of 19 books and 700 published fiction and non-fiction pieces, Friday-Saturday, July 21-22 at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church, 120 East Main, Spring Arbor, and Saturday, July 29, at Via Dolorosa Gospel Tabernacie, 8300 Fenkell, Detroit. For information about Spring Arbor workshop, contact Linda Gallaway at (517) 547-6261 or send email to ligallaway@dmci.net, for Detroit contact Wanda Burnside at (313) 491-3504 or send e-mail to wtvision@hotmail.com.

Feast day service

7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland, For more information, call (734) 722-1343 or send e-mail to em2bott@att.net.

RiverStone worship service

Presented by Calvary Baptist Church in Canton 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 23, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, Canton, Call (734) 455-0022, Take a vacation from over-commitment and enjoy some family-time. At RiverStone worship service you'll find friendly people who care about building relationships, raising strong families and staying connected to the community. During the service your children will enjoy our kid-sized fun events.

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The Education Commission of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a tour guided by their pastor Saturday, August 5, departing from St. Aidan parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 45-minutes will be spent at each location. Following the tour, we will enjoy a delicious traditional Polish meal in Hamtramck late in the afternoon before returning to St. Aidan. For information or to make a reservation, call Debbie Dufour (248) 719-

(734) 425-5950. Vacation Bible School

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico. Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

2535, or the St. Aidan Parish office

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Scripture studies 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level

of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Jov. Plymouth. call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship schedule

New schedule continues to Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

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Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920. Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible-study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455. School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration The monthly program of Parish Prayer

and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331. Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship

service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470. Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760. Shabbat services

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7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222. Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

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 students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Scripture from scratch If you've always wanted to learn

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ditional worship services are 8:30 a.m.

and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at

9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-

0584 for more information.

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, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

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Up to the 'Challenge'

Little League provides special time and place for special kids to play baseball

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

The balls are rubber-coated and fluorescent yellow, bases are flat and players have "Buddies" who make sure they don't fall on their way around the field at Claude Allison in Redford Township.

But Saturday mornings in the Challenger Little League are like the All-Star Game and Game 7 of the World Series combined for the young boys and girls who play despite physical or learning disabilities. Simply put, it's their time "The kids enjoy every minute of being

out here," said Ruth Wood, a Livonia resident and bench 'It's open to coach for the Red Sox, one of two teams in the

everybody, in all the school districts. It's not just open to the Redford kids." **Ruth Wood**

Livonia

Challenger division of North Redford Central Little League. "Whether they're kids in wheelchairs or walkers, they feed off each other and it really seems to get them to experience something they can't experience any

other time.' Ruth has a personal knowledge of that.

Her son, Daniel, 9, gets pumped up to play every Saturday despite having Down syndrome.

"I know my kid loves it," she said during a recent contest between the Red Sox and Marlins. "He wakes up on Saturday and goes 'It's baseball day, it's baseball Baseball days open with the pledge of

allegiance followed by shouts of "play ball" from Challenger division vice-president Darrell Hively of Redford. Coaches pitch to kids or help the more-

disabled youngsters hit off a tee. Then there is the sheer exuberance of heelchair-bound Danny Latour, one of the Marlins. His soon-to-be-stepdad

(Redford's Tom Soukup) puts his arms

around 13-year-old Danny - afflicted at PLEASE SEE CHALLENGERS, B5



Bridget Johnson of Westland walks her son, 10year-old Troy, back to second base so he can throw the ball back to the pitcher.



Deborah Marlow of Wayne helps her son Denver, who is visually impaired, swing at the fluorescent yellow rubber-coated baseball.



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During a break in the action, Westland's Patrick Brennan, 7, tells his dad, John, that he wants a snack.

Undefeated Demolition drives into playoffs

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Drive For Five is already in full swing as the undefeated Detroit Demolition will face the Chicago Force in the opening round of the Independent Women's Football League playoffs, 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

Boxing legend Roy Jones, Jr. will take part in the pre-game coin flip festivities and will be available for autographs. The National Anthem will be sung by local R&B star J-Renee Stevenson. A halftime show will be performed by Bodyhead Entertainment's 3-D.

The Demolition, led by captains Kim Grodus and Bridget Porter, went undefeated in the Midwest Division of the IWFL's Western Conference, while outscoring their opponents 373-21 this season

(including five shutouts). They are working on a 50game winning streak, a record for any football organization, professional, collegiate or semi-pro.

Under the leadership of head coach Tony Blankenship, the Demolition have compiled a record of 54-1 since their inaugural season in 2002. Blankenship, an All-State defensive back at Detroit

Murray-Wright H.S., lettered three seasons in football and graduated from the University of Michigan.

The Demolition, owned and managed by Mitch Rosen, kicked off their 2006 season. their first in the IWFL, on April 29, in search of their fifth national title and fourth straight undefeated season. Their first four home regular season games were played at Detroit Redford High's

Huskies Stadium. A victory over Chicago (6-2) would insure a second-round playoff matchup scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at Churchill.

The IWFL championship

game will be played Saturday, July 29 in Long Beach, Calif.

The IWFL was founded in 2000 by a group dedicated to making women's football household name. The IWFL currently consists of 31 teams across North American from Montreal, Quebec, south

Florida and Oregon. Tickets for Saturday's Demolition-Force playoff game are available by calling (866) 794-DEMO. You can can also visit the Web Site at www.detdemolition.com. (Ticket prices vary with special early purchase and group rates available.)



Division champ

The 13-and-under Thunderbird Volleyball Organization took a gold medal in the Silver Division at the state AAU volleyball tournament held June 3-4 at Aguinas College in Grand Rapids. Members of TVO, based out of Livonia St. Edith Church, include (from left) Becca Rizzolo, club coordinator Gary Smart, Hollie Anderson, Caitlyn Willyard, Rachel Heath, Monika Rudis, Jackie Dolmetsch, Carly Stevenson, Reina Tyl, coaches Theresa and Amanda Hamilton.

Late rally sends Rams to defeat, 5-3

The Michigan Rams couldn't close the deal Friday night in Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League action at Ford

After scoring twice in the bottom of the sixth to knot the game at 3-all, the Rams gave up two runs in the top of the seventh as the Michigan Monarchs pulled out a 5-3 victory.

The loss drops the Rams to 12-7, while the Monarchs improved to 6-13.

Cody Johnson was the culprit for the Monarchs, going 3-for-4 with a single, double, triple and three RBI. He also scored a run. Mickey White went 2-for-4 with an-RBI, while Xander Younce scored twice.

The Rams, outhit 10-5, got an RBI from Wayne's Eric Vojtkofsky. Other hits were collected by Scott Cain, Matt Nickels, Rob Campbell and Kyle Hurtt. Nickels scored twice runs, while Cain also had a run scored.

Eastern Michigan University's Bobby Henderson, in relief of starter Steve Karchefske, took the loss. Henderson went the final 2.1 innings, allowing two runs on three hits and two walks. He fanned three.

Kevin Alland, who pitched a scoreless seven, allowing one hit to go along with a strikeout, got the victory in relief for the Monarchs.

Hall to Henry Ford

Second-team All-Observer boys basketball selection Joel Hall of Livonia Churchill will play next season at Henry Ford Community College.

Hall, a 5-foot-11 guard, averaged 18 points per game as a senior for the Chargers, while hitting 35 percent from threepoint range (40-for-114) and 46.6 percent overall from the field (134-for-287). He also made 80 percent of his free throws (60-of-75).

MIAA scholars

The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association recently announced its list of Scholar-Athletes for the 2005-06 sports season.

Among those achieving a minimum 3.5 gradepoint average include Hope College track and field athlete Laura Borovsky (Livonia Churchili) and St. Mary's (Ind.) College senior tennis player Kristen Palombo (Livonia-Farmington Hills Mercy), both four-time recipients.

Also honored was Albion College junior football player Pete Shaw (Livonia Clarenceville).

MU golf tryouts Tryouts for the

Madonna University men's and women's golf teams will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. Scholarships are avail-

able. You must pre-register for the nine-hole round. (Driving range will be

available.) For more information, call MU golf coach Scott Marzolino at (734) 432-

no@madonna.edu. **O&E** golf tourney

5670; or e-mail smarzoli-

The annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

The men's event is 36hole medal play at Whispering Willows (Aug. 12) and Fox Creek (Aug. 13). The fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum of handicap of 20.

18-hole medal play Aug. 12 at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate.

The women's tourney is

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

For more information. call Whispering Willows at (248) 476-4493.

Junior golf divot

Livonia's Ryan Alger shot 80-73-153 to win the Boys 11-15 age division on the Power-Bilt Junior Tour event (No. 7), June 28-29, at The Fortress in Frankenmuth.

Former champs return for shot at shootout

couple of world famous golfers with Michigan and Detroit-area ties were back in Michigan this week, and though they are senior players,



On the Links

Michael Patrick

in a youthful fashion. PGA Tour players Andy North and Craig Stadler joined Fred Couples and Chris DiMarco, who stood in for Phil Mickleson, at Treetops Resort in Gaylord to compete in the annual ING Par-3 Shootout, which aired on ESPN Monday and Tuesday nights on

they were still battling

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ESPN. Shiels The foursome played a skins game on Treetops Resort's "Threetops Course" – a stunning, award-winning collection of nine dramatic par-3 holes on which the players had a chance to

win \$1 million for a hole-in-one. Detroit area ties, you ask? To use a phrase in Skins game parlance, "you bet!"

Andy North is well-known around Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township because he won the United States Open held there on a rainy weekend in 1985. That was North's second U.S. Open title - a remarkable feat in an otherwise unremarkable career in professional golf. He won two U.S. Opens (1978 Cherry Hills and '85 Oakland Hills), but only one other PGA Tour event - the Westchester Classic.

And though North won that U.S. Open at Oakland Hills, most people who attended or watched that championship on ABC don't associate the tournament with North as much as they remember the little-known Chinese player Tze-Chiang (known as T.C.) Chen, who dominated the leader board – at one point opening up a fiveshot lead.

Chen electrified the field with two shots - a double eagle and a double hit! Chen made the only double-eagle in U.S. Open history by holing his second shot on the par-5 second hole, but in the final round double-hit a wedge shot from deep, wet and tangled

greenside rough at the fifth hole.

"I guess most people will remember that U.S. Open for T.C.'s shot, but that's okay with me. I got my name on the trophy for a second time and they can't take that away from me. To win a U.S. Open under any circumstances is a very satisfying accomplishment," North told me this week. "What most people don't remember about that week is what I remember - how hard the golf course was and how tough the rainy, blustery conditions were during Saturday's third round. I was very proud of the way I hung in there and kept myself in the championship."

North won only \$20,000 in this week's ING Par-3 Shootout, but he was a winner when he returned to Michigan last June for his first appearance in the event. The tall, slender, gray-haired fellow pocketed \$350,000 for winning the skins game, an amount that exceeded the combined winnings of both his U.S. Open victories!

One of only 19 players in history with multiple U.S. Open wins, North occasionally plays in Champions Tour events, but makes his living as a television golf analyst for ABC and ESPN.

Past Masters winner Craig Stadler's tie to Michigan is fairly recent. You know Stadler, the eternally frumpy and fuzzy one known as 'The Walrus' because he literally resembles one. Unlike North, Stadler's posture as he carries his belly around the golf course is a permanent slouch.

But on the golf course, he is anything but a slouch. Oh, sure, like many of us, 'Stads' always appears to be disgusted with his own play, but he can be very proud of his 21 career PGA Tour wins, including that 1981 Masters victory, and his Michigan connection: a 2003 triumph in the Ford Senior Players Championship at the Tournament Players Club of Michigan

in Dearborn. Two years ago, he became the first player to win an event on the PGA Tour and the over-50 circuit known as the Champions Tour.

The \$2.5 million Ford Senior Players Championship, incidentally, is leaving us after 26 years. The Champions Tour major event will be staged July 13-16 for the final time at the Jack Nicklaus-

The event, which was founded in 1983, moved to our area in 1990, when Jack Nicklaus outraced Lee Trevino at Dearborn Country Club. The next year the event moved down the road to the brand new TPC on Rotunda Blvd.

The list of players who have won there include the likes of Raymond Floyd, past Ryder Cup captain Dave Stockton, Gil Morgan, Hale Irwin, Stadler, and defending champion Peter Jacobson. Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Gary Player, Curtis Strange, Tom Kite and so many of the greats joined us here over the years for the championship - the tournament deserves a well-attended, warm send

For ticket information, call (866) FSPC-TIX or visit www.PGATour.com. Proceeds benefit southeast Michigan charities. The Ford Senior Players Championship will also be shown on CBS Television.

(Michael Patrick Shiels is the golf columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He may be contacted at MShiels@aol.com.)

Pistons summer league team beckons for Borgess alum

BY BRAD EMONS

Hoskin was an All-Stater at Redford Bishop Borgess who helped the Spartans win the 1997 Class D state championship before going to Eastern Kentucky University where he averaged double figures and led the Colonels in scoring.

After coach Scott Perry left, Hoskin returned home and played one season at Schoolcraft College where he earned NJCAA All-America honors and helped the Ocelots to their first-ever trip to the Division I Nationals.

Hoskin then headed to DePaul University where he played one season under Pat Kennedy as a junior before finishing up with Dave Leito, averaging 15.6 points and 7.6 rebounds while hitting 54.1

percent of his shots from the

Hoskin earned an invite to the Seattle Sonics' training camp in 2003 and has played in Russia ever since, including stints with Ural Great Perm and Moscow Dynamo.

This past season, the 26year-old Hoskin averaged 13.1 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game.

The Pistons summer league team consisting of current team roster players, draft picks and free agents left yesterday for Las Vegas and will begin play Saturday. They will play a total of five games with the summer league ending July 14.

"He's been over the last couple of years and has been playing pretty well from what I understand," said Pistons Director of Player Personnel Scott Perry, who coached

Hoskin his freshman year at Eastern Kentucky University. "He's lost weight and he says he's in good shape. We'll see how he functions on our summer league roster. We tried to add some pieces around some of the guys we had last year like Jason Maxiel, Amir Johnson and Alex Acker. It's a chance to give those guys an opportunity to play and learn a little more about them and see what improvement they've made.

'When I first saw Sam I thought he was tough and had a good skill set for a big man who is 6-8 and 6-9, but obviously there's a difference in our league. I always like the fact that he the ability to use both hands and the more he's played, the better he can face up and shoot the basketball. It will be fun to see how he plays."

British soccer camp

The Garden City-based area chapter of the Christian Youth Soccer League is hosting the upcoming Challenger British Soccer Camp, slated from Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4.

British coaches will teach the various half- and full-day sessions, available to kids ages 4-18 throughout the Observerland area. To sign up, go to the Web site, challengersports.com.

Call (734) 513-7844 for more information. The deadline to register without a late fee is Friday, July 21.

Camp for Champs

Carlos Briggs' Basketball Camp for Champs will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 31 through Aug. 4 at a new location, Basketball Planet in Canton.

The cost is \$150 per camper. (Checks should be made payable to: Basketball Planet, 7171 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, Mi.

The air-conditioned facility features five full regulation-size courts, weight training equip-

ment and concessions. For more information, call

coach Briggs at (248) 497-8406. Whaler Hockey School

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League will be offering a pair of hockey schools at Compuware Sports Arena including an all-day school for ages 7-9 (Session A) and 10-12 (Session B for intermediate skill level) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July

The cost is \$450 (includes goalies).

There will also be a power-

skating school for ages 7-10 (beginning to intermediate skill level) from 9-11:50 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 17-21. The cost is \$325 (includes

SPORTS CAMPS

All camp participants will receive a Whalers camp jersey and T-shirt. There will also be a Jet's Pizza party on Friday. (Lunch will not be provided Monday through Thursday).

For more information, including the new high school camp (Aug. 14-18), call (734) 453-6400 or visit www.compuwarehockey.com.

MU All-Star Hoops

The Madonna University All-Star Basketball Camp (ages 8-15), directed by men's coach Chuck Henry, features one more session for boys: 8 a.m. to noon, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$130). There will also be a session for girls from 1-5 p.m. that same week, also with a fee of \$130.

For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5973; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

Ladywood volleyball

The Livonia Ladywood High School summer volleyball camp will be from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 3-6) and 6-9 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 26-29.

To obtain a camp registration, call the Ladywood athletic office at (734) 591-2323; or Cameron Kompoltowicz at (734) 637-

Cross country camp

Madonna University will stage a camps for cross country including a base camp for serious high school runners from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$95); and series of long

runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturdays, July 15, 22, 29; Aug. 5 and 13 (\$2 each day) - at Cass Benton Park.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call camp director and MU head cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226, or the MU cross country office at (734) 432-5634. You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Bullpen Academy

The Bullpen Baseball Academy will stage a camp, Tuesday through Thursday, July 25-27, at the Motor City Chiefs Baseball Park in Canton.

Players will receive group and individual instruction. For more information, call the

Bullpen at (248) 427-1819; or visit www.bullpenbaseball.com.

Cheer/Pom Pon

Registration is underway for The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's cheer and pom pon camp (ages 7-andup), which will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 7-11, at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard.

The cost is \$120 (LCRC pass holders); \$130 (Livonia residents); and \$140 (non-residents). Pom pons are available for purchase the first day of camp of \$19.99.

For more information, call (734) 981-9900.

St. Michael Hoops

The St. Michael Boys Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 10-13, for boys entering grades 5-8.

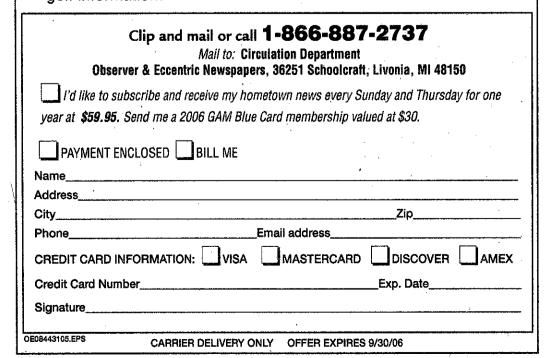
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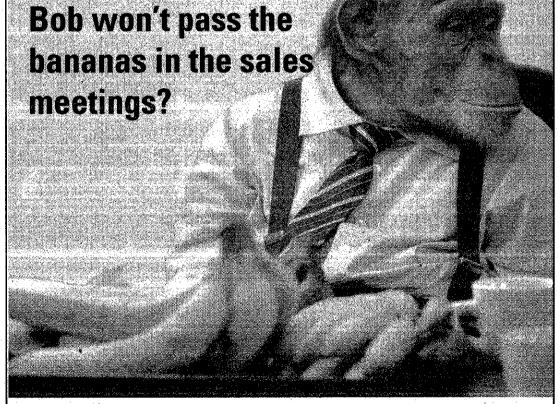


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Jeff Petry's NHL future pointing toward Edmonton

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM STAFF WRITER

The Edmonton Oilers aren't the most popular hockey team among Detroit-area fans, after the eighth-seeded squad ousted the top-ranked Red Wings in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs in April. But the Oilers gained a few area fans June 24 when they selected Jeff Petry in the second round of the NHL's Entry Draft.

The former Orchard Lake St. Mary's defenseman was Edmonton's first selection in the draft, and the 45th player taken overall.

"It was a shock more than anything," said the 18-year-old Petry, because several other teams - but not Edmonton expressed strong interest in him prior to the draft.

He barely heard from the Oilers after the draft, either. Due to a poor cell phone connection, he understood very little of his conversation with an Edmonton official following his selection. Petry doesn't

even know who he spoke with. But the Oilers clearly know him.

"We had him rated in our top 15 on our list," said Edmonton's vice president of hockey operations, Kevin Prendergast, in a June 24 statement. "Our scouts really, really liked him only because of the upside. We're a little thin on defense within the organization and we think he's going to be able to play for us in four or five years.

That timetable agrees with Petry's own schedule.

Petry will return to Iowa for

a second season with the U.S. Hockey League's Des Moines Buccaneers this fall. Then he'll enter Michigan State on a hockey scholarship in 2007. He plans to play at least three years at MSU, at which point he says he'll be open to trying pro hockey.

Petry played two varsity seasons with St. Mary's, where he helped the Eaglets win the 2005 Division 3 state championship.

PERFECT PRIMER

Playing at St. Mary's, Petry says, helped prepare him for junior hockey.

"The coaches at St. Mary's helped me a lot," Petry says. "Especially Ray Markham," an assistant coach who worked with Petry on the finer points of defensive play.

Petry left St. Mary's after his junior season to play for the Buccaneers. The move paid off, as his stellar play in the top U.S. junior league drew the attention of NHL scouts.

"I played with older guys and stronger guys," Petry explains. "The speed of the game is a lot quicker. You couldn't get away with things you could get away with" in high school hockey.

Petry started slowly in Des Moines, but his ice time and his play picked up as the season progressed. A swift-skating defenseman who handles the puck well, the 6-feet-2 1/2, 176-pound Petry was plus-6 this season. He scored one goal and added 14 assists in 48 games and helped the Buccaneers win the USHL's Clark Cup championship.

Petry didn't know he was on

the NHL's radar screen until midseason, when the league's Central Scouting bureau ranked him 76th among North American skaters eligible for the draft. That ranking improved to number 36 prior to the draft. "I never expected

The son for former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dan Petry, Jeff played both hockey and baseball at St. Mary's, but he's preferred hockey ever since he began playing, at age five or

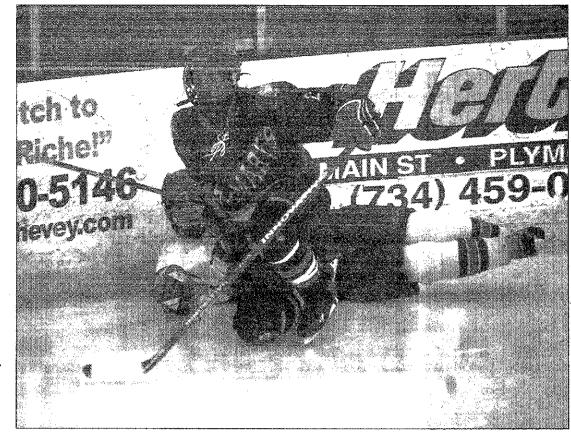
anything like that," Petry says.

Jeff says his dad "didn't mind at all" that Jeff favored hockey.

Dan has advised his son that he'll be one of many talented players seeking to reach the NHL, and the hardest workers are most likely to stand out.

"He always tells me that it's not easy" to succeed in pro sports, Jeff says. "To get to your ultimate goal you have got to work for it."

Jeff is home for the summer, where he's skating in a league that features junior and college players. He'll then return to Des Moines for the next USHL



Former Orchard Lake St. Mary's defenseman Jeff Petry was a second-round selection of the Edmonton Oilers in the recent National Hockey League Entry Draft.

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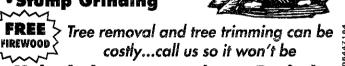
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Elbert Chestang III - Unit C153 - Stroller, high chair, play pen,

Kevin Campbell - Unit E110 - Electric scooters, stereo cabinet & equipment, computer, beds & refrigerator, misc. household items

Karen Christian - Unit A409 - Sewing machine. Misc. household

Suzanne Shaw - Unit C146 - Stroller, lawn furniture and misc. household items

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Changes in store for hunters of anterless deer

t seems a little early to be talking about hunting seasons, but that's exactly what has taken place recently in Lansing between the DNR and the state Natural Resources Commission, which sets the regulations that the DNR proposes.

In order for new regulations to be in place by the time hunting starts in the fall, the NRC must approve any changes early in the summer so hunt-



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ing guides will be printed in time to reflect those changes. This year, the major changes have to do with antlerless deer hunting permits.

In recent years, the DNR has made no bones about its desire to reduce the deer herd, statewide. To accomplish that goal - against the wishes of many hunters — liberal numbers of antierless permits have been issued. The state is finally starting to back off on that plan, noting that the deer herd in most of the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula is at or near the desired goal.

ber is still higher than desired, so liberal numbers of antlerless permits will again be available

Changes in store for hunters this fall include a slight reduction in the overall number of permits issued, specifically in the northern Lower and Upper Peninsula; closing several DMU's to antlerless hunting with a firearm; requiring proof of access for private land permits; and a later application period.

For starters, don't try to apply for a public land antlerless permit on July 1. The application period has been July 1-Aug. 1 for many years, but was moved back two weeks this year (July 15-Aug. 15) to enable the NRC to set the number of antlerless permits that will be available in each of the state's 97 deer management units at its July 6 meet-

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license. Other regulations approved by the NRC include:

A limit of three antierless permits statewide, per hunter. No more than two of those permits can be for DMU's in the U.P and northern L.P.

Hunters must provide the phone number of the landowner on whose property they have permission to hunt. The number will be printed on the license so it can be used by CO's in the field who stop hunters on private property. The idea is that it will crack down of trespassers.

Hunters in the Upper and northern Lower will need permission to hunt at least 40 continuous acres of land in order to qualify for a private land permit.

The 40-acre requirement and the three-permit limit will not be in affect in the TB Zone in northeastern Lower Michigan.

HUNTING BILLS MOVE IN LEGISLATURE

Additional changes could be in store for hunters this fall. especially young hunters.

Two bills, one that would reduce the minimum age required to hunt in Michigan, and one that would set up an apprentice hunting license, are on the move in Lansing.

The state Senate recently passed HB 5192, which would lower the age for hunting big game with a firearm from 14 to 12, and lower the age for hunt-

ing smallgame from 12 to 10. The Senate also approved SB 1105, which would allow new hunters to temporarily bypass the required hunter education

class and hunt with experienced mentors. Under HB 5192, 12- and 13year-olds would be limited to hunting on private property hunting for white-tailed deer,

bear or elk. They would still have to be with a parent or guardian. SB 1105 would allow individuals who have never had a

hunting license to hunt for two years, when accompanied by a licensed hunter, without taking the hunter education class required to purchase a license. Proponents of SB 1105 say

the legislation would allow potential new hunters to experience hunting without forcing them to take a timely hunter education course. Many people don't know if they will enjoy the hunting experience and don't want to waste their time on a weekend class if they don't know if they'll continue to hunt. The apprentice license will allow them to get a taste of hunting, under direct supervision of an experienced hunter, before investing in a hunter education class.

The bills were sent to the House for approval.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to -report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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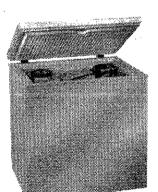
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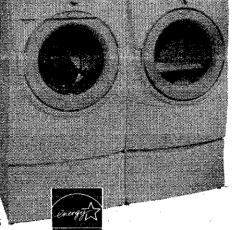
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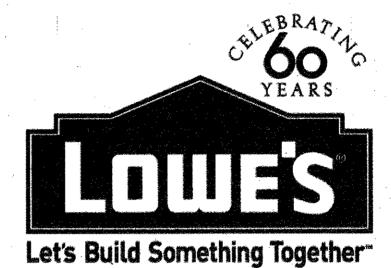
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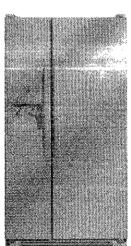
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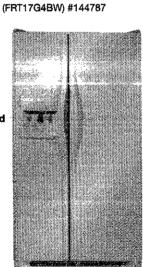


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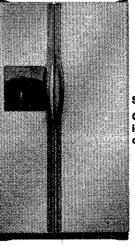


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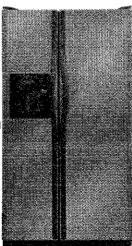
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From that point, Soukup wheels Danny around the basepaths and as they reach home plate, the kid's unbridled joy is palpable.

"Do you see him smiling out there?" said Danny's grandfather, Cliff Latour of Dearborn Heights. "He just loves this, thank God they've got this. ... He can't talk, walk or anything but he's aware of everything, okay? He knows exactly what he's doing."

Redford Township's Melissa Collard shakes her head and smiles when she talks about Danny or thinks about the incredible physical and/or social gains the fourth-year league has resulted in for other kids, who are eligible to play in the division regardless of what towns they live in.

The North Redford Central Little League board member actually spearheaded the venture in 2003, after reading about the success of Little League Baseball's national Challenger division (which has grown to about 22,000 players since it was launched in 1989).

Collard – then and now – realized how such an opportunity would be priceless to kids who otherwise would be shut out from playing organized ball. One of those kids is her 9-year-old son Jacob, who doesn't let Down syndrome stop him from eating, sleeping or drinking the sport.

In 2003, she approached NRCLL president Robert Mockeridge about starting up the division.

"He said 'If you can get kids to play you can have the division,' " Collard said. "It's a different division, just like the Minors, Majors, T-ball and girls softball. It's just a division for mentally and physically impaired kids."

Originally, enough players signed up to fill four teams. But enrollment since has declined to the point where the division only has two squads.

"The majority of players have come back," Collard said. "Others have left to try swimming, or different things. I'd like to expand it and get it back up to four teams again. That way, they're not playing the same team each week,



MARCUS SINGLETON STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Everybody connected with the North Redford Central Little League Challenger division - including the woman who started it four years ago, Melissa Collard (sitting, far right) - enjoys a moment together following a recent Saturday morning game at Claude Allison Field.

which makes it a lot more fun for them."

This season began April 22 following the NRCLL opening day parade (where the Challenger kids proudly participated right next to kids from all of the other divisions) and concluded July 1, after which efforts will continue to drum up new players, funding and awareness for the 2007 season.

PLENTY TO SEE

According to Ruth Wood, that means there is one more chance this season to check it out.

"It's open to everybody, in all the school districts," Ruth Wood said. "It's not just open to the Redford kids. It's open to Livonia, Garden City, kids from all over, and that's the biggest thing, getting the word out there that this league exists and what we do."

If people come out to watch, they will see plenty to be amazed about:

Livonia's Zachary Francis, 9, jumping on home plate after scoring a run with plenty of encouragement from Nikki Owens – a 7-year-old Westland girl who volunteers to catch and be a "Buddy."

"He's always had a talent for hitting the ball," said the autistic boy's dad, John Francis. "It's fantastic for him to get out here. It helps him with his social skills, he's not a very social kid."

■ Daniel Wood sliding home and high-fiving his Buddy, 11year-old Zak Wilson of Redford.

Livonia's Dale Edwards, a fourth-year player from Livonia-

based Webster Elementary (one of the centers where many' Challengers attend school), crouching in the field ready to make a play. Standing next to him to lend support is his Buddy, 10-

year-old Jake Tudor.

Or just watching 12-year-old
David Schultz of Redford as he
stands out in the field, quite a feat

David, in his third year with the Challengers, lost his vision in 1994 when he was diagnosed with brain cancer. He had surgery and did get his sight back, but he could barely walk when he first joined the league. These days, he is cancer free and able to slowly move around in the field.

"By the end of (last) season he could get his mitt on the ground," Melissa Collard said. "He doesn't give up."

does a little dance near the plate; after the four-inning game, in which everybody played and nobody kept score (per national Challenger rules), Wayne resident Denver Marlow enthusiastically bumped chests with anybody he could.

BUDDY SYSTEM

"They're out there to have fun," Collard said. "We try to get the basics down. A lot of kids don't even know where to run. So you have Buddies that are there to help the kids with whatever they need.

"They are there to direct them, like after they hit the ball off the tee. Direct them to go to first. Some kids don't stop and get home runs every time, they just run around all of the bases."

Collard's 13-year-old daughter, Mallory, is a Buddy and so are their neighbors, Keith and Kurt Wahlers.

"I like helping them, so they can have fun without getting hurt," Mallory said. "At the end of the game, everybody will come up and give you a hug."

One of the veteran Buddies is 11-year-old Zak Wilson, the first to sign up for the important job when the Redford division got started.

"He loves being out here and I've always encouraged my sons to do volunteer work," said his mom, Robin Wilson. "... He loves the kids out here, it's his favorite time of the week."

Zak, who has a speech impediment himself, said he loves being a Buddy because it is good "karma" to help others who need it

"It makes him feel good inside," Robin Wilson said.

The selflessness of Zak and all of the Buddies is essential to Challenger players enjoying positive experiences each week.

"They're so happy, they (Challenger players) come out here for the pure fun of it," Robin said. "Their faces light up every time they catch the ball or make a play. It helps the heart. Everybody should come and watch and be a Buddy. It's good for the soul." tsmith@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2106

Any child can join Challengers

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

It takes money to run a Little League, even something as wonderful as the Challenger division.
But even though the division is operated by the

But even though the division is operated by the North Redford Central Little League, it is not restricted to Redford Township residents. It also is a welcoming place for children in walkers and wheelchairs to play baseball, too.

Those messages need to get through to families, said Challenger vice-president Darrell Hively.

Otherwise, a league that shrank from four teams in 2003 to two this spring could be in some jeopardy.

"There's no exception," said Hively, a Redford Township resident. "Every child can play and have a good time and intermingle, be with other kids and learn team play and have a good time for two hours every Saturday morning."

Those kids can live in Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Plymouth, Canton or anywhere else in the vicinity. It doesn't matter what school district they attend.

"We turn no child down at all," Hively added. "We turn no child down at all."

With a hand of dedicated parents leading the

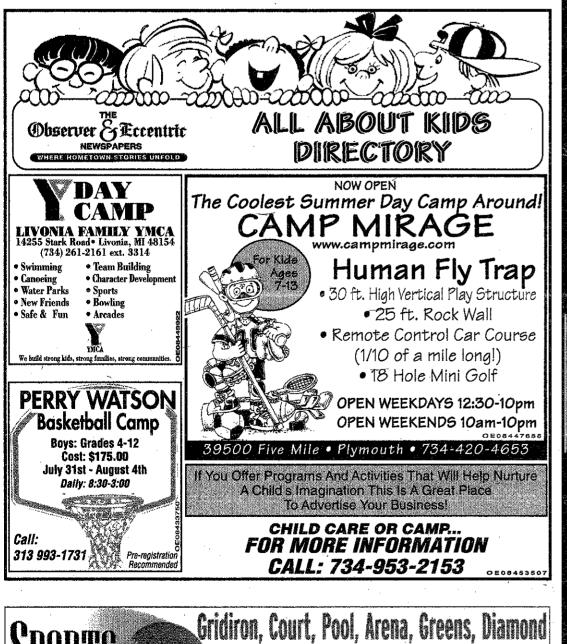
With a band of dedicated parents leading the charge with various fund-raisers and other awareness-building efforts, hopes are for the division to keep on rolling into a fifth year in 2007.

To find out more about Challenger, go to the North Redford Central Little League's Web site (www.nrcll.com) or contact NRCLL board member Melissa Collard at (313) 531-3845. Collard founded the local division in 2003.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Following is a who's who of the North Redford Central Little League Challenger program: **Red Sox:** (managers, Dan and Ruth Wood, Livonia; coach, Jim McKernan, Westland; team mom, Cathy Mertz, Livonia); players, Daniel Wood, Livonia; Justin McKernan, Westland; Jacob Collard, Redford Township; Michael Antieau, Plymouth; Chloe Mertz, Livonia; Patrick Brennan, Westland; Ryan Kujawa, Redford Township; Zachary Francis, Livonia; David Schultz, Redford Township; Rachel Song, Garden City.

Marlins: (managers, Cliff and Andrea Latour, Dearborn Heights; coach, Deborah Marlow, Wayne; team moms, Sue Owens, Westland and Abby Edwards, Livonia); players, Danny Latour, Dearborn Heights; Denver Marlow, Wayne; Adam Owens, Westland; John Sondergaard, Livonia; Dale Edwards, Livonia; Troy Johnson, Westland; Lucas Edgeworth, Livonia; Nate Urban, Redford Township; Nicole Buczkowski, Canton; Andrew Meeker, Livonia.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER WORKOUTS

The Salem boys soccer team will begin optional summer conditioning sessions soon for all players who plan on playing on one of the Rocks' three teams in the fall.

Sessions began 6-8 p.m. July 5 and continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through July 21. The workouts will be held in front of Canton High School's Phase III facility. Players should bring soccer shoes, shin guards and water.

For more information, contact Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

CANTON X-COUNTRY

Nonmandatory summer conditioning sessions have begun for anyone interested in trying out for the Canton boys cross country team in the fall. The team will meet at 8 a.m. on weekday mornings outside Canton High School's Phase III facility.

Training sessions will consist of a warmup run, stretching, workout run, cool down and more stretching. Runners are encouraged to bring their own water.

For more information, contact one of the team's captains: David Catalan at (734) 455-3045, Derek Hoerman at (734) 454-5746 or Aaron McClellan at (734) 981-7438. Interested participants are encouraged to

send an e-mail to mcclellan1982@wowway.com with their name, phone number and e-mail address so that they can be kept updated on any changes to the summer running schedule.

SUMMER CAMPS

Canton Leisure Services will be offering three summer sports camps:

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A baseball camp will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 17-21 at Heritage Park. The camp is for kids between the ages of 7 and 14.

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A basketball camp will be held Aug. 21-25 at the Summit on the Park in Canton. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

YMCA HOOP

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be hosting a basketball camp the week of July 24-28. The camp, which will be run by a former collegiate basketball player and current high school coach, will help players become familiar with the ball and develop a love for the game. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon for 6- to 8-year-olds and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids between the ages of 9 and 11.

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In recent years, they have had to offer a free concert on the final day just to get people there (Huey Lewis, Hootie and the Blowfish, The Goo Goo Dolls). Sometimes it seemed there were more people to see the concert than the tournament. That was embarrassing.

The real problem has been the lack of star power on the Champions Tour. Since Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Gary Player and company committed the cardinal sin of getting old, crowds have been minimal.

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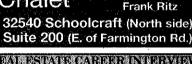
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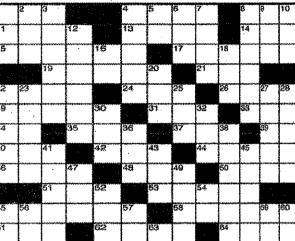
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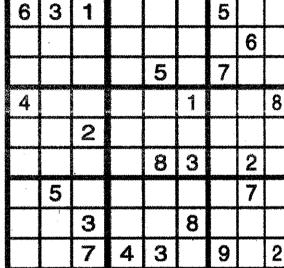
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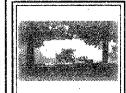
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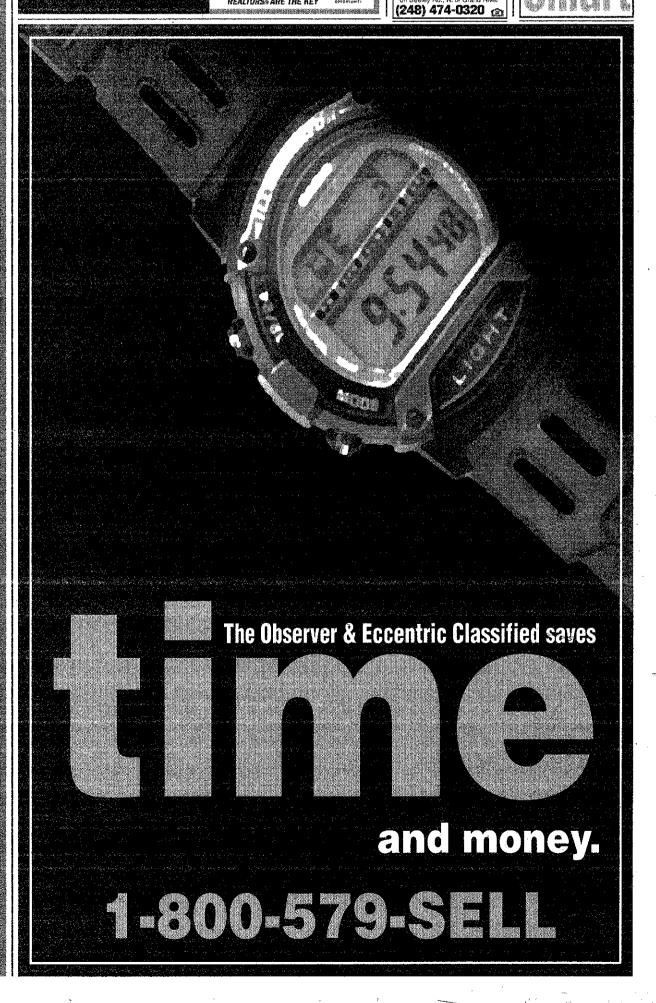
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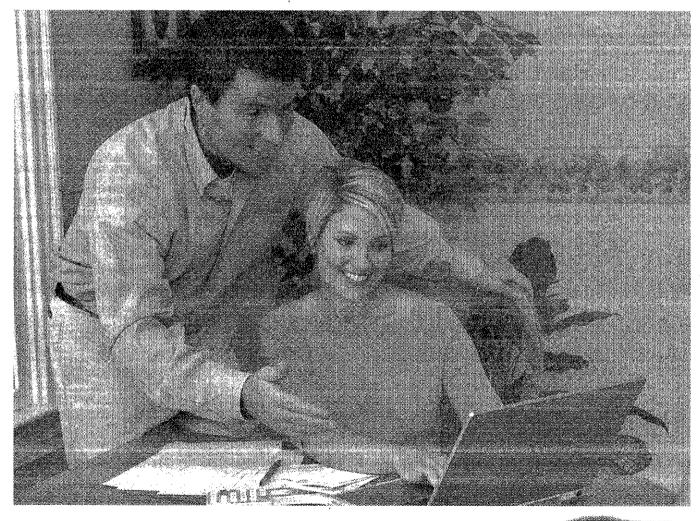
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enormous industry of products and services has emerged as employers attempt to make the best

hiring decisions for their companies. Polygraph testing for employment was banned in 1988, according to attorney Joseph Schmitt in Legal Report, a professional journal. He co-chairs the Labor and Employment Practice at Halleland, Lewis, Nilan & Johnson P.A., in Minneapolis. However, he cites statistics of 2.5 million to 12 million people taking "honesty testing."

SCOPE

Schmitt identifies two kinds of nonskill-based tests ferreting out undesirable applicants. "Overt integrity tests purport to communicate on their face what they are measuring . . .," he explains. "Covert integrity tests (sometimes called 'personality-based tests') attempt to measure 'general psychological characteristics," indicating how truthful a person is.

Assessment tools come in many guises, measuring integrity, personality, character, psychological profile or skills. Massachusetts disallows integrity tools, while Rhode Island does not allow them to be the sole deciding factor in a hiring decision, according to Schmitt. HR consultant Leslie Samet of The Human

Approach in Raleigh, N.C., clarifies that integrity tests measure morals and honesty.

You may not like assessment tools of any kind, whether they measure skills, integrity, personality, character or psychological profile, because of potential privacy invasion. You may also think that an employer is abrogating responsibility by paying for test-taking rather than conducting in-depth interviews.

Jon Simmons, president of Denver's Cardo Inc., which develops characterbased assessment tools, comments, "It's hard to hire people... (Employers might think,) 'Now that I have that, I don't have to worry about it." Samet offers another reason: "Sometimes it's difficult to define what we're looking for. So we hope for an assessment tool as a panacea."In other words, tests may well signify an employer's failure to think. Schmitt prices these products at \$25 and up.

'OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND'

Simmons predicts that as companies move toward a search for excellence in character, more tools measuring character will be developed. He views assessment tools of this kind as "an opportunity to respond," part of "a standardized set of (best) practices.

He promotes taking the tests with the attitude that "even if I don't get the job, I have a chance to sharpen myself. We teach that even the smallest inconveniences are an opportunity to become better. Look at it as running toward. If people slough it off, that's a

character issue. It's not even so much about the questions."

If Simmons' perspective inspires you but you still have your doubts, take a few more steps:

- "Ask the employer if the tool is a disqualifier or merely one of many factors." (Schmitt)

- Request the weighting of each of the multiple factors used. (Samet)

- Find out whether the employer or a vendor developed the test. If the latter, how much does he know about the particular position? (Samet)

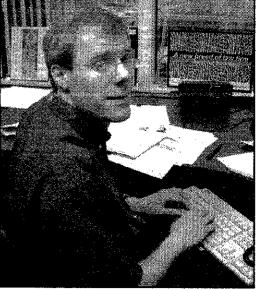
- "Research the tool, which is probably discussed on the company's website. A Google search can yield amazing results." (Schmitt)

 Ask how the person administering it can be certain that the tool is both valid and reliable. (Samet)

The last "is a legal requirement under federal law," Samet mentions. She says to ask for statistics pointing to accuracy in measurement and predictive outcomes. "Otherwise, it's useless," she adds. "The tool must help identify the perfect person without discrimination, so that (for example) it doesn't rule out all blacks, everyone over 40 or all women."

Simmons asserts that "the true purpose of the test should be just this: how will the

person respond to having to take it?" He further represents an employer's dilemma when he comments. "In all of my hiring over the years, even now, what I am looking for are people that act. Start



Attorney Joseph Schmitt identifies two kinds of non-skill-based tests. Overt integrity tests and covert integrity tests.

it with whatever the company throws at you."

If you're still not convinced, consider what Schmitt says. Beware of questions about medical condition or disabilities. He further states, "If you strongly dislike these tests, and the company bases all of its decisions on the tests, then you probably should take that into account when assessing where you want to work."

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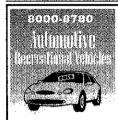
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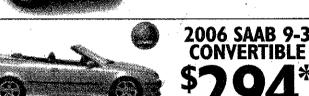
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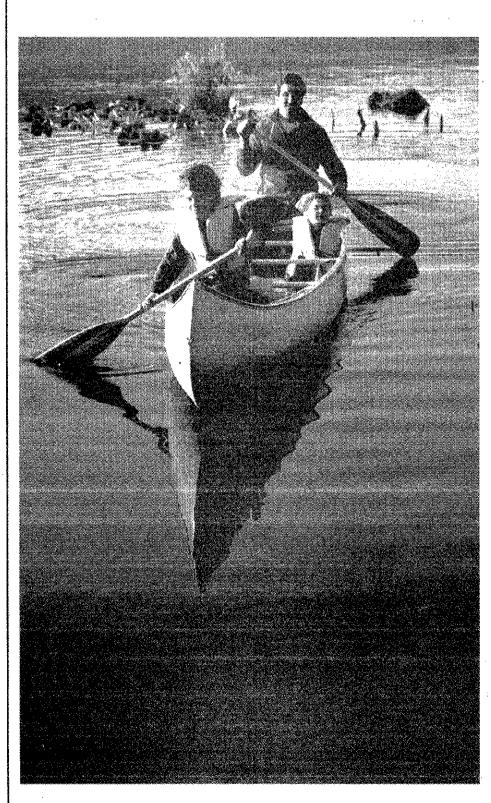
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Lincoln Mark LT pickup big upgrade over its F-150 cousin

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With its rugged, pickup truck platform, it s easy to mistake the 2007 Lincoln Mark LT as a spiffier version of its cousin, the popular-selling Ford F-150. But the Lincoln Mark LT built on the same platform as the F-150 is much more.

It s a stylish luxury truck packed with features that discriminating buyers have come to expect, not only from their luxury sedans but from their pickup trucks as well. The luxe touches you d expect to find in a Lincoln are all here: chrome accents on the front and rear bumpers, side mirrors, door handles, running boards and parts of the tail pipe. Revised headlamps and waterfall grille further distinguish this luxury truck.

Launched in 2005, the Mark LT was Ford s answer to critics of its maligned 2002 Lincoln Blackwood Ford's attempt at a luxury pickup truck that was quickly shelved after being critics lampooned its small bed and lack of 4-wheel drive.

The Mark LT is built on the same chassis, body and powertrain as the F-150, but that's where the similarities end. Make no mistake: This is nothing like the F-150, and that s exactly how Ford wants it.

Ford ratcheted up the 2007 Mark LTs panache, adding ebony wood trim on the steering wheel, ebony wood accents on door handles, chrome surrounds on the rear tail lamps and new chrome Lincoln stars on the back of the seats and console

Also new is an optional monochrome package on the body grille, bumpers, mirror caps, as well as chrome step bars and power folding heated mirrors with chrome caps a headturner with a more stylish, refined look than the 2006 model.

The inside looks just as good as the outside, with three new interior combinations: premium leather ebony seats with black trim; dove gray seats with black trim; and light parchment seats with pebble

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2007 Lincoln Mark LT Vehicle class: Luxury pickup truck. Power: V-8 engine. Mileage: 2WD, 4-speed automatic, 15 city /19 highway; 4WD, 4-speed automatic, 14 city / 18 highway. Where built: Dearborn, Mich. Base price: \$39,555-\$43,110, depending on the version.

satellite radio, reverse sensing system and power adjustable pedals, the Mark LT combines nearly all of the features of a luxury sedan into a pickup truck. But with a longer, 6.5—foot cargo bed, this truck

isn t only for those that want to style and profile. It s got heft, too. A larger wheelbase on the 4X4 and 4X2 versions of the Lincoln Mark LT give the longbed Marx LT an additional 10-feet of cargo space perfect for transporting that extra dresser or loft

It s a comfortable, nimble ride, thanks to a Hotchkiss-design rear suspension system with rear shock absorbers on the frame rails like the F-150, and smooth rack and pinion steering system. A 5.4 liter V-8 engine and a towing capacity of 8,900 pounds gives the Mark LT the ability to tow a

horse trailer or small yacht in style. And there's still enough room inside, with enough room to carry five adults comfortably with heated front captain's chairs and rear bench seats.

With all these luxury features, the Mark LT isn t exactly the kind of truck you d want to use to lug your kids stuff to their dorm rooms. Not because it can t, but because it s just too darn pretty. But for discriminating pickup truck lovers who

want a step above the Ford F-150, the Mark LT is the answer.



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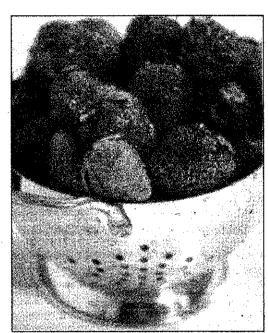
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More than 20 named species of strawberries are known, and many hybrids are grown.

By Nicole Stafford staff writer



The pies

Simple summer recipes make them berry good

gge put them in jellies and jams, can and jar them, and even freeze them - all in an effort to preserve their summertime flavor.

But summer is here, and the sweetest of all fruit - strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, cherries and other berries - are fresh from the vine and in season (and if they aren't, they will be shortly).

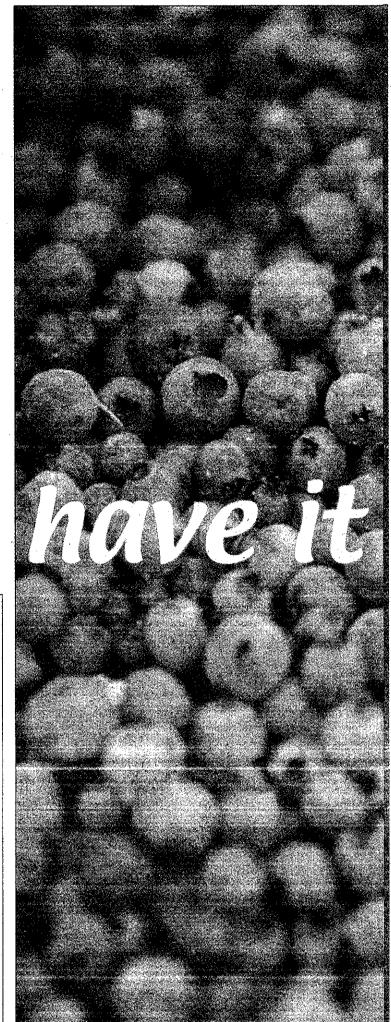
The truth is summer berries taste divine all by themselves in a bowl with a dash of sugar and a splash of milk or cream. The berries alone make for feast of the senses.

That's why the best berry pie recipes keep it simple. Minimal ingredients honor the integrity of the fruit and do nothing but showcase the sweet flavor of the berries.

With the simplicity principle in mind, we selected three berry pie recipes submitted by our readers to share. Enjoy!

BERRIES BY THE SEASON

- **Blueberries:** Start appearing as early as May in some growing regions, but peak in July.
- **Strawberries:** Garden strawberries, the type sold in commercial markets, are grown in greenhouses offseason, explaining their availability in colder months. But the plant's true growing season is June.
- Raspberries: Late summer and early autumn with some technology-enhanced cultivation outside the natural growing season.
- Blackberries: Appear and ripen May to August
- Cherries: Their season starts to peak in June.



The blueberry season typically peaks in July.

STRAWBERRY PIE

- 1 baked pie shell .
- 1 quart strawberries
- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch ½ pint whipping cream

Clean strawberries. Cook half of the berries with cornstarch and 1 cup of sugar until clear and thick. Whip cream with about 1 tablespoon sugar, added halfway through whipping. To assemble pie, put cooked berries on bottom of crust then cover with uncooked berries. Top with whipped cream. Serve. Submitted by Jane Hoyle of Rochester.

EASY AND FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE

- 9-inch pie shell (store-bought or homemade), baked and
- 3 pints (approximately 6 cups) strawberries, washed and hulled
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

In small bowl, crush enough berries to make I



cup. In medium saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch. Add crushed berries and cook over mediumhigh heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool completely. Arrange remaining berries, sliced or whole, in cooled pie shell. Pour cooled berry mixture over the top. Refrigerate at least three hours. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

Submitted by Tammy Moore of Birmingham.

BLUEBERRY NECTAR PIE

- 1 quart blueberries
- 9-inch pie shell
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca % cup granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed

Mix all together and set aside while pastry is being made. Line a 9-inch pie pan with pastry. Add berries and top crust. Bake at 425º for 30-40 minutes. Note: Brown sugar and vinegar add zestful flavor to the berries.

Submitted by Karen Buddenborg.

Cherry crazy? Then head to Traverse City

If cherries make your tongue tingle with sweet delight, don't overlook the fact you can go cherry-wild in your own back

The National Cherry Festival is held in Traverse City every year. This year's festival has already begun, but it continues through July 8.

Founded in 1926, the festival's mission is to celebrate and promote cherries and community involvement in the Grand Traverse region.

More than 500,000 attendees annually partake in the National Cherry Festival, now in its 80th year, and boasts all things cherry, from cherry pit spitting to the crowning of the new Cherry Queen.

For information, call (800) 968-3380 or visit www.cherryfestival.org.

Find right PC, accessories for fall freshmen

I know it seems like school just got out, but it's also just around the corner.

If your resident student is starting high school or college this fall, start shopping now for a new computer - and everything that goes with it.

What does a student really need from a PC? In most cases, just the basics: word processing, Web browsing, e-mail, and the like.

That makes the case for buying a bargain-basement system like the eMachines T3504 desktop (emachines.com), which currently sells for \$319.99 (after a \$50 mail-in rebate), monitor not included.

But with its Intel Celeron D processor and paltry 256 megabytes (MB) of RAM, the T3504 is snailpowered right out of the box, and illequipped to handle four years of schooling.

A better deal is the \$449.99 (again, after rebate) T6534, which features a robust AMD processor, 512MB of RAM, a DVD burner and a media card reader. It's also Windows Vista

capable, according to eMachines. (Speaking of Vista, I'll have some hands-on coverage of Microsoft's next operating system in the coming weeks.)

A NOTEBOOK INSTEAD?

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Desktops are fine for high schoolers, but college students - who are nomadic by nature - will definitely prefer the portability of a notebook.

The same recommendations apply: Look for at least 512MB of RAM, and avoid horse-and-buggy

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OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PROPIE

What's in a name? It could be money

On a recent radio show we talked about a sportsloving couple who named their child "Espen" as a tribute to ESPN.

A study of data from the Social Security Administration reveals that there is a growing trend in so-called "Brand Named Babies."

The data list newborns who were christened with such names as Armani, Cartier, Delmonte, Harley, Chanel, Dodge, Polo and Dior. Some parents are actually receiving endorsement money from manu-

facturers. (If I had known this years ago, it would have dras-



Dick Purtan

tically affected what I named my six daughters. Sure, Jackie's a nice name, but Geico Purtan could have paid for college and saved me a ton of money on my car insurance.)

This week, we've invited one of Purtan's People — Big Al Muskavito
— to weigh in with his opinion regarding this alarming trend. Take it away, Al.

"Thanks, Dick. Brand named babies? I don't think so! I mean, isn't

it enough that we've had to put up with celebrities like Demi Moore naming her children 'Rumor,' 'Scout' and 'Tallulah Belle'? Daman Wayans naming his son 'Fuddy'? Gwyneth Paltrow ... naming her daughter 'Apple'? Or John Cougar Mellencamp naming his son 'Speck Wildhorse'?

"Well. don't look now. We've got 'everyday' citizens succumbing to something as hideous as naming their kids after products, and for money no less.

"I can see it now: If the right endorsement deal is worked out, we might just see an expectant mother delivering a bouncing baby boy by the name of 'Fed-Ex Kinko's,' when the baby absolutely, positively has

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he testing of our new Maytag Neptune front loader and clothes dryer has been going on for about two months, and the results remain the same.

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dryer. I can report no trace of odors near the front boot assembly, which was a major problem for Maytag during the first production of these washers some

eight years ago. I will continue to let you know any new discoveries on these appliances, good or bad.

WASHER SEARCH

E-mail from Peter: "I've been following your column in the cially about your experience with the Neptune washer.

"Our washer gave up the ghost last week (15 years old, a Whirlpool/Estate model), and now I'm considering a new washer - but I refuse to pay \$800 for one.

"So I'm looking at some of the top loaders and I'm wondering if you can share your advice on brand names. Who is making a reliable unit these

"I had a good experience with my Whirlpool, but I'm not sure if that will carry over again. And I have lingering doubts about GE. Can you

Take the expected life span of appliances today, which is much shorter than predicted some 10 years ago, and we have a whole new wave of consumer complaints about the quality of these expensive products.

share your experiences with these brands?

"And didn't you write about a not-so-familiar brand in your column that had rock-solid reliability? Thanks for any advice.

"P.S. You probably don't remember, but I wrote you about a Hotpoint refrigerator from the '50s at my Up North cabin that my mother wanted to scrap. Well, I have prevailed! We are going to relocate that good ol' fridge to the basement and it will be our 'beer' cooler."

You are correct, Peter. I did write about a washer built in Ohio and at the time available from Hawthorne Appliance in Birmingham. I still believe it to be rock solid in construction with a long life span and simplicity in operation.

It has been bought and used by several of our U.S. Navy ships, but the company is having troubles with marketing the product to the general pub-

I would bet that Hawthorne could put you in contact with the company or possibly order the washer for you. Only one problem though: I

believe it sells for \$1,000, which is \$200 over the price of \$800 that you refuse to pay.

Now Peter, you seem to be someone who has read this column for quite some time. Do you remember when I used to write about the changes coming up in clothes washers? With the changes would come prices that would be sky-high.

I explained that there is little profit in selling a washing machine; they've been the same for 50 years and manufacturers are going out of business right and left.

The mandate issued to increase energy efficiency and decrease water consumption was all that was needed to spur the price to consumers to the level of today.

Take the expected life span of appliances today, which is much shorter than predicted some 10 years ago, and we have a whole new wave of consumer complaints about the quality of these expensive products. Enough already, I've said all this before.

As for Whirlpool products, I think they are well made and reliable and still stamped as Made in America.

I've seen an advertisement recently for a new washer that sells for \$167. No kidding! I saw it on television! As my son Andrew likes to say, "I'm going to buy five of those and store them in a warehouse and I should be good for life."

All this makes me think of the refrigerator you have from the '50s. Today's refrigerator has a life span of 12 to 14 years! Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Beetle control

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township.

Admission is free. Reservations aren't required.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Japanese Beetle Control for Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 9, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 10), which will feature a lecture and hands-on demonstration by Roger Lindley.

Hosta show

The Michigan Hosta Society will conduct a Hosta Show, accredited by the American Hosta Society, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the Plant and Soil Science Building on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing.

Admission is free. There is no charge

to enter leaves. The Plant and Soil Science Building is on the southwest corner of Bogue and Wilson, immediately adjacent to the Children's Garden and the Perennial Display beds. For a campus map, visit http://www.msu.edu/maps.

Hundreds of hosta leaves will be on display, ranging in size from less than an inch to more than 15 inches, as well as miniature container gardens featuring hosta.

A large collection of hostas will be available for sale, from classic hostas to the newest introductions, including Hosta 'Spartan Glory.'

Hydrangea Fest!

Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, will present Hydrangea Fest! 1 p.m. Saturday, July

Admission is \$15. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. Discover exciting new and colorful

hydrangeas with Goldner Walsh man-

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ager Joel Miller. Register to win a Big Daddy hydrangea that is valued at \$50. Refreshments will be served. Miller will review effective techniques for successfully growing hydrangeas, and dispel myths. Goldner Walsh carries more than 20 different varieties of hydrangeas.

Cactus and Succulent Society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at a member's home. Ferocactus: Sons of the Desert will be the featured program. Guests are welcome. Admission is

Call (248) 524-0227 for information. Rose propagation

Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. The hands-onworkshop will be repeated 11 a.m.

Monday, July 17. Reservations are required. There is a \$25 material fee, Call (734) 461-1230. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings, and learn other techniques for easy at-home propaga-

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14. Seats will be offered on a first comefirst served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening.

The 13-week class will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the MSUE offices in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare participants to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

Shade gardening

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays in July at all six

stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900).

Gardening in the Shade will be the topic July 12. Basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in the shade will be covered. Special emphasis will be given on perennials that thrive in lowlight conditions.

Water gardening will be the topic July

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on

Hidden Lake Gardens

a field trip to Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour bus will leave from the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Cost is \$7, which includes the tour bus, admission and boxed lunch. Space is limited, so register early. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. The 755-acre botanical garden features a greenhouse complex, a lake, a picnic area, a 6-mile, paved scenic drive, and thousands of labeled trees, shrubs and flowers. Indoor plants include bamboo, banana, cocoa, coffee, sugarcane, tapioca and vanilla. A visitor center

has informative exhibits. Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden. Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

HOME CALENDAR

Bolster, triangle pillows

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

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Bolster and Triangle Pillows, Mondays, July 10-24 (fee is \$60).

Interior design

Learn now to create a narmonious home environment in The Do's and Don'ts of Interior Design, a class at The Community House in Birmingham Wednesday, July 12. Cost is \$25, plus a \$2 material fee payable in class. Bring 1/4-inch graph paper, a No. 2 pencil with eraser, a ruler, and some inspirational design photos to discuss.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-

house.com.

Instructor is interior designer Mary Antenucci, a founding member of the Designer On Call program of the Michigan Design Center.

Home staging

Learn how to view your home through the eyes of a potential buyer and highlight the positives of each room in Stage Your Home to Sell or Live, a class at The Community House in Birmingham Monday, July 17. Cost is 525, plus a 55 material fee payable in class. Pictures of problem areas are welcome. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-

house.com. Instructor is Heather Durren, owner of Staging Places in Beverly Hills and a board member of the Great Lakes chapter of the International Association of Home Staging Professionals.

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays now through September. It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week. Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment.

tach tour offers a blend of the histor of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com. fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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to be delivered overnight. "Is a set of twins by the names of 'Black & Decker' far behind?

"Imagine a teacher in the future taking attendance: 'Excuse me, class, has anyone seen Century 21 Miller? What's that? He moved?'

"Frankly, I'm surprised that Larry King doesn't have a

daughter by the name of 'Ester

"And did you know that just before his demise, Al-Zarqawi actually changed his name to 'Acme Dynamite Company Al-

Zarqawi'? "And don't look now, but I heard that our innocent little WOMC traffic lady, Rebekah Rhodes, is in discussions to rename her 11-month-old daughter, Jordan-Marie, 'Air

Jordan-Marie.' "Enough already. Is everything for sale? Maybe according to my girlfriend Claudia it is, but not to this reporter. No siree Bob-Lo. That's my Rock Financial One Man's Opinion. I'm Beano Muskavito."

Thank you, Al — I think. ■ Don't forget that you can now listen to us live on the Internet. Free radio on your computer at WOMC.com.

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Kitchen budget gives idea of cost range

BY MARYBETH WILSON ALLIED MEMBER ASID

Kitchen remodeling remains one of the most popular home improvements in the United

Most everyone would agree that the kitchen is the heart of the home.

Kitchens, for the most part, aren't just for food preparation. They are a multi-functioning room where the activities vary from chopping vegetables to paying bills.

Non-cooking electronics such as flat-screen televisions, computers and even shredders have made their way into the kitchen.

The important things to keep in mind when remodeling are function, value and making sure the end result is a kitchen that works for you and your

Everyone has different needs, and a cookie cutter approach to kitchens will generally not give the best result.

It is important that the homeowner and the designer look at both short-term and

long-term needs for the space. Aging and health concerns should be taken into account, as should the increasing awareness of green design. Products that are "environmentally friendly" are being sought after by the educated consumer.

There are many factors that play into the cost of a kitchen remodel. Some of the major factors are appliances, cabinets

and countertops. While these are the major expenses, there are often many smaller expenses that homeowners forget about or underestimate when budgeting for a new kitchen.

The following is a budget that I typically give to my clients. It serves to show the range of costs associated with various items.

This budget DOESN'T include labor or design time. For those items an individual

This budget is for a kitchen that is approximately 10 feet by 14 feet, with no added space or windows.

APPLIANCES

Dishwasher: \$350 (low), \$1,500 (high)

Cooktop: \$250 (low), \$1,500

Double ovens (30 inches): \$1,400 (low), \$3,500 (high) Refrigerator: \$1,000 (low),

\$7,000 (high) Vent hood: \$250 (low), \$2,500 (high)

Microwave: \$100 (low), \$800 (high) Garbage disposal: \$100

(low), \$300 (high) PLUMBING

Stainless sink: \$275 (low),

Faucet: \$250 (low), \$1,100 (high)

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Countertops: \$1,700 (low), \$7,500 (high)

Cabinets: \$12,000 (low), \$45,000 (high)

Cabinet hardware: \$400 (low), \$2,000 (high) Backsplash tile: \$400 (low),

\$1,800 (high) Paint: \$400 (low), \$800 (high)

Flooring: \$1,400 (low), \$2,800 (high) Lighting: \$600 (low), \$1,550 (high)

SUBTOTALS

\$20,875 (low), \$80,850 (high)

Keep in mind that two kitchens with identical cabinet layouts from the same cabinet company can be very different in price.

The door style, wood species, cabinet construction and finish impact the price significantly. A painted cabinet with a glazed finish will be significantly more expensive than a stained oak

Talk with your designer about your budget, and he or she should be able to guide you to selections that will fit within

MaryBeth Wilson's business, MB Wilson Interior Design, is based in Plymouth. Phone (734) 459-8025.

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Daylily Heaven

The Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will host its first Daylily Heaven Garden Walk Sunday, July 9. The walk will feature 12 fabulous private gardens in Davisburg, Dearborn Heights, Rochester Hills, Shelby Township, Warren, West Bloomfield and Belle River, Ontario (15 minutes east of Windsor). Start at any garden.

Tickets are \$10. Garden descriptions, maps and directions are available at www.daylilyclub.com.

Buy tickets 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the SMHS Event Booth at Bordine Nursery in Rochester Hills, Tickets may be bought Sunday at any garden on the walk.

For more information, call (248) 739 9006 or (586) 786-0563, or e-mail smhsdayfily@ispwest.com.

Northville

The 13th annual Gardens of Northville Garden Walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. The Country Garden Club of Northville, a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is sponsoring the event.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in

Five gardens will be featured. Cady Inn at Mill Race Village will be transformed into The Potting Shed, where complimentary, homemade sweets and lemonade will be served. Music will be played as local vendors offer a selection of plants and garden items. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village only on the day of the

event. Water gardens

The Southeast Michigan Koi and Pond Club's ninth annual Pond Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,

For information and tickets, call Bruce E. Modetz at (734) 425-7490 or visit www.mkpc-se.com.

Ten ponds clustered in the Milford and Highland Township area will be featured. Partial proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities. The Michigan Koi and Pond Club is a notfor-profit organization.

Northville and Novi

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi will present The NO-NO's Gardening

Adventure 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

. Tickets are \$10 in advance. They are available at www.gardenersnorthvillenovi.org, Anglin Nursery in Novi, Backyard Birds in Plymouth, Gardenviews and Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, Bordine Nursery in Brighton and Saguaro in Whitmore Lake. They are also available by mail: Gardeners of Northville & Novi, P.O. Box 344, Northville 48167.

The event will feature six exceptional home gardens and 17 individual gardens at the Toilgate Education Center. Gardening lectures and demonstrations will take place throughout the day (the ticket booklet lists the time for each session).

Plant and garden art vendors, garden related displays from local organizations and artisans, a quilt exhibit, a raffle of garden-related items, and homemade refreshments will also be

The plant vendors will have a selection of the plants shown in the gar-

South Lyon

The Four Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon is sponsoring the eighth annual South Lyon Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Tickets are \$10 and will be available the day of the event at McHattie Park, off Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile, starting at 10 a.m.

For information, call (248) 437-8751 or visit www.homestead.com/fsgc/gardenwalk.html.

Six private country gardens will be featured, and garden treasures and plants will be sold in the park. Proceeds will be used for community beautification and horticultural education.

Canton

The Canton Garden Club's eighth annual Garden Walk will take place 1-6 p.m. Sunday, July 16, rain or shine. Visit beautiful private gardens in the Canton area: Shop for garden-related items from vendors at the Garden Market on the grounds of the Canton Historical Museum, where the Country Lines Michigan Heritage Quilt is dis-

Free admittance to the Garden Market and the museum. Garden Walk tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 the day of the event. They are available at Backyard Birds, Graye's Greenhouse, and Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace, all in Plymouth: Crimboli Nursery & Sweetwater Village, Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, and Mary's Farm Market, all in Canton; and Feather Your Nest Antiques in Superior Township. Tickets will also be available July 16

only at the museum and each garden location.

For more information, call Dianne at (734) 254-1023.

Shelby Township

Garden Walk 2006, sponsored by Shelby Gardeners Club, will take place noon to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Tickets are \$8 in advance (available from club members, Shelby Parks and Recreation and Shelby Library), and \$10 the day of the event at Heritage Gardens, 52700 Van Dyke (Jack Millard Boulevard), south of 24 Mile. Advance tickets are also available by mail (send check before Monday, July 10, to: Shelby Gardeners Club, P.O. Box 183324, Shelby Township 48318). For ticket information, call lvy Schwartz at (586) 781-6742 or Pat Franks at (586) 781-4151. Visit eight beautiful Shelby Township gardens. See artists painting on site, then participate in a silent auction at Shelby Library from July 24 to Aug. 13.

Garden City The Garden City Garden Club will host its 13th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22, rain or shine. Tickets are \$8 each and available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman; at Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt; at the Straight Farm

House, 6221 Merriman (open Wednesdays and Fridays); and from club members.

For information, call Paula Relich at (734) 525-2524.

Tickets will be sold at each home the day of the walk. At the Straight Farm House, the country store will be open and restrooms will be available. The self-guided tour will present seven private gardens and one business. A bake sale, a lily sale and a fund-raiser of spring flowering bulbs will be featured, and refreshments will

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The Practical Gardening Institute offers a variety of gardening help.

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Institute also publishes its own series of books. Its first is Macunovich's 8 Months of

The book is for people who want great gardens but don't know where to start.

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processors like the AMD Sempron and

Intel Celeron. There's a Dell Inspiron B130 configuration (dell.com), currently priced at \$599, that includes good basic specs.

But a little poking around reveals an Inspiron E1505 with more RAM (1GB), a bigger hard drive and a newer processor for just \$50 more (after a \$250 mail-in rebate).

Plus, the E1505 comes with Microsoft's Windows Media Center operating system, which makes it ideal for non-scholarly pursuits like watching movies and listening to music. Add an optional TV tuner and it can even record TV shows.

I also recommend poking around the Bargain Countdown section at eCost.com, where you can find great deals on closeout and refurbished notebooks. Just be sure to note the warranty, as it may be shorter than usual. Should you consider a Mac?

By all means, yes - but only if your kid already has experi-

For transporting files and making on-the-fly backups, nothing beats a USB flash drive.

with one. Changing platforms at the start of a school year isn't my idea of a smart

OTHER GEAR

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Although many teachers and professors now accept assignments electronically, paper still plays a role in student life - and that means a printer.

An inkjet may seem like the obvious choice - and it is for printing photos or color documents - but don't overlook laser printers.

I like lasers because they produce razorsharp text on plain paper, and their toner cartridges (which, admittedly, often cost as much as the printer itself) last for thousands of pages.

Inkjets, conversely, tend to output blotchy text unless you use coated paper, and they burn through ink cartridges.

There are several laser printers available for under \$100, including the Dell Laser 1110, Samsung ML-2010 and Brother HL-2040. Next, no student should be without a USB flash drive. About the size of your thumb (hence their "thumb drive" nickname), these little gizmos are ideal for moving files from one PC to another and making fast, easy backups of school

papers. Look for deals from sites like eCost.com and Newegg.com. I recently found a 1GB Verbatim flash drive for \$17 after rebate. I checked Best Buy for drives with the same capacity and found them selling for \$70.

SOFTWARE

Finally, don't forget the software. Many new PCs come with a productivity

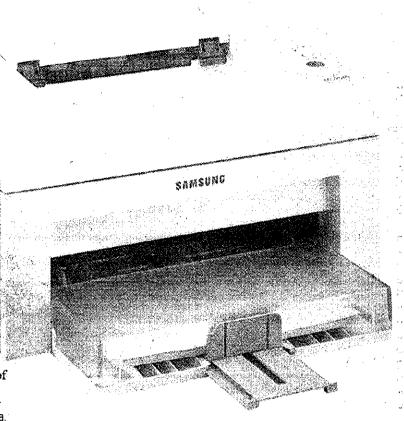
suite like Microsoft Works 8, which offers a good set of tools (including a word processor) for students.

If Works wasn't included, you can pick it up from Newegg.com for \$12.99 - a big savings off the \$50 list price (but be warned: This "OEM" edition doesn't include a manu-

You can save even bigger by downloading OpenOffice (openoffice.org), an incredible freeware suite that matches Microsoft Office almost feature-for-feature.

As for security software, which is crucial for keeping students safe from spyware and other ate-my-homework threats, see my June 22 column (tinyurl.com/klk9b) for a list of free utilities.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How To Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld, 5th Edition, and 101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.



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Try a meatless black bean fajita

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Living in the northeast, learning about foods south of our southern border has been challenging for me. I have, however, eaten enough great meals while traveling in the Southwest and California that I now can even appreciate the differences between Mexican food and the popular versions of it found in Texas, southern California and New Mexico.

Having heard numerous arguments about what is or is not authentic, I have no doubt about the origins of one dish, fajitas. By now so popular in the United States that they are almost as ubiquitously as pizza, fajitas originated in northern Mexico and were brought by Mexican cowboys to south Texas. Authentic fajitas consist of flank steak marinated in lime juice, grilled, thinly sliced, and served with refried beans, guacamole and salsa in a flour tortilla.

There are many versions of fajitas, but I think the most simplymade fajitas are the best. I prefer those made using meat marinated in lime juice and a touch of oregano, especially when it is epazote, the Mexican oregano.

Fajitas made with chicken or shrimp instead of beef are not unusual. Grilled vegetables are often added to fajitas these days, a good way to include a serving of vegetables in the meal. Recently, helping a hostess at a cookout. I created meatless fajitas for her vegetarian guests. Made with refried beans and grilled veggies, they taste as good as those made with steak.

BLACK BEAN FAJITAS

4 8-inch reduced-fat whole-

wheat tortillas 1 green bell pepper, cut into/-

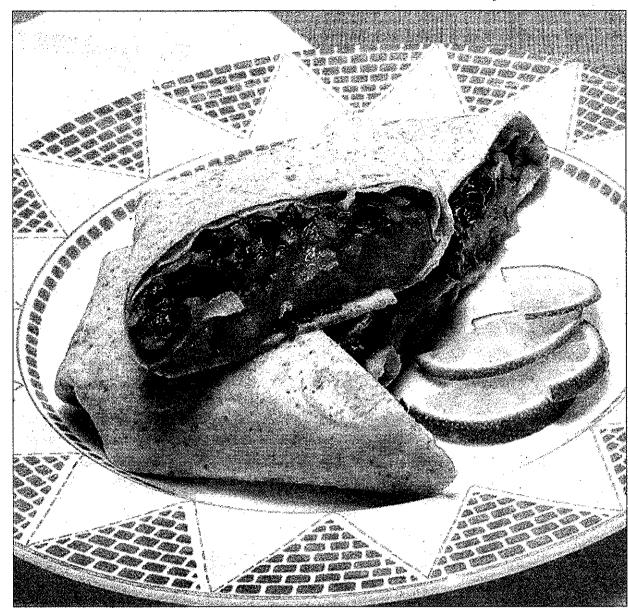
1 medium red onion, cut into//inch slices

1 large tomato, cut crosswise into/z-inch slices

1 tablespoon canola oil 1 (15 ounce) can black beans,

rinsed and drained* 1 teaspoon ground cumin I teaspoon dried epazote or

oregano** I tablespoon lime juice



Made with refried beans and grilled veggies, these fajitas taste as good as those made with steak.

Salt and ground pepper ½ cup salsa, drained ¹/₂ cup (packed) cilantro leaves

Heat a medium iron skillet or ridged grill pan over high heat until hot. Add the tortillas and heat until hot. Wrap them in foil to keep warm and set aside.

Add the peppers and cook until they are blistered in many places, about eight minutes, turning them three or four times. Transfer them to a serving plate. Add the onion to the pan in one layer. When lightly blackened in places, about one minute, turn and grill until they are limp, one minute more.

Add them to the plate with the

Coat the pan with cooking spray. Add the tomato in one layer and grill one minute. Turn and grill one minute longer. Transfer to the plate of vegetables. Wipe the pan and return to the heat.

Add oil to the pan. Add the beans, cumin and epazote. Cook, mashing the beans until they are as creamy as you wish, one to two minutes. Mix in the lime juice. Season to taste with salt and pep-

Divide the beans among the tortillas. To each, add 6 green pepper strips, /4 cup onions, 1 tablespoon salsa, a tomato slice and 2 tablespoons cilantro. Fold the tortilla over the filling and serve.

Makes 4 servings. * Do not use canned refried

black beans, which are too soft and will leak from fajitas.

** Epazote is a strongly pungent Latin American herb (also called wormweed, pigweed, or Mexican tea) that is usually sold in its dried form in the Hispanic or foreign foods sections of supermarkets, or in Hispanic grocery stores. Epazote is popular in many bean dishes because it's believed to reduce gas.

Per serving: 194 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 44 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 574 mg. sodium.

TASTE CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734)

Wine dinner

St. Supery of Napa Valley wine dinner, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, \$55, Giulio's, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 427-9500.

The schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine, includes Cabernet Sauvignon: The Velvet Hammer, 7 p.m. July 10, Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester, \$32; Wonderful Red Under \$15, 7 p.m. July 11, Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (includes valet parking), \$35, Pinot Noir: The Seductress of Red Wine, 7 p.m. July 25, Quarter Bistro & Tavern, 300 S. Maple, Ann Arbor, \$35, register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

The Community House

Learn about dry or wet marinades at class taught by Freeman Gunnell, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, \$30; other classes are Authentic Italian-Simple Recipes for Delicious Classics, taught by Dawn Bause, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, \$29; Salsa and Guacamole, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, \$30; Salads and Vinaigrettes, 7:30 -9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2, \$30; classes taught at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Gluten Free Dinner

Fried artichokes, penne with fresh tomato basil sauce, mixed field greens with white balsamic vinaigrette, steak Siciliano, Monday, Aug. 7, \$23, Giulios, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734)

Vintage Wine Tasting

Viewpoint Estate Winery, 151 County Road 50 East, Harrow. Ont, hosts Southwestern Ontario Vintners Association 2006 Vinters Wine Tasting, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 12, tickets \$50, available at SWOVA wineries, visit www.vintagestasting.com

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Enjoy a quick and light version of crab salad

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -Navigating potato salad prep is a nightmare in my family.

It's a case of everyone demanding it their own way (and it baffles me that such an innocuous dish can elicit such strong feelings).

Our solution? Boil tons of potatoes together, then divide them into as many as a half dozen varieties of salad.

I'm easy. Heaps of crunchy vegetables, hard cooked eggs and gobs of mayonnaise make my perfect potato salad. My wife, however, prefers hers without the crunch. Her version loses the celery, but keeps the onion.

Read today's

My father-in-law won't eat vegetables, so his has just mayo and eggs. My mother's versions keeps the vegetables, but ditches the egg and substitutes soy mayonnaise (she's vegan). My father will eat anything, as long as the mayo is low-fat.

This year, I don't want to deal with any of that. It becomes impossible to keep track of which bowl is which salad and I'm convinced I've accidentally given my mother the wrong version several years in a row.

So I started looking for some sort of salad everyone (or at least a majority) could settle on. I wanted something light and barbecue-friendly, but without the mayo-vegetableegg baggage that causes so

coverage.

much trouble. Crab salad provided the perfect answer. Most seafood salads call for mayonnaise, but I find these cloying. Mayo works in potato salad because the starch of the potatoes offsets the fat. Seafood can't pull it off as well.

This meant the dressing would be oil-based.

A little olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper made a simple "vinaigrette" that nicely seasons but doesn't overpower crab

For texture and a bit of bite, I also tossed the crab with red radishes cut into thin match-

The result was outstanding. The flavor is light, but the salad, like the potato salad I

sticks and just a bit of garlic.

was working to replace, is substantial. The prep also is much faster than potato salad. I used canned lump crab meat and made the salad in minutes.

For an attractive presentation. I serve the salad in hollowed-out heads of iceberg lettuce. This looks refreshing, and gives the diner the option of adding greens to each bite. Of course, a bowl works just as

CRAB SALAD VINAIGRETTE

2 heads iceberg lettuce 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil Juice of 1 lemon 2 cloves garlic, finely minced 1 teaspoon kosher salt 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper

matchsticks

4 cups lump crab meat 4 cherry tomatoes, cut into quarters

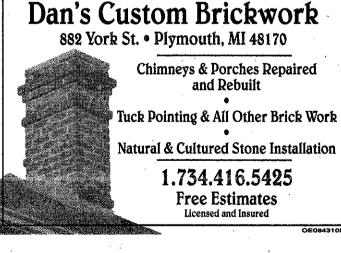
Cut each head of lettuce in half across the center. Lightly trim the rounded end of each half to create a flat surface for the bowl to stand on. Carefully remove the core of each half to create four bowls. Put each on a plate and set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper. Add the scallion and radish and mix to combine.

Add the crab meat and gently toss to coat evenly with vinaigrette. Mound a fourth of the crab salad in the center of each lettuce leaf. Garnish with toma-

The salad can be refrigerated for up to a day. Makes 4 serv-





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Love your garlic? Try it in chilled soup recipe

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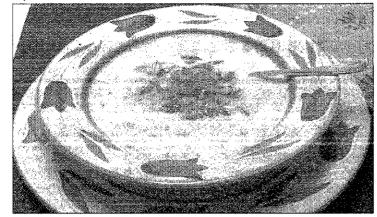
Do you have a food obsession? I have an addiction to dark chocolate and share another passion enjoyed by many: I adore garlic.

I love eating garlic to the point of mashing roasted cloves into baked potatoes, steamed broccoli and even scrambled eggs. This passion springs from more than a taste for garlic's flavor.

Food and emotions, as we all know, can be strongly linked. For me, garlic has that association because my grandmother fed me black pumpernickel bread slathered with sweet butter and dotted with thin slivers of raw garlic. Like many of her generation, she believed this would keep me well and cure me if I did get sick, a practice to keep in mind if you are in the throes of a summer cold.

Eventually, studying garlic's health benefits, I learned that it is anti-bacterial, and much of its power is lost in cooking. So Gran was right feeding it to me raw, although, frankly, I





In summer, when many reject even the thought of turning on the oven, this cold soup is another way to get a good garlic fix. Salt and ground pepper, prefer-

ably white

for garnish

¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley,

Let the bread cubes stand

overnight so they are stale and

oven for about 15 minutes, stir-

In a deep, heavy pot, heat the

heat. Add the onions, and sauté

until they start to color, 10 min-

utes. Add the garlic and cook

until the onions are deep gold,

with dark brown edges, 15-20

Add the broth, parsley, thyme

and bay leaf. (To make the later

removal of the herbs easier, place

them in a large mesh teaball, or

one made specifically for holding

herbs.) Increase the heat. When

the soup comes to a boil, reduce

cook 10 minutes. Remove from

heat and let stand 20 minutes to

Remove the parsley, thyme and the bay leaf. Purée the soup

in a blender until smooth. Blend

in the milk. Season to taste with

salt and pepper. (Refrigeration

soups need more than the usual

Before serving, adjust the sea-

Makes 4-6 servings. Per serv-

ing: 125 calories, 6 g. total fat (2

g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohy-

drate, 5 g. protein, 2 g. dietary

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soning. Divide the chilled soup

among 4 bowls and serve gar-

dampens the flavor, so chilled

amount of seasoning.) Chill

completely, 4 to 24 hours.

nished with the parsley.

fiber, 438 mg. sodium.

minutes. Add the bread and

the heat and simmer 10

cool slightly.

ring them once or twice. Cool

butter and oil over medium

until the bread is hard.

hard, or dry them in 300° F.

think that helped more by keeping people at such a distance any germs they carried did not reach me.

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For social reasons, I stopped eating raw garlic in high school. By college, cooking for myself, I switched to my current preference for roasted garlic. It has a milder flavor since cooking gentles the pungent substances in this potent allium. But I confess that when sick, I go back to eating raw garlic even though I suspect that the comforting ritual of eating Gran's cure is as effective as the garlic itself.

In summer, when I reject even the thought of turning on the oven, this cold soup is another way I get a good garlic fix. Bread thickens the soup, giving it a pleasing body, the way it does in gazpacho. But instead of balancing the garlic with sharp-tasting vinegar and olive oil, as gazpacho does, caramelized onions and milk round off the edges of this soup's sautéed garlic kick. Not for the faint-hearted, this soup should be served ice cold, garnished with a sprinkling of fresh parsley to compliment its cool beige color.

CHILLED GARLIC AND ONION SOUP

1/2 cups cubed whole-wheat Italian bread, without crust 1 tablespoon unsalted butter 1 tablespoon canola oil

3 cups chopped onions 6 large garlic cloves, chopped 4 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth

4 parsley sprigs (see note) 4 fresh thyme sprigs, or 1 tsp.

1 cup whole milk

Beating heat with slightly sweet

From andouille sausage, Thai red curry with beef, Indian curried rabbit to Jamaican jerk chicken, today's foodies love spicy dishes.

Sushi bars have popped up in every major U.S. city and fiery wasabi and pickled ginger accompany nearly every dish.

If you have discovered that many of these foods are poor matches for dry wines, try meeting the challenge with a semi-dry wine such as muscat, riesling, chenin blanc or gewurztraminer. Seek out a German or Alsace riesling or gewurztraminer that is slightly sweet. These wines pair well with today's trend for more culinary heat. Just remember "sweet beats heat."

ASIAN EMPHASIS

The spice-tempering sweetness, bright fruit, and floral flavors of muscat-style wines in particular do wonders for hot and spicy ethnic foods. These foods differ greatly from Western cuisine and can often be better enjoyed when properly understood and matched with a

Served slightly chilled, muscats are refreshing, and their fruit sugars balance even the most tonsil-tingling chilies and spices. Chinese cuisine can be divided into four cooking styles: Canton, Peking, Szechuan, and Shanghai. Of these, Szechuan depends on strong flavors and hot spices such as chilies, peppercorns, ginger, and garlic. Nuts add richness to these dish-

Thailand's culinary heritage is strongest in its use of spices and herbs. Curry pastes are descendants of the wet masalas of India. An affection for chilies, coconut milk, tamarind, ginger and cilantro is apparent in most

The Korean table always has an assortment of side dishes, such as hot sauces, kimchi, dips, pickled fish, and soups. With these, versatile muscat scores

OTHER WINE MATCHES

Indian foods are seasoned with lively spices because of the use of tamarind, lime, vinegar, and dried mango powder.



Wines

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Today, curry has come to mean nearly any dish with a spicy sauce. Panchphoran in Indian cuisine is a popular and zesty five-spice mixture of cumin, fennel, nigella, fenugreek and black mustard seeds.

Sobon Estate's Orange Muscat is a hands-down winner with sushi. Amazingly it clears the palate after the wasabi and pickled ginger.

For the same reason, Sobon Orange Muscat and Quady Essensia are good matches for tuna with wasabi and sesami aioli. Sweet and sour chicken, always a tricky match, is also best paired with Sobon Orange Muscat. Although fortified muscats work with some dishes, they also tend to mask the flavor of others. Lower alcohol muscats are more refreshing against, not only spiciness, but food richness.

WHAT TO BUY TO BEAT THE **HEAT**

The following wines dance across the palate with notes of honeysuckle, lychee, orange blossom, orange zest and apricot flavors.

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WINE PICKS

Popularity of California Pinot Noir is not due simply to the film "Sideways." Wine consumers love the fruitiness and delicacy. In summer, chill pinots about 20 minutes in the refrigerator before serving. 2003 Beringer Los Carneros Stanly Ranch (\$30) - one of the very best from the Carneros region of Napa Valley.

2004 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley (\$35) is simply delicious.

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2005 Meridian Central Coast (\$11) is a wallet pleaser.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

2004 St. Supery Moscato,

2005 Quady Essensia Orange Muscat, \$25

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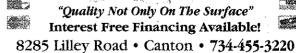




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Marinated artichokes fit for a star

BY DANA JACOBI AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

In a country obsessed with celebrity, New York and Los Angeles are two of the best places for seeing stars in person. In both cities, food markets and restaurants are choice spots for running into someone famous. Besides overhearing a personal conversation, you can also see what the glitterati like to eat.

While at a Whole Foods Market in Manhattan, I once had a chance to watch Clint Eastwood and his wife as they unloaded quarts of soy milk from their cart while talking about their daughter's soccer league. At a pizzeria in New York, I heard Paul Newman order spinach pizza with whole-wheat crust, an impressively healthy choice. Best of all, one afternoon in Hollywood, I was seated at a table next to Uma Thurman's. Observing what she ordered, I chose the same dish, marinated fresh artichokes. They were so good that afterwards I persuaded the chef to share his recipe. If you have only experienced bottled or canned artichokes, you must try the fresh version at least

Understanding that you may hesitate to wrestle with fresh artichokes, I've created directions that simplify trimming away their tough outer leaves and spiky tips. Scooping out the fibrous choke in the center is easy

because the artichokes are first boiled, then halved lengthwise, exposing a heart so soft all you need is a teaspoon to lift out the choke.

These marinated artichokes are worth the effort to prepare because they absorb the sweet tarragon flavor of their light coating of lemon and olive oil marinade. Their firm texture will be a revelation if you have eaten only commercially-prepared artichoke hearts, which are often mushy as well as vinegary. Marinating fresh artichokes for an extra day or two intensifies their flavor, so I frequently make them well in advance.

For an extra finishing touch, during the summer, just before serving, I like to set the halved marinated artichokes, cut-side down on a hot grill for three or four minutes. This is just long enough to mark them and to warm them slightly, which brings out their flavor even more.

MARINATED ARTICHOKES

4 medium artichokes 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon, or 1 tsp. dried

2 tablespoons lemon juice ½ teaspoon sait and freshly ground black

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil 1 lemon, cut lengthwise into 4 wedges, for

Pull off the tough outer leaves of the

artichokes just above the stem. With a knife, trim away remaining tough parts. Using scissors, cut off thorny leaf-tips. Laying each artichoke on its side on a cutting board, cut off the top about 1 inch down from the tip, and, from the bottom, all but 1 inch of the stem.

Boil the artichokes until a knife inserted just above the stem meets only slight resistance, about 15 minutes. Drain the artichokes in a colander, turning them upside down with tongs. When cool enough to handle, halve the artichokes lengthwise. Using a teaspoon, scrape out the fluffy choke, leaving an open cavity in the center of each artichoke half.

Place the tarragon, lemon juice, salt and a generous pinch of pepper in a large resealable plastic bag. Add the oil, and shake the bag. Add the artichokes and turn bag several times to coat them. Refrigerate the artichokes for 24 hours, turning the bag 3 or 4 times.

Heat a gas or charcoal grill until very hot. Grill the artichokes, cut side down, until grill marks appear, about 2 minutes. Rotate artichokes 90 degrees, and grill 2 minutes more. Place the artichokes on a serving plate, add the lemon wedges, and serve.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 37 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 2 g. carbohydrate, less than 1g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 151 mg. sodium.

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



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These marinated artichokes absorb the sweet tarragon flavor of a light coating of lemon and

Grilled chicken takes to lemon and oregano

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicken takes to the grill as tastily as just about anything else that people love to cook out. Happily, it's easy to find ways to make mouthwatering dishes that are healthy for the family, too - recipes are avail-

For example: Cooking Light magazine's Chicken cookbook (Oxmoor, 2006, \$17.95) packages 58 recipes, with a defined focus: "To eat

smart, be fit, live well." Among the offerings is this lemon and oregano-rubbed chicken recipe. As with all the recipes in this orderly book, it's laid out on one pag along with notes on techniques, nutrition details and a small photo; a full-page photo runs on the facing

For this recipe, the editors recommend pounding the chicken breasts with a meat mallet or rolling pin until they're thin, because the increased surface allows you to use even more of the flavorful rub. Using the pounding technique on the chicken not only tenderizes the meat but also shortens the cooking time and gives the appear-

ance of a heartier portion. Don't use more than the amount of lemon rind called for, they warn: It can make the dish bitter instead of tart. One medium lemon will vield at least 1 teaspoon grated rind.

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LEMON AND OREGANO-RUBBED

GRILLED CHICKEN Four 6-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast halves 5 teaspoons grated lemon rind 1 tablespoon olive oil

1½ teaspoons dried oregano ¾ teaspoon kosher salt ½ teaspoon freshly ground

black pepper 1/4 teaspoon water 2 garlic cloves, minced Cooking spray

4 femon wedges 2 tablespoons chopped fresh

Prepare grill.

Place each chicken breast half between two sheets of heavy-duty plastic wrap; pound to/4-inch thickness using a meat mallet or rolling

Combine lemon rind and next six ingredients, and rub evenly over both sides of chicken. Place chicken on a grill rack coated with cooking spray, and grill three minutes on each side or until done. Remove from heat. Squeeze one lemon wedge evenly over each chicken breast half. Sprinkle parsley evenly over chicken.

Makes four servings (serving size 1 chicken breast half).

Nutrition information per serving: 226 cal., 5.6 g total fat (1 g saturated), 39.6 g pro., 2.2 g carbo., 0.7 g fiber, 99 mg chol., 465 mg sodium.

GOOD STUFF

Refreshing: Add lime to coconut custard pie Combine coconut milk, coconut

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Limeade and coconut milk may not be your mother's traditional blend for a custard pie, but this one turns out creamy and refreshing and she'll enjoy it as much as the rest of the family for a summer party special.

Serve it on paper plates for a backyard picnic, or a porch snack. Strawberries make a bright, sweet garnish, or the luscious mangoes now available, recipe developer Pam Simmons says. Later, she expects peaches to be equally attractive matches

for the pie. A tip from this experienced cook for when you are combining several eggs with other ingredients in a blender, as here: You may wish to break each egg into a small measuring cup first, as Simmons does, in case there's a fragment of shell or a speck of blood to remove before adding it to your mixture.

Shortcuts for the cook on a hot day: Use a frozen pie shell. With a blender, these ingredients mix in a few minutes to conjure up your pie.

Minimal effort, maximum

LIME IN COCONUT CUSTARD PIE

13.5-ounce can coconut milk (regular, not lite)

1 cup sweetened coconut flakes 4 eggs

½ cup frozen limeade, thawed ½ cup sugar

1/4 cup flour ½ teaspoon coconut extract ¼ teaspoon salt

9-inch deep-dish pie shell, frozen or homemade

Optional garnishes: Whipped cream, curls of lime peet, fruit of choice. Preheat oven to 400 F. Adjust

rack to lowest level for baking.

flakes, eggs, limeade, sugar, flour, coconut extract and salt in a blender. Blend until mixed, and pour into pie shell.

Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 F and bake for 40 to 45 more minutes or until set. Coof on rack for 1/2 hour and refrigerate until cold before cutting. If desired, serve garnished with sweetened whipped cream, limepeel curls or fruit of choice.

(Recipe from Andre Prost, Inc./A Taste of Thai)

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Even the devil can't upstage the fabulous wardrobe in 'Prada'

By Samantha Critchell @ AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Miranda Priestly, Meryl Streep's character in "The Devil Wears Prada," is fashion's queen bee and an ice princess to boot. The only time anyone recalls her smiling was when she previewed Tom Ford's 2001 collection. Must have been that updated Yves Saint Laurent smoking jacket that

pushed her over the edge.

Streep, with a chic silver haircut and baring what has to be one of Hollywood's finest sets of shoulders, gets top billing in the movie version of Lauren Weisberger's best-selling book about the catty fashion world that's filled with "clackers" - skinny young things who teeter on high heels that sound like a typing pool as they scurry around the office. Streep, though, really has a support-

ing role. This movie is all about fashion and no single person - not even multiple Oscar winner Meryl — has the star power to compete with racks full of Chanel, Bill Blass, Valentino and, of course, Prada.

It seems that there are more handbags, shoes and earrings in this movie than all the other summer releases combined. Superman only gets to wear a glorified unitard; Streep's Priestly gets to wear hundreds of thousands of

dollars worth of Fred Leighton diamonds.

PHOTO BY LARRY PEPLIN

Patricia Field

photographed at Marshall

Field's Somerset during a

fashion event last year.

The sheer volume of garments required costume designer Patricia Field and her team of assistants to be on the set each day of 14 weeks of shooting — and that's after eight weeks of shopping.

editor in chief of the world's endall, be-all fashion magazine. Runway. Her signature style is "expensive," says Field. "She is first and foremost an executive, so she might wear a jewel-encrusted sweater but with a pinstripe skirt and a white blouse. There's always a pinch

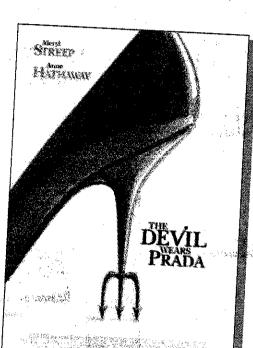
Field knows a thing or two about trends:

of glamour but

no trends."

She's the one who dressed Sarah Jessica Parker and her pals on "Sex and the City," making Manolo Blahnik and Jimmy Choo "celebrities" and convincing countless women to wear their own names around their necks.

But fashion insiders know the top figures in the industry mostly wear timeless styles — things that won't become dated from one year to the next and, more importantly, one photograph to another. It's why Field chose several of Bill Blass' perfectly fitted jackets for Miranda's work wardrobe and a custom-made Valentino gown with an oversized bow for the film's biggest fashion scene, a huge charity gala at a museum.





Fash Bash News Flash!

Saks Fifth Avenue has announced the much-anticipated details of this year's Fash Bash! Elie Tahari will be the featured designer, and his Fall 2006 men's and women's collection will take the stage at the General Motors Wintergarden

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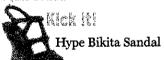
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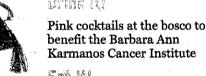
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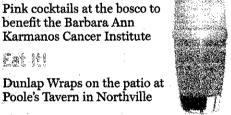
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