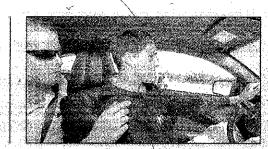


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Liz Carlson (from left), Dave and Ronni Curtis, and Nancy Ludlow put long hours into the museum, and could always use more help.

Revisiting the past

Historical museum looking to expand exhibits

BY CAROL MARSHALL

What's old is new again at the Camton Historical Museum. And Canton Historical Society members hope that the new look will bring in new visitors with a renewed interest in Canton's heritage.

"It's kind of embarrassing to say," said 37ear Canton resident Liz Carlson, standing in front of the museum, which is situated on Canton Center Road in front of the township administrative offices and Fire Station No. 1. "But before last August, I had never been in the museum."

But now she's a member on the society's board of directors, after having been recruited to help breathe some new life into the ninemember board.

"I actively recruited two new board members," Township Clerk Terry Bennett said. "I was looking for people who could help energize

And that's what Carlson and new board member Nancy Ludlow have done, according to long-time board members Dave and Ronni

'We were in a rut," Ronni Carlson said. "Having new ideas has definitely brought new life to the board."

The changes are occurring at a pretty easy time to be excited about Canton's history. New programming at the historic township-owned Bartlett-Travis home, combined with a project



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Nope, it's not chain mail from Canton's medieval past, but a pot scrubber, forerunner of today's Brillo pad. Liz Carlson, a new board member for the Canton Historical Society, enjoys stumping visitors with antique items at the historical museum.

in process now to move the historic Cady barn from its current location on school property to Cherry Hill Village, has put Canton history buffs in motion.

"We've been thinking that the society would be able to hold bake sales and fund-raisers at events out there," near the Bartlett-Travis house, Dave Carlson said. "There are great opportunities.'

Preparing the museum has been a lot of work, Carlson said. For weeks, board members and society members have been working daily, rearranging displays and trying to give the old

schoolhouse a fresh look.

'We had a lot of cases all against the wall and a mixed bag of furniture in the middle of the room," Carlson said. The new displays will group items by themes such as the Civil

War, rural schooling and agriculture. We want visitors to have a sense of what they're looking at and why they're looking at it," Carlson said.

The displays will also include informational panels, to explain what's in the display and its significance to Canton's history.

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Former trustee, **AAA spokesman** dies at 65

Jerry Cheske, a former Canton Township trustee and longtime spokesman for AAA, unexpectedly passed away Sunday in a Florida hospital after a short illness.



Cheske, former AAA national director of public relations, made many television appearances during his 34-year career with AAA before retiring in December 2003. According to the people he worked with, Cheske was the "voice of AAA" for 15 years before his retirement. He was a regular on many of the major TV networks, including The Today Show on NBC and ABC's Good Morning America, where he commented on

travel and leisure and highway travel conditions. Before becoming AAA's national spokesman in 1988, Cheske was AAA Michigan's spokesman and could often be seen and heard on local television and radio reports. He also co-produced and was host of Michigan Leisure Time, which reported on leisure activities offered in the state.

Cheske moved with his wife, Cheryl, and daughter, Christina, to the Orlando area in 1989, and resided there until his death. According to Gary McLand, Cheske's brother-in-law, Cheske's death was completely unexpected. He was admitted to an Orlando-area hospital about two weeks ago because he wasn't feeling well. After some tests, he was diagnosed with vasculitis, which is an inflammation of the blood vessels, and was expected to make a full recovery. However, McLand said Cheske had been plagued by illness for years, which had taken its toll.

Over the years, he had taken so many antibiotics it destroyed his immune system," McLand said, "His death was just a total shock to the family."

Cheske served on the Canton Board of Trustees from 1974-76, back when terms were only two years.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Cheske first got involved in politics when the two were both residents of the Windsor Park subdivision and in opposition to a proposed shopping center near Joy and Sheldon. Cheske and some other opponents tried to persuade Yack to run for township board at the time, which he declined to do. But Cheske ran and was elected.

I always found him to be a pleasant man," Yack said. Cheske once said, "A lot of people want to ride with you in the limousine, but a friend will ride with you on the bus." And for Canton resident Bill Semion, who worked with Cheske for nearly two decades at AAA Michigan, that quote kind of sums up the man. "He was always a friendly guy with a good sense of humor. He was also very hard working," Semion said.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl and daughter Christina (Emine) Dekkar. Viewing will be at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, 4-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, and 1-9 p.m. Friday, July 21. Funeral services will be at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made on behalf of Jerry to the Florida Hospital Diabetes Foundation, 2520 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 102, Orlando, FL. 32804.

Abbo: Killing SBT a top priority

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo said his 14 years in local government, the last six as Northville Township supervisor, and his role as a businessman are the qualities needed to become the next state representative from the 20th District.

"I have a good, solid business background, and I understand the role of government," said Abbo, who is vice president at STM Power in Ann Arbor, a renewable energy company. "I see the issues as the economy, jobs, taxes and



Abbo is one Republicans in the Aug. 8 primary to succeed Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township),

education."

who is term-limited, leaving the seat up for grabs. The 20th District encompasses Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, a small section of Canton and the city of Wayne.

Abbo said one of his highest

priorities, if elected, will be the issue of the Single Business

"The Single Business Tax is extremely oppressive," Abbo said. "I've seen companies lose millions of dollars and still pay it. It's based more on economic size than on net income. To me, that doesn't create the right kind of environment for business to want to come

. However, Abbo noted the state needs to look at more than just elimination of the SBT to improve the economic

PLEASE SEE ABBO, A5

Stewart: Education state's key issue

edge-based

economy and

help it grow,"

said Stewart,

Plymouth

Township.

who resides in

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum the past 17 years, Beth Stewart's main goal has been to make history come alive for students and teachers who visit one of Plymouth's jewels.

So it comes as no surprise to anyone who hears Stewart say if she's elected to the 20th House District seat in November, education will be a top priority.

Education, and particularly higher education, is what's going to move our state into



'Our colleges Stewart and universities are in great areas, and bring economic prosperity where they are, and address so many quality-of-life issues.

"We should be encouraging people to go to college," she added. "Some kind of post-high school education has to be in everybody's background."

Stewart is one of five candi-

dates vying for the Republican nomination for the 20th House seat, which is being vacated by her term-limited husband, John.

Stewart said she'd be willing to look at changes in Proposal A to help local school districts get more state funding, "if there were ways to allow more per-pupil funding for those districts delivering more services, or allowing districts to to ask for a millage for operations."

However, despite her penchant for education, Stewart said she's not in favor of the K-16 coalition proposal to give

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Coming Sunday in Health

Physical therapist is on a roll



Hospice support group

Heartland Hospice has started a new support group for widows and widowers. The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 North Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group , will be on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is ongoing and will be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information, contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice bereavement coordinator, toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Scholarship winners

Andrew Rossow and Laura Schulz, both of Canton, have been recognized by Comcast's Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program with \$1,000 grants from The Comcast Foundation for their exemplary commitment to community service, leadership skills, positive attitude and academic achievement. Each grant received will be used toward the student's pursuit of higher edu-

They are among the 132 young people from the state, signifying \$132,000 in Comcast Leaders & Achievers grants for 2006, to be honored this year in Michigan

The Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program is managed by Scholarship Program Administrators - an independent, not-for-profit organization that manages corporate and corporate foundation scholarship programs. For more information on the Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program and to view a list of this year's recipients, visit www.comcast.com/scholar-

ships. Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its next networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 2 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert and a guest speaker presentation. This luncheon is open to

The August luncheon will feature guest speaker Jeffrey Omtvedt, co-author of the soon-to-be released book The DataBased You, which takes an inside look at the erosion of privacy and identity theft. Omtvedt holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan, with a focus in American government and political theory. He was nominated for The Crain's

Detroit "20 in their 20s," an award given to tomorrow's smartest, brightest and most creative business stars.

Seating at the luncheon is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, July

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,

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.

Free car wash

Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road in Canton, will hold its 4th Annual Pay it Forward/Community Car Wash on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cars are washed absolutely free. No donations are accepted. Participants hope that those receiving a free car wash will be motivated to pass a good deed on to someone else. Free hot dogs and lemonade will be offered. For more information, contact the church office at (734) 459-0013.

Adopt-A-Road

On July 27, beginning at 4:30 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce will participate in their second of three Adopt-A-Road clean ups scheduled for the year. The chamber adopted Canton Center Road between Warren and Ford Roads. Chamber members are invited to gather and meet at the Chamber around 4 o'clock in the afternoon before the clean up where they will pick up their bright orange vests and pick up sticks needed in order to get the job done.

Afterwards, chamber mem-

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again soon with the specifies of the reunion. They would also appreciate it if you could send updated contact information on others.

Plymouth High reunion

Plymouth High School will hold a joint 40-year reunion class of '65 and '66 on Sept. 9, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge. The event will include live music. The contact for the class of 1965 is Jay Reynolds, who can be reached at jreynolds@comcast.net or (248) 645-9671. Lynn Keil is the class of 1966 contact. She can be reached at LynnKeil@sbcglobal.net or (734)972-8104.

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

DDA jazz

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.,

Camp success

The Salem varsity and junior

recently competed in the

at Oakland University. Both

(top) took the Choreography

place home routine, and the Superior Trophy, There were also

nine all stars chosen from the

team. The junior varsity squad

(above) took second place in

Superior Trophy, and had three all

stars selected. Both teams were

awarded the Spirit Stick every day

home routine, earned the

of the competition.

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bring their lawnchairs. The concert lineup and location is as follows:

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Aug. 18: John E. Lawrence & Friends - New Towne Center

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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

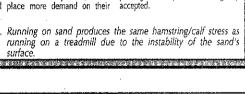
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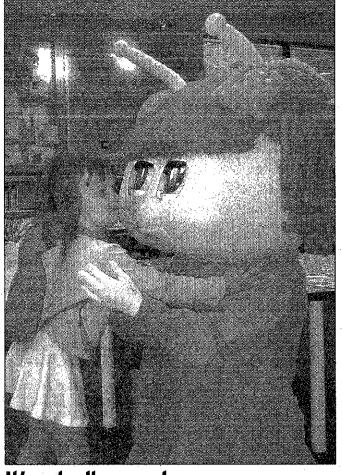
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It's a bedbug party

Mackenzie Miller, 3 years old, of Canton greets one of the Bed Bugs at the Canton Public Library. Toofy, Woozy and Gooby, stars of the PBS children's series, made a visit to the Canton Public Library on July 12, in advance of their July 16 performance at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Canton to raise cost of building permits, fees

BY CAROL MARSHALL

The price of building permits, and a host of other building and planning services, is going up in Canton.

According to Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, it has been 14 years since fees were updated in Canton. But the fees haven't for years been reflective of the cost of the services the township is providing, Faas said. Since the last increase, the cost of providing service has increased by more than 60 percent, he

Raising fees by an average of 30 percent for services such as inspections will increase revenues by some \$100,000 in 2006 and by approximately \$160,00 in

Even though the increases are long overdue, according to Faas, implementing them earlier would not have prevented the township from laying off employees in building services and planning earlier this

"That was based on the decrease in the demand for services," Faas said. However, the township will in September, as part of its budget process, examine the backlog of inspections and look at how long residents and builders have to wait for inspections.

We'll have to decide if we need to make any adjustments then," Faas said. "Right now it's too early to tell. It's only been two weeks since their last day of work."

Building official John Weyer gave an example of the proposed fee changes for residential properties. On an average new home valued at \$212,000, inspection fees now are about \$1,743,

including permit, review and inspections. Under the proposed fee schedule they would be approximately \$2,445, he

Zoning board of appeals fees would also increase, as would site plan review fees and fees for lot splits and

platting. According to Planning Director Jeff Goulet, approximately 63 percent of planning services staff time is spent directly on development activities, while only 33 percent of the department's budget is recovered in fees to developers. An increase in fees, and the creation of new fees, such as platting fees, will help offset 90 percent of the department's costs, he said.

Before this year, Wayne County was platting lot splits - by hand, a process completed by cartographers - and charged the township as much as \$100 per split. Canton never charged residents for those fees, even though the township was paying approximately \$75,000 per year to the county. Canton has taken over those responsibilities, which will be done electronically, and will attach a fee to the service.

"I'm really pleased that we are doing this," said Trustee Karl Zarbo, who suggested that the fees be reviewed regularly "so we never go this long again."

There will be no changes in public works fees. There will also be no change to mobile home inspection fees except for the addition of a \$25 base application fee which applies to all residential permits.

The proposed fees will come back before the board of trustees July 25 or Aug. 8 for approval.

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Officials begin tweaking outdated sign ordinance

STAFF WRITER

Even though Canton's sign ordinance was approved late in 2002, it's already outdated and

"For the last few months, we've had four or five variance requests per month at the ZBA." said Building Official John Weyer said. "And we did start seeing an increase in these kinds of requests about six months after the sign ordinance was amended in 2002."

The problem, or at least the nature of most of the requests, has to do with the elimination of multi-tenant monument signs, part of the 2002 revisions, even though the majority of Canton's businesses are located in multiuser shopping centers.

"When we started looking at

changing the sign ordinance again, we realized that the ordinance itself isn't truly broken. We just needed to evaluate the different types of commercial developments we have in Canton," Weyer said.

So Monday night, the culmination of more than a year's worth of study and discussion was put on the table in a joint meeting between the planning commission and board of trustees. The revised ordinance should be on a township board agenda by late September or early October, according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"This process started with a community branding and wayfinding project in the DDA," said Yack. Elements of that project include banners to be placed along Ford Road, entrance signs on the east and west ends of

Ford, and also signs to be erected within shopping center parking lots to help shoppers navigate the more than 300 businesses in the DDA. But the consultants with Hamilton Anderson Associates, the company hired by the DDA to assist with the project, found that Canton's sign ordinance would

not allow any of the signs they

were proposing.

What seemed to make sense in theory didn't make sense in practice. "It became apparent that the complexity of what we had to deal with in Canton, with perpendicular centers and buildings set so far back from the road, and the complexity of just trying to drive down Ford Road - then you add Michigan Avenue and the boulevard - we needed to make the sign ordinance more user friendly, and

more adaptable to some of these extreme circumstances that we have," said Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

But the revised ordinance is also intended to help the small business person, or so hopes McLaughlin. "Part of the motivation at least on my part is that I know that big corporations have top-notch people who go in and deal with logos and signage, and can get a lot of bang for their buck," she said. "I was looking to give the private business person some information on how to make a readable and workable sign."



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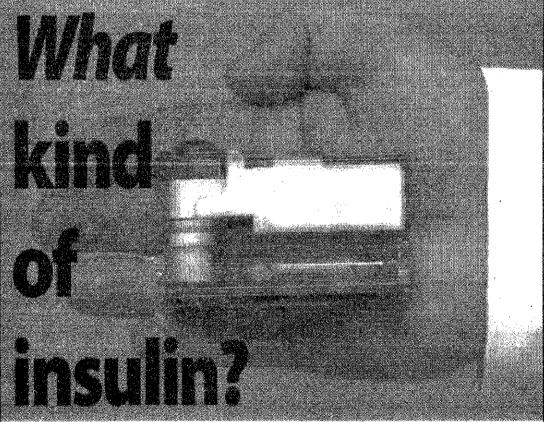
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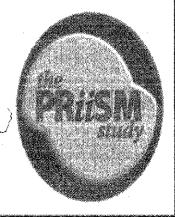
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Destination Theatre to present 'A Journey through Broadway'

Destination Theatre, a new Canton musical theater company, will lift the curtain on an original musical production as it presents "A Journey through Broadway" July 28 and 29, and Aug. 4 and 5 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hall in Canton.

Destination Theatre is a resident musical theater company at the Village Theater, Canton's performing arts facility located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge reads

"A Journey Through
Broadway" is directed by
Gina Meares who brought the
American classic "Annie Get
Your Gun" to the Canton
stage last August.
"This summer's show is a

concept that my daughter and I have dreamed about for quite some time," said Meares. "Favorite songs from memorable Broadway shows are woven together into a seamless production. It is much more than a musical review."



A Journey through Broadway, which will play at the Village Theater, will feature songs from many popular musicals.

This will be Destination
Theatre's fourth stage production in less than a year.
Board member Patrick
Persons expressed excitement
about the talented singers
and dancers who appeared
for auditions.

"Once again we have been able to assemble an amazing cast and have drawn performers from Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties," said Persons. "We're especially pleased with the number of Plymouth-Canton students

and graduates who are in the production. Many of our singers are home for the summer from colleges around the country where they are studying theater."

Mia Topalian, a Canton High School freshman, is equally excited about the show.

"We're singing songs from Wicked, Rent, Hairspray, Chicago, Grease and so many other great shows," Topalian said. "These are songs that I've always wanted to perform



actors prepare for the upcoming show, A Journey through Broadway.

Destination Theatre

on stage and it is so great to be doing it right here at the Village Theater."

Show times for "A Journey Through Broadway" are 8 p.m. July 28 and 29, and Aug. 4 and 5.

Tickets are \$14 for all ages,

and are available by calling (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300, or by visiting Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, from 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

and Sunday.

For more information
about "A Journey Through
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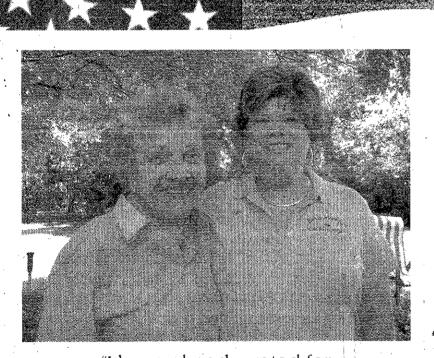
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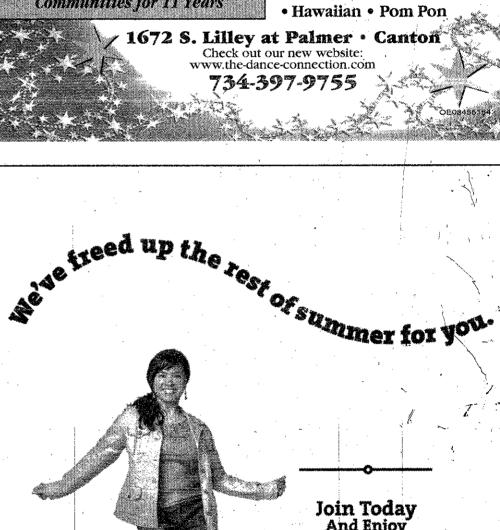
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annual funding increases to

"While I support education, I think it's dangerous to think we can mandate a continuous funding stream at a certain level to pay for health care costs curbecause we just don't know because we just don't know what the state revenue will be, Stewart said. "Since we have a generally passed on as increased balanced budget amendment in health insurance costs.

Michigan, you can only spend "We need to find ways to what you've got.

"As much as I support trying to find funding, we will have to address it every year," she added. "Which means we have to prioritize the budget, not mandate funding."

Stewart believes the Single
Business Tax needs to be developed into a more fair tax that will replace the loss of \$1.9 billion the SBT adds to the state

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The SBT and personal property taxes are looked at as onerous tax burdens on businesses, and need to be looked at," Stewart said. "The personal property tax is a negative tax, as far as I'm concerned. If you improve your business, you ought to be giving some kind of benefit for that, not trying to tax them on it.

"If people in business have this perception we have negative taxes, perhaps there's another way that doesn't have the stigma," she added. "We should find ways to attract new business, especially those involved in research and development and alternative energy. That's one way to grow our economy.

Stewart said she doesn't see too many areas in the state budget that can be cut, though she would consider a look at the Corrections Department.

"Only because if you can put more money in education, hopefully you wouldn't have to put so much money into corrections," she said.

ons," she said. Stewart said "health care is Stewart sau nearmann huge," and she'd like to institute

a plan — like one in Massachusetts — that gets more uninsured people on Medicaid, rently being picked up by doctors and hospitals, which are

ighten the load on employers," Stewart said. "We're funding Medicaid with 1985 dollars and 2006 costs. More and more people will have to pay more for health care."

Stewart isn't a proponent of

forms of affirmative action, still. But I think it could have racist overtones, and we shouldn't be supporting things like that."

Stewart said when her husband first suggested she run for the state Legislature, she scoffed at the idea. But they decided their like-mindedness on the issues, including being moderate Republicans, would wellserve the 20th District.

'The idea wasn't to keep it in the family, but that I agreed with him on the issues," she said. "I love to find consensus to build collaborative relationships, to get people to solve problems and issues.

"John has carved out a niche for moderate Republicans, and I would be able to continue that," Stewart added. "I really do think that represents the people in the district."

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climate for business. "I think we need to rational-

ize our entire tax structure, look at income taxes and property taxes," Abbo said. "We need to create incentives for business to come to this state.

"We should attract diverse businesses. High technology is important, alternative fuels is important. If we attract diverse businesses, it will have the same effect in making our manufacturing industry more

vibrant as well." Abbo said part of the plan to attract new business has to be an educated work force. However, he stopped short of suggesting vouchers to let families choose where they want

their children to attend school. "The responsibility for educating kids is not just government responsibility," Abbo said. "Parents need to be involved, and parents need alternatives. I'm a proponent of charter schools so there can be some

choices. "Parents who homeschool their kids get zero dollars from the state. They don't even get books. We should offer them some assistance, even if it's just books, because they're taking a major role in the education of their kids."

Abbo said he would be in favor of amending Proposal A to allow local school districts to ask voters for additional

Adamson 85, formerly of Birmingham,

Budd, 79, of Livonia, died July 15.

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Denny, 83, formerly of Wayne, died

Herter, 47, formerly of Plymouth, died

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Jeffrey Mark Herter

Menozzi, 89, died July 16.

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millage to support the district's operating budget.

"I think Proposal A can absolutely be tweaked," Abbo said. "I think if some school districts would like to spend more to educate their kids, they should be allowed to do that."

Abbo said he's not in favor of the K-16 Coalition proposal to give annual cost of living fund ing increases to public school districts and universities.

"I believe the state needs to prioritize, and this removes the level of flexibility it may need in dealing with priorities that may arise," he said.

Abbo said health care costs in Michigan need to come down, he is not supporting the affirmative action initiative on the November ballot and wants to protect Michigan's natural resources.

In the end, Abbo said it comes down to turning Michigan's ailing economy around.

"I don't see us moving in the right direction," Abbo said. "I'm not going to say whose fault it is, but I believe she (Gov. Jennifer Granholm) could be doing more.

"I believe the state should explore all alternatives, whether it's privatization or consolidation. It's a matter of letting market forces work to provide the most efficient and effective way of providing serv-

Miller, 71, formerly of Plymouth, died

Nadasen, 66, of Canton, died July 11.

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DEATHS

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Mabelle Robetson

Jennie G. Yun

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Robetson, 98, died July 14.

Thomas Shawn Triplett

Triplett, 40, died July 18.

Yun, 57, of Livonia, died July 16.

Complete paid obituaries can be found

inside today's newspaper in Passages

MUSEUM

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Museums are often seen as almost a sacred place. But that's not the idea this board has. They believe that the museum

has to change around a lot to keep it interesting. Carlson said.

The Canton Historical Society will also invite community groups in Canton to help with displays in the museum.

"We really want to invite different groups to set up displays honoring their individual heritage and histories as well," Ludlow said. "Part of Canton's history is a big mix of cultures and traditions. We want the story of old Canton, but we also want the story of new Canton."

Ludlow has also been able to help the society due to her professional position. As the director of technology for the Detroit Historical Society, she was able to borrow items from Detroit's displays.

The board has recently created the society Web site, and has ordered PastPerfect software, designed for museums to help

them catalog and value their items.

While the momentum is still going, Ronni Curtis hopes to add to the six hours per week the museum is now open.

"Eventually, I'd like the museum to be open daily," she said.

Now is the perfect time for growth, Dave Curtis said.

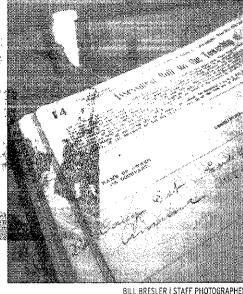
"Just last week, a few of us were here working on a Thursday night when the museum was closed. But a few families stopped when they were out at a township outdoor concert series. We let them in, and they were very interested in the museum," he said.

"One little boy did that," Daye Curtis said, pointing to the chalkboard, where will not talk out of turn" was written three times, in neatly styled cursive.

'We definitely think there is interest in the museum. Now we need to find ways to be here for them," Ronni Curtis said.

For more information about the Canton Historical Society, visit online at cantonhistorical society.org.

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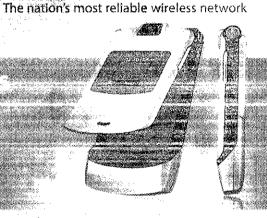
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Canton man organizing Michigan India Day event

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Putting together a celebration for nearly 20,000 people is a big job. But it's worth it, said Canton resident Mohan Paruchuri, chairman of the Michigan India Day Committee.

Michigan India Day will mark its fourth year this year, and will be held Aug. 20 at the Rock Financial Show Place in Novi.

"The event is to celebrate India's independence day (Aug. 15, 1947)," Paruchuri said. "It's a big holiday there, just like July 4 is a big holiday



It's a holiday that brings together the millions of Indians who share a country. but who speak 14 different languages and thousands of dialects, and who observe distinct cultures and customs which vary from region to region, and the vastly different religions of Hindu, Muslim and Judeo-

Christianity, Paruchuri said. The event is organized by the India League of America, as well as other Indian associations throughout the state. Last year, some 18,000 people attended the event, which has been growing every year. There will be a parade first thing in the morning at 9 a.m., followed by entertainment on stage all day, until 8 p.m. There will be more than 100 booths, with nonprofit organizations, food vendors, clothing and jewelry sellers, and shops selling Indian arti-

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"The event is to celebrate Independence Day, but it's also to promote greater understanding between Indians and Americans," Paruchuri said. "The more we understand each other, the more we appreciate each other."

Mostly, the day is just a lot of fun, he said.

"It's like back at home. You can spend the whole day having fun with your family and spend very little money. It's great fun," Paruchuri said.

Admission is to Michigan India Day is free, though Rock Financial charges \$5 per car for parking. Rock Financial Show Place is

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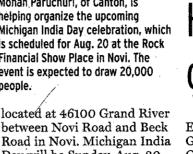
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Mohan Paruchuri, of Canton, is helping organize the upcoming Michigan India Day celebration, which is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the Rock Financial Show Place in Novi. The event is expected to draw 20,000 people.

located at 46100 Grand River Day will be Sunday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. For more information, visit online at www.miindiaday.org, or call Mohan Paruchuri at 734 674

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Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County's home in Inkster.

Habitat breaks ground on new home

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Additional contributors to this Habitat home include Craig-Richard, Inc., Cusmano & Company, Moncur Associates, Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., Saturn Printing & Mailing, and Stark Reagan.

Alice Dent, Executive Director of Habitat for **Humanity Western Wayne** County asserts, "We are really excited and grateful to SME for leading this effort to provide decent, affordable housing for a low income family in need," said Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County.

"This partnership is significant for Habitat for Humanity

and the community."

The sponsorship agreement provides for a full house sponsorship and Habitat is grateful that "SME and their project partners care about the community in which they live and serve," Dent said.

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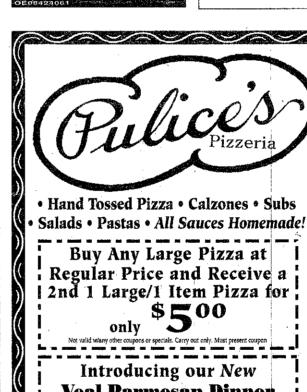
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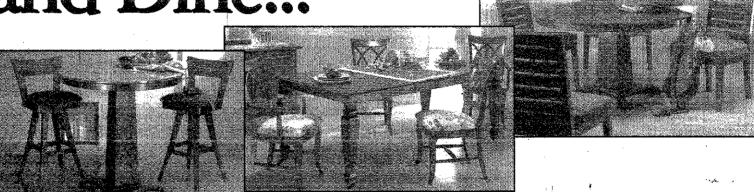
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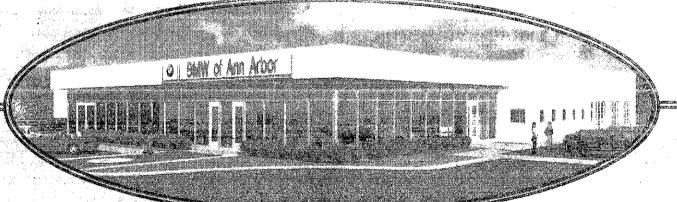
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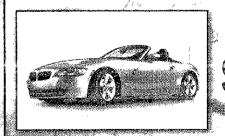
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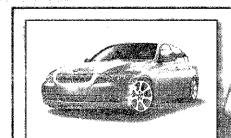
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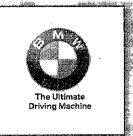
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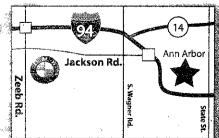
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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Joe DeLauro of Canton Township died Tuesday at the age of 90, the professor of art left a legacy in education, commissioned sculptures around the world and his ability to look at the big picture of life.

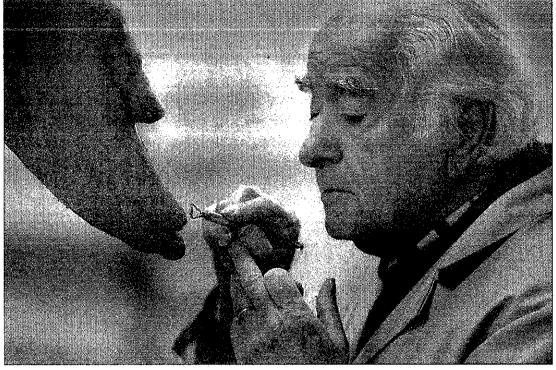
"He liked people, and people liked him," said his daughter Kathleen Kargula of Novi. "He had a very strong handshake, which was always interpreted as the strength of his character; and a firm, strong hug that always conveyed the warmth of his love for his family and friends."

DeLauro died at Angela Hospice in Livonia with Kargula and his wife of 61 years, Dorothy, at his side.

Born to Italian parents in 1916 in New Haven, Conn., DeLauro moved to Detroit in 1947, and lived in Canada for three years before moving to Plymouth in 1967. For many, he will be remembered as a father of the arts, for both his efforts in arts education and, more visually, the many sculptures crafted for metro Detroit locations like Plymouth, Canton and Livonia, as well as Canada, Italy and Ecuador.

"A lot of his work is religious because he was a very spiritual person," Kargula said. "That emotional part would come out in his sculp-

ture and drawings. "He loved carving in marble because it was a very physical activity, and because it was man's connection to the earth," she added.



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Professor Joseph DeLauro works on a clay sculpture of Christ back in 1993. The full-sized clay figure was used to make a plaster mold. The mold was used to cast the final sculpture. The finished work hangs on the front of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church on Farmington Road in Livonia.

Observer & Eccentric photographer Bill Bresler documented much of DeLauro's work, including the yearand-a-half it took DeLauro to carve a marble sculpture for a Lutheran church in Livonia.

"I spent a lot of time talking to him about art and how much energy goes into it," Bresler said. "One thing that really struck me was when he had this large block of marble from Italy. Here was a man in his 70s picking up an air chisel, and moving like he was in his 30s. It was like the energy went right through

DeLauro poured his heart into his work, and loved teaching art. He began the University of Windsor's Fine Arts Department in 1960, and established the first bachelor of fine arts degree for an Ontario university.

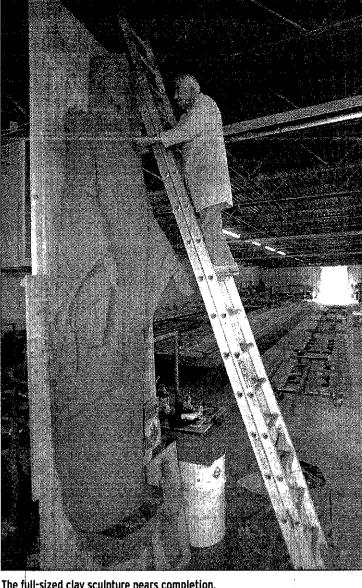
Susan Gold of Windsor, Ontario, was hired by DeLauro to teach at the University of Windsor in 1970.

"He was very strong in terms of work ethic, producing work, and that legacy of hard work and hands-on learning is still the basis of the department, even though he's gone," Gold said. "Not

only was he a model for being an artist, but also working with students. The way he would handle them still directs my teaching to this day."

Gold, who is Jewish, said she had many philosophical discussions with DeLauro, a devout Catholic.

'We had these wonderful talks about Abraham and the different philosophies of Judaism and how that related to Catholicism, and those things came out in his sculpture," said Gold, who noted DeLauro once sculptured a piece for the Jewish center in Windsor. "He had a lot of



The full-sized clay sculpture nears completion.

curiosity and insight for different views."

Kargula said her father was always around when she needed him, and hopes she can pass on the same kind of wisdom to her own children.

"I want my children to give to society all the wonderful qualities that my dad was able to show me," Kargula said. "When I would go to him for advice, he always gave me the bigger picture, the impact each one of us has on our society. I saw dad do

that in his own way." DeLauro is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children Robert (Diane) DeLauro, Greg (Cheryl) DeLauro and Kargula; and grandchildren Lydia, Ashley, Joe and Kevin.

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OUR VIEWS

Stewart, Corriveau get our approval

Voters casting ballots in the Aug. 8 primary for the state House's 20th District seat being vacated by the term-limited John Stewart have a lot of choices, with five candidates in the Republican primary and three in the Democrat primary.

We recommend Beth Stewart in the Republican race and Marc Corriveau in the Democratic primary.

Stewart, while a political newcomer in her own right,





has nonetheless learned much about how Lansing works during her husband's six-year tenure. She's a strong community activist, serving for some 17 years as executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and in the Beth Stewart Plymouth A.M. Rotary,

where she is the president-elect. She is a strong supporter of public education, having worked with local educators to write grants to bring federal dollars into the district. She called education her top priority, and hopes to continue the fight waged by her husband. She also favors elimination of the single-busi-

Stewart drew warranted fire from her political opponents for using the bulk-mail permit belonging to the Plymouth Historical Museum, a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency. While initial indications appear to show she didn't break any laws, she still exposed the museum to potential IRS damages.

She could claim political naiveté, but her husband should have known better. Our recommendation is that Stewart stay away from the museum entirely until the conclusion of the campaign.

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, who has experience in the political arena and has, by most accounts, done a good job in Northville Township, also has good credentials.

But we think Stewart's moderate Republican views fit well in a district that seems to respond to them, judging by their turnout for a William Milliken book signing and their choice of Stewart's equally moderate husband, John, in three different elections. Stewart is our choice in the Republican primary.

Among the Democrats, we think Corriveau is the most ready to hit the ground running in Lansing. He cut his teeth in the 2004 election and ran an honorable cam-

Corriveau said education is his top priority, and he'd tweak Proposal A to level out the funding problems, if that's what constituents wanted. He supports making prescription drugs more affordable, particularly to seniors. He also favors elimination of the single-business tax, though not before finding a replacement for its revenues, suggesting perhaps extending the sales tax to more than 🚁 just goods.

The other Democrats — Joanne Lamar and Joe Hawver - are also solid candidates. Lamar's expertise is in health care and she's served four years on the Plymouth-Canton school board. Hawver has a youthful passion that will serve him well as he gains experience.

We believe Corriveau, however, has the best chance among the Democrats to have an immediate impact.

We encourage voters to cast their ballots for Stewart and Corriveau.

Keep our teens from harm's way

There is a series of articles in today's Observer & Eccentric examining the myriad of challenges today's young drivers face and the potential dangers posed by teens ill-prepared

Many of us don't give a second thought to just how dangerous it is to get behind the wheel, despite the hundreds killed and thousands injured every year. Driving is a necessi-

ty; for most people, there is no alternative. Studies show that young drivers in particular are easily distracted while behind the wheel, which increases the like-

lihood of an accident. When drugs and/or alcohol is added to the mix, the possibility of a tragedy spikes. Summer is the time for parties, cookouts and days at the

beach, oftentimes where alcohol is consumed.

How can we expect our youngsters not to drink and drive if they see their parents doing it? If a couple of beers or glasses of wine is OK for us, why not them?

Teens see themselves as invincible, that no harm can possibly come to them. Keeping our teens out of harm's way takes diligence on the part of parents. And that starts with leading by example.



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LETTERS

Have a fair debate

Dan Devey raised some excellent issues in his recent letter, "Why a personal attack?" Tom Yack needs to respond to the many items raised. Frankly, I'm not sure how I should interpret his response thus far. A concerned citizen succinctly presents real concerns and our supervisor suggests, "Mr. Devey is a bit confused."

Frankly, I'm not convinced who is correct, but I do believe it's time to have the matter debated at an open forum, and televised on our Canton cable station. Then we can better understand the situation and decide for ourselves who is telling the truth. If Mr. Devey is right, we are most definitely in a tailspin headed for a financial crash. We must know while we still have time to reverse the direction. Delaying or avoiding this debate would be unconscionable.

Mr. Devey has the education and experience to offer an informed interpretation of our financial situation and I vote he has an opportunity in the very near future to confront our township leadership. They must be held accountable.

On a personal note, I'd like our Canton Township Web page to include the qualifications of our elected officials. What degrees, professional certifications, etc. qualify them to make the judgment calls they make? I've often wondered why the information is not there.

Richard Bantau

A true hero

On June 17, around 4:30 p.m. on I-75 past Indian River (Exit 315), an outstanding citizen became a hero to our family. A stranger whom we have never met

saved my mom's life. From our understanding, we were told his name is Kevin Kiernin (unsure of the spelling). This wonderful man we are looking for risked his life to save my mom. My parents were in a terrible auto accident and my father died on impact. Kevin, our hero, who was traveling up north for vacation, stopped with his family and pulled my mother out of the vehicle, (and) within 30-40 seconds it blew up.

My family wants to thank this man for being a generous, wonderful person. We can't express enough appreciation for what he did. We want to let him know if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have my mom with our family today.

From the bottom of my family's heart, we want to say thank you. Words can't express our appreciation for what you did, but I will always consider you a hero. Kevin, if you read this (or if anyone who knows him reads this), please let him know my family is looking for him to

meet the greatest hero of all in our eyes. He was our angel that day. Thanks to a stranger, I have my mom and my boys have their grandma. He didn't have to stop, but this man did it out of the kindness of his heart and will always be really appreciated in our hearts.

> Jennifer Grzymala Canton

Good ol' boys

The "good ol' boys" are at it again. I am insulted by the incredibly expensive

glossy mailings (has to be a budget of \$80,000) of Mark Abbo, which clutter up our mailboxes and have nothing to say about the issues.

This candidate is controlled by the special interest groups in Lansing. Further, he has chosen to outsource the printing of his mailings to printers in Lansing and northern Michigan instead of supporting our local businesses.

I understand Mr. Abbo has never even joined the Northville Chamber of Commerce. There is no evidence from his glossy mailings that he belongs to any service organizations or that he has been involved in his own Northville community - let alone Plymouth, Wayne or Canton.

The expensive glossy campaign mailings are a waste. He clearly does not have the best interests of Plymouth, Northville, Wayne or Canton residents at heart.

Say no to Abbo Aug. 8. Bill Nowacki

Plymouth Supports Corriveau

I recently read about Beth Stewart and the allegations of using a bulk mail permit which is registered to the Plymouth Historical Museum. I must say that this is not a trait that I want in someone that is seeking to become a state legislator who will be responsible for making laws for the people of this great state to follow.

I am biased when it comes to the 20th state House District. Because of the gerrymandered district that we live in, the city of Wayne is not equally represented, nor has it been while under the "watch" of current state Rep. John Stewart.

I recently read with great disgust in another publication that, according to Beth Stewart, she "wanted to keep the job in the family." Why should the voters of the 20th District just hand over an elected position to someone because their spouse is currently in office? This makes no sense at all.

The city of Wayne was drawn into the current boundaries because those in control drew the district to their advantage. One person who comes to mind that was responsible for this is none other than Thaddeus McCotter. I really think the people of Wayne are getting the raw end of the shaft. It boggles my mind that people would think just because a Stewart is running for office, that we owe it to elect this person. Wrong!

There is one person, and one person only, that is most qualified enough to best represent all the people of the 20th District, that person without any type of argument is Marc Corriveau. One thing McCotter and John Stewart have in common is that we never hear from either of them except at election time. As far as the bulk rate permit goes,

Beth Stewart should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if she is found guilty of any wrongdoing. After all, she wants to be a "lawmaker" and not a "law breaker," right? I just wonder if she learned this type of campaigning from her husband. I honestly do not think that Beth Stewart is the right person for the job, or to "keep the job in the family." Mark Blackwell

Time for change

Matthew Haran's column or Thaddeus McCotter was right on the mozy (July 13, "McCotter priorities out of buch with his district"). McCotter has repesented our district very poorly. That's hy I'm running for Congress in the 1h Congressional District.

The war in Iraq has divertemoney and our attention from our nels here at home. America is paying a heapprice, not only \$3 billion a week, butnsider the young lives lost and the fadies here at home losing a loved on or pring for their safe return. It is also hurg our ability to respond to worldwidhreats. Fixing the mess in Iraq is goinb take real oversight of the Bush admistration, something McCotter and this ingress have refused to do, and real plaing not just "stay the course."

When it comes to the econor McCotter's record is shameful one of putting the party interests befethose of merican who's wiing hard and playing by the rules. The OP energy bill that McCotter voted for gabillions to the oil, gas and nuclear induies. The oil and gas industries have begood to McCotter as well, putting \$12,0 in McCotter's campaign coffers. The has done nothing to relieve our palat the pump. While he receives mone from big oil, we are putting off family vations because of exorbitant gas price

McCotter has also received \$,500 from prescription drug compaes. No surprise that he voted for the OP Medicare Prescription Drug Bithat will give billions to businesses and e health care industry, bar Medicare fro bargaining for lower prices, keep rimportation from Canada illegal and paalize seniors who haven't signed upet. Does this partial record represent the people of the 11th Congressional Districted help to protect us, especially one of ur most valued resources, our seniors?

Our country is headed in the wrong direction and Thad McCotter as let us down as our U.S. representativ. In November, vote for a change firm the status quo and let's get this coutry back on track.

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"We need to have a lot of discussion of what needs to go into that bond. I don't think, in order to do it right, we can get it done by November... "

- New Plymouth-Canton Schools Trustee Steven Sneideman discussing the need to go back to voters with a bond issue

Dropouts: A drag on our region, state and nation

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Letters From the Birmingham Jail

thought of Rev. King's words again recently when I heard (again) that Detroit has the worst dropout rate in the nation. Thinking for a living has replaced lifting for a living in Michigan and across the globe. Gone are the days when one could drop out of school and walk into an auto factory and a middle-class lifestyle. The recent

announcement by Google of creating 1,000 new high-paying jobs, requiring a 21st education, in Ann Arbor reinforces this reality.

Where is the public outrage and leadership to address this problem? Every child that drops out of school is another anchor weighing down the renaissance of Detroit, our region, state and nation. It is a terrible waste of human potential. If you do not care for the right moral reasons,

you should reflect on Rev. King's words and understand that all of us are tied together. Unless we cast off the dropout anchor, Michigan will never soar. The Editorial Project in Education, supported

Watkins

by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, reported the Detroit Public Schools has the worst graduation rate of the top 50 large urban school districts in America. Detroit Public School officials quickly denounced this study, which further reported that, in 2003, the Detroit schools graduated only a fifth of their students on time. The district quickly provided statistics stating it actually graduated 44.5 percent in 2003 and raised that to 68 percent in 2005.

Boy, am I glad the Detroit school officials clarified these numbers. We should all feel better knowing that more than 50 percent of students did not graduate in 2003 and over 30 percent dropped out in 2005.

Don't shrug your shoulders and think the dropout problem does not impact you simply because you live outside the city limits. Michigan is severely hampered in competing in the 21st century knowledge economy, due to our lack of education for a majority of our residents. Cities, regions, states and countries that educate their citizens are rising, while those which do not are sinking. Areas with high dropout numbers have high welfare rolls, high incarceration rates and high unemployment statistics.

Children who drop out of school do not simply disappear. These children will be coming to your place of business as prospective employees, customers or perhaps to your backdoor with more nefarious ideas in mind.

Where is the public/private investment in stemming the dropout plague? If these dropout statistics were statistics for cases of bird flu, it

would be considered a public health epidemic! The following are a few recommended action steps to address the dropout problem:

Challenge the political, civic, business, education, labor and religious communities to develop a proposal to the Gates Foundation seeking resources to get more of our children across the high school finish line. This foundation, the largest focusing on school reform, should be asked to not only fund studies pointing out the problems, but to work with Michigan to address the underlying causes of the dropout epidemic.

■ Challenge schools to embrace 21st century elearning as a tool to stem the dropout tide.

■ Invest in high-quality preschool and reading programs to give our youngest students an academic jump-start.

■ Create smaller learning environments for high school students that focus on the new four R's - relationships, academic rigor, relevancy and results.

Create new schools that front-load the excitement of learning, such as a science school at the Detroit Zoo, a school of automotive design and engineering at the GM/Renaissance Center, a health care school at the Detroit Medical Center, a school of the arts at the DIA and a technology school at the Compuware headquarters

Advocate raising the dropout age from 16 to 18. It is state-sponsored stupidity at best, and institutionalized racism at its very worst, to have a law on the books that makes it "legal" for kids to drop out of school at 16. The dropout rates for poor and minority youths are staggering. If the dropout rates were as high in the suburbs as they are in our cities, perhaps there would be a greater sense of urgency to address the problem.

■ Ask — beg — Bob Thompson, the philanthropist who once offered Detroit \$200 million, to build charter high schools, to work with the community to design new educational opportunities for the hundreds if not thousands of Detroit children who leave school without an education or hope for the future.

Our economic and educational opportunities are inextricably linked. We need leadership to take this social eyesore that is more of an anchor to our collective economic upsurge than the restoration of multiple buildings to forge a new coalition to make Detroit the best urban school district in America. It can be done. A true Detroit and Michigan renaissance will not be complete until it is.

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It would be nice, but naive, to think flap wasn't about politics

very election cycle, campaigns ring with woices screaming things like, "Partisan politics have got to stop!" and "We should just focus on the issues."

So, when the issue came to light of Beth Stewart using the bulk-mail permit belonging to the Plymouth Historical Museum to mail her campaign literature, and using the museum itself to stage a campaign event, it wasn't surprising to hear her accusers say, "This isn't about politics; it's about saving a jewel of the Plymouth community."

That's how it should be. Things really shouldn't be about politics.

But then you look up and see who it is say-

ing this shouldn't be about politics - three supporters of Stewart's biggest challenger, Mark Abbo, including the guy running Abbo's campaign and you know beyond the shadow of a doubt that's all it's about. It started when Stewart,

running for the state House Brad seat being vacated by her Kadrich term-limited husband, John,

got permission from museum board president Sanford Burr to use the museum's bulk-mail permit. According to all accounts, Stewart followed postal regulations and paid a higher rate than that afforded the nonprofit museum.

Her use of the museum for a campaign event likewise broke no laws, but it may have left the museum open to a charge of intervening in a political race, something that could damage, or even cause the museum to lose, its nonprofit status.

It all happened in one of two ways. Either Stewart took advantage of Burr, who is actually filling in for Stewart as the museum's executive director, or the museum board simply didn't exercise enough oversight.

To be fair, the museum board is made up of volunteers trying to run the best museum they can. They've placed a vast amount of trust in Stewart, who indeed has earned it in her 17 years running the place.

That's not to excuse them for letting Stewart

Yet there the same people were this week, even with the museum board contemplating new policies, threatening to send letters to the IRS, the Michigan Attorney General and the state Elections Commission. Heck, one may even have been addressed to Geraldo.

put them in the position, however unlikely, of losing their 501(c)3 status. In fact, the board has now begun reviewing its policies to make sure it doesn't happen again.

That's what Stewart's opponents said they wanted all along, for the museum to "get out of the election business." After all, there've been whispers that John Stewart has used the museum as a campaign stop for six years.

Yet there the same people were this week, even with the museum board contemplating new policies, threatening to send letters to the IRS, the Michigan Attorney General and the state Elections Commission. Heck, one may even have been addressed to Geraldo.

We were born at night, but it wasn't LAST night. Of course this is about politics. The better way would have been to sit down with board members and quietly explain to them what was happening. Calling a press conference wasn't the answer, not if it was simply about "saving" the museum.

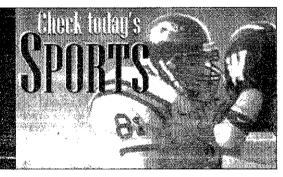
We're not even saying keeping quiet would have been the right thing to do. If Beth Stewart broke the law, she should be held accountable for that.

If the museum board opened itself up to criticism, then criticism it should receive. But those doing the criticizing should be honest about their motives.

Not about politics? Wouldn't it be pretty to believe it?

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Young filmmaker debuts suspense film at college

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Even though Brian Crandall has found film fascinating since he was very young, it wasn't until his junior year at Catholic Central High School that he started to make films.

Tonight at 7 Crandall is not only coordinating the showing of his film, Lethal Occasion,

but shorts by other students in the Video Production Club at Schoolcraft College. The premier takes place in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission is free. For information, call (734) 578-2961.

The Video Production Club is the reason Crandall became seriously involved with film

making. The club was founded recently so students could use the equipment of the Schoolcraft Media Center to record sports event at the school. Crandall wasn't interested in filming sports, but saw potential in the equipment.

"I eventually want to take my interest in film further and use it to be a professional director," said Crandall, a 19-year old

Plymouth resident who plans to transfer to Grand Valley State University to study film and video production.

Schoolcraft students Robert Wilcox of Canton; Brett Storm, Livonia; Karah McPhail, Plymouth: Dominique Diquano, Redford, and Alex Berg of South Lyon star in the film that Crandall wrote,

directed and produced.

In addition to Lethal Occasion, Crandall shows one of his shorts, Quiet Desperation, along with Godzilla Zero Hour by Franz Vorenkamp of Canton, and A Kiss Composed which was written and produced by his brother Christopher Crandall. a student at Michigan State

"Lethal Occasion is not a slasher movie. It's a suspenseful thriller," said Crandall. "It's influenced by the Golden Age of radio. When I was younger I used to listen to a lot of tapes of old radio theater, especially one show called Suspense."

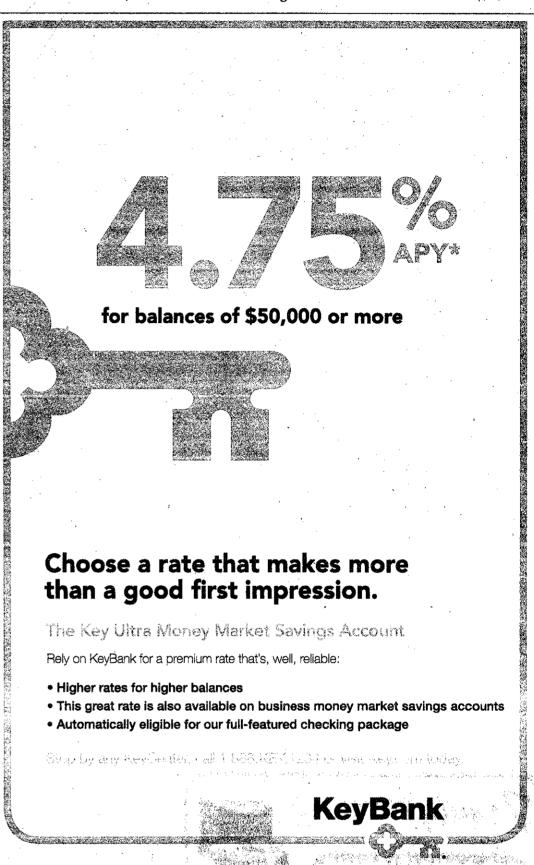
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Two obnoxious students (Dominique Diquano on the left and Alex Berg, right) cross paths with James, the paranoid protagonist played by Robert Wilcox in Lethal Occasion.



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When a young driver completes Segment 1 of driver's training, the driver can apply for a Level 1 Learner's License. A Certificate of Completion for Segment 1 Training, a birth certificate, a parent/guardian signature and passing a vision screening are required. A Level 1 License is available at a Secretary of State branch office. The recipient may only drive with a licensed parent/guardian or designated adult age 21 or older. The parent/guardian or designated adult must sit in the front seat. If driving with a designated adult, the driver should carry a signed letter of authoriza-

tion from parent/guardian. For Segment 2 driver's training, a young driver needs to have completed 30 hours minimum of supervised driving time, including two hours of night driving. A minimum of 90 days since completing Segment 1 is required. Upon completion of Segment 2 training; 50 hours of supervised

of night driving; and 180 days of Level 1 licensing a young driver can apply for road skills testing with an independent testing agency approved by the Secretary of State.

To obtain a Level 2 license, a young driver must be at least 16 years old; meet physical and medical licensing standards; possess of Level 1 license for 180 days; completed Segment 1 and 2 of an approved driver education program; passed a road test; completed a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving, including 10 hours at night; be violation and suspension free with no at-fault crashes during the 90 days prior to applying for the license; and a have parent/guardian's signature on the application. Level 2 drivers are required to drive with an adult over age 21 between midnight and 5 a.m. unless driving to and from employment. A parent/guardian has the option of requesting in writing that a teen driver remain at Level 2 and not automatically advance to Level 3 at age 17.

To obtain a Level 3 license, a young driver must be 17 years old, have held a Level 2 license for 180 days and have no violations or suspensions and no at-fault crashes for 12 consecutive months prior to applying for the Level 3 license.

Beginning July 1, 2003, drivers under 21 have been issued a vertical license to help retailers and police in identifying underage drivers to prevent the illegal purchase of alcohol and tobacco.

For more information on the state's graduated license, see the Secretary of State's website at www.michigan.gov/sos.

Graduated licensing AAA, Ford sponsor teen driving programs

(This is the first of a two-part look at teenage drivers.)

> BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Kelsey Mcinnes, 16, Jenny Wells, 15, and Marie Czarnomski, 15, all of Redford know the dangers of driving, but they also know the rewards.

"To have freedom," Kelsey said.

"I just like driving," Jenny said.

The three were part of a Segment 1 drivers training class at the A&A Driving School on Seven Mile in Livonia.

They are at the beginning of a long process of instruction and behind the wheel experience before they obtain their final license under Michigan's graduated license program.

"I think it's a good idea to be sure you can drive well before you get your license and go out

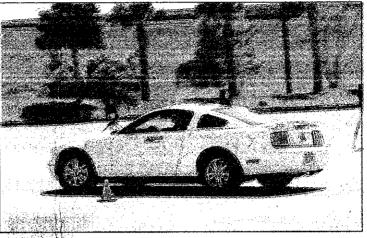
on the road," Kelsey said. "It gives you more opportunity to practice," Jenny said.

And practice may be the best way to prevent car crashes involving teen drivers.

Vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer of teenagers in Michigan and the United States.

According to the National **Highway Traffic Safety** Administration, 173 teenagers 16-20 died in traffic fatalities in 2004. Nationally nearly 6,000 teen drivers were killed in 2004.

"The No. 1 reason for teen accidents is a lack of experience," said Jim Graham of the Ford Fund. "When they get a driver's license, they don't have those driving skills, they lack experience. Drinking, seat belt use are important, but experience is the key problem."



In the Hazard Recognition phase, teens have to react quickly and go in the proper direction when one of three red lights suddenly turns green.

DRIVER PROGRAMS

Ford Motor Co. and AAA Michigan are promoting programs to improve the skills of young drivers. The Ford Fund has created the Driving Skills for Life program with an interactive Web site and a four-day drivers summer camp. AAA Michigan has released two DVDs for teen drivers, sponsors a parent-teen driving contract and is lobbying for changes in Michigan's graduated licensé program.

"We look at four areas: hazard recognition, kids aren't good at that; vehicle handling; speed management; and space management, how to tell distance and stopping," Graham said.

An interactive Web site at www.drivingskillsforlife.com navigates young drivers through a program on each of these items.

"We have a lot of modules," Graham said. "It takes you through the four areas and you answer questions. There are a couple of simulation games that teach in a more fun way. ...There are things for teens, parents and educators."

Beginning in spring, AAA

Michigan has been giving free copies of the DVD Young Drivers: The High Risk Years, which explains why crash rates are so much higher for young drivers and offers guidelines for parents on helping to lower the risk.

"It's available to whoever stops by a triple-A office, members and non-members," said Jim Peet, manager of community safety services for AAA Michigan.

In addition, the company has just released an interactive DVD, Drivers Zed. The DVD, available for \$10 to AAA members and \$15 for non-members, takes teens through 80 highway, city, country and work zone scenarios.

"It's a good program that parents can watch with teens," Peet said. "In addition, we have a lot of education programs, going out to schools."

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Both AAA and Ford emphasize parental involvement in driver education. AAA is promoting a Parent-to-Parent contract and a Parent-Teen Safe Driving Contract. The Parentto-Parent contract encourages parents to "adopt a shared view and approach to their teens' driving." The topics covered in the contract include nighttime restrictions, passenger restrictions, seat belt use and good sent driving behavior. The Parent- Tie Teen Safe Driving Contract spells out consequences for vio lating a number of rules of the dif road and sets privileges, which can be adjusted as the driver no gains experience.

In addition, AAA is lobbying to amend Michigan's graduated license to restrict the number of other teens allowed in a car with a teenage driver.

"Adding other teens in a car just increases the chances of being in a serious crash," Peet said. "Even though it isn't the law, we encourage parents to de that. It's something they should consider. We are pushing to limit the number. Some states have no other teens in a car other than a sibling or parent.

He said some parents have resisted this change because so many young people are involved in car pools. He said the Secretary of State's office has also opposed changing the graduated license program.

The Ford Fund is sponsoring a four-day summer camp, Aug. 1-4 at Ford's Michigan Proving Grounds in Romeo. Graham 239 said the program is open to high school students in metro Detroit.

"We'll take 250 teenagers a day, similar to our ride and drives around the country, taking them through the four areas of concern, hands on with professional drivers," he said. "It's a great, fun day for teenagers. It's free, just sign up."

Interested teens can sign up at the www.drivingskillsforlife.com site.



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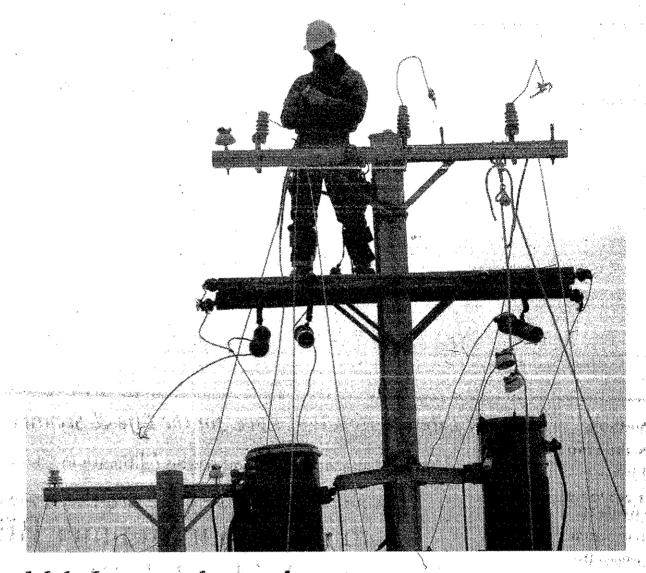
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New Salvation Army leaders eye different mission

BY BRAD KADRICH

After working the troubled streets of Pontiac for two years, Captains Jim and Pat Irvine figure to get a different kind of challenge now that they've taken command of the suburban Plymouth Salvation Army, which also serves the Canton communi-

And, while helping with the problems of the gritty inner city was rewarding work, the Irvines believe their new station presents its own set of unique opportuni-

The Irvines took command of the Plymouth corps July 1. replacing Majors Bill and Kathy Hogg, who were moved to Kirksville, Mo. Ironically, the Hoggs are moving to an area Bill Hogg called "one of the most depressed" areas in Missouri.

"(Plymouth and Pontiac) are at complete, opposite ends of the spectrum," Jim Irvine said of his new assignment. "Pontiac is a tough, inner-city environment, the city is in financial woe and has become a dumping

ground for the homeless. "With the Salvation Army on the front lines, we saw the worst of the worst. It wasn't uncommon for us to go into the washroom and find men shooting (drugs). Somehow, I don't think we'll have that problem here."

Jim Irvine smiled while recounting the story of a con-

versation he had with a Plymouth Salvation Army board member, who told him that, because of the community's strong contact with the auto industry, many of the residents "are transient. They might not even stay for 10 vears."

Irvin laughs. "Ten years? The families that were with us in the beginning in Pontiac, who were still with us at the end, had moved a minimum of three times," he said. "I don't think of 10 years as transient.

The Irvines come to Plymouth after two years in Pontiac, but with 13 years' experience in the corps. Both come from Salvation Army backgrounds — both their parents are retired Army officers — and the Salvation Army has been their church home since they were young.

Pat Irvine's family, in fact, helped establish the Salvation Army in Russia shortly after the fall of Communism.

"I come from Canada, and in Canada the Salvation Army is known as a church." Jim Irvine said.

"In the U.S., people are shocked to hear it's a church."

Before Pontiac, the Irvines were in the Chicago area, doing mostly district-level work rather than field duty. Itching to get back into the field, they were sent to Pontiac two years ago. It's their first time in this district, and they're eager to get



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Captains Jim and Pat Irvine came to the Plymouth Salvation Army after two years in Pontiac, replacing Majors Bill and Kathy Hogg.

back in front of a congrega-

"Our passion is for pastoring a congregation," Pat Irvine said.

Plymouth is a much older congregation than Pontiac, so the Irvines will straddle the line between catering to the older members and drawing young people.

"I think our average age is around 65," Jim Irvine said. "What's exciting is, though they know they're at that senior stage in life, they haven't surrendered to it."

Pat Irvine, a former music educator, said she wants to introduce a music school into me corps setting.

"I think this is the place," she said. "I see families, I see parents concerned about their kids. They want them to have new opportunities to learn and grow. It just feels right."

Whatever programs they run, the Irvines will keep the Salvation Army consistent with its Christian philosophy.

"Everything we do is focused on introducing people to Jesus Christ," Jim Irvine said. "If we miss that, we might as well be another agency."

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Firefighters from several local departments, including Canton, go through a training exercise to help them respond to a propane tank fire.

Firefighters take heat with new training

STAFF WRITER

In a move that could potentially save lives and reduce property damage, local firefighters have upgraded their training to battle propane gas fires.

The new skills could prove useful for responding to propane gas fires ranging from backyard grills to huge industrial tanks, according Westland Fire Deputy Chief Kevin Riley.

The Westland Fire Department hosted the training earlier this month on the former Sam's Club site on Central City Parkway. Firefighters from five other communities - Garden City, Canton Township, Wayne, Inkster and South Lyon also participated. In all, some 40 firefighters received the training, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal said.

Tanks were brought to the site and used for training exercises led by the Michigan Propane Gas Association.

"There was a significant risk of danger (to firefighters) if we didn't do things right,"

Riley said. Fortunately, they did. The key to averting a

potentially disastrous propane tank explosion is to swiftly respond to a fire and to shut off the valve, regardless of the size of the tank, Neal said.

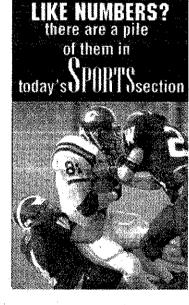
Firefighters learned a method of spraying propane tanks that pushes the flames away from them so that they can reach the valve and shut it off, fire officials said.

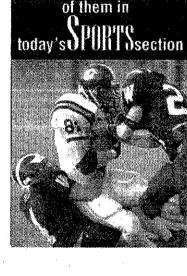
"The fire is external on the tank, so you're trying to redirect the flame and the heat so that you can reach the valve and turn it off," Riley said.

Propane fires can become much more threatening with the potential for an explosion - unless firefighters reach the scene quickly and address the situation, fire officials said. Although explosions occur, they are more likely to happen in a rural area where firefighters can't reach the scene as quickly as they can in more populated areas, such as Westland, Neal said.

Firefighters who received the training also can use the skills when battling fires that erupt at natural gas meters, Neal said.

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ROTC honor

Army ROTC Cadet Robert D. McGuire has received the Sergeant York Award as a member the Army ROTC program at Western Michigan University. The award is presented to the cadet who does the most for the ROTC program.

The award is named in honor of Corporal Alvin C. York, the World War I hero. In October 1918, Cpl. York was a member of the 328th Infantry who fought a desperate battle with a German machine gun detachment in The Argonne Forest. France. As a result of York's accurate rifle and weapons marksmanship, he manipulated 132 German prisoners to surrender and under his custody escorted them to a U.S. camp. He was promoted to sergeant, awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix de Guerre for performing distinguished acts of heroism involving combat with enemy forces. The sergeant received many other decorations, and is generally acclaimed as one of America's greatest individual heroes of World War I.

Upon passing all academic requirements at the university and completing the Army ROTC program, Cadet McGuire will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission of second lieutenant in the Army.

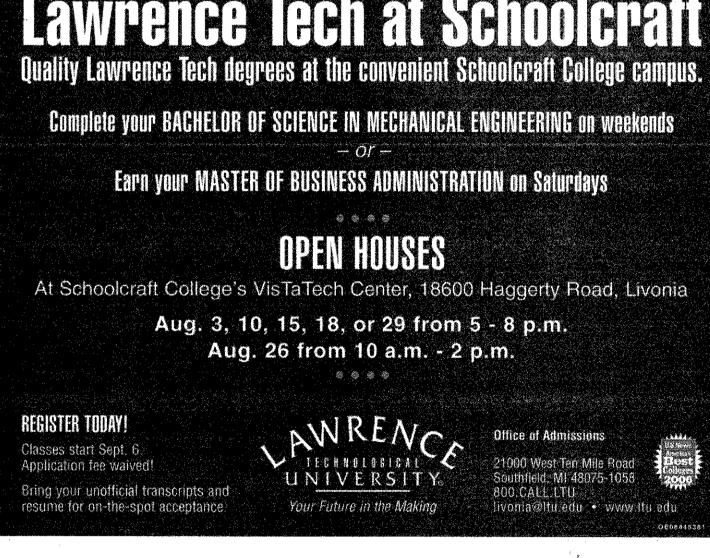
McGuire is the son of Michael P. and Marjory J. McGuire of Canton. He is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School.

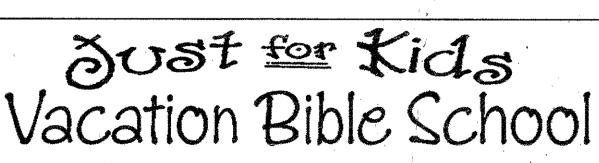
Air Force graduation

Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher D. LaVigne 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.

LaVigne, a 2000 graduate of Alcona High School, is the son of Gary LaVigne of Canton and Deborah Brandt of Black River, Mich.





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JOHN F. ADAMSON

Age 85, of Morganton, NC(formerly of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills passed away, peacefully, on July 10th 2006. John retired from Ford in 1983 and worked for American Motors, as vice President of Engineering and Research, before that. He was very prominent in the automotive world and a member of SAE. He is survived by three daughters, Sandy (Denny Clanahan of Denver, CO., Kathy (Dale) Jordan of Rochester Hills, MI. and Stevie Adamson of Olathe, CO five great grandchildren.



BARBARA J. BUDD

79, of Livonia, July 15,2006. Beloved wife of Dr. Richard, M.D. for 56 years. Loving mother of Mary Budd Horozaniecki (Joseph), Cynthia Budd, Laurie Budd and the late Deborah Iverson, M.D. (Robert). cherished grandmother of Ricky, Colin and Sherry. Services were previously held at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, (248-474-5200 or sundquist.com). Memorial tributes suggested to the Deborah Budd Iverson Ophthalimic Learning Center (248-551-5330).

WILLIAM DENNY

July 14, 2006, age 83 of Marquette, formerly of Wayne. Beloved husband of the late Ravenna Margaret. Dear father of Linda (Andrew) Iskra, Ravenna Elizabeth Zimmer and Rocky Bruce. Brother of Helen Kauppila. Also survived by six grand-children & eight great-grandchildren. Funeral was held at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Westland, Wednesday 1pm. Family received friends on Tuesday, 4-9pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfuneralhome.com

LINDA FAIRCHILD

Age 51, July 15,2006. Beloved wife of Joe. Loving mother of Rick (Michelle), Leah (Ryan) Miljan, and & G.R Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Please sign the online quest book at www.rggrharris.com.

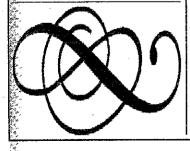


EVA A. KNOLL

85, of Tecumseh (previous 50 year resident of Livonia), passed away July 16, 2006, with her family at her side. Beloved wife of the late Robert; dearest mother of Robert (Jane) William (Janice), Denise (Van) Quarles, and Colleen Knoll. Loving grandmother of Katie, Craig, Charlie, Riley and Stephanie. Dear sister of Frances Biro, Dean Kerr, MaryLou Fitzgerald, Jeanette Arndt, and Jeanine Brabender. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her beloved dog, Deter Memorial Mass Thursday, 11am, at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh (N. of Six Mile), Livonia. Memorial tribates suggested to Hospice of Lenawee (517) 623-2323, or to the Humane Society. Arrangements by Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford.

THOMAS CARY MARSH

Age 47; July 15, 2006. Beloved son of Charles W. Marsh and Kathleen Marsh; Grandson of Evelyn C. Lilly Also survived by Children: Anthony Hice, T. Jeremy Marsh, Jennifer Cunningham, and Kathleen Marsh; Grandchildren: Ariel, Devin, Lillian, Sydney & Keith (Destry); Siblings: Charles D. (Karen) Marsh, Sandra Roach, Christopher Marsh, Stephanie (Vince) Muscat, & Bryan Marsh, along with many nieces and nephews Private service held Tuesday, July 18 at Mt. Hope Cemetary. Memoria services to be held on Saturday, July 22, 5:00p.m. at Plymouth SDA Church on Napier Rd, Plymouth, MI and on Sunday July 23, 12:30p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, South Beech Daly, Taylor, MI. Arrangements by: Howe Peterson Funeral Home 313-291-0900 for directions



MAGGI ANN MCDONALD

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Born May 11, 1950, in Livonia, MI. Passed away on June 28, 2006 in Alburquerque, NM. She is survived by her mother, Emma Jean McDonald, siblings Michael McDonald, Patrick McDonald & Mark McDonald. Maggi was preceded in death by her father, Charles William McDonald. A memorial service is being held at 12:00 on Saturday July 22,2006 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton, MI. Phone number is 810-629-1261

ADAM MENOZZI

Age 89, July 16, 2006. Beloved husband of Assunta (Sue). Dearest father of Maria Menozzi and Valerie (Eric) Cullin. Loving papa of Adam and Ben. Visitation was held Monday 3-9pm & Tuesday 2-9pm at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. In state Wednesday 9:30am, Mass was held at 10am, St. Gertrude Church with Prayers at 7pm. Mr. Menozzi was a Knight of Columbus Gabriel Richard Council 2643 Founding member of Heart Club - St John Hospital, Briggs Beautyware Worlds Series Championship Team member, and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1934. Memorials to St. Jude Hospital. Expressions of sympathy may be made at:

Kaulfuneralhome.com



L. John (Lother E. H.) Miller 71, a long time resident of

Livonia and Plymouth Michigan and more recently of Walla Walla, Washington died June 29 at home. L. John was born in Grosse Pointe, MI to Johan and Maria Schlenker Miller. He and Kari Benson Miller had been married for 48 years. L. John served in the U S. Air Force prior to attending Wayne State University where he received a degree in journalism. His career was in automotive sales, primarily selling Chevrolet cars and trucks. L. John was Michelle), Leah (Ryan) wingan, and Dan (Jennifer). Dear grandmother of him. The majority of his career was an Courtney. Dear sister of the late Gary LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, MI, where he was a 25 year member of the late Patrick Gibney. Funeral Legion of Leaders. He retired from auto sales in 1995. L. John was always involved with his family, supporting his children's varied sports and music interests. He was an avid tennis player who was very proud of his German heritage. His involvement with and love for music students, their families and the PCEP Band was legend. Known as "The Apple Man", he delivered apples to marching band students weekly for 20 years. L. John was also Past President of the Plymouth Jaycees, and a long-time member and Past President of Plymouth Colonial Kiwanis. Survivors include his wife. at home; daughter Jennifer Miller of College Place, Washington; two sons, Erich Miller (Marlene) of Columbus, IN and Kurt Miller of Walla Walla, WA; sister Marilyn (Terry) Evert of Piedmont, CA; granddaughter Karissa Anne Miller of Columbus, IN. A memorial service was held July 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Walla Walla, Washington. Memorials to benefit students in the music program in the Plymouth-Canton Schools may be made to the L. John Miller Fund, c/o The Educational Excellence Fund, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, ATTN: Tom Sklut. Arrangements were entrusted to Mountain View-Colonial DeWitt Cremations & Funeral Services, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walia Walla, WA 99362.

SASSAMMA NADASEN

Age 66, of Canton, died on Tuesday, July 11, in Kingsville, Ohio. She was born in Durban, South Africa, on October 28, 1939. She is survived by her husband, Aruna Nadasen of Canton; her three children: Jeff Nadasen of Chicago, Illinois, Denise Nadasen of Berwyn Heights, Maryland, and Premilla Nadasen of Mt. Vernon, New York; and five grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 20 from 10:00 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 Canton Center Rd. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up for the Divine Life Society in South Africa. Donations can be sent to Aruna Nadasen at 44789 Tillotson Drive, Canton, MI 48187. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

MABELLE ROBERTSON Age 98, July 14, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Albert. Loving mother of Albert (Beverly) & Patrick (Christine). Dear grandmother of William, Amy Bray, Timothy, Brian and the late Jeffrey. Great-grandmother of Jillian, Shelby, Corey, Blake, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Stephen, Scott & Kimberly. Funeral service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please sign the online guest book at:

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THOMAS SHAWN TRIPLETT

Age 40, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006 The funeral service will be 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 21, 2006 at Pentecostal Church of God, 45 Oregon, Ypsilanti. Cermation will follow. The family will receive friends at STARK FUNERAL SERVICE, Moore Memorial Chape 5-9 P.M. Thursday. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com



ANTOINETTE J. BONDIE WELICHKO

age 69 of Redford, passed away July 18,2006. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of Joan Omietanski. Dearest grand mother of Madelyn. Dear sister of Ronald Bondie, Judith (Tom) Berry, Earnshaw, Daniel (Susan Bondie, and Linda (Paul) Sicklesteel Also survived by many nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles and friends. Preceded in death by daughter Renee Wilhelmi. Funeral service Saturday 10:00am at St. Valentine Catholic Church, 14841 Beech Daly Rd, Redford. Visitation Friday 1-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth and at church Saturday 9:00am until time of mass. Rosary Friday evening.

JENNIE G. YUN

57, of Livonia, July 16, 2006. Beloved wife of Johnson; cherished mother of Michelle, David and Christopher; loving daughter of Jun Moo Mui; dear sister of Rudy Mui and Raymond Mui. Jennie was preceded in death by her mother, Yat Kom Mui and her grandmother, Chin Shee Mui. Funeral Service Saturday, July 22nd, 1:30pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (Btwn -10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday Noon-8pm. Memorial tributes suggested to American Lung Assn., lungusa.org heeney-sundquist.com

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Myles is new Gospel show host

Miranda "Randi" Myles has been named permanent host for WEXL-AM (1340)'s mid-morning Gospel music show. In addition, she has been named programming assistant and will be

working with General Manager Frank Franciosi to refine all aspects of local programming for each of the three Crawford broadcasting stations in Detroit, WMUZ/WEXL/WRDT, as well as developing programming on WMUZ HD-2 and streaming. Crawford Broadcasting Co. is

the second largest religious broadcasting company in the

Myles is no stranger to Detroit radio or the

WMUZ Christian radio station. The station was her training ground nearly 25 years ago. After being let go from Radio One last year during the Tom Joyner/John Mason, 105.9/102.7 signal swapping summer, Myles did short stints at Metro News Network, MAGIC 105.1, and

WEXL — at one point all at the same time. Ecstatic to be in one place, Myles is also happy to be back to where it all began for her. She has already jumped into her duties as of July 10. Mornings with Miranda can be heard week-

Myles is a Redford resident, and a former Southfield resident. She is also a former columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She may be contacted at miranda@wmuz.com.

days from 9:30 a.m. until noon on WEXL.

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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

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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. Free event

Randi Myles

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. Movie night

Featuring "Crash" 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Open to the public. Call (248) 626-7606.

Jazz concert

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, invites the singles community to a free jazz concert featuring Those Delta Rhythm Kings (swing, jazz and blues) 7 p.m. Friday, July 21 in Kellogg Park on Main between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Meet at the fountain. For details, call (734) 513-9479. 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 E. 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 Ilgallaway@dmci.net, for

sion@hotmail.com. Arctic challenge

The coolest Vacation Bible School continues 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Church of Christ West, 291 E. Spring, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-1877. Family Bible school

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Family Vacation Bible School for ages 4-14 plus their parents continues 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Enjoy music, crafts, games, snacks and bible lessons. An enjoyable activity for parents and children at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

Divorce recovery workshop

Continues 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 20-21, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22 in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, Call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 22 at Kensington Metro Park, exit 153 off I-96, 3 1/2 miles to Farm Center. 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.

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.

Grief workshop

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 22 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-5920.

Concert fundraiser

Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. (please bring dish to share if, you can), concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22, featuring singer/songwriter Michael Krieger, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$15 and benefits Unity of Livonia which has been reaching out to the western suburbs for more than 40 years. Call (734) 421-1760.

Christian music concert 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, on the

northeast lawn of the YWCA, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly,

between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Redford. Presented by Northwest Fellowship and the Christian Fellowship. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and get joyful.

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.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers beginning and intermediate soccer players the opportunity to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 24-27, for all boys and girls ages 5-12-years (any skill level), at the church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks, a soccer ball and T-shirt to take home. Fee payable at the time of registration. Call (734) 522-6830. This mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention for each and every player. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. The staff is composed of members and friends from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Bethany Suburban West invites the single community to a free concert featuring the Hubbell Street Jazz Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27 at the Livonia Civic Center Park on Five Mile, east of Farmington. Look for the mylar balloon. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations.

Ice cream social/bake sale

5-9 p.m. Friday, July 28 at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. The public is invited. Cost is \$3 per family, \$1.50 single. Worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Call (248) 626-7606. Lighthouse cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, July 28, cards, board games, Ping-Pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music, presented by Single Adult Ministries (age 30 and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920. **Bicycling group**

10 a.m. Saturday, July 29 at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland, Single Point (age 30 and older) 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 at (248) 374-5920.

Bethany together dance

8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, July 29 at Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 W. Nine Mile, between Telegraph and Beech Daly, Southfield. Limited to first 450 paid admissions. Cost is \$12. Call (586) 264-0284. Proper attire. Bethany is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations.

Riverside Park Church

A new study of each book of the bible began at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org, This will include who authored it, the history and the how it applied then and now.

Getting control of money

The class started 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 2, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Have you been wanting to get a handle on your credit? This class teaches you how to read your credit report, how to improve it and how to live on a budget. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org. Meditation classes

Continues 7-9 p.m. Mondays 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.

Personal ministry

Join us as we study the Word of God. Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.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. Bible and playtime

For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

UPCOMING

Church tour

Did you know that less than a half hour's drive are three relics of 19th century Catholic imprint on Detroit? Would you like to visit them and learn about their history? These three tributes to a working-class society's faith - St. Joseph, St. Josephat and Sweetest Heart of Mary, are all unique to the ethnic neighborhoods they reside in. The Education Commission of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a tour guided by their pastor Saturday, Aug. 5, departing from St. Aidan parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 45 minutes will be spent at each location. Following the tour, the group will enjoy a delicious traditional Polish meal in Hamtramck late in the afternoon before returning to St.

For information or to make a reservation, call Debbie Dufour (248) 719-2535 or the St. Aidan Parish office at (734) 425-5950. Deadline to make a reservation is July 30.

Annual bazaar

Weekend features a jazz concert, teens presentations, open air market, Marcus Garvey African Dance Troop, children's games, food, petting farm and pony rides Aug. 4-6, at Sacred Heart-Church, 3451 Rivard, Detroit. Call (313) 831-1356.

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.

Vacation Bible school This year's theme is Fiesta, where

kids are hot for Jesus from Aug. 14-18 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Please stop by for a registration form or call to register. Call (734) 464-0990. Prizes will be given away for early registration.

Remarried workshop 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6, to

Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church. 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13. Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia, If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

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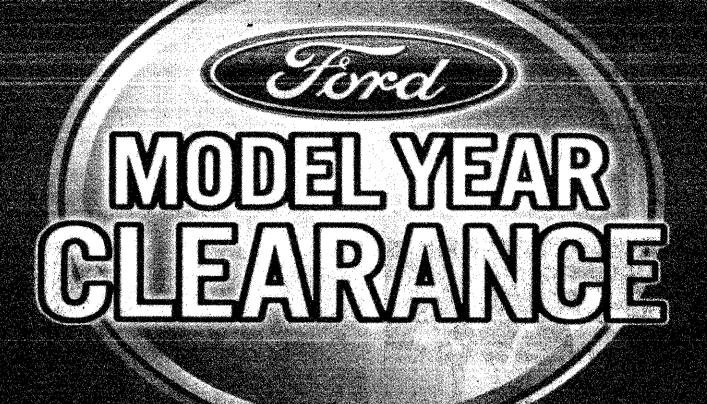
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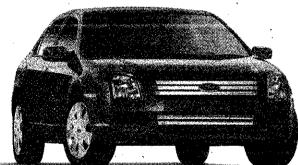
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Genealogical Society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Aug. 3, with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about "Scandinavian Research." A help session takes place at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745. Sibling harmony

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for big sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 in Classroom 1. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 655-1159. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile; at Levan, in Livonia.

Childhood health

The National Wellness Foundation hosts a local expert on common childhood health problems, including falls, traumatic birth, ear infections, etc., during a workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 at the Carl Sandburg Library. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Ask the Doctor

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a casual pasta benefit dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20 in the hospital's auditorium to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3Day Walk. Cynthia Aks, medical director and breast specialist at St. Mary Mercy Comprehensive Breast Center, answers questions about breast cancer awareness and treatments. Fee is \$16 per person. To reserve a seat, call the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, (734) 655-8950.

Golf outing The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf Invitational Monday, Aug. 21 at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the day is \$200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre. (734) 615-4272.

Art/craft festival

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAWCC 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or email pennyhomalley@aol.com

Health savings accounts Gail Perry-Mason, author of "Money Matters for Families" and co-author of the national best seller "Girl, Make Your Money Grow," does a free presentation and Q&A session about financial control through HSA's (health savings accounts), a new health care option that combines a qualified high-deductible health care plan with a tax-free savings account. An H.S.A. results in a health care option that empowers people to save pre-tax income, in an account much like a 401(k), for use toward future medical expenses. The seminar takes place 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois in Troy. For more information or to register, visit the Web site at www.whatishsa.com/seminar

Ciccarelli golf outing Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccarelli hosts his seventh-annual Celebrity Players Tour Invitational to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event begins Friday, July 28, with a Pairings Party Gala at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, followed

by two days of golf at the Orchards

Golf Club in Washington, Thirty teams will participate, and each are comprised of four amateurs and a different celebrity each day of golf. This year's celebrity list already includes actor and comedian Jackie Flynn, "Fresh Prince" actor Alfonso Ribeiro, former NFL player Ed Marinaro, and former major league pitcher Pat Hentgen. Teams are mostly from the metro-Detroit area, but a few are from across the nation. There are still a few openings for teams, which are \$6,500 and include two days of golf, tickets to the Gala on Friday evening, food and beverage for the weekend, a color team photo each day, and four premium gift packages. All participants are invited Saturday evening to Club 22 in Shelby Township, Dino's new nightclub that features cocktails and dancing to "Decades of Music." Anyone interested in forming a team, placing an ad or another type of sponsorship, please visit the Web site at www.dinoandfriends.com or contact

tournament staff at (248) 756-6100. Movies in the park Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, July 28, "Madagascar," Bell Creek Park in Redford; Friday, Aug. 11, "March of the Penguins," Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights; Friday, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Healthy living St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class called "Healthy Solutions for Living," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 1 at the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, Marian Professional Building, Suite 412. The program is designed to help participants lose up to four pounds per week and teach how to keep it off. For more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1783.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open

Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities website, www.mtocgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings. errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials; and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information. Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various loca-

tions in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are

offered at no cost to the partici-

pants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatique Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford, There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768 MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information. call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861. Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth,

Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-

Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July: and August. A group with ancesters who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community: work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus. Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further informa-

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further informa tion.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president -Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 08/04/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton*

5054 Curtis Household 3019 Household Dawson 4203Hawes Household 4294Household Jacobs 5009Office Supplies Payne 4034 Rodriguez Household 5218Wilkins Household

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5416

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Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000 1462 Vanhorn Household Items

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Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 08/07/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following location:

Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S. Industrial Hwy; Ann Arbor; *734-973-2212

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH. STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the:

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Will be held in the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

From 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, at which time voters will be asked to vote on partisan candidates for State Governor United States Senator, Representative in Congress 11th district, Representative in State Legislature 20th District, County Commissioner and County Executive as well as nonpartisan races such as Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit and Judge of the District Court - 35th District. Delegates to the County Convention will also appear on the ballots for the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

This is a partisan primary and as such you are able to vote only for candidates from one political party in the partisan section of the ballot and may not cross over to vote for a different candidate from a different political party in another partisan section of the ballot.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLLING LOCATIONS

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

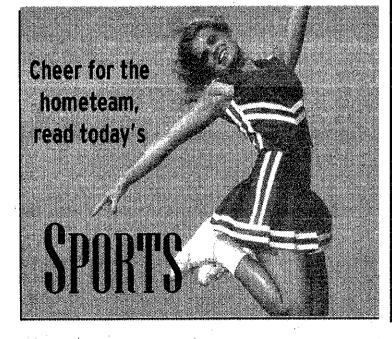
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and HAVA (Help America Vote Act), all precincts will be equipped with the new ES&S Auto Mark voting system so that individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations will be able to vote independently. Other interested individuals are encouraged to try the new Auto Mark system.

DATED: CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2006

LINDA J. LANGMESSER City Clerk

Publish: July 20, 2006

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC TEST OF THE M-100 OPTIC SCAN **VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE** AUGUST 08, 2006, ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2006, at Plymouth Township Municipal Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the Tuesday, August 08, 2006, Primary Election. For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone #354-3224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk

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Charter Township of Plymouth

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for the Remodeling of the Canton High School Ticket

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on July 12, 2006. Bids will be received until 1:30 P.M., local time on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 @ 1:00 p.m. at the offices of McCarthy & Smith at the address referenced above. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Ms. Jacquie Pawloski of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427.8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

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

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mous relationships. To ensure your safety, carefully screen all responses and have first meetings occur in a public place. This publication reserves the right to edit, revise, or reject any advertisement at any time at its sole discretion and assumes no responsibility for the content of or replies to any ad. Not all ads have corresponding voice messages. To review our coma service of people people plete guidelines, call (617) 425-2636

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

GORGEOUS

SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. 2112039

SEARCHING FOR YOU 36, attractive, trust-worthy,

down to earth, likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music, seeks BM, 36-70, for friendship, possible romance. **2**2990369 **LET'S ENJOY LIFE**

Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free. who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. 23987475

POSSIBLE LTR SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM,

55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381 SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking

for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ක589875 LOVABLE

SBF, 19, 198lbs, caring, thoughtful sincere, intelligent, down to earth, seeks trust-worthy man, 18-24, with similar qualities. 2993309

NIGHT TIME DATA ENTRY SWF, 72, 5'6", full-figured, graybrown/blue, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys movies, puzzles, seeks WM, 65-75, N/S, active, romantic, passionate,

for LTR. 27988424 LET'S TALK SOMETIME SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars,

sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. 25962910 ISO CHIVALROUS MAN

SBCF, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. WILL IT BE YOU?

Widowed female, 61, likes dining out, seeks very nice, kind, caring, affectionate gentleman, 58-68, for friendship, companionship, and more. 2977399

MADE TO ORDER SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance, 2993487

LET'S ENJOY LIFE SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kindhearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. **7**759907

SEEKING COMPANION SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing,

enjoys walks, music, life, open to new ideas. Looking for SM who wants to do things together. Must be employed and like pets. 2909140

LOVE LIFE Voluptuous SBF, 30, 5'9", enjoys traveling, cooking, antique cars, museums, concerts, seeks tail, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, for LTR, possible marriage. 2994684

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/ brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **53982305**

HOPEFULLY LONG-TERM SWF, 59, young, Pisces, smoker, funloving, enjoys dancing, dining out, cooking, travel, time at home, seeks

WM, 43-65, smoker, friendship, maybe more. 2110851 ONE IN A MILLION

Spiritual, open-minded SBF, 33, confident, positive, honest, full-figured, bright, good listener, independent and strong, looking foe a good-hearted, spiritual, intelligent man drama and drug-free. 2994522

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. 2983176

ONE GOOD WOMAN BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM. 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. 22947175

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SWF, 42, Aries, smoker, never married, looking for companionship. Seeking good-hearted, kind, hard-working SWM, 30-50. 2819435

FRIENDS FIRST SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Arles, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun.

23933970

JERSEY TRANSPLANT SWF, 50, slender, blonde, Virgo, N/S, enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out. Seeking WM, 40-53, N/S, for LTR. \$\mathbf{x}\$885454

TAKE ME GOLFING Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidente, 58 to 70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. 2976914

WHERE ARE YOU? Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. 27950732

Attractive, youthful widow, 5' 3", 135lbs, N/S, seeks relationship and companionship with gentleman, 58-70. 22110788

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT? Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. **5**443339

SOMEONE SPECIAL Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5" 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. 2891247

GREAT COMPANION SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm welltraveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking nonsmoking counterpart, 62 to 70. **256**33527

FAMILY-ORIENTED Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, under-standing BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. 22971687

STOP HERE Professional, attractive SBF, 57, 5'5", warm, sincere, high morals and principles. Enjoys cooking, outdoors, camping, music. Seeking BM, 49-60, N/S, with same qualities, for LTR. **5**965529

FORMER MODEL SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 25600106

LOOKING FOR ME? Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2". dark hair and eyes, employed parttime, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. 2959193

SHALL WE DANCE? am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. **25**612098

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/こ, ☎672174

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentiemen, 55 to 80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates, 25592074

A GOOD FRIEND SWF, 50, N/S, looking for SWM, 50-55, who loves movies, dining out, long walks. Must be employed. 2969547

FABOLOUS FIT FUN Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, looking for one good guy, with SOH Enjoys biking, water, working out, and life. 25970277

ALL OF ME SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO lov-

ing, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy lasting, loving relationship. 25956929 LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN Attractive, professional, educated WF. 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include

movies, concerts, cornedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. **73**973365 LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. 2759316

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater. family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. 75652360

AREYOUTHE ONE? SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. 2953694

PETITE & SEXY... SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. 2912553

NATURAL BBW SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-mihded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. 2924352

SEEKING SPECIAL GENT SWF, 60, sincere, loving, optimistic, wants to meet a non-smoking man, 59-70, for friendship or more. 23630808

SCHOOL BUS SF, 5'4", 189lbs, light-brown complexion, average build, Capricorn, seeks man, level-headed, goal-ori-

ented, for friendship, possible romance. 2986357 WHY NOT CALL Very attractive SWF, 62, 5' 2", blonde/blue, loves animals, seeks handsome WM, 55-70, for compan-

ionship, maybe more. 2987124 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and

watch them fly. 2639272

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. 25855207

FIND MY GIRLFRIEND SBM, 37, 5'4", 170lbs, medium build, dark-skinned, Leo, smoker, LD, likes bowling, pool, seeks HF, 21-40, smoker, possible romance. 2110067

WON'T DISAPPOINT SBM, 39, 6' 4", athletic build, likes

sports, fishing, music, movies, concerts, seeks energetic, outgoing, friendly PW, 25-50, for possible LTR. **25994758** MUST LOVE LAB PUPPIES

SWM, 40's, 180lbs, 6' 1", handsome, college-degreed, ISO WF, 36-46, N/S, for LTR, 25993757

NICE GUY SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back.

READY FOR COMMITMENT SBM, 20, tall, light complexion, handsome, knows how to tear a lady right, seeks a cool, honest lady to share

special times. 27110996 OUTGOING

SWM, 22, 5' 11", 165lbs, Sagittarius, black/hazel, seeks woman, 18-35, for friendship, possible romance. **2**989918

HOPE YOU CALL Educated SWM, 64, likes outdoors, biking, festivals, seeks athletic WF, 50-66, with similar interests, for companionship, friendship, and more. **11987912**

WANTED: SEXY BLACK FEMALE Sexy, Italian SM, 5'6", 170lbs, fit, athletic, runs daily, has herpes, sensitive, understanding, good sense of humor, likes comedy clubs, theater, dining, more. Seeking attractive BF, 21-40, for LTR. 20130446

MR. LONELY SWM, 33, 6' 5", 250lbs, lonely, attractive, blond/blue, seeks lonely, attractive WF, 25-50, for companionship, possibly more, 52110876

Ready to meet great new people? THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

SWM, 43, long hair, tattooed, engineer, enjoys pool, motorcycles, hot rods, physical fitness. Seeking SF, 25-40, with similar interests for possible LTR. 27991233

INSENCE & CANDLES SWM, 42, 5' 9", 175lbs, N/S, seeks enlightened friend, who enjoys rock music, poetry, and open-minded spirituality. 2112114

REAL MAN FOR TRUE LOVE SWM, 42, 6'2", 200lbs, fit, works out, Virgo, N/S, commitment-minded, seeks WF, 28-45, family-oriented, marriage-minded, down-toearth, N/Drugs, possible romance.

THE LONG RUN SWM, 44, 5' 11", 250lbs, blue eyes, likes flea markets, long walks, board

games, movies, cooking, seeks WF, 20-53, for LTR. 2994090 **ECONOMICALLY VIABLE** SWPM, 54, 5' 11", 170 lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WPF,

44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially

secure, intelligent, possible LTR. HAPPY, EASYGOING DWM, 42, seeks honest, faithful WF,

18-46, who likes Harley's, outdoors, good company, for companionship. 25111566 LONELY TO LOVE

SHM, 47, 5'4", 220lbs, Taurus, N/S, honest, hard-working, marriage-mind-

ed, loves fishing, skating, seeks HWF, 35-55, N/S, 5'2"-5'5", possible LTR, maybe more. 2986620 CANADIAN Maie, 35, 5' 11", 186lbs, built, tattoos. enjoys music, dancing, singing, cook-

female, 18-50, who knows what she wants. 27989793

ing, camping, fishing, animals, seeks

FRIENDS AND MORE SBM, 48, 5'8", handsome, Virgo, N/S, intelligent, open-minded, down-toearth, seeks WF, 35-57, nice-looking, for friendship, possible romance.

27992020 ISO NICE PYT SBM, 34, Sagittarius, N/S, openminded, adventurous, seeks woman, 19-52, nice, lady-like, for companion-

ship, dating, maybe more. \$\infty\$993025 WHY WAIT CALL FOR A DATE SWM, 55, happy, healthy, Cancer, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, rode trips, seeks WF, 40-60, for companionship/more. 2992956

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR.

LET'S TALK SBM, 58, 5'10", medium brown complexion, brown eyes, mustache, medium build, 190lbs, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, dining, cook-

ing, travel. Seeking A loving lady for friendhsip and more. \$\infty\$952241 **CALL ME AND SEE** DWM, 45, 5'9", 140lbs, father, N/S, N/D, employed, honest and fun, likes music, movies, bowling, family/ friends, more. Looking for SWF with

similar interests and qualities. **7**950678 WANTED ...

single full-figured WF, 45-65, who Brash, outspoken, attractive, educatbelieves in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, cleanshaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. **25954253**

WORTH A CALL SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50,

N/S, D/D-free. 22956910 A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys trav-

el, candlelight dinners, plays, danc-

ing, concerts, boating, and movies.

Friendship, possible LTR. #269646

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys

walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 25692418

FRIENDS FIRST SBM, 39, 5' 9", 142lbs, slim build,

likes movies, walks, seeks AF, 30-43. just as a friend. 22110923 SAME PERSON

SWM, 39, 6', 195lbs, Scorpio, smoker, little shy, likes outdoor activities, seeks WF, 25-40, same qualities, possible romance. 27111534

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ₹531308

FANTASY/REALITY?

SBM, 50, 5'8", med-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, teach dancing, likes jazz/blues, quiet times, traveling. Seeking passionate SF, 20-50, slim-tomed build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time with and romance. **23946417**

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED SBM, 6', HWP, handsome, confident, Engineer, N/S, likes concerts, plays, travel, dining, seeking SF, 33-54, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate, race open. 2984967

TRY THIS ONE SWM, 21, 190lbs, bald head, blue eyes, seeks woman, 18-40, for friendship, possibly more. 22987875

SWM, 28, 6' 2", 220lbs, father of 3, likes sports, walks, outdoors, seeks woman. Age and race open. **☎**990602⁻ SECURE

MRS. RIGHT

WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. 2828139 **FUN IN THE SUN**

fit, for friendship, and more. 22987458 TRUE GENTLEMAN SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the

SWM, 34, 5'9", 150lbs, enjoys work-

ing out, seeks WM, 30-55, physically

fullest. 25912726 LIFE IS BEST SHARED SM, 53, tall, 230lbs, muscular, brown hair, enjoys weekend getaways, snuggling, quiet romantic times, motorcycling, simple fun. Seeking SF,

share the special times. 27955106 HIT ME UP SBM, 26, seeking SBF, 20-29. Must like going to movies, reality t.v.,

25-55, slender, sweet and sociable to

church, and having fun. 25967301 LONELY & READY SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo,

N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. 22860305 JOIN ME?

Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9" 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys

karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. 23982461 TURNER SEEKS FONDA

ed, trim, salt and pepper business-

man, 54, NW suburbs, seeks liberal

lady, whose interests include art, architecture, classical, jazz, good conversation, 46-56. 25970990

TAKE A CHANCE Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food, see. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to

share/explore life with. \$761586 **POSITIVE PERSONALITY** Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55.

for friendship maybe more. 2514300



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18"

Sassafras

Quercus spp.

Pinus spp.

Oak

Pine

Sassafras

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -July 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo, Yack Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended with the deletion of item G-13, Approve Bid for Victory Park Irrigation Pumps (LSD). Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of June 27, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for July 11, 2006 540,469.10 General Fund 44,481.16 Fire Fund Police Fund 207 66,178.11 **Summit Operating** 208 17,592.21 Cable TV Fund 230 3,583.41 Twp Improvement 246 Auto Forfeiture(wwa) 267 Federal Grants Fund 274 Auto Theft Grant 289 Downtonw Dev. Authority 294 Cap Proj-Road Paving 403

292.50 2.537.21 9,916.88 1,711.27 30.332.38 6,476.66 42,331.52 Golf Fund 584 713,484.89 Water & Sewer Fund 592 15,434.05 Constructions Escrows 702 2,175.97 736 Post Employ. Benefits CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER FOR PRINTING SYSTEMS INC., P.O. NUMBER 58354. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett Consent Cons 58354. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve increasing P.O. #58354 Printing Systems Inc., 12680 Delta Drive, Taylor, Michigan, 48180) by \$1,500.00 from account number 101-191-740-0000 Election Operating Supplies.(Cost Center: C0003400000000) Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. SECOND READING OF REPEAL OF CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE II FOREST PRESERVATION, SECTION 94-31 THROUGH 94-38. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to remove from the table and publish the second reading which repeals Chapter 94, Article II Forest Preservation, Section 94-31 through 94-Motion carried by all members present. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF FOREST PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE II FOREST PRESERVATION, SECTION 94 31 THROUGH 94-38. Effective July 20, 2006 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE FOREST PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 124; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION 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, Definitions, 94-32, Purpose, 94-33, Interpretation, 94-34, Notice of violation, 94-35, Tree removal permit, 94-36, List of landmark/ historic trees, 94-37, Protective barriers, 94-38, Relocation or replacement of trees and is hereby repealed. A full copy of the entire ordinance is available in the Clerk's office, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 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: Adopted: July 10, 2006 Published: July 20, 2006 Effective: July Item 1. CONSIDER GENERAL CALENDAR: CHOPRA REZONING REQUEST. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for the Chopra Rezoning request. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Chopra Rezoning Request WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested 5.0 acres of land located on the northeast corner of Mott and Barr Roads Road be rezoned from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential, identified as EDP# 124-99-0003-003; and WHEREAS, the requested rezoning would be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #124-99-0003-003 from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential. Item 2. CONSIDER McCLUMPHA REZONING REQUEST. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the rezoning request of McClumpha. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning request of McClumpha WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested 4.75 acres of land located on Warren Road between Napier and Ridge Roads be rezoned from RR. Rural Residential to RE. Rural Estate. identified as parts of EDP # 025-99-0004-000 and 026-99-0001-000; and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning would be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone parts of parcels identified as tax EDP # 025-99-0004-000 and 026-99-0001-000 from RR, Rural Residential to RE, Rural Estate. Item 3. CONSIDER MONUMENT PDD FOR CONDOMINIUMS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final PDD approval for Monument Preserve. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD Approval for Monument Preserve WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District approval for Monument Preserve located west of Haggerty Road and south of Palmer Road(Tax ID #s: 101-99-0005-000 and 101-99-0006-000); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Community 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 Final Planned Development District for Monument Preserve located west of Haggerty Road and south of Palmer Road (Tax ID #s: 101-99-0005-000 and 101-99-0006-000); and, subject to all applicable regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER 2006 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GRAVEL ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc., to provide Canton's 2006 dust control program for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (Account Number 101-521-822-0000). Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR SALTZ ROAD (CANTON CENTER TO BECK) AND LOTZ ROAD (SOUTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the intergovernmental agreement with Wayne

County for Saltz Road (Canton Center to Beck) and Lotz Road (south of Michigan Avenue.). Motion carried by all members

Item 6. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (2006-TXT-01) WHEREAS, the Township has proposed amendments to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton: and WHEREAS, the requested changes would be in conformity with the general development objectives of the community, reduce ambiguity, and assist with interpretation of the Ordinance by the Community Planner; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the amendments; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the amendments to proposed amendments to Sections 5.02, 5.04, and 27.04, and creation of Article 5B and Section 27.07 within Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows: ARTICLE 5B. FOREST PRESERVATION AND TREE CLEARING Sec. 5b.01. 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: Agriculture / farming means any land in which the principal use is to derive income from the growing of plants and trees, including but not limited to land used principally for fruit and timber production. Clear cutting means the complete clearing, cutting or removal of trees and vegetation. Commercial nursery/tree farm means any commercial establishment which is licensed by the state or federal government for the planting, growing and sale of live trees, shrubs, plants and plant materials for gardening and landscaping purposes Developed property means any land which is either currently used for residential, commercial, industrial, or agricultural purposes or is under construction of a new building, reconstruction of an existing building or improvement of a structure on a parcel or lot, the relocation of an existing building to another lot, or the improvement of open land for a new use. Diameter at breast height (DBH) means the diameter in inches of the tree measured at four feet above the existing grade. Dripline means an imaginary vertical line that extends downward from the outermost tips of the tree branches to the ground. Forest means any treed area of one-half acre or more, containing at least 28 trees with a DBH of six inches or more. Grade means the ground elevation. Grubbing means the effective removal of under-canopy vegetation from a site. This shall not include the removal of any trees. Landmark / historic tree means any tree which stands apart from neighboring trees by size, form or species, as specified in the landmark tree list in section 94-36, or any tree, except box elder, catalpa, poplar, silver maple, tree of heaven, elm or willow, which has a DBH of 24 inches or more. Single-family lot means any piece of land under single ownership and control that is two acres or more in size and used for residential purposes. Township tree fund means a fund established for maintenance and preservation of forest areas and the planting and maintenance of trees within the township. Tree means any woody plant with at least one well-defined stem and having a minimum DBH of three inches. Undeveloped property means any property in its natural state that is neither being used for residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural purposes nor under construction. Sec. 5b.02. Purpose. The purpose of this article is to promote an increased quality of life through the regulation, maintenance and protection of trees, forests and other natural resources. Sec. 5b.03. Interpretation; conflicts with other ordinances. The provisions of this article shall be construed, if possible, in such a manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the township and all amendments thereto. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provision of this article, the township board may, in accordance with established zoning ordinance procedures, permit modification of such specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance. Sec.5b.04. Notice of violation; issuance of appearance ticket. If a violation of this article is noted, the ordinance inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of the property of the violation. Such notice shall specify the violation and the time within which corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. If the property is not in compliance with this article at the end of the period specified in the notice of violation, an appearance ticket may be issued. Sec. 5b.05. Tree removal permit. A. Required. 1. The removal or relocation of any tree with a DBH of six inches or greater on any property without first obtaining a tree removal permit shall be prohibited. 2. The removal, damage or destruction of any landmark tree without first obtaining a tree removal permit shall be prohibited. 3. The removal, damage or destruction of any tree located within a forest without first obtaining a tree removal permit is prohibited. 4. Clear cutting or grubbing within the dripline of a forest without first obtaining a tree removal permit is prohibited. B. Exemptions. All agricultural/ farming operations, commercial nursery/tree farm operations and occupied lots of less than two acres in size, including utility companies and public tree trimming agencies, shall be exempt from all permit requirements of this article. C. Display. Tree removal permits shall be continuously displayed for the entire period while the trees are being removed. D. Application. Permits shall be obtained by submitting a tree removal permit application in a form provided by the Municipal Services Department. The application shall contain the following information: 1. The owner and/or occupant of the land on which the tree is located. 2. The legal description of the property on which the tree is located. 3. A description of the area affected by the tree removal, including tree species mixture, sampling of tree size and the notation of unusual, scarce or endangered trees. 4. A description of each tree to be removed, including diseased or damaged trees, and the location thereof. 5. A general description of the affected area after the proposed tree removal. E. Review procedures. Municipal services shall review the applications for tree removal permits and may impose such conditions on the manner and extent of the proposed activity as are necessary to ensure that the activity or use will be conducted in such a manner as will cause the least possible damage, encroachment or interference with natural resources and natural processes within the affected area. F. Review standards. The following standards shall be used to review the applications for tree removal permits: 1. The protection and conservation of irreplaceable natural resources from pollution, impairment or destruction is of paramount concern. The preservation of landmark/historic trees, forest trees, similar woody vegetation and related natural resources shall have priority over development when there are other on-site location alternatives. 2. The tree shall be evaluated for effect on the quality of the area of location, including tree species, habitat quality, health and vigor of tree, tree size and density. Consideration must be given to scenic assets, wind blocks and noise buffers. 3. The trees and surrounding area shall be evaluated for the quality of the involved area by considering the following: a. Soil quality as it relates to potential tree disruption. b. Habitat quality. c. Tree species (including diversity of tree species). d. Tree size and density. e. Health and vigor of tree stand. f. Understory species and quality. g. Other factors such as value of the trees as an environmental asset (i.e., cooling effect, etc.). 4. The removal or relocation of trees within the affected areas shall be limited to instances; a. Where necessary for the location of a structure or site improvement and when no reasonable or prudent alternative location for such structure or improvement can be had without causing undue hardship. b. Where the tree is dead, diseased, injured and in danger of falling too close to proposed or existing structures, or interferes with existing utility service, interferes with safe vision clearances or conflicts with other ordinances or regulations. c. Where removal or relocation of the tree is consistent with good forestry practices or if it will enhance the health of remaining trees. 5. The burden of demonstrating that no feasible or prudent alternative location or improvement without undue hardship shall be upon the applicant. 6. Tree removal shall not commence prior to approval of a site plan, final site plan for site condominiums or final preliminary plat for the subject property. Sec. 5b.06. List of landmark/historic trees. Landmark/historic trees

are as follows: DBHCommon Name Species Thuja occidentalis Arborvitae 24" American Basswood Tilia americana American Beech Fagus grandifolia 18" American Chestnut Castanea 18" Birch Betula spp. Alnus glutinosá 12" Black Alder Nyssa sylvatica 12" Black Tupelo Black Walnut Juglans nigra 20" 20" White Walnut Juglans cinerea Buckeye (Horse Chestnut) 18" Aesculus spp. 12" Cedar, Red Juniperus spp. Crabapple (cultivar) 12" Malus spp. 18" Douglas Fir Pseudotsuga menziesii Eastern Hemlock 12" 8" Tsuga canadensis Cornus florida Flowering Dogwood 18" Ginkgo biloba Ginkgo 18" Hickory Carya spp. Gymnocladus dioicus 18" Kentucky Coffeetree 12" Larch/tamarack Larix laricina (Eastern) 24" Gleditsia triacanthos Locust 18" London Planetree Platanus spp. Acer spp.(except negundo_

and saccharinum)

18"

15" albidum Pica spp. Spruce Tuliptree Liriodendron 18" tulipifera Prunus spp. Wild Cherry Sec. 5b.07. Protective barriers. It shall be unlawful to develop, clear, fill or commence any activity for which a use permit is required in or around a landmark/historic tree or forest without first erecting a continuous protective barrier around the perimeter dripline. Sec. 5b.08. Relocation or replacement of trees.A.Landmark tree replacement. Whenever a tree removal permit is issued for the removal of any landmark tree with a DBH of

six inches or greater, such trees shall be relocated or replaced by the permit grantee. Every landmark/historic tree that is removed shall be replaced by three trees with a minimum DBH of four inches. Such trees will be of the species from section 5b.06.B. Replacement of other trees. Whenever a tree removal permit is

issued for the removal of trees, other than landmark/historic trees, with a DBH of six inches or greater (excluding boxelder (acer negundo), ash(fraxinus spp) and cottonwood (populus spp), such trees shall be relocated or replaced by the permit grantee if more than 25 percent of the total inventory of regulated trees is removed. Tree replacement shall be done in accordance with the following: If the replacement trees are of at least two inch caliper at 6 inches above the ground or 8 foot height for evergreens, but less than three inches measured at 6 inches above the ground or 9 foot height for evergreens, the permit grantee shall be given credit for replacing one tree. If the replacement trees are of at least three inch caliper at 6 inches above the ground or 9 foot height for evergreens, but less than four inches measured at 12 inches above the ground or 10 foot height for_evergreens, the permit grantee shall be given credit for replacing 1 1/2 trees. If the replacement trees are of at least four inch caliper at 12 inches above the ground or 10 foot height for evergreens, the permit grantee shall be given credit for replacing two trees.C. Exemptions. All agricultural/farming operations, commercial nursery/tree farm operations and occupied lots of less than two acres shall not be required to replace or relocate removed

D. Replacement tree standards. All replacement trees shall: 1.Meet both the American Association of Nurserymen Standards and the requirements of the state department of agriculture. 2. Be nursery grown. 3. Be guaranteed for two years, including labor to remove and dispose of dead material. 4. Be replaced immediately after the removal of the dead tree, in accordance with the American Association of Nurserymen standards. 5. Be of the same species as the removed trees. When replacement trees of the same species are not available from Michigan nurseries, the applicant may substitute any species listed in section 5b.06 provided that shade trees are substituted with shade trees and evergreen trees with evergreen species. Ornamental trees need not necessarily be replaced with ornamental trees, but this shall be encouraged where feasible. E. Wherever possible, replacement trees must be located on the same parcel of land on which the activity is to be conducted. Where tree relocation or replacement is not possible on the same property on which the activity is to be conducted, the permit grantee shall either: 1. Pay monies into the township tree fund for tree replacement within the Township. These monies shall be equal to the per-tree amount representing the current market value for the tree replacement that would have been otherwise required. 2. Plant the required trees off site. If the grantee chooses to replace trees offsite the following must be submitted prior to approval of the permit: a. A landscape plan, prepared by a registered landscape architect, indicating the sizes, species and proposed locations for the

replacement trees on the parcel.

b. Written permission from the property owner to plant the replacement trees on the site. c. Written agreement to permit the grantee to inspect, maintain and replace the replacement trees or assumption of that responsibility by the owner of the property where the trees are to be planted. d. Written agreement to permit Township personnel access to inspect the replacements as required. Article 5.00, Landscaping Screening and Walls, is hereby amended to read as follows: 5.02. General landscaping requirements Storm water detention basins. Detention basins (ponds) shall be designed as an integral part of the overall site plan and shall be considered a natural landscape feature having an irregular shape. Planting Guidelines are available from Canton Township Planning Services upon request. The following standards shall be considered minimum requirements for the landscaping of detention ponds/basins: Detention basin vegetation equirements. The landscape treatment for detention basins shall include a variety of native wetland and wildflower species. Native vegetation provides a number of benefits in detention basins including enhanced storm water quality, increased habitat, passive recreational opportunities and reduced algae growth. The combination of wetland plugs and native seed mixes will provide the optimum opportunities to achieve the benefits described above. The side slopes and the bottom of the pond shall be planted with a combination of a native seed mix and wetland plugs/bare-root stock. Refer to Planting Guidelines for definitions of various native plant types in accordance with the standards outlined in this section. Planting Zone Definitions. Planting zones and proposed native plants, including all seed mixes, shrubs, trees, plugs and bare-root stock shall be identified on the landscape plan and referenced on the engineering site plan based on the proposed storm water elevations in the detention basin(s). See illustration. Pond Zone (depths from 0 to 3 deep). Plants in the Pond Zone are entirely or partially submerged, utilize nutrients from storm water runoff and provide habitat for wildlife such as waterfowl and aquatic insects. Recommended plants in this zone must be planted according to industry standards. Minimum requirements are specified in Section I.1.d Plantings and Vegetation Standards According to Planting Zone. Approved native plant species are listed in Planting Guidelines. Edge Zone (permanent water elevation to bankfull elevation). Plants in the Edge Zone can withstand periods of inundation and drought and function to stabilize side slopes of the basin, utilize nutrients, provide habitat for waterfowl, reduce water temperatures and conceal drawdown in typical mowed ponds. Recommended plants in this zone must be planted according to industry standards. Minimum requirements are specified in Section I.1.d Plantings and Vegetation Standards According to Planting Approved native plant species are listed in Planting Guidelines. Upland Zone (bankfull elevation to 100-year flood elevation and beyond). Plants in the Upland Zone can withstand periods of inundation and drought and function to stabilize side slopes, provide habitat for waterfowl, songbirds and other wildlife, consist of low maintenance species as frequency of mowing will be limited, and be selected based on soil condition, light and function as little or no inundation by storm water may occur. Recommended plants in this zone must be planted according to industry standards. Minimum requirements are specified in Section I.1.d Plantings and Vegetation Standards According to Planting Zone. Approved native plant species are listed in Planting Guidelines.

(SEE PLAN VIEW PLANTING ZONES GRAPHIC ON PAGE A25) Detention Basin Categories. Depending on the location and function of a detention basin within a development, a basin will be designated into one of two possible categories. In addition, vegetation requirements within the Upland Zone will vary between the two categories. Furthermore, detention basins located directly behind proposed residential dwellings may be designated into either category depending on the ultimate use and intended function of the basin. The two (2) Detention Basin Categories are defined as follows:

Highly-Visible Basins. Highly-Visible Basins include basins located at development entrances, adjacent to primary or secondary roads, adjacent to or directly behind proposed homes or are located within more formally landscaped areas in the proposed development. Seed mix for Upland Zone will extend from the upper boundary of the Edge Zone to the top of bank or slope. The area beyond the top of bank or slope of the basin shall be sodded with an approved sod material as per Section 5.04 Standards for Landscape Materials of the

Canton Township Ordinance. Natural Basins. Natural Basins include basins located adjacent to natural areas (forested areas, creeks/streams, wetlands), in remote areas, within interior areas of the development, adjacent to or directly behind proposed homes and terraced systems. Seed mix appropriate for the areas extending beyond the 100-year flood elevation and top of bank or slope and functioning as a buffer for the pond shall be a mesic-to-dry prairie mix. This mix will consist of a broad-spectrum of prairie grasses and wildflowers with species that vary in height profile and also offer a variety of cover and food options for wildlife. The natural area seeded with prairie mix must

be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet wide. (Continued On Page A22

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Site Plan and Landscape Plan Submittal. The site plan submittal shall include a plan sheet for the detention basin(s) that identifies the following

Plan view of the detention basin, including one-foot grading contours.

Elevations in the detention basin including pond bottom elevation, permanent water elevation, bankfull storm elevation, 100-year storm elevation and freeboard elevation.

Area in square feet of the Pond Zone, Edge Zone and Upland Zone.

Zone and Upland Zone.
Required seed mixes and wetland plugs/bare root stock in the three (3) planting zones as per Section I.1.d Plantings and Vegetation Standards According to Planting Zone. The required seed mixes, wetland plugs/bare-root stock shall be subject to approval by the Planning Services Division.

Plant spacing and applicable depths shall be specified based on recommended industry standards.

Plantings and Vegetation Standards According to Planting Zone. Landscape plans shall identify the proposed native plants for each of the planting zones defined in I.1.a) Planting Zone Definitions.

Minimum landscape requirements are defined as follows: Pond Zone. A combination of native plant plugs and bare-root stock (submerged,

emergent and wetland edge plugs) shall be planted within the Pond Zone. This zone ranges in depth from zero (0) feet to three (3) deep. Proposed plant species: A minimum of four (4) plant species

must be specified for the pond zone. The proposed plants shall be planted in equal numbers of species, scattered in groupings of similar species throughout the entire zone. Initial plantings shall cover a minimum of 25% of the outer 15 foot perimeter of the Pond Zone, with specific species and their appropriate water depths listed. Refer to Planting Guidelines for approved Native Plant Species by Planting Zone.

As an alternate, the Pond Zone may be seeded with a suitable mix if it is demonstrated that the pond hydrology will be controlled for the establishment of the proposed seed mix. Successful establishment of the seed mix will be the responsibility of the Contractor. In addition, a proposed hydrologic (waterlevel) control plan must be reviewed by Canton's Public Works Division to ensure storm water is properly managed onsite.

No plugs will be required in the pond zone of the forebay.

Edge Zone. A native wetland edge or native sedge meadow seed mix shall be planted in this zone. Refer to Planting Guidelines for approved Native Seed Mixes by Planting Zone.

Upland Zone. A native sedge meadow seed mix or prairie (basic, dry-to-mesic or wet-tomesic) seed mix shall be planted in this zone. Refer to Planting Guidelines for Approved Native Plant Species by Planting Zone. The selection of seed mix and extent of installation is determined by the defined Detention Basin Category in Section I.1.b.

Seed Mixes, General. All seed mixes must include at least five (5) to six (6) native permanent grass/sedge/rush species and nine (9) to ten (10) native forb species. Seed mixes shall also contain a minimum of 100 ounces per acre annual rye and 360 ounces per acre seed oats as a temporary cover crop in order to provide cover and establish soil stability for the first winter. This nurse crop will minimize weed growth in the first year.

Trees and Shrubs, General Highly-Visible Basins. One (1) deciduous shade or evergreen tree and ten (10) shrubs shall be planted for every fifty (50) lineal feet of pond perimeter as measured along the top of bank elevation. The required trees and shrubs shall be planted in a random pattern or in groupings and placement of required landscaping is not limited to the top of the pond bank. Refer to Planting Guidelines for approved Native Plant Species.

Natural Basins. One (1) deciduous shade or evergreen tree shall be planted for every fifty (50) lineal feet of pond perimeter as measured along the top of bank elevation. The required trees shall be planted in a random pattern or in groupings and placement of required landscaping is not limited to the top of the pond bank. Refer to Planting Guidelines for approved Native Plant Species.

Screening of mechanical structures. Any above ground mechanical structures necessary for pond operation shall be identified on the landscape plan and shall be fully screened with evergreen trees or trees/shrubs recommended for the appropriate pond zone Refer to Planting Guidelines for Approved Shrub and Tree Species for Detention Basins.

The landscape plan shall include a required 15-foot wide maintenance access to all proposed storm water facilities and the planting plan shall be designed to prevent obstruction of the access by trees and shrubs, pursuant to Section 2.27.

The area around the detention basin riser outlet structure(s) (outlet between forebay and basin and primary outlet to creek/storm sewer) shall be appropriately screened with vegetation appropriate for the applicable pond zone. The screening vegetation shall not inhibit future maintenance access to the structure. Refer to Planting Guidelines for Approved Shrub and Tree Species for Detention Basins. Native Plant Installation: Seeding vs. Planting of Plugs/

Bare-Root Stock Native seed mixes shall include an annual cover crop consisting of 10 lb/acre of annual rye and 30 lb/ acre seed oats in accordance with industry standards in order to provide cover and establish soil stability for the first winter. A minimum of 2inches of topsoil shall be provided for proper seed establishment. All areas seeded in accordance with this ordinance requirement shall be properly stabilized with a mulch blanket pegged-in-place. A barrier/wildlife-deterrent fencing is required for a

period of one-year to protect the planting and prevent regular mowing. If emergent plant stock is proposed in the pond zone, the supplied plug material must have sufficient vegetative growth extending out of the

water once planted. Native seed shall be planted above the permanent

water elevation. Signs must be posted around the detention basin stating it is a no mow zone.

Establishment and Maintenance of Native Plants A maintenance bond will be held by Canton's Planning Services Division for a 2-year period following initial approval of the installation of the detention basin plantings. This shall be equivalent to 25% of the vegetation and installation cost and will be collected to ensure sufficient establishment of the native plants. The project sponsor shall provide a written cost estimate or actual contract amount as a basis for the bond amount. A preinstallation meeting between the landscaping contractor and Canton's Planning Services and Public Works Division shall be held prior to commencement of pond landscape work.

The home owner association covenants and restrictions or master deed must include language for detention basin maintenance per the approved

During the first two growing seasons, all areas planted with native prairie seed mix should be mowed 3 times at a height of 6-8" in order to control weeds. Beginning in the third year, a burning or mowing regimen should be instituted, either burning or mowing once in spring, or once in the

Use of fertilizers along the side slopes or within the detention basin is prohibited.

Standards for landscape materials. 5.04.

Plant quality. Plant materials used in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance shall be nursery grown, free of pests and diseases, hardy in western Wayne County, in conformance with the standards of the American Association of Nurserymen, and shall have passed inspection required under state regulations. All trees shall be number one grade, with full uniform branching and no visible damage or scars. Plant material specifications.

Deciduous shade trees. Deciduous shade trees shall be a minimum of three inches in caliper measured 6" above the grade with the first branch a minimum of four feet above grade when planted.

Detention Basin Planting Guidelines Refer to Article 5.02 General Landscaping Requirements, subsection I

Definitions.

Native Plants - Naturally occurring, indigenous plants within a specific habitat of a specific biogeographic region. Native plants are adapted to the soil and climate in which they live, and have

evolved defenses to many diseases and insect pests. Forb – Herbaceous plants, other than grasses, that commonly grow in fields or meadows. Forbs are used for re-vegetation, wild flower gardens, prairie and detention basin planting and roadside plantings

Bare-Root Stock - Plants received with very little, if any, soil around the roots and are generally wrapped in Hessian cloth or plastic to stop the roots from drying out.

Plug - Plants raised as individual plants, each in a small container about the size of an ice cube. The cube of greenhouse soil ("plug") can be pried from the tray, containing an individual plant up to 6 inches tall. Using a digging stick, the plants are plugged into the soil.

2. Approved Shrubs and Trees Species for Detention Basins.

(SEE EDGE ZONE CHART ON PAGE A25) (SEE UPLAND ZONE CHART ON PAGE A25) (SEE POND ZONE (min. 4 species) CHART ON PAGE A25) (SEE EDGE ZONE: Grasses/Sedges/Rushes (min. 5 species) CHART ON PAGE A26) (SEE EDGE ZONE: Native Forbs, (min. 9 species) CHART ON PAGE A26) (SEE UPLAND ZONE: Grasses/Sedges/Rushes (min. 5 species) CHART ON PAGE A26) (SEE UPLAND ZONE: Native Forbs, (min. 9 species) CHART ON PAGE A26)

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Section 27.04 shall be amended as follows: 27.04 __ PLANNED DEVELOPMENT INTENT

The intent of this Article is to permit flexibility in the regulation of land development; encourage innovation in land use in terms of variety, design, layout, and type of structures constructed; achieve economy and efficiency in the use of land, natural resources, energy, and the provision of public services and utilities; encourage useful open space; encourage aesthetic development; encourage the preservation of cultural and historical buildings; provide better housing, employment, and shopping opportunities particularly suited to the needs of the residents of this township, ensure compatibility of a proposed Planned Development with adjacent uses of land and to promote the use of land in a socially and economically desirable manner. Planned Developments must be consistent with the Charter Township of Canton Comprehensive Plan and must not be contrary to the purpose of the zoning regulations contained in the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance. Regulations for Planned Development are intended to accomplish the purpose of zoning, subdivision and other applicable Township regulations to the same degree that such regulations are intended to control development on a lot-by-lot basis. It is the intent of the Planned Development regulations to promote and encourage development where parcels of land are suitable in size, location and character for the uses and structures proposed and encourage development in a uniform and coordinated manner. If the Planned Development Request is not approved, the underlying zoning classification remains in place and the property must be developed pursuant to existing zoning requirements and procedures as found in the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance.

DEFINITIONS Approved Planned Developments: A Minor or Final Major Planned Development which has been formally reviewed by the Planning Commission and formally reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may approve a Planned Development Plan with conditions, and approval with conditions is considered to be approval for the purposes of defining "Approved Planned Development", but only if the applicant satisfies the conditions.

Average Acre: Average acre is used to calculate the density for multiple-family residential uses; and for this density calculation, an average acre includes all the area reasonably designated as pertaining to multiple-family residential uses, and shall include areas designated as pertaining to and auxiliary to that principle use, including open space and recreational

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facilities. Definite Benefit: A clear, explicit, substantial and ascertainable benefit which will inure to the users of the Planned Development project or to the residents of the Charter Township of Canton as a result of the Planned Development and which would not be available under the existing, underlying zoning classification or otherwise. Definite benefits include but are not limited to preservation of natural resources and natural features; preservation of historical and architectural features of a significant quality and quantity in need of protection or preservation on a local, state or national basis; significantly reducing non-conforming uses or structures; and the presence or preservation of aesthetically pleasing structures of a significant quantity and quality.

Definite benefits shall always include: Architectural design assurances which result in creation of a sense of place and community within the development and benefits the community as a whole. This can be achieved through defined design guidelines, pattern books, model sheets, and other similar methods of architectural

Preservation and enhancement of existing natural resources and natural features on the site and provision of open space which is usable and accessible.

Definite benefits may also include one or more of the following additional features, based upon scale and nature of the project and appropriateness to the project: Provision of public and private parks with

appropriate improvements (including walking paths, picnic areas, playing fields and courts, play ground equipment, etc)
Construction of new trails on-site and complete missing links in the overall trail system which may exist off site which would assist in connecting open space system within the development to other

parks, trails and community recreational facilities in accordance with the Leisure

<u>Services Master Plan</u> Provision of regional storm water facilities which result in substantial improvements to water quality and establishes environmental features which create and enhance natural habitat

Construction of off-site water, sewer and capacity improvements which eliminate existing roadway/intersection deficiencies and or improve the level of service of those facilities (not merely mitigating the impact of the proposed <u>development)</u> Site design amenities, such as provision of

enhanced water features; specialized street furnishings including street signs. mailboxes, lights, etc.; neighborhood parks that are fully developed; etc.

Provision of space for public art within the project and/or contribution of or commission of art for installation of art at another predetermined location within the community

Fiscal Impact: The economic effect that the project would have on the Charter Township of Canton, including, but not limited to, the estimated additional tax revenues which the Township would receive as a result of the project, and the additional need, if any, for Township public services such as the need for additional police and fire protection and public schools support; the generation of municipal refuse and the like.

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Major Modifications: Major modifications are changes to already Approved Planned Developments of a more significant nature than minor modifications, and include, but are not limited to, changes in uses, building heights, densities, set backs, appearance of buildings and building facades and an increase or decrease in the amount of acreage included in the Planned Development.

Man-Made Features: Man-made features include, but are not limited to streets, rights-ofway, easements, utilities, walls and sewers.

Minor Modification: Minor modifications are 7. slight changes to Approved Planned Developments, including, but not limited to correcting errors in the Development Plan, slightly altering berming and landscaping, adding or relocating fire escapes, adding or altering additional sidewalks and relocating refuse collection areas refuse collection areas.

Natural Features: Natural features include, but are not limited to flood plains, geological 8. formations, mineral deposits, soils, trees and

vegetation, water bodies and wetlands. Planned Development (Major and Minor): A Planned Development may include such land use concepts as Planned Unit Development, cluster zoning, community unit plan, planned residential development, and other terminology denoting zoning requirements designed to accomplish the objectives of the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance through a land development project review process based on the application of site planning criteria to achieve integration of the proposed land development project characteristics of the project area.

Planned Unit Development: See Planned 10. Development.

Planning Official: The employee or official of 11. the Charter Township of Canton designated by the Board of Trustees as the individual principally responsible for administering the application for Planned Developments under this Article.

Preliminary Planned Development: A proposal for a Major Planned Development which has been formally submitted by an applicant, including a preliminary site plan and the information and documents required in subsection 27.04E of this Article, but which has not been formally reviewed by both the Planning Commission and the Board of

Minor Planned Development: A proposal for a Minor Planned Development which has been formally submitted by an applicant, including a preliminary site plan and the information and documents required in subsection 27.04E of this article which will be reviewed by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees as a Final Planned development. A Minor Planned Development shall not exceed the thresholds defined in subsection 27.04D.

13. Recreational Facilities: Recreational facilities are such amenities which serve the needs of the Planned Development users or the residents of the Charter Township of Canton for pleasure, sporting, athletic, or leisure activities, including, but not limited to, swimming pools, tennis courts, golf course, horseback riding stables and riding trails, bicycle trails, hiking trails, exercise trails, playgrounds, soccer fields and baseball diamonds.

Minor or Final Major Planned Development: A proposal for a Final Planned Development which has been formally reviewed and tentatively approved by the Board of Trustees. Approval with conditions is considered to be approval for the purposes of defining a " Final Major or Minor Planned Development", but only

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if the applicant satisfies the conditions. Underlying Classification: The underlying classification is the zoning classification and regulations applicable to the subject property under the provisions of the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance which are applicable to the property at the time that an applicant submits an application to develop a Planned

Development.

Unified Control: Unified control is single 16. ownership or control such that there is a single person, group of persons or entity having exclusive responsibility for completing the Planned Development project in conformance with the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance and this Article. Any transfer of ownership or control of the subject property is permissible, provided that the applicant give thirty days notice prior to the transfer to the Planning Official of the Charter Township of Canton; however, in the event of transfer of ownership or control the transferee is bound by the Planned Development Plan and must complete the project in conformity with this

PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES All uses authorized in the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance may be considered for Planned Development subject to the limitations of this Article, except that uses found exclusively in industrial zoning classifications are hereby prohibited from being included in a Planned Development.

Ordinance and this Article.

All structures proposed for a Development must conform to all standards established in this Ordinance unless specifically altered pursuant to a Planned Development Plan approved in conformance with the regulations of this Article.

DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - PROPOSED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Aesthetics: The proposed Planned Development must be aesthetically pleasing and be an integrated development with respect to building facades, building materials, landscape and berming, noise and visual screening mechanisms, and signage.

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Consistency with Master Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance: The proposed Planned Development must not be contrary to the spirit and purposes of the regulations contained in the Zoning Ordinance and Master Land Use Plan for the Charter Township of Canton, in light of the characteristics, benefits and amenities and design of the proposed development.

Compliance with Applicable Regulations: Planned Developments shall be in compliance with all local regulations, unless specifically altered in accordance with this Article, and with all applicable Federal and State regulations.

Definite Benefit: The Planned Development must result in a definite benefit to residents of the Charter Township of Canton or the Planned Development's users which would not be present without a Planned Development and which would not be available under the existing, underlying zoning classification or otherwise.

Density: The density requirements of the Planned Development shall be those of the underlying zoning classification unless varied, where permitted under this section, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and in conformance with and pursuant to this Article. Maximum Densities: The following maximum

densities cannot be altered:
-Multiple Family Residential Uses: In no case
shall the average acre designated for multiplefamily residential (MR) uses contain a density of
twelve (12) or more units.

-Attached Single-Family Residential Uses: In no case shall any acre in a single-family attached residential (R-6) area exceed eight (8) units per acre.

-Detached Single-Family Residential Uses: In no case shall any acre in a single-family detached residential area exceed the density of the underlying zoning classification, unless the density requirements pertaining to an overlay district provide for a higher density.

Maintenance: All privately-owned common open space shall conform to its intended purpose and remain as shown in the Planned Development Plan. Deed restrictions or covenants shall govern the maintenance of privately owned Required maintenance common space. standards or maintenance activities shall be included in the deed restrictions or covenants. The deed restrictions or covenants shall provide for the Charter Township of Canton to assess private property owners with an interest in common open space for the cost of maintenance in the event that inadequate private maintenance results in a public nuisance. Deed restrictions and covenants shall run with the land and be for the benefit of present as well as future property owners.

Minimum size of Planned Development: a. Minor PDD – less than 25 acres, and under 100 dwelling units or under 40,000 square feet of commercial space

b. Major PDD - 25 acres or greater, 100 dwelling units or greater or 40,000

square feet of commercial or greater. If the proposal is under 25 acres but exceeds 100 dwelling units and/or 40,000 square feet of commercial space, the project is classified as a major PDD.

Natural Habitat: The development must comply with all local laws and regulations addressing the preservation and enhancement of the environment.

Need and Market Demand: There must be a community need and market demand for the uses contained in the proposed Planned Development.

Negative Impact: The proposed Planned Development shall not result in an unreasonably negative:

Fiscal impact on the Township;
 Economic impact on surrounding properties; or

 Împact upon the future development of the area.

Open Space and Public and Recreational Facilities; Bond: All common open space, as well as public and recreation facilities, shall be specifically included in the development plan schedule and be constructed and fully improved by the developer. A bond shall be submitted by the developer to the Department of Building and Engineering to assure completion of all unfinished common areas prior to the occupancy of any portion of the development.

Open Space Requirement and Computation: Planned Developments shall exhibit and maintain a total open space requirement equal to at least twenty-five (25) percent of the gross area of the Planned Development. All previous land areas within required boundary setbacks may be included in the open space computation. The area contained in public or private street right-of-way and parking lots may not be

included in the open space computation Public Access and Traffic Impact: Each dwelling unit or other permitted use shall have access to a public street either directly or indirectly via a private approach road, pedestrian way, court or other area dedicated by common easement guaranteeing access. Permitted uses are not necessarily required to front on a dedicated road. The Township shall be allowed access on privately owned roadways, easements and common open space to insure the police and fire protection of the area, to meet emergency needs, to conduct Township services, and to generally insure the health and safety of the residents of the Planned Development. Access shall be allowed for other public and quasi public emergency vehicles such as ambulances and the like. The Planned Development must contain sufficient road improvements to provide vehicular access to all buildings and other areas of the site in accordance with the local standards. The traffic generated by the Planned Development shall not unreasonably impact surrounding properties and uses. determining whether this requirement has been met, consideration shall be given to several factors, including but not limited to:

Access to major thoroughfares, and the adequacy and existing traffic count of such nearby thoroughfares;

b. Adequacy of driver sight distances; c. Estimated traffic to be generated by

the proposed development;
d. Location of and access to off-street

parking;
e. Provisions for pedestrian traffic;
f. Proximity in relation to intersections;

and
g. Required vehicular turning movement.
Recreational Needs: Any Planned Development

14. Recreational Needs: Any Planned Development which includes a residential use must provide recreational facilities adequate to service the users of the residential portion of the Planned Development.

Required Setbacks and Yards: Yard areas, building acks, spacing between buildings and landscape buffering

setbacks, spacing between buildings and landscape buffering between internal Planned Development uses and on the perimeter of the Planned Development shall be specified in the Planned Development Agreement must indicate that the provisions of the underlying zoning classification shall be applicable or, alternatively, describe other reasonable requirements by way of providing an illustrative map and narrative description of same, and said narrative description must state why the existing provisions contained in the regulations addressing the underlying zoning classification are not desired and why the alternative requirements better advance the public health, safety, welfare and aesthetics of the Charter Township of Canton, its residents, and the users of the Planned Development project.

Unified Control: All land included for the purpose of development within a Planned

Development shall be under the unified control of the applicant (an individual, partnership, or corporation or group of individuals, partnerships or corporations), and the applicant must provide legal documentation evidencing the same to the satisfaction of the Charter Township of Canton and its attorneys.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the information requirements of Article 27.00 the applicant must submit the following information and adhere to the following procedures:

Pre-application Conference. Prior to filing a formal request for a Planned Development and prior to a public hearing, the applicant must informally meet with the Township Planning Official to discuss the proposed development. The Pre-application Conference is intended to be informative and advisory The Pre-application in nature, and affords the applicant the opportunity to discuss the land use and planning policies of the Charter Township of Canton. The applicant must present a preliminary site plan for the contemplated Planned Development at or before the Pre-application Conference. The Planning Official shall notify the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees of the date and time of the Pre-application Conference. The members of the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees are not required to attend the Preapplication Conference. Any and all statements made by the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees, Planning Officials, Planning Commissioner, attorney, agent or representative have no legal force and are not legal and binding promises, commitments or contracts.

The applicant must also include for presentation the following information at the Pre-application Conference:

a. Legal documentation evidencing

unified control of the land upon which
the Planned Development is proposed.
b. A legal description of the subject
property.

c. The estimated total number of acres to be developed.

The estimated total number of acres

d. The estimated total number of acres per proposed use.

e. The relative locations of the different uses in the proposed Planned Development.

f. The estimated density for each use.
g. The known deviations and alterations
from the regulations addressing the
underlying zoning classification.

h. The estimated number of acres to be used as open space.

i. The estimated number of acres to be

used for recreational purposes.

At least a sketch of the exterior facades of all buildings and structures which are contemplated to be erected.

The location and approximate number of acres of wetlands and any other environmentally sensitive areas of land.

l. The location and estimated number of acres of natural resources and natural features which are to be preserved.

Within one hundred eighty (180) days following the

Pre-application Conference, the application must formally submit a formal application, and a Minor or Preliminary Planned Development proposal in conformance with this Article, to the Planning Commission. The application shall contain:

The overall Planned Development plan shall show the proposed Planned Development divided into land use modules as follows: -Residential uses by density and

housing type.
 Office and Commercial land uses.
 Open space and recreational facilities
 Other land uses.

b. A map showing the zoning designations for all land within one quarter mile of the proposed Planned Development.

c. Map and narrative explenations of the relationship of the proposed Planned Development to the Charter Township of Canton Master Land Use Plan.

d. Map and narrative analysis of natural features and man-made features. The map and analysis shall show the location and nature of significant natural and man-made features on and near the site.

e. An analysis of the traffic impact of the Planned Development on existing and proposed streets, including current traffic counts on surrounding roads and streets.

f. An analysis of the fiscal impact of the Planned Development of the Charter Township of Canton.

g. A phasing schedule for development of all facilities which must include dates for site plan approval and completion of construction for each phase of the plan.

h. A map and narrative explanation of the location and amount of parking for the Planned Development, an analysis of the adequacy thereof.

i. A sketch of typical exteriors and architectural elevations.

architectural elevations.

Copies of agreements, contracts, covenants, and deed restrictions necessary for the completion of the development and for continuing operation and maintenance of such areas, functions and facilities which are not to be provided, operated or maintained at public expense.

k. An analysis of the market need for and economic feasibility of the proposed Planned Development as a whole and for each of the Development's uses.

REVIEW OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

1. General Review Procedures.

Prior to consideration by the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees all notice requirements, in accordance with State and local special land use regulations, shall be fulfilled. Public hearings will be held by the Township Planning Commission in accordance with special land use procedures outlined in Section 27.03.

The Planning Commission may recommend by motion to the Township Board of Trustees that the Planned Development plan be granted as submitted, granted subject to stated stipulations and conditions, or denied. In making its recommendation, the Planning Commission shall find that the plans, maps, and documents submitted have met or have failed to meet the requirements of these regulations, and the Planning Commission shall put its findings in

writing.
The Township Board of Trustees shall, after due consideration, enact or deny Planned Development special land use approval for the subject property as submitted or grant approval subject to stated stipulations and conditions. The approved Planned Development plan shall include all required submissions.

Subsequent to final approval all

Subsequent to final approval, all elements of the Plan shall proceed in accordance with the site plan review and provisions of this Ordinance. Site plan approval and subdivision approval shall be granted only for developments which conform to the

submissions incorporated into the Planned Development plan.

Development shall occur in accordance with the phasing schedule submitted as a part of the approved Planned Development plan. Individual elements of the plan may be executed earlier than dates provided. However, the sequence of development may not be modified without prior written agreement of both parties. In the event the project sponsor fails to complete any element of the plan consistent with the schedule, the Township may rescind approval of any or all of the undeveloped planned elements included in the phasing schedule.

2. Specific Review Procedures for Minor and Major Planned Developments

Planned Developments
Applicant must follow provisions in Section
27.04 of this article addressing Planned
Development Submission requirements.
a. Review of Preliminary Major Planned

Developments.

-The Planning Commission shall review a Preliminary Major Planned Development and must make a written resolution, either recommending approval or denial of the application to the Board of Trustees, or making written inquiries and suggestions to the applicant, the applicant must respond in writing to each and every such inquiry and suggestion within thirty days of the date of mailing. Within

thirty days of receipt of such timely responses,

the Planning Commission shall make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in the form of a written resolution.

The Board of Trustees shall review a Preliminary Major Planned Development and must act on it or make written inquiries and suggestions to the applicant in the form of a written resolution within sixty days of receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission. If the Board of Trustees makes

a recommendation from the Planning Commission. If the Board of Trustees makes such inquiries and suggestions to the applicant, the applicant must respond in writing to each and every such inquiry and suggestion within thirty days of the date of the mailing. Within thirty days of receipt of such timely responses, the Board of Trustees shall approve or deny the Preliminary Major Planned Developments.

Preliminary Major Planned Developments which are approved by the Board of Trustees are

Preliminary Major Planned Developments which are approved by the Board of Trustees are then considered Final Planned Developments, and the Township Clerk shall immediately forward Final Planned Developments to the Planning Commission with the General Review Procedures, supra, and the provisions of the subsection entitled "Review of Final Planned Developments", infra.

Review of Minor and Final Major Planned

Developments.
-The Planning Commission shall review Minor or Final Major Planned Developments and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees with respect thereto within thirty days of receiving the Minor or Final Major Planned Development

from the Township Clerk.

The Board of Trustees shall review the Minor or Final Major Planned Development and approve or deny the Minor or Final Major Planned Development within thirty (30) days of the recommendation with respect thereto of the Planning Commission.

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EFFECT OF APPROVAL OF A MINOR OR FINAL MAJOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT.

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A Minor or Final Major Planned Development which is approved by the Board of Trustees is considered an Approved Planned Development, provided that the applicant conforms to the conditions placed upon the Minor or Final Major Planned Development, if any, by the Board of Trustees.

An Approved Planned Development constitutes an amendment to the zoning ordinance. All improvements and uses of the site shall be in conformity with the Planned Development and any conditions imposed. Notice of amendment to the zoning ordinance shall be published and the applicant shall record an affidavit with the Register of Deeds containing a legal description of the entire Planned Development, specifying the date of approval and declaring that all future improvements will be carried out in accordance with the Approved Planned Development unless an amendment thereto is adopted by the Township upon request of the applicant or his successors, and that all such amendments are to be carried out in accordance with this Article.

An Approved Planned Development will be governed by the zoning regulations which are specified in the Planned Development; those zoning regulations not specifically addressed by the Planned Development, and all building regulations, will be governed by the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code, which is subject to periodic review and update.

The applicant who has an Approved Planned
Development is entitled to file a Preliminary Site
Plan on each phase of the Planned Development,
and the applicant must diligently pursue
finalization of site plans.

The applicant who has an Approved Planned Development must begin construction on the Approved Planned Development and all proposed structures, recreational facilities and open space within five years of the approval for a Major PDD and within two years for a Minor PDD.

6. Construction work must be completed in a reasonable, diligent manner.

All construction must be completed within six (6)

All construction must be completed within six (6) years of the approval for a Major PDD and three (3) years for a Minor PDD, unless additional time for completion is extended in accordance with the following sub-section.

The construction time periods in this Section may be extended for good cause if applied for by the applicant and granted by the Board of Trustees in writing following public notice and public hearing. The Township Planning Services and/or Building and Inspection Services Division shall notify the applicant ninety (90) days before the expiration of such construction time periods. Failure of the applicant to so achieve written extensions of construction time periods shall result in Township action including, but not limited to, a stop-work order being placed on the development. Extensions of time do not extend the three (3) years in which zoning regulations affecting the Planned Development govern and remain unchanged.

9. Failure of the applicant to comply with the above construction time periods or other provisions in this Article shall result in the nullification of the Planned Development, and the underlying classification would become effective.

CONDITIONS

Approval of Planned Developments may be subject to the applicant satisfying reasonable conditions, as determined by the Board of

Trustees.

2. All such conditions for approval of Planned Development shall be based upon requirements and standards contained in this Article, the Charter Township of Canton Zoning Ordinance, other township and state and federal statutes.

insure that public services and facilities affected by the proposed Planned Development will be capable of accommodating increased service and facility loads caused by the Planned Development;

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- Protect the natural environment and conserve natural resources and energy; Insure compatibility with adjacent
- uses of land; or Promote the use of land in a
- specifically and economically desirable manner. Conditions imposed shall meet all of the 3. following requirements.
- Be designed to protect natural resources, the health, safety, and welfare and the social and
 - economic well being of those who will use the land use or activity under consideration, residents and landowners immediately adjacent to the proposed land use or activity, and the community as a whole.
 - Be related to the valid exercise of police power, and purposes which are affected by the proposed use or activity.
 - Be necessary to meet the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinance, be related to standards established in the ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration, and be reasonably necessary to insure compliance with those standards.
 - The conditions imposed with respect to the approval of a land use or activity shall be recorded in the record of the approval action, and shall remain unchanged except upon the mutual consent of the approving authority and the landowner. approving authority shall maintain a record of conditions which are changed.
- MODIFICATION OR CORRECTION OF AN APPROVED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. Requests for major and minor modifications to the approved Planned Development Plan may be submitted to the Planning Commission, in the form of a written application, for a recommendation on approval. The Board of Trustees shall make the final determination on the modification in accordance with the
- following provisions: 2. In the event that the modification is, as determined by the Planning Official, a minor modification to the approved Plan, the Planning Official must give written notice of the correction or minor change to both the Planning Commission and the Township Board of Trustees. Thereafter, the Planning Official may approve the modification under the following conditions:
 - The development plan will comply with all regulations of the governing agencies. Any review comments received have been considered and addressed to the satisfaction of the Official,
 - Planning Official, Planning Commission and Township Board of Trustees. modification will The significantly alter the plans as originally approved
 - Township Board of Trustees, including the appearance and uses of the development. The Planning Official shall issue a $_{
 m the}$ Planning Commission and Board of Trustees

prior to issuing final approval for

modifications approved Plan. Major modifications to the approve Planned Development Plan must meet the requirements and follow the procedures of initial application for a Planned Development as set forth in this Article, and must be mutually agreed upon by both the applicant and the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees. Insofar as Planned Developments involve negotiations over a wide variety of issues, each of which is interrelated both during the negotiations

and when culminated into an approved

Planned Development plan, the Board of Trustees may withhold its agreement of a major change or major modification on the

basis of any single recognized legitimate zoning interest, including aesthetics. Section 27.07 of the Zoning Ordinance shall be added in its entirety as follows: Section 27.07 - CONDITIONAL REZOŇING

It is recognized that there are certain instances where it would be in the best interests of the Township, as well as advantageous to property owners seeking a change in zoning classification, that certain conditions could be proposed by property owners as part of a request for rezoning. This is especially true since the Township must consider all potential uses which may be made of property when considering a traditional rezoning request, some of which may be inappropriate for a particular piece of property considering items such as, but not limited to, the surrounding land uses, the Township Land Use Plan, available infrastructure, and natural features. It is the intent of this Section to provide a process consistent with the provisions of Section 405 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3405) by which an owner seeking a rezoning may voluntarily propose conditions regarding the use and/or

development of land as part of the rezoning request.

B. APPLICATION AND OFFER OF CONDITIONS An owner of land may voluntarily offer in writing conditions relating to the use and/or development of land for which a conditional rezoning is requested. This offer may be made either at the time the application for conditional rezoning is filed, or additional conditions may be offered at a later time during the conditional rezoning process as setforth below.

General Procedure. A request for a conditional rezoning shall be commenced by filing a petition with the Township Planning Official, on the required forms, accompanied by the specified fees. The petition shall explicitly describe the proposed conditional rezoning and shall be signed by the owner of the property. Petitions for conditional rezoning of a specific site shall be accompanied by a plot plan or survey, which contains all the information required in Section 27.06(B) of this Ordinance. The applicant shall also present a conceptual plan showing the specific proposed use of the property, and containing all the information outlined in Section 27.03(B)(4) of this Ordinance.

2. Pre-Application Conference. Prior to filing a formal request for a conditional rezoning, and prior to a public hearing, the applicant must informally meet with the Township Planning Official, and other representatives as deemed necessary by the Township, to discuss the proposed development. The Pre-Application Conference is intended to be informative and advisory in nature, and affords the applicant the opportunity to discuss the land use and planning policies of the Charter Township of

The applicant must present a conceptual plan for the contemplated conditional rezoning at or before the Pre-Application Conference. Any and all statements made by the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees, Planning Officials, Planning Commissioners, Township employees, attorneys, agents or representatives at the Pre-Application Conference have no legal force and are not legal and binding promises, commitments or contracts.

Rezoning Signs. The applicant shall comply with Section 27.06(C) of this Ordinance.

REVIEW PROCEDURES

The owner's offer of conditions may not purport to authorize uses or developments not permitted in the requested new zoning district. The owner's offer of conditions shall bear a reasonable and rational relationship to the property for which the conditional rezoning is requested. Further, the Planning Commission and Township Board shall, at a minimum, consider all the review considerations contained in Section 27.06(D)(4) of this Ordinance in rendering a decision on a request for conditional rezoning. . Other Required Approvals.

Any use or development proposed as part of an offer of conditions that would require a special land use permit under the terms of this Ordinance may only be commenced if a special land use permit for such use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Any use or development proposed as part of an offer of conditions that would require a variance under the terms of this Ordinance may only be commenced if a variance for such use or development is ultimately granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Any use or development proposed as part of an offer of conditions that would require site plan approval under the terms of this Ordinance may only be commenced if site plan approval for such use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

2. Amendment of Conditions. The offer of conditions may be amended during the process of conditional rezoning consideration, provided that any amended or additional conditions are entered voluntarily by the owner, and confirmed in writing. An owner may withdraw in writing all or part of its offer of conditions any time prior to final rezoning action of the Township Board provided that, if such withdrawal occurs subsequent to the Planning Commission's public hearing on the original rezoning request, then the rezoning application shall be referred back to the Planning Commission for a new public hearing with appropriate notice and a new recommendation. PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

The Planning Commission, after public hearing and consideration of the factors for rezoning set forth in Section 27.06(D) of this Ordinance, may recommend approval, approval with recommended changes, or denial of the rezoning; provided, however, that any recommended changes to the offer of conditions are acceptable to and thereafter offered by the owner in writing. In the event that any recommended changes to the offer of conditions are not subsequently offered by the owner in writing, the recommendation of the Planning Commission shall be considered by the Township Board to be a recommendation of denial of the proposed conditional rezoning.

E. TOWNSHIP BOARD REVIEW

After receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Township Board shall, consistent with Section 27.06(D), review the Planning Commission's recommendation and deliberate upon the requested conditional rezoning, and may approve or deny the conditional rezoning request. If the applicant initiates additional or different conditions not considered by the Planning Commission subsequent to the recommendation of the Planning Commission, then the Township Board shall refer such proposed additional or different conditions to the Planning Commission for report thereon within a time specified by the Township Board, and the Township Board shall thereafter proceed to deny or approve the conditional rezoning.

If the Township Board finds the conditional rezoning request and offer of conditions acceptable, the offer of conditions shall be incorporated into a formal written Statement of Conditions acceptable to the owner and conforming in form to the provisions of this Section. The Statement of Conditions shall be incorporated by attachment or otherwise as an inseparable part of the Ordinance adopted by the Township Board to accomplish the requested conditional rezoning. The Statement of Conditions shall:

- Be prepared in a recordable with the Wayne Register County Deeds;Contain legal description of the land to which it pertains:
- **(b)** Contain statement acknowledging that Statement of Conditions runs upon successor owners of the land;
- Incorporate by attachment the (c) conceptual plan which formed the basis of the conditional rezoning;
- (d) Contain the notarized signatures of all the owners of the property proceeded by a statement attesting to the fact that they are the only parties having an interest in the property, and that they voluntarily offer and consent to and that they the provisions contained within the Statement of Conditions;
- (e) The Statement of Conditions may be reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney, with the applicant to pay all costs associated with such review and approval;
- The approved Statement of Conditions shall be filed by the owner with the Wayne County Register of Deeds within thirty (30) days after approval of the conditional rezoning. The owner shall provide the Township with a recorded copy of the Statement of Conditions within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Township Board shall have the authority to waive this requirement if it determines that, given the nature of the conditions and/or the time frame within which the conditions are to be satisfied, the recording of the Statement of Conditions would be of no material benefit to the Township or to any subsequent owner of the land: and
- Upon the conditional rezoning taking effect, and after the required recording of the Statement of Conditions, use of the land so rezoned shall conform thereafter to all the requirements regulating use and development within the new zoning district as modified by any more restrictive provisions contained in the Statement of Conditions.

COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS

Any person who establishes development or commences a use upon land that has been conditionally rezoned shall continuously operate and maintain the development or use in full compliance with all the conditions set forth in the Statement of Conditions. Any failure to comply fully with the conditions contained within the Statement of Conditions shall constitute a violation of this be punishable accordingly. Additionally, any such violation shall be deemed a nuisance per se and subject to judicial abatement as

provided by law.

ESTABLISHING TIME PERIOD FOR DEVELOPMENT OR USE.

The approved development and/or use of the land pursuant to building and other required permits must be commenced upon the land within two (2) years after the effective date by publication of the conditional rezoning action, and must thereafter proceed diligently to completion. This time limitation may, upon written request, be extended by the Township Board if: (1) it is demonstrated to the Township Board's sole satisfaction that there is a strong likelihood that the development and/or use will commence within the period of extension and proceed diligently thereafter to completion, and (2) the Township Board finds that there has not been change in circumstances that would render the conditional rezoning with Statement of Conditions incompatible with other zones and uses in the surrounding area or otherwise inconsistent with sound zoning policy. I. REVERSION OF ZONING

If approved development and/or use of the rezoned land does not occur within the time frame specified under subsection H. above, then the land shall revert to its former zoning classification as set forth in MCL 125.3405(2). The reversion process shall be initiated by the Township Board, and proceed pursuant to Section 27.06(A).
J.SUBSEQUENT REZONING OF LAND

When land that is conditionally rezoned with the Statement of Conditions is thereafter rezoned to a different zoning classification, or to the same zoning classification but with a different or no Statement of Conditions, whether as a result of a reversion of zoning pursuant to subsection I. above, or upon application of the landowner, or otherwise, the Statement of Conditions imposed under the former zoning classification shall cease to be in effect. Upon the owner's written request, the Township Clerk shall record with the Wayne County Register of Deeds a notice that the Statement of Conditions is no longer in effect.

K. AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONS

- During the time period for commencement of an approved development or use specified pursuant to subsection H. above, or during any extension thereof granted by the Township Board, the Township shall not add to or alter the conditions in the Statement of Conditions.
- The Statement of Conditions may be amended thereafter in the same manner as was prescribed for the original conditional rezoning and Statement of Conditions

TOWNSHIP RIGHT TO REZONE Nothing in the Statement of Conditions nor in the provisions of this section shall be deemed to prohibit the Township from rezoning all or any portion of land that is subject to a Statement of Conditions to another zoning classification. Any rezoning shall be conducted in compliance with this Ordinance and the Township Zoning Act. (MCL 125.271 et. seq.).

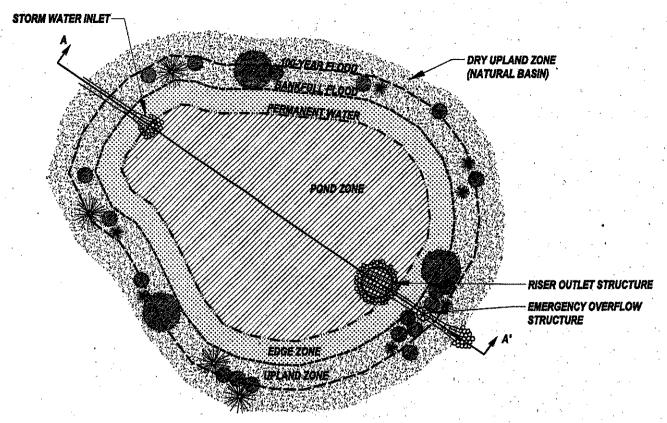
FAILURE TO OFFER CONDITIONS The Township shall not require an owner to offer conditions as a requirement for rezoning. The lack of an offer of conditions shall not affect an owner's rights under this

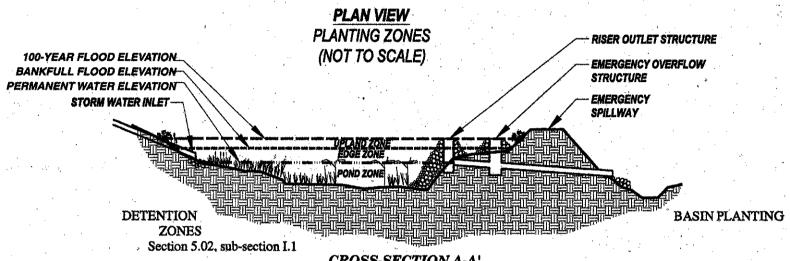
Ordinance. Item 7. PURCHASE OF AVID DIGITAL EDITOR SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR CABLE STUDIO. (ACSD) PURCHASE OF AVID DIGITAL EDITOR Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of an Avid Digital Editor in the amount of \$9,816 Account Number 230-250-977-0000 Cable Television (Capital Outlay Equipment) from Roscor Corp. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. AWARD THREE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTRACTS. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Stuart Court to F. Lax Construction Co. in the amount of \$11,739 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$1,175 for a purchase order total of \$12,914 (CDBG Construction Contingency, Account #274 666 972 2005.) I further move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Fair Oaks Drive to George H. Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$17,248 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$1,724 for a purchase order total of \$18,972. I further move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Duchess to George H. Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$18,329 plus a ten per cent contingency in the amount of \$1,832 for a members present. Item. 9. INSTALLATION OF PAD FOR BARN RELOCATION PROJECT. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the installation of a pad for the barn relocation at the Bartlettannia Travis House Site by Danjo Construction in the amount of north \$9,038 (Historic District Commission Capital Projects 511158 Travis Account # 101-803-976-0000.) Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 13-PORTABLE RADIOS - E-911 FUNDING. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the reprogramming of capital from E-911 Service Funds #261 346mc) 277 2070 from Item # 3 in the approve of \$100 to 100 977 2070 from Item # 2 in the amount of \$18.00 to Item # 3 30 Portable Radios. Further, I move to approve the purchase of 13 model EX 600 XLS Prep Radios through a State of Michigan bid from ComSource INC, 2130 Austin Dr., Rochester, MI 48309 in the amount of \$11,417.25. Account #261 346 977 2070 (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000). Motions carried by all members present. Item 11. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 16 PORTABLE RADIOS - HOMELAND DOTAGE. SECURITY GRANT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported and by Zarbo to approve the purchase of 16 model EX 600 XLS Prep Radios through a State of Michigan bid from ComSource INC, 2130 Austin Dr., Rochester, MI 48309 in the amount of \$14,072 reimbursable through the Wayne County Homeland Security Grant. Account #261 346 977 2070 (Cost Center P00049 0216 0000)/ Further, I move to approve following budget transfer for this purchase: Transfer to Fund Balance (\$14,072), Capital Outlay Account #261 346 977 2070 \$14,072 This budget transfer will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 911-Emergency Services Fund. Motions carried by all members present. Item 12.
AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER FOR
PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB AND PARKS. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of 30-2-12 Polyon fertilizer from Turgrass, Inc., PO Box 667, South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$17,185 and to authorize the purchase from PO #58228 for \$12,029.50 Account #584-756-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds and Parks PO #58181 for \$5,155.50 Account #101-270-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. APPROVE BID FOR VICTORY PARK IRRIGATION PUMPS. (LSD) Deleted from agenda. Item 14. APPROVE TREE REMOVAL SERVICES. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of \$35,500 from Account #101-285-970-0000 Tree Fund Planting to Account #101-285-930-0000 Maintenance and Repair Tree Fund. I further move to award the bid to Owen Tree Services, Inc., 225 N. Lake George Road, Attica, MI 48412 for tree removal services on township properties in the amount of \$35,500 to be taken from Tree Fund Maintenance and Repair Account #101-285-930-0000. Motions carried by all members present. OTHER: Treasurer Kirchgatter stated there will be a Joint Meeting with the Board of Trustee, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Downtown Development Authority on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. There will be a Board Study Session on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Treasurer Kirchgatter stated there will be a Joint

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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CROSS-SECTION A-A'
PLANTING ZONES
(NOT TO SCALE)

Nativ Scientific Name	Edge e Shrubs Common Name		ative Trees e Common Name
Alnus rugosa	Speckled alder	Acer saccharinum	Silver maple
Aronia melanocarpa	Black chokeberry	Betula nigra	River birch
Betula pumila	Bog birch	Carpinus caroliniana	American hornbeam
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush (plant in min. 6" water)	Nyssa sylvatica	Black gum
Cornus amomum	Silky dogwood	Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore
Cornus stolonifera	Red-oiser dogwood	Quercus bicolor	Swamp white oak
Ilex verticillata	Winterberry (Michigan Holly)	Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum
Potentilla fruiticosa	Shrubby cinquefoil	Liriodendron tulipifera	Tuliptree
Sambucus canadensis	Elderberry	Quercus palustris	Pin oak
Spiraea alba	Meadowsweet	Salix nigra	Black willow
Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry	·	
Viburnum trilobum	American highbush cranberry		

	Upla	nd Zone	
	Shrube	Na	tive Trees
Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
Ceanothus americanus	New Jersey tea	Acer rubrum	Red maple (mesic)
	(dry-mesic)		
Cornus foemina	Gray dogwood	Acer saccharum	Sugar maple (mesic)
(C. racemosa)	(dry to wet-mesic)	1	
Corylus americana	American filbert	Amelanchier arborea	Serviceberry (Juneberry)
	(dry or mesic)	1	(dry or mesic)
Hamamelis virginiana	Witch-hazel	Betula alleghaniensis	Yellow birch (mesic)
Y1. I. I	(dry-mesic)	100	5
Lindera benzoin	Spicebush (mesic)	Carya cordiformis	Bitternut hickory (mesic)
Physocarpus opulifolius	Ninebark	Carya glabra	Pignut Hickory (dry)
	(dry or mesic)	1	
Rhus aromatica	Fragrant sumac (dry)	Carya lacinosa	Shellbark hickory (mesic)
Sambucus canadensis	Elderberry	Carya ovata	Shagbark hickory
	(wet-mesic)		(dry-mesic)
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry (mesic)
	(dry-mesic)	4	
		Celtis tenuifolia	Dwarf hackberry
		V9	(dry-mesic)
		Cercis canadensis	Redbud (mesic)
		Crataegus crusgalli	Cockspur hawthorn (dry)
		Gymnocladis dioicus	Kentucky coffeetree (mesic
		Ostrya virginiana	Hop-hornbeam
		1	Ironwood (dry-mesic)
	A Company of the Comp	Quercus alba	White oak (dry-mesic)
		Quercus imbricaria	Shingle oak (mesic)
	•	Quercus macrocarpa	Bur oak (dry or mesic)
	0	Quercus muehlenbergii	Chinkapin oak
			(dry or mesic)
		Quercus prinoides	Dwarf Chinkapin oak
		1	(dry)
the second second		Quercus rubra	Red oak (mesic)
		Tilia americana	American basswood (mesic

Note: These plants range from dry to mesic according to the moisture conditions in the Upland Zone. Small sizes of native trees and shrubs may be proposed to increase plant diversity. The total tree caliper inches must equal the calculated caliper inches of required trees.

Native Shrubs Common Name

		Pond Zone (Minim	um 4 species)		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Spacing (inches on center)	Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Spacing (inches on center
Acorus calamus	Sweet flag	24	Polygonum amphibium	Water knotweed	36
Carex lacustris	Common lake sedge	24	Pontederia cordata	Pickerel weed	24
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	5 feet	Potamogeton natans	Common pondweed	36
Decodon verticillatus	Swamp loosestrife	24	Potamogeton pectinatus	Sago pondweed	36
Elodea canadensis	Common waterweed	36	Sagittaria latifolia	Common arrowhead	. 24
Hibiscus laevis	Halberd-leaved rose mallow	24	Scirpus acutus	Hard-stemmed bulrush	18
Hibiscus palustris	Swamp rose mallow	24	Scirpus atrovirens	Dark green rush	18
Iris virginica shrevei	Blue flag iris	18	Scirpus cyperinus	Wool grass	24
Justicia americana	Water willow	5 feet	Scirpus fluviatilis	River bulrush	18
Nelumbo lutea	Lotus	48	Scirpus validus creber	Great bulrush	18
Nuphar advena	Yellow pond lily	36	Sparganium americanum	American bur reed	18
Nymphaea tuberosa	White water lily	36	Sparganium eurycarpum	Common bur reed	18
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	18	Vallisneria americana	Tape grass	36

Note: Plant species selected must cover 25% of the pond zone and must also cover the range of water depths within the pond zone (0' to 3'). (For example, 4 plant species may not all be placed at an 18" water depth covering 25% of the pond zone.)

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Officials: Car care protects vehicles, environment

In an effort to help protect water resources, Canton officials are urging residents to practice good car care during the month of July. When motor fluids and dirty water from washing cars enter storm drains and roadside ditches, it empties into lakes and rivers causing pollution.

With over four million vehicles in southeast Michigan, officials point out it's important to practice good car care. By following the following steps a clean, well-running vehicle can be maintained and

lakes and rivers can be protected from pollution:

Make a date: Car wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to our lakes and rivers. So, make a date to take your car to the car wash.

■ Wash it on the grass: If you wash your car at home, consider washing it on the lawn. Or, if you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain.

Minimize it: Reduce the amount of soap you use, or wash your car with plain water.

■ Maintain it: Keep your vehicle properly tuned. Use the owner's manual to guide decisions about how often it's necessary to change fluids such as oil and antifreeze.

Take advantage of business expertise: Consider taking your vehicle to the shop to have the oil and other fluids changed. These businesses have the ability to recycle the used materials and clean up accidental spills.

Soak it up: Use kitty litter promptly to absorb small amounts of spilled vehicle flu-

ids. Then sweep it into a bag and throw it in the trash.

Perform vehicle maintenance in a well-ventilated but covered location. This minimizes rainfall from washing those inevitable spills and drips into our waterways.

Recycle: If you choose to change your oil and other fluids yourself, label the waste containers. Then, take them to your community's household hazardous waste collection day or to a business that accepts used oil. Never dump

used oil, antifreeze or other fluids on the ground or down the storm drain.

As a reminder, Canton holds its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Canton Public Works Building at 4847 Sheldon Road.

For year-round disposal of oil and antifreeze, Canton Waste Recycling, located at 42020 Van Born Road, will accept it on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 to 11 a.m.

Urging residents to practice

good car care is just one step to keeping water clean. Additional steps include: keeping pollution out of storm drains; carefully storing and disposing of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil; cleaning up after your pet; choosing earth-friendly landscaping; using fertilizer sparingly and caringly; and saving water.

caringly; and saving water.
Information on all these
steps can be found at
www.semcog.org or in the
information racks located
inside Canton's
Administration Building.

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4. Native seed mixes by planting zone

Common Name		
	Scientific Name	Common Name
Bottlebrush sedge	Juncus effusus	Common rush
Brown fox sedge	Leersia oryzoides	Rice cut grass
Barnyard grass	Scirpus acutus	Hard-stemmed bulrush
Canada wild rye	Scirpus atrovirens	Dark green rush
Fowl manna grass	Scirpus pungens Scirpus validus creber	Chairmaker's rush Great bulrush (softstem)
	Bottlebrush sedge Brown fox sedge Barnyard grass Canada wild rye	Bottlebrush sedge Brown fox sedge Barnyard grass Canada wild rye Fowl manna grass Juncus effusus Leersia oryzoides Scirpus acutus Scirpus atrovirens Scirpus pungens

	Edge Zone: Native Forbs (Minimum 9 species)							
Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name					
Acorus calamus	Sweet flag							
Actinomeris alternifolia	Wingstem	Mimulus ringens	Monkey flower					
Alisma subcordatum	Common water plantain	Peltandra virginica	Arrow arrum					
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp milkweed	Polygonum pensylvanicum	Pinkweed					
Aster simplex	Panicled aster	Pontederia cordata	Pickerel weed					
Bidens spp.	Bidens, various	Rosa palustris	Swamp rose					
Cassia hebecarpa	Wild senna	Rudbeckia laciniata	Wild golden glow					
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Common boneset	Sagittaria latifolia	Common arrowhead					
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	Spiraea alba	Meadowsweet					
Iris virginica shrevei	Blue flag iris	Verbena hastata	Blue vervain					
Ludwigia alternifolia	Seedbox	Vernonia fasciculata	Common ironweed					

Note: An annual cover crop is required for all Edge Zone seed mixes as described in Section I.5 Native Plant Installation: Seeding vs. Planting of Plugs/Bare-Root Stock.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
Calamagrostis canadensis	Blue joint grass	Glyceria striata	Fowl manna grass
Càrex comosa	Bristly sedge	Juncus effusus	Common rush
Carex hystericina	Porcupine sedge	Leersia oryzoides	Rice cut grass
Carex stricta	Common tussock sedge	Panicum virgatum	Switch grass
Carex vulpinoidea	Brown fox sedge	Scirpus atrovirens	Dark green rush
Echinochloa crusgalli	Barnyard grass	Scirpus validus creber	Great bulrush
Elymus canadensis	Canada wild rye	Spartina pectinata	Prairie cord grass

	Upland Zone: Native For	bes (Minimum 9 species)	eniek makemalandapatan
Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
Agalinis tenuifolia	Slender false foxglove	Juncus effusus	Common rush
Alisma subcordatum	Common water plantain	Liatris spicata	Marsh blazing star
Angelica atropurpurea	Great angelica	Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal flower
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp milkweed	Lobelia siphilitica	Great blue lobelia
Aster novae-angliae	New England aster	Ludwigia alternifolia	Seedbox
Aster puniceus	Bristly aster	Peltandra virginica	Arrow arrum
Aster simplex	Panicled aster	Physostegia virginiana	Obedient plant
Aster umbellatus	Flat-top aster	Pycnanthemum	Common mountain
		virginianum	mint
Bidens cernua	Nodding Burr marigold	Sagittaria latifolia	Common arrowhead
Cassia hebecarpa	Wild senna	Silphium perfoliatum	Cup plant
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall corepsis	Solidago rugosa	Rough goldenrod
Eupatorium maculatum	Spotted joe-pye weed	Sparganium eurycarpum	Common bur reed
Eupatorium perfoliatum	Common boneset	Spiraea alba	Meadowsweet
Gentiana andrewsii	Bottle gentian	Verbena hastata.	Blue vervain
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	Vernonia fasciculata	Common ironweed
Iris virginica shrevei	Blue flag iris	Zizia aurea	Golden alexanders

Note: These native plants are appropriate for the Upland Zone; from the bankfull elevation to the 100-year flood elevation and beyond. This seed selection consists of sedge meadow, wet-to-mesic prairie, and dry-to-mesic prairie plant species.

Natural Bai	in: Dry Upland Zone: Pe	rmanent Grasses (Minima	ım 5 species)
Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
Andropogon gerardii	Big bluestem grass	Koeleria cristata	June grass
Andropogon scoparius	Little bluestem grass	Panicum virgatum	Switch grass
Bouteloua curtipendula	Side-oats gramma	Sorghastrum nutans	Indian grass
Flumus canadencie	Canada wild rve	Sporobolius heterologis	Prairie dropseed

Natural	Basin: Dry Upland Zone	: Native Forbs (Minimum 9	species)
Scientific Name	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
Amorpha canescens	Lead plant	Lupinus perennis	Wild lupine
Anemone cylindrica	Thimbleweed	Monarda fistulosa	Wild bergamot
Aquilegia canadensis	Wild columbine	Parthenium integrifolium	Wild quinine
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly weed	Petalostemum purpureum	Purple prairie clover
Aster ericoides	Heath aster	Physostegia virginiana arenaria	Prairie obedient plant
Aster laevis	Smooth blue aster	Pycnanthemum virginianum	Common mountain mint
Aster novae-angliae	New England aster	Ratibida pinnata	Yellow coneflower
Baptista leucantha	White wild indigo	Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed susan
Cassia fasciculata.	Partridge pea	Rudbeckia subtomentosa	Sweet black-eyed susa
Coreopsis lanceolata	Sand coreopsis	Silphium laciniatum	Compass plant
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall coreopsis	Solidago juncea	Early goldenrod
Echinacea purpurea	Broad-leaved purple coneflower	Solidago nemoralis	Old-field goldenrod
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake master	Solidago rigida	Stiff goldenrod
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Liatris aspera	Rough blazing star		

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USSSA 13U Baseball World Series



Best of the best

Plymouth-Canton Pirates battle valiantly against U.S.'s elite 13U baseball teams

STAFF WRITER

Of the 56 baseball teams competing in this week's USSSA 13U AAA World Series at the Canton Sports Center, the Plymouth-Canton Pirates undoubtedly had the shortest drive.

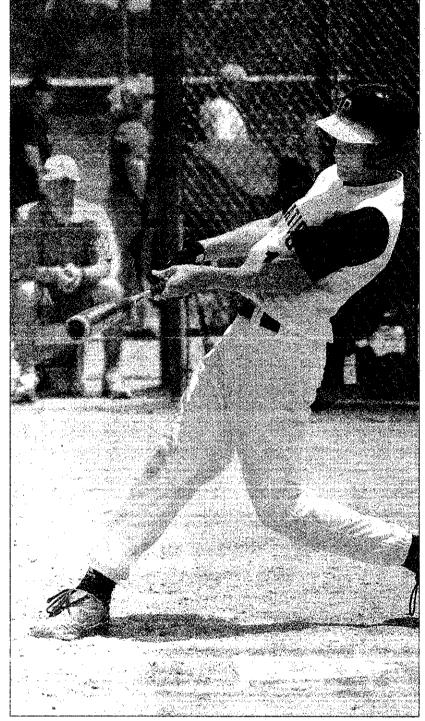
However, based on their schedule and several other factors, they may have also had the toughest road to the title.

On Monday, the Pirates had the unenviable task of opening pool play against the California-based North Bay Xtreme, which entered the tournament as one of the teams to beat. The Xtreme lived up to its name by handing the Pirates a double-digit setback.

"That probably wasn't the best team to open up against," said Pirate coach Bruce Price, smiling. "They're very, very good. We're a community-based team with players only from our area. A lot of these teams take players from all over, so they're very deep and very

'We only added one player to our roster for this tournament, and he's a brother of one of our regular players. I wanted to give our kids a chance to play in a top-notch tournament like this. Hey, we may not win a lot of games, but the kids are still going to remember this for the rest of their lives."

Undeterred by the opening-round loss, the Pirates battled the Washington (Mich.) Nationals for nine thrilling innings Monday night before falling, 3-2. Price credited the pitching of Harrison Michels and Danny Adsit, and the hitting of Devin Price and



PLEASE SEE PIRATES, B3 Pirate Daniel Adsit connects for a single.

Positive attitude pays off for youth baseball team

hat would you get if you combined three of the most inspirational, beat-the-odds sports movies ever made: "The



Bad News Bears" (minus the cursing and the players' and coaches' offthe-field issues), "Rocky" (minus the violence) and "The

(minus the Wright ment)? Answer: Something close to

Little Giants" football equip-

what fans of the Greater Canton

Youth Baseball & Softball

Association's 10-and-under Nationals recreation baseball team witnessed over the past couple of weeks.

I don't want to over-dramatize what the Nationals accomplished this summer, but if somebody typed up their story and faxed it to a Hollywood producer, he'd read it, wad it up and throw it in the circular file while mumbling to himself, "Way too unbelievable!"

EARLY STRUGGLES

The Nationals' feel-good story started to unfold back in May when they joined the

GCYBSA as a first-year team. Close to half of the players -

all of whom were either 9 or 10 years old — hadn't played organized baseball since T-Ball, so expectations were about as low as Justin Verlander's

earned-run average. Unfortunately, the Nationals lived down to their expectations early and often during the first two-thirds of the season as they struggled to an 0-8 record.

Winning a single game seemed about as likely as SpongeBob SquarePants being elected president of the United

"We were mercied at least three times and one team beat us 18-0," remembered Dan Wiessner, whose son, Danny, is a left-handed pitcher on the team. "But the cool part about it was that everybody stayed positive, especially the coaches. I've never heard so many shouts of 'good swing' after strikeouts and good try after errors.

"Instead of getting down on the kids, the coaches kept encouraging them."

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Leading the encouragement was the Nationals' head coach, Kevin Cadwell, who helped his players compensate for their lack of talent and experience with a never-ending stream of

keep-your-chin-up praise. Cadwell is a refreshing beacon of positive light in a youth sports world that has too many winning-isn't-everything-it'sthe-only-thing coaches.

"My son has played on a lot of sports teams - hockey, baseball, just about everything but he's never had a coach that's as positive as Kevin," said Mark Lundh. "He always kept the kids up."

A remarkable thing happened to the Nationals as the playoffs approached — they spotted a light at the end of the tunnel (and it wasn't an oncoming

train.) They won two of their final

PLEASE SEE NATIONALS, B2

Local gridders are ready for East-West action

8Y ED WRIGHT

There's a chance Kevin Bradley's 11year competitive football career will end on the Spartan Stadium turf during Saturday's 26th Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star game.

If that's the case, the former Salem record-breaking quarterback/defensive back is determined to make sure his gridiron experience was good to the last

"I'm going to leave everything I have out on that field," said Bradley, who plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia for the next two years before deciding whether to pursue a collegiate football career in the fall of 2008. This may be my last game, so I'm definitely pumped about playing. I went to the All-Star game with my dad and brother a few years ago and ever since then I've dreamed about playing in it.

"I'm a big Michigan fan, so if I had my choice, I'd rather be playing in the 'Big House' (Michigan Stadium). But just to

PLEASE SEE ALL-STAR, B3

GRID STARS READY TO SHINE

WHAT: 26th Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star game pitting the East vs. the West squads;

WHEN: Kickoff is set for Saturday at 2 p.m.;

WHERE: Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium:

WHO: Five Observerland players and three coaches will be participating. Playing for the East will be Ryan Jonik (Canton), Pat Clasgens (Livonia Stevenson), D.J. Tracy (Livonia Franklin), Kevin Bradley (Salem); and Chris Brown (Redford Union); among the East's coaches will be head coach Tim Baechler (Canton) and assistant coaches Jake Houser (Canton) and Tom Garrett (Canton).



Observerland football players and coaches will be well-represented at Saturday's 26th Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game, which is set to kick-off at 2 p.m. at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. Pictured (kneeling from the left) are Pat Clasgens (Livonia Stevenson), Kevin Bradley (Salem), D.J. Tracy (Livonia Franklin), Ryan Jonik (Canton), (standing from left) Jake Houser (Canton), Tim Baechler (Canton) and Tom Garrett (Canton).

Fishaw signs

Former Canton soccer standout



Fishaw, who graduated in June, has received a full-ride scholarship to play for

Garrett

Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa.

Fishaw, who was a firstteam All-Observer selection as a senior, earned most valuable player honors for the Michigan Wolves at the recently completed State Cup.

Fishaw was a captain for the Chiefs this past season.

Softball stars

Three Observerland softball players will be competing in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Division 1 All-Star game Saturday. Caitlyn Sidor and Alecia Czapski will represent Livonia Churchill while Lauren Stemberger will represent Plymouth.

Wrestling camp The annual Salem Wrestling Camp will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Novice and advanced sessions will be offered for kids who are entering third through 12th grades.

The camp is run by Salem alumni, including former individual state champions Mike Goethe (2003) and Jeremy Henderson (2006) along with Salem staff and members of the 2006-07 team.

Among other things, the camp will focus on techniques, strategies, drills and attitudes that will bring wrestlers success at all levels. Each wrestler will receive a T-

To register and receive session assignments, call Mike Goethe at (734) 718-6984 no later than Friday, July 28.

Academic aces

A pair of Livonia Churchill baseball players have earned All-Region academic honors. Matt Luneack and John Rodeman, both juniors, received the honors after compiling grade-point averages of 4.25 and

A's for effort

4.07, respectively.

The Canton Little League's Minor Athletics earned their Division title recently. The A's also captured the Belleville Father's Day Tournament

The team consists of Max Anderson, Hunter Clem, Jordan Doddie, Garrett Figley, Nick Foster, Amy Hollon, David Kiers, Alex Leventis, Lindsay Lutton, Jared Merandi, Patrick Mucci, Nicholas O'Donnell and Hunter Olson. The team is coached by Jon Doddie-(manager), Justin Doddie, Jason Proudlock and Wade Figley.



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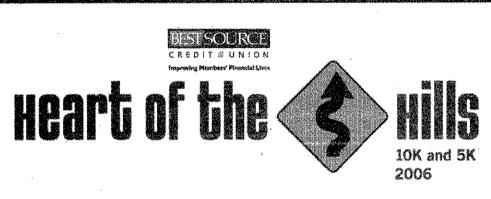
Fantastic five

A team made up of members of the Canton Soccer Club captured first place in the 10th Annual Tri-Cities Strikers 3-on-3 Summer Soccer Classic Saturday, July 8, in Grand Haven. The Canton Bombers went 4-0 and won the championship game, 8-3. Pictured (front row from left) are Kristi Zink, Paige Aresco, (back row from left) Alyson Darmofal, Emily Marcero and Brooke Senkbeil. The team was coached by Jeff Marcero.



Pride-ful performance

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 14U Stars girls fast-pitch softball team captured first place at the Super NIT Freedom Festival Tournament held July 1-2 at Maple Glen Park in Commerce Township. The Pride Stars squeezed the Compuware Orange, 10-5, in the title game. The victory earned the team a berth in the USSSA Elite World Series in Kissimmee, Fla., in August. Pictured are (front row from left) Ali Taylor, Lauren Roberts, Jill Brennan, Alyssa Gietl, Mary Johnson (second row from left) Amy Dunleavy, Emily Pitcole, Christina Parsons, Amanda Burnard, CarolAnn Sexauer and Miranda Rysdorp. Not pictured is Shelby Anthony. The team is coached by Mike Burnard, Denny Taylor and Kevin Pitcole.



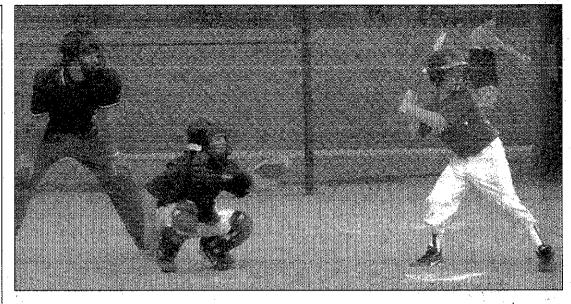
it's Back! Saturday July 29th

The Heart of the Hills 10k, 5k and walk, consistently voted one of Michigan's top races, is back after a two-year hiatus. A beautiful and challenging course starts at Andover High School (on Long Lake Rd. west of Telegraph Rd.) and winds through Bloomfield Hills.

Look for registration forms at local running stores or sign up online at www.heartofthehillsrace.com. All proceeds benefit Bloomfield Hills Optimists, Recreation & Community Services & Children's Miracle Network.



www.heartofthehillsrace.com



Nationals player Steven Cadwell waits on a pitch during Monday night's Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association U10 championship game at McClumpha Park. The Nationals' 11-1 loss to the Yankees couldn't diminish the team's magical late-season run.

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four games and entered the post season as the 11th-seeded team in the 12-team league.

"Truthfully, the way things were going early on in the season, we didn't expect to win a game," admitted Wiessner. "So when we won that first one, it felt like we had won the World

Despite the respectable finish to the regular season, the team's playoff run was expected to last about five innings or 90 minutes — whichever came first in their post-season opener. After all, they were matched

in the first round against the league's third-best team, which had rocked them 9-2 a few weeks earlier.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

The Nationals not only won their first playoff game, but, amazingly, they won their quarterfinal showdown over the No. 2-seeded team, and they rallied to win their semifinal game to advance to the league championship game against the powerful Yankees.

Why was this team that couldn't notch a win - let alone score a run — a few weeks earlier now knocking off teams like a bowling ball thundering through pins?

For one thing, their skills

were improving the more they played. But just as important was the fact that they believed in themselves thanks to Cadwell's never-doubt-yourself

coaching philosophy. In the end, the Nationals met the same fate as Rocky Balboa and the Bad News Bears in Monday night's league championship game.

The Yankees prevailed, 11-1. But the Nationals congratulated the winners before walking off the field with their heads up and their spirits high.

As he looked on, Kevin Cadwell couldn't have been more proud of the Nationals if they had won 11-1.

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Rams earn national berth, 4-2

Monday's come-from-behind victory for the Michigan Rams enabled Rick Berryman's team to earn a third consecutive trip to the AAABA National Tournament in Johnstown, Penn.

That distinction followed a two-run sixth, which lifted the host Rams to a 4-2 triumph over the Detroit Eagles in a Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League game at Ford Field. With the victory, the Rams again will represent the 20U Division of the LMCBL. Sixteen teams will compete at the tournament, which begins

The Rams (19-11) have finished fourth at the past two tourneys.

Against the Eagles (11-17), the Rams fell behind 2-0 in the second inning, but bounced back to tie the game on single tallies in the fourth and fifth.

That set up the decisive rally, which began when Redford Catholic Central alum Eric Vojtkofsky doubled and Mike Sacha (2-for-3, one RBI) singled.

Rob Campbell (2-for-2) knocked them both in with a single.

Ryan Shay also plated a run with a sacrifice

For the Eagles, Otis Young (1-for-3) knocked in both runs, scored against Rams' starting pitcher Steve Karchefske.

Earning the victory with three innings of

scoreless relief was Mike Shay.
On Saturday, the Rams and Michigan Bulls (23-5) divided a doubleheader, also played at Livonia's Ford Field.

The Rams took the opener 4-1, behind a complete-game pitching effort by John Fileccia. Max Miller (1-for-3) knocked in two runs while Sacha and Tim Kalczynski also drove in a run each.

In Game 2, the Bulls scored five runs in the third - three on a homer by Matt Kay - to offset an early 5-2 Rams lead and go on to post an 8-6 triumph. Aaron Powell ripped two doubles in four at-bats for the Bulls, while Brian Campbell and Kevin Zerbo also both went 2-for-4.

Bright spots for the Rams included a 2-for-3 effort by Scott Cain (one run, two RBI) and a 2for-4 outing by Andrew Stafford, who scored a

Swaving scorching hot in 5-0 win

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Kristy Swaving was just about as hot as the weather Saturday night, scoring three goals and assisting on a fourth to spark Michigan Hawks Women to a 5-0 drubbing of Cincinnati at Livonia Stevenson.

Swaving, a forward from Rochester who attends Oakland University, tallied her 12th, 13th and 14th goals of the Midwest Division W-League campaign. Her hat-trick tied her with Toronto's Sylvia Forbes for the league's goalscoring lead.

But it was forward and Stevenson alum Melissa Dobbyn who got the first-place Hawks (9-2-2) off and running against the Ladyhawks (4-6-2).

In the second minute of play on the steamy evening (93

degrees at kick-off time), midfielder Asuka Kubota set up Dobbyn who made no mistake burying a shot behind Cincinnati goalkeeper

Stephanie Comisar. About two minutes later, Kubota scored her seventh of the season, on an assist from

Swaving. Before intermission, the Hawks made it 3-0 on Swaving's first goal of the night. Assisting on the marker was midfielder Erin Konheim. a West Bloomfield native who recently graduated from

Michigan added a couple goals in the final 10 minutes, both scored by Swaving. Setting up those goals were Kubota and midfielder-forward Marissa Sarkesian (Plymouth Salem).

Michigan State University.

Collecting the shutout for the Hawks was Kathryn

Cumming, who only had to stop two shots, both in the first

The win followed Friday's 4-1 triumph over visiting London (Ont.) that featured two goals by Dobbyn and single tallies by Swaving and Kubota.

"The big three were great this weekend," said head coach Doug Landefeld. "They accounted for all nine goals and had five of the assists."

Next up for the Hawks is the final game of the regular season schedule, set for 7 p.m. Friday at London against the Gryphons.

Landefeld said the London match "will hopefully be an opportunity to tune up for the playoffs where we will either play Charlotte or Central Florida, a rematch from last year."

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Vardar Bucks stifle Kalamazoo

The Michigan Vardar Bucks Saturday reclaimed second place and the final playoff position for the time being, as they raced past the Kalamazoo Kingdom in Mattawan, 4-1.

The Bucks (7-4-2, 23 points) were led by leading scorer Kenny Uzoigwe, who scored two first half goals and assist specialist Nate Jafta, who assisted on three goals. Mychal Turpin netted two second-half goals against Kingdom goalkeeper Eric Pogue to cement the win for Michigan.

Jafta again controlled the offensive flow for the Bucks, who had several other chances to blow the game open early, if not for the saves of Pogue. Kalamazoo (6-5-3, 21 points)

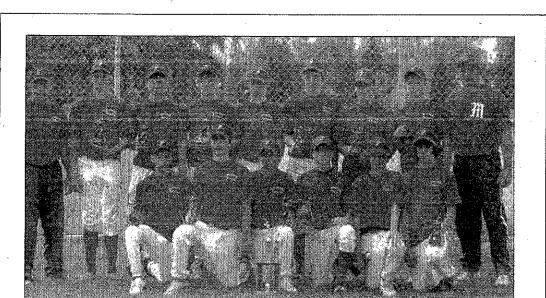
spoiled Bucks keeper Steve Clark's bid for a shutout when Stuart Riddle scored a nice free kick from the edge of the penalty area in the 40th minute to make the halftime score 2-1. The Bucks can officially

eliminate the Kingdom from playoff contention with a win Wednesday, while they would strengthen their own campaign.

The Bucks are assured of making the playoffs for the 10th time in 11 seasons if they should win their remaining three matches.

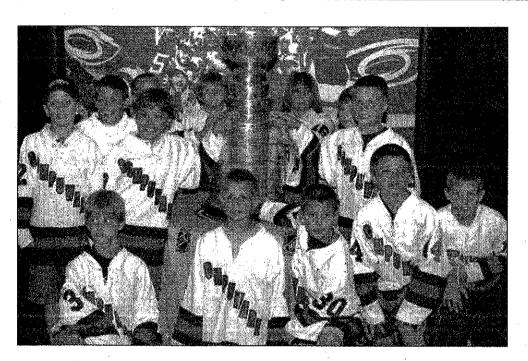
Following the Bucks-Kingdom rematch, the Bucks return home to close the regular season with back-to-back home games at Rochester Stoney Creek High School.

The Bucks take on the Ft. Wayne Fever on Saturday and then host the West Michigan Edge on Sunday night. Kickoff for both matches is 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the gate and cost \$10 (adults) and \$5 (youth). For more information, visit the team web site at www.buckssoccer.com.



'W'in-dians triumph

The Michigan Indians travel baseball team, which plays its home games at Massey Field in Plymouth, captured the Farmington Blues invitational recently. The Indians outslugged the Eastside Spartans, 12-6, in the championship game. Pictured (front row from left) are Tyler Rusin (Canton), Kevin Delapaz (Plymouth), Joel Seddon, Lance Fortney, Matt Willner, Zack Cisek (Canton), (second row from left) Greg Lenhoff (manager), Marty Mitchell, Jeremy Shay (Garden City), Nathan Gendron (Plymouth), Kyle Sampson (Belleville), Adam Forster (Belleville), Matt Schaeffer (Plymouth), John Jakubik (Plymouth) and Jeff Dundas (coach).



Once-in-lifetime chance

Members of the Compuware '97 junior hockey team pose with the Stanley Cup Monday night at the Compuware Sports Arena. Peter Karmanos, the owner of the Plymouth Whalers and the 2006 Stanley Cup champion Carolina Hurricanes, arranged for the trophy to be displayed at various locations throughout the Detroit area this week.

Madonna SID earns accolades

Madonna University garnered three media honors in the 2005-06 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Sports Information Directors publications contest, highlighted by a "Best Cover" selection for the 2006 Baseball Media Guide.

In addition to the cover award, the first ever "Best Cover" nod for Madonna, publication honors were received for the baseball and volleyball media guides and athletic department website.

The athletic website, www.madonna.edu/crusaders, which earned "Best Website" honors a year ago, placed fourth among nearly 300 member institutions. It marks the third top-five finish for the department site in school history. Assistant athletics director Matt Fancett, who produced the guides and website,

was happy for the recognition. "It is a good feeling to be recognized by your peers," stated Fancett. "We have worked extremely hard to retool the website over the last few years, culminating in last years number one finish. It is nice to be back in the top five, and our goal next year is to climb back

The 67-page baseball media guide received a second-place award in its category, the highest finish for a baseball guide in school history. The 108page volleyball guide received a 10th place mark, the fourth straight year the volleyball guide has earned a top-10 fin-

up to the top."

"The best cover honor came as a bit of a surprise," continued Fancett. "Again, it means a lot coming from SID's across the nation who vote, because they truly understand the time

and effort that goes into it." The most recent awards for Fancett and Madonna bring his total to eight top five media guide finishes and two top-five website awards. He has now been honored with a number one media guide (2003-04 basketball), number one cover (2006 baseball) and number

one website (2005-06). Fancett's role changes slightly for the 2006-07 year with the addition of Tony Baldwin as Sports Information Director this summer.

"I am thrilled to have Tony on staff and we are excited about making our publication pieces even better in the future," said Fancett. "It is nice to be recognized because the award is for Madonna University, and I believe that with Tony bringing fresh ideas to the table we can continue to



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Carter Staffeld for his team's strong showing in the extrainning nail-biter.

Michels and Adsit both threw four strong innings while Price and Staffeld contributed two hits a piece.

Price also commended the play of catcher Charlie Barylski, who caught all nine innings and threw out a runner trying to steal second.

"They squeezed in a run in the ninth to beat us," Price said. "It was a tough game to lose, but the kids played extremely well."

The Pirates slipped to 0-3 on Tuesday following a hardfought 5-0 loss to the West Virginia Titans, who were stocked with three players who stood over six-feet tall and a trio of pitchers who hit close to 75 miles per hour on the radar

"Even though we lost, I think the kids realize that they can compete with teams that play at a very high level," said Price, whose team qualified for the World Series this summer by placing third in the Kensington Valley League. "We're classified as a AA team, but we wanted



go face the pitcher,

Observer.

to play in the AAA World Series because it was in our hometown.

"Next year, we'll play in the AA tournament and we'll be better prepared for it because of what we've learned playing at the AAA level this year."

Despite going winless in pool play, the Pirates can still earn some hardware for their treas-

ure chests. The teams were divided into two divisions gold and silver — following the conclusion of Tuesday's pool play for a single-elimination tournament. Results of how the Pirates fared will be appear in the July 27 edition of the

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be playing in this game with all these great players is very exciting."

Bradley will be one of five Observerland players on the East team's roster. He'll be joined by Canton's Ryan Jonik, Livonia Stevenson's Pat Clasgens, Redford Union's Chris Brown and Livonia Franklin's D.J. Tracy. All five players enjoyed prolific senior seasons and were instrumental in their respective teams reaching the post-season playoffs.

Canton coach Tim Baechler will serve as the East's coach. He was selected for the distinguished position last August, several months before he led the Chiefs to the Division 1 final game against Rockford.

"I'm very honored to be selected to coach in this game because I know there were a lot of good coaches that were nominated," said Baechler. "We want to win the game, but the No. 1 thing is that it's a showcase for the players."

Selecting the players who filled out the East's roster proved to be a time-consuming task for Baechler, who reviewed enough game tape to fill up a few aisles at Family Video.

Every high school football coach in the state was allowed to nominate up to three seniors from their team. Baechler said

that he was not permitted to select players that were not nominated by their coaches.

"We asked the coaches to send us film on the players who were nominated, then we watched all the film," explained Baechler. "It was very tedious, but we wanted to make sure we were fair to all of the players. We did the best we could and we definitely weren't lazy when it came to picking the team." Serving as assistant coaches

with Baechler will be Wyandotte Roosevelt coach Ron Adams, who will serve as the defensive coordinator, Canton assistant coaches Jake Houser and Tom Garrett, Detroit Southeastern coach Donshell English and Roosevelt assistant coach Jason Carpenter.

One player Baechler didn't have to watch film on was Jonik, an All-League tackle who opened up gaping holes for the Chiefs' running backs all season right before Baechler's eyes.

Jonik, who will continue his football career at Wayne State University in August, is noticeably stronger and slightly leaner than he was during his last game with the Chiefs in late November.

"The Wayne State coaches put me on a workout program that has really helped me get stronger," said Jonik, whose maximum bench press has soared from 325 to 405 while

his weight has dropped from 305 to 294. "I was excited and a little surprised — when I found out I was selected to the All-Star team because I only really played a lot my senior vear.

Jonik said that relatively short period - just under a week - the players had to practice for Saturday's game will be no problem for him.

"Once I put the pads on, I'm ready to go," he said. "Coach Baechler said there are three right tackles on the team, so we'll be rotating throughout the game. I watched the tape of last year's game when (Canton's) Jake Powers played, and it looked like the hitting was pretty intense. I'm looking forward to it."

Tracy and Jonik will be teammates on Saturday - and for the next four years at Wayne State. Tracy, a hard-hitting linebacker and hard-running fullback, helped lead Franklin to the 2005 Western Lakes Activities Association crown and the school's first post-season berth in three decades.

"It's a nice honor for me and something that's been a goal of mine for a couple of years, Tracy said. "I've been working out and running all summer, so I'm ready to go. It will be fun playing in a stadium that has so much history."

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We're there!







Friday, July 21, 7:05

Fireworks compliments of Pepsi (post-game, weather permitting). Chevy HHR "Drive One Home" Giveaway* Win a new 2006 Chevy HHR, sponsored by your Detroit Area Chevy Dealers. Lucky Lottery Friday courtesy of the Michigan Lottery. First 10,000 fans [18 and over] receive a special Tigers scratch-off card.

Saturday, July 22, 1:25 - SPECIAL GAME TIME Nationally Televised Game Come and cheer on your Tigers as they battle

the A's in this nationally televised game. Chevy HHR "Drive One Home" Giveaway* Win a new 2006 Chevy HHR, sponsored by your Detroit Area Chevy Dealers.

Sunday, July 23, 1:05 - PHOTO DAY FREE Jeremy Bonderman Bobblehead to the first 7,500 children (14 and

under) compliments of Little Caesars. On-Field Photo Day Bring your camera and take pictures of your favorite Tigers players on the Comerica Park field before the game, presented by Meijer and Ball Park Hot Dogs. (11:15 am - 12:15 pm; weather permitting) Luxury Cruise Giveaway!** One fan will win a seven-day Caribbean Cruise for two. Travel provided by Corporate Travel Services.

Kids Day! FREE rides courtesy of Red Robin. Kids Run the Bases (post-game, weather permitting) sponsored by Pepsi, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. Plus five lucky children will win a battery-powered Hummer® H2™



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PUNT, PASS & KICK

The City of Livonia's Department of Parks and Recreation will be hosting the 2006 NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Wednesday, Aug. 30. Registration is set to begin at 4 p.m. with the competition beginning at

Girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 15 years old are eligible to compete in the free event.

The event will take place at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields located on Hubbard Rd. between Farmington and Merriman.

The PP&K allows youngsters to showcase their football talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance and accu-

Age classifications are as of Dec. 31 of this year.

No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed.

The top finishers from each of the eight age groups at the local competition will advance to a sectional

competition. The winners of the sectional will have their scores compared with other sectional champions, with the top five advancing to the 20th Annual Detroit Lions Team

For more information, call Erin Jeffery at (734) 466-2414.

Championships at Ford Field.

GRIZZLIES TRYOUTS

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Tryouts for the Plymouth/Canton Grizzlies 9U travel baseball team will be held Saturday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plymouth Township Park's diamond #2. The park is located on Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck Rd.

All players must be 9 years old or younger on April 30, 2007, and reside or attend school in Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton. If interested, send an inquiry to terrimurray@sbcglobal.net.

12U GIRLS TRYOUTS

Fall tryouts for the Little Caesars Girls 12U AAA team will take place 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, both at Redford Ice Arena (Beech Daly between Schoolcraft (Jeffries Fwy. service drive) and Plymouth roads.

The head coach is Scott Brickey, a member of the 1987 national champion University of North Dakota hockey team. Former St. Cloud University women's team captain Tina Ciraulo is the assistant coach.

For more information, contact team manager Tom Strazzulla at (734) 497-7290.

COACHES SOUGHT

■ Livonia Ladywood is looking for a girls junior varsity field hockey coach for the fall 2006 season.

Please fax resumes to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

■ Redford Union High School is seeking qualified coaches for 2006-07 for the following positions: girls varsity tennis coach, assistant swimming and diving coach, assistant hockey coach, boys junior varsity soccer coach and girls varsity softball coach. Any interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Brett Steele, athletic director, Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI, 48240 or call the athletic department at (313) 242-4270.

Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching positions available for the 2006 fall season in varsity girls competitive cheer and varsity dance cheer.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

ST. EDITH VOLLEYBALL

■ Tryouts for the Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program at St. Edith, located at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile) in Livonia will start Monday, Aug. 14. It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

GCYBSA SIGN-UPS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) is currently accepting registrations for fall baseball for kids between the ages of 4 and 18. Games will begin the first week of September and run through the end of October.

The registration deadline is Aug.

Registration forms are available at the Canton Softball Center and the Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the GCÝBSA hotline at (734) 394-5489 or (734) 394-5358, or check the Web site at csc.canton-mi.org.

CAR & BIKE SHOW

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding its 2nd Annual Car & Bike Show on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Home Depot, which is located at 39825 Ford Rd. (east of I-275) in Canton.

The first 50 individuals to register will receive free dash plaques and goodie bags.

Pre-registration (postmarked before Aug. 1) is \$10. The admission at the gate is \$15.

For more information, contact Jane at (734) 891-9909 or gcracker60@wowway.com.

CANTON SWIM FUND-RAISER

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding a carwash fund-raiser on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marathon gas station located on the corner of Warren and Lilley roads in Canton.

IGNITION TRYOUTS

The Detroit Ignition professional soccer team, which will begin playing games at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township in November, will be holding open team tryouts at Canton's High Velocity Sports facility from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Visit www.detroitignition.com or contact Lindsey Gamrod at Lindsey.gamrod@hantzgroup.com. The Ignition will open the 2006-

07 season at home on Nov. 4. **GOLF OUTING**

The 2006 Plymouth Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 29 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Ford and Napier roads in Canton. The checkin time for the four-person scramble is 1 p.m. with a 2 p.m. shotgun start. The \$110-per-player fee includes a post-outing steak dinner. The cost to attend the dinner is \$35. Call Paul Gilbert at (734) 735-2661.

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Annika Sorrenstam tried it once. Annika also earned it. Michelle Wie has tried it several times. Michelle

Wie, at age 16 and without a victory on the LPGA tour, has not earned it. Playing in a PGA tour event against the guys is no easy chore. The reasons are obvious. For a woman to

succeed, she needs a well polished and mature game. Annika Sorrenstam exhibited just that when she took on the men at the Colonial on the PGA tour back in 2003. Annika missed the cut but put up a noble fight. After all, she was by far the most decorated female golfer in

the world. Not only had she won countless tournaments on the LPGA tour before she took on the guys, she also had won many majors. In addition, she was not age 16.

For Michelle Wie to continue to get sponsor exemptions to the men's PGA tour events is ludicrous. Yes, it helps sell tickets. It also is becoming a circus act. She has never made the cut in a U.S. PGA tour event. Wie has not even won an event on the LPGA tour. Still she takes a spot away from another more deserving

player every time she accepts an exemption to play on the PGA tour. Let her earn it first.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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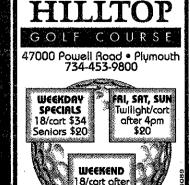


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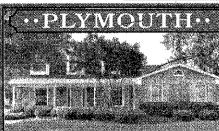
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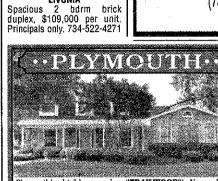
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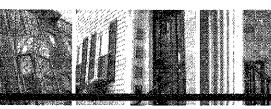
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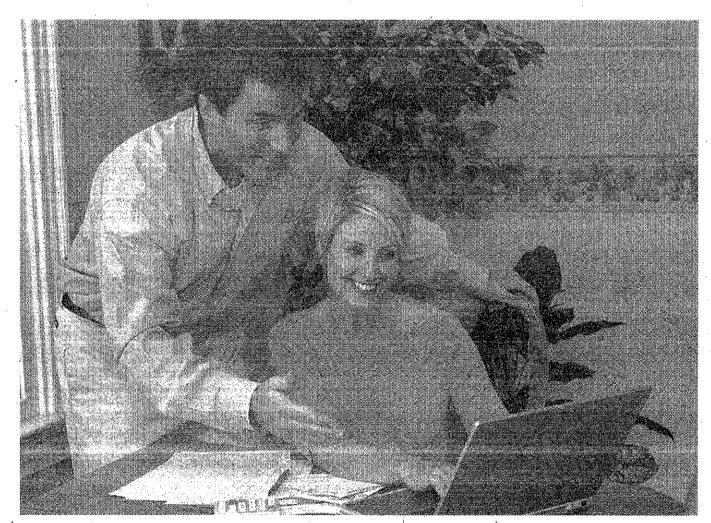
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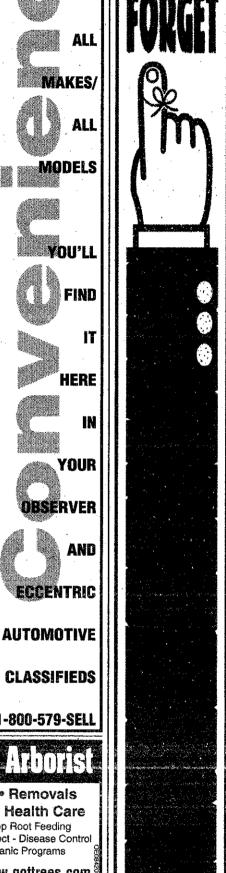
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You may well represent a form of change your co-workers view as a challenge to their modus operandi. If that's the case, you need to learn how to get your them to stop killing the messenger, says David Cadden, School of Business professor at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. You re really a threat if you seem different, because that amplifies their discomfort.

Jennifer Long, founder and principal of the Selby Group in San Francisco, has spent 12 years delivering training called Successfully Addressing Conflict. She mentions that being upbeat has its downside, potentially threatening everyone else, who feel as if bears are attacking their cave. Watch out for another major stumbling block: They

may not understand the reason for the change, according to Mark Harris, OD consultant at Harris Development Group L.L.C. in Deerfield, Ill. Conflict consultant Jim White of JL (sic) White International Inc., in Monterey, Calif., adds that some individuals may lack the energy for change. Their fear and anger may well suggest, Long points out, that they re overwhelmed while they try to process what's happening. Their productivity goes down.

Person-to-Person Your first instinct might be to confront the attacks head-on, particularly if you find them the dominant issue. Long advises blunting them by capturing their hearts and minds, not just telling them to

obey, (by-speaking) openly and constructively with the ones attacking you. This will likely bring the attacks to a standstill and give you a running start at building teamwork. Be certain to listen. Another method is to

communicate that you want the attacks to stop by finding out what s causing them. Acknowledge their feelings, Harris states, by saying something like, Obviously, this must be very uncomfortable. You sound upset. Then speak unemotionally and without being judgmental so you can determine what they find offensive. Maintain the focus upon underlying issues.

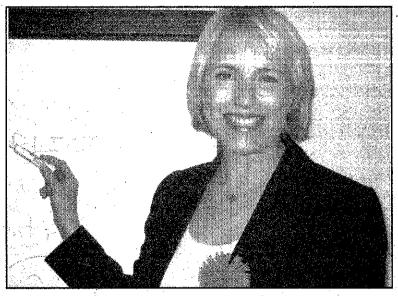
Issues Cadden, of Quinnipiac, offers a more straightforward, all-inclusive process, when you and the team are at

loggerheads. It involves guiding the attackers so that they can articulate a solution to the overall problem, the one at the root of the conflict. This would seem to be an extremely fruitful approach when working with people with whom you have tremendous personal differences. Cadden advises beginning by differentiating between the symptoms of the problems and their fundamental source. Become very clear about that source so

you can communicate it to the others. Know what you really need out of this process (and then) what you want, he states. Do the same for the warring faction.

If they re wildly different, he suggests, ask yourself what common goal would be acceptable to the others. Have the others come up with that system suggestion so they can view it as their own.

The last directive might appear to involve sleight-of-hand, but it doesn t. Its success depends upon the teams grasp of



Jennifer Long delivers a training seminar called "Successful Addressing Conflict".

the underlying problem and your ability to lead them to possible solutions. You must guide the process to resolution.

Long sums up the situation by predicting that more change will result and that these techniques offer an opportunity to experiment in extremely difficult situations. If they work, you may be able to accelerate the change. It's never too soon to prepare for the next call for change.

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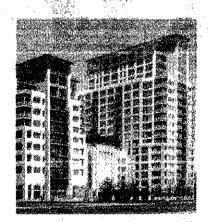
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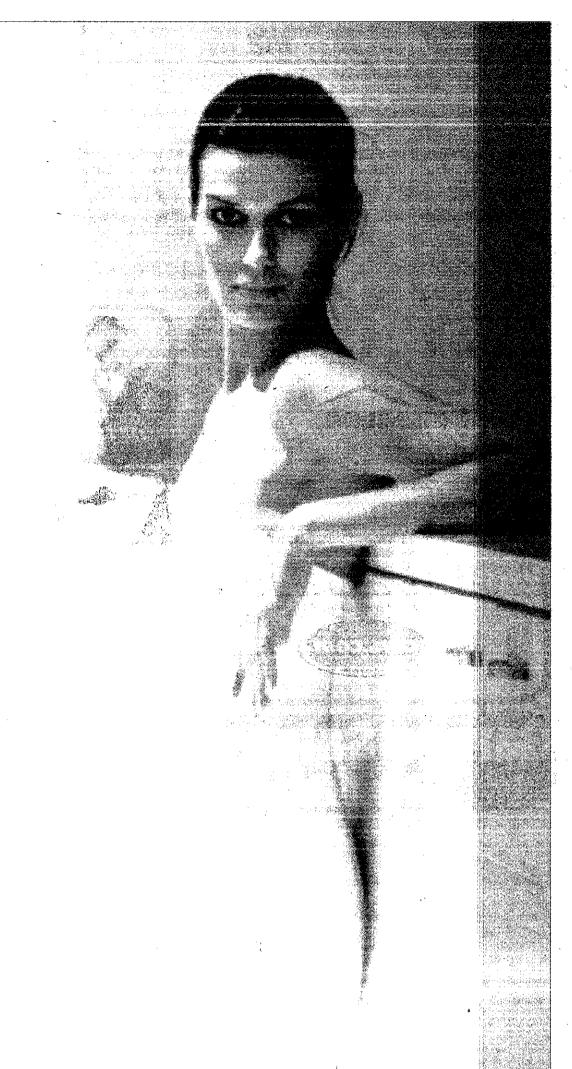
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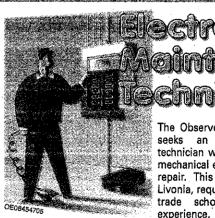
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St., HUGE SALE! Furniture

clothes, housewares, chil-drens' toys, strollers, lots more. July 21 & 22, 9am-4pm BIRMINGHAM 494 Pleasant S of Maple, E of Cranbrook. Sat. July 22, 9am-4pm. Furniture, household items, kids' clothing, toys & books.

BIRMINGHAM Attic Sale - 503 Arlington, S off Maple, W of Southfield. Furniture, household goods, Fri., 7-21st, 10am 4pm.& Sat.,. 9-12. Cash Only! BLOOMFIELD HILLS July 21-

22; 10-5; 4650 Brightmore Rd. (Ardemore off of Lahser). Tools, Furniture, exercise equip, microwave, golf clubs. BIOOMFIELD HILLS 2643 Hunter's Bluff, Thurs., July 20 - Sun., July 23, 11am-6pm. Furniture, china, toys, home

decor, sports, slot machine. BLOOMFIELD TWP. KIRK-WOOD SUB. SALE Thurs., July 20th thru July 22, 9-4. Antiques, clothing, furniture & much more. N. side of Walnut Lk., btwn Franklin & Inkster S. side of Quarton, btwn.

Franklin & Inkster.

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE July 20; 9-3& 21st; 9-12. 2775 Indian Mound rd (off Covington). Multi family: furniture, kids, clothing, household CANTON 43827 Arlington Rd., N. of Warren, E. of Sheldon, July 20-22, 9-5 Tools, harditems, baby things, kids' toys CANTON July 20, 8am-4pm; July 21, 22, 7am-2pm, 8363 Holly Dr. Holiday Park, Lots of

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FARMINGTON HILLS 30654 High Valley Rd., Rolling Oaks Sub., btwn 13 & 14, Farmington/Drake, Wed.-Sat. 19th-23rd, 9-5:30pm. Households items, some furniture. exercise equipment, men's, women's & Jr clothing, party dresses, silver plates, more!

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FARMINGTON HILLS July 21 & 22; 9-4pm, 28708 Creek Bend Dr. All proceeds

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Garage Sales

Ridge Dr., Sheldon & Saltz Garage Sale

SALE! yard tools, shop tools, furniture, antiques, guitar, misc. Sat. only, 8am-2pm, 6584 Steeple Ridge Dr.

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east of Orchard Lake Rd. Furniture, Fitz & Floyd Christmas figures, wooden santas, books, and household items, Friday-Saturday July

22410 Power Rd. Wide variety! Antiques & collectibles. Everything must GO! Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9am-?.

FARMINGTON HILLS

FARMINGTON HILLS 31109 11 Mile. E of Orchard Lake Rd. Contents of decorator's home No junk, good quality, good prices! Thurs-Sun., 8-5pm.

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23, 9am-6, 22605 Colgate FARMINGTON HILLS Appli ances, sporting goods, clothes, baby items, jewelry & more. 31917 Franklin Dr. July 21-23rd; 9-5.

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ousehold items. Good things at great prices! CLARKSTON: MOVING IN FERNDALE GARAGE SALE -Sat. and Sun., July 22 & 23. 764 Gardendale, (N. of 8 Mile, E of Livernois) Housewares and Furniture.

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July 21 & 22, 9am-5pm, 38849 Richland Books, Furniture, Beanie Babies, etc. LIVONIA 14757 Harrison btwn. 5 Mile/Middlebelt, July 21-23, 9-5, wooden chairs,

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LIVONIA 11404 Auburndale W of Merriman, S of Plymouth. Sat., July 22nd ONLY! 9am-3pm. Tons of new home interior CHEAP!

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July 22-27; 9AM-4PM

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Multi-Family. 16251 Hubbard, btwn 5 & 6 Mile Rds. July 22

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NORTHVILLE Ludlow Court, btwn. 5 & 6 Mile, E. of Bradner. Furniture, misc.

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NORTHVILLE - Baby furniture clothes & household, 16321 Lincoln, Northville Ridge Sub, SW corner of 6 Mile & Ridge Rds. Thurs - Sat. 10-4pm. NORTHVILLE/NOVI July 21-22, 9am-4pm, 21997 Ironside N. Of 8 Mile & E. of Center

Household, Baby Items, Toys, Clothes, Furniture, etc. NOVI-July 20-22; 9-4; 28331 Haggerty Rd (N. of 12 Mile) Lots of stuff: Furniture, tools, sports cards, toys, and old

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Sub) REDFORD YARD SALE, 19550 Imperial, July 21-23, 10am-4pm. Misc. electronics, household items,

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REDFORD 17331 Glenmore, 6

REDFORD Fri., Sat., Sun., 9am-5pm, 15422 Gaylord W of Beech Daly, N. of 5 Mile. Lots of stuff! REDFORD - Huge Sale! Tools,

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Hamlin, W of Rochester Rd.

and freebles. ROYAL OAK 4 Family Sale - 7/21-7/22, 9am-3pm. 1828 12 Mile - Pottery Barn rug, women & kids' clothes (Gymboree, Gap) toys & gear, vintage stove.

ROYAL DAK 204 S. Dorchester Ave. 11 Mile, E. of Campbell. July 21-23, 10 am-6pm. TV Entertainment center. furniture, clothes, tools.

vintage stove.

niture, baby items, clothes, household & morel On Durham Rd.. 2 blks W, of Crooks N. of 13. July 21 & 22, 9-3pm. SALEM TWSP. Annual Garage Sale, Stone School, Corner of N. Territorial & Curtis Rd

Saturday, 7/22, 9-4pm.

ROYAL OAK- Block sale! Fur-

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21-22, 10-6

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Herbmoor, btwn., Crooks & Livernois, off/Square Lake. July 22, 9-4, Brass bed, china, silver, crystal, collectible dolls, antique mirror. SOUTHFIELD WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SUB SALE - FRI-SAT, 9AM Many homes participating. 10 Mile & Southfield Road.

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TROY - July 20-22, 7am-2pm 4637 Walden Dr, Carlson Sub. ROYAL OAK July 22-23; 9-5 (Sat) & 10-4 (Sun); 1313 Cherokee. Teacher items, household, furniture clothing, off Long Lake, btwn Grooks & Livernois. Everything must go! Rain or shine! TROY July 20-22: 10-4: 2776 Cedar Ridge (off Big Beaver between Adams & Coolidge). Tons of toys, clothing, small applicances, furniture, misc.

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SOUTHFIELD Twyckingham

9am-2pm; July 22, 9am-3pm 4966 Biddle. WAYNE Multi-Family with baby clothes, antiques, etc. Starts Thursday. 4319 First St., southeast corner of

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Maple, W. of Middlebelt. Thurs.-Sat., July 20-22, 9-4. Furniture, clothing, toys, etc.

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July 20-23; 9-4; 7280 South Tratham ct (N. of 14 mile off. Middlebelt) Everything must go! Kids' items included. WESTLAND 33662 Fernwood South of Cherry Hill, West of Venoy, July 22-23, 9-5: NOT JUST JUNK!

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> Furniture, antiques, dishes, tools, yard equip. July 20-22, 9am-4pm, 719 Stanford Circle, N off Avon, E of Adams. LATHRUP VILLAGE Piano, Fischer Spinet, \$1000; other furniture, mattresses, toys, Fri. & Sat., 9-4, 18781 Dolores St. 11/12/Evergreen/ Southfield

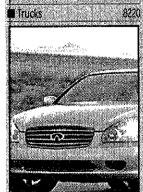
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But better is indeed what happened with the 2007 Mustang. The new model is chock full of new features that make the sports car which account for nearly one out of every two sports cars sold in the U.S.

Available in 8 models that include V-6 Deluxe, V-6 Premium, GT Deluxe and GT Premium in coupe and convertible models, the 2007 version comes with new features such as 18-inch wheels, door stripes and unique front and rear fascias.

Key to those improvements are new options on the 4.0-liter, V-6 engine, GT and GT Premium models. New this year are heated front and passenger and front seats, six-way power passenger seats, Sirius satellite radio and a DVD-based navigation system option on

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A new GT appearance package includes an engine cover with a Pony emblem and a hood scoop. The V-6 Premium adds 16-inch, painted rims with

chrome spinners and a Shaker 500 audio system with a six-disc CD changer and MP3 capabilities. New for the GT Deluxe is a 4.6-liter, V-8 engine; front fog lamps in the grille; and rear spoiler.

There are new items inside, as well, including a larger front stabilizer bar, a new rear stabilizer bar and specially fitted, large factory wheels and tires and rims emblazoned with Pony center middles as part of that

There's also a California option on the GT Premium that adds 18-inch wheels, side scoops, a larger intake and a chin spoiler that is 1.5 inches lower than the GT. With all of the improvements, it s easy to see why the

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2007 Ford Mustang. Vehicle class: Sports car. Power: V-6, V-8 engine. Mileage: V-6, 19 city/25 highway; V-8, 17 city/23 highway. Where built: Flat Rock, Mich. Base price: \$19,115-\$31,280, depending on the version.

four-seat Mustang has kept its longevity and sales power over more than 40-years. All of the design cues you d expect to find in a Mustang the C-scoops in the side, signature long hood are still there.

But the Mustang is adding to its already top-notch

reputation. New for this year, the 2007 model includes a color-matched instrument panel that allows drivers to customize their driving experience a first in the auto industry. Drivers can, with the touch of a button, create 125 backgrounds, from soothing and serene palettes to eclectic and bright colors.

Rewind a bit, and you can see that Mustang didn t forget the past when it retouched the 2007 model. Take the chrome air vents across the dashboard and the three-spoked steering wheel with a horse in the middle and tri-color bar logo very similar to features on the 1967 Mustang.

The power-packaged engine you d expect to find in a Mustang is there. The 4.6-liter, V-8 kicks out 300 horsepower 50 percent more than the small block V-8 in the 1968 Mustang. A 4.0-liter V-6 with 210 horsepower and 240 foot pounds of torque is standard all the speed you ll need to run errands.

Yes, it's fast, but it also handles superbly, thanks to MacPherson struts and a three-link rear suspension system that gives precise rear axle control during hard turns. Four-wheel disc brakes with the biggest rotors and stiffest calipers ever on a Mustang allow for onthe-dime braking.

If you thought the Mustang was fast, wait until you slip behind the wheel of the 2007 Shelby Cobra GT 500. Launched in June, the Shelby is a collaboration between racing legend Carroll Shelby and Ford. With a 32-valve, 5.4-liter, V-8 engine with 450

horsepower, the Shelby Cobra GT is the most powerful Mustang in history and the fastest to ever hit the road. The highly anticipated car marks the first time Shelby and Ford have teamed up in

Back to the Mustang. For all its speed, it doesn t neglect safety. The 2007 model features Ford s Personal Safety system that, in milliseconds, analyzes crash factors to determine the appropriate response. Passenger seat detectors turn air bag deployments off when small items such as briefcases or young children occupy the seat.
It s a sports car, no doubt, but with features like

that, you can't help but feel safer. There's also an optional anti-theft package with a sensing module that prevents tow-away thefts; an interior motion sensor to detect break-ins; and a separate, additional built-in alarm to discourage thieves from disarming the system by disabling the horn.

A four-channel anti-lock brake system (ABS) with traction control is standard on the GT model and is an option on V-4 models. There are new colors, too, like Grabber Orange, Clearcoat Metallic, and Alloy Clearcoat Metallic.

The improvements make one of America's most famous muscle cars even better.

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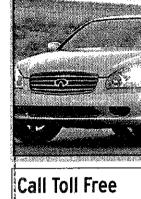
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Apple's new MacBook features a built-in camera, the cool Front Row media interface, and a wireless

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Of course not. But a few readers have suggested that I am going out of my way to ignore Macs.

For instance, when I wrote last month about security software, Freddie Little of Livonia asked why I "never men-

tion Apple's Macintosh computer as an alternative to having to go through all the Windows PC virus-protection headaches." And following my column on what kind

of PC to buy for students, Brian J. Doren of

Northville said he was "terribly disappointed that (I) completely ignored the computer options available from Apple."
In my own defense, I did mention Macs in the latter column, though only briefly, and with the caveat that only Mac-savvy

students should consider them for their high-school or college careers. But these readers are right: I usually give

Macs the short shrift. Why? First, the stock answer: Despite

decades of positive press, Macs command a mere 3.6 percent of the United States PC market, according to research firm Gartner. It stands to reason, then, that I should apportion my col-

ers are Windows users, but certainly they represent a vast Second, the petty answer: I don't particularly like them. At this point I'd like to remind everyone that these are

umn accordingly. I don't know if 96.4 percent of my read-

just computers we're talking about, and this is just my inion. Hear me out before you perform the e-mail eq alent of hurling eggs at my head.

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OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Do you remember carbon copy paper?

eing the computer savvy guy that I am (note the heavy sarcasm) something struck me the other day as I was sarcasm) something something sarcasm) sharing an e-mail from a nice gentleman in Nigeria. (Apparently, I am due a considerable amount of money. All I need to do is send them my bank account information and - bingo - they wire me \$11 or \$40 million. How easy is that?)



What struck me as odd about this whole transaction was not the fact that some total stranger picked me — me! — out of the millions of people in the world to benefit from this unforeseen windfall. No, it suddenly dawned on me that when I sent a copy of this e-mail to some friends I "cc'ed" them. "CC" stands for "carbon copy." Those of you who remember life before Madonna know that carbon paper was that sticky blue paper that made sure whatever you

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wrote on page one amazingly appeared on page two (or page three). It was messy -

and annoying - but effective.) Ask yourself this: When was the last time you saw carbon paper? Can you even buy any from your favorite office supply store? (In a touch of irony I checked one on the Web and — no, you can't buy carbon paper.)

So, why do we persist in "carboning" people with our emails? I'm no scientist but being on the radio affords me the luxury of making stuff up — so I can state for the record that there is absolutely no carbon involved in making e-mails. Or copies of e-mails. E-mailing is a perpetually renewable resource made from the sun or something. There's no cartel. No environmental impact statements. We will never run out of e-mail material - which explains why we don't recycle the stuff.

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Rochester Farmers Market is one of the farmers markets in the area.

Fresh stuff

It's time for farmers markets

BY LANA MIN STAFF WRITER

The packed crowds and summer heat didn't quash cheerful moods at Eastern Market in Detroit on a recent Saturday.

As browsers shopped for gigantic hanging flower baskets, vendors shouted the prices: "\$10 each, nor-

"Sold," said Mary Wiser of Detroit. "In fact, give me two." A few steps away another vendor

shouted cherry prices: "Two pounds for \$4, Michigan

grown." Patient shoppers could save a dollar by heading a few feet away where another seller priced her cherries at 2 pounds for \$3.

Wiser bought 3 pounds. "Fresh, cheap and we can enjoy the outdoors," Wiser said about her love of shopping at Eastern Market. "When I was little, my aunt would bring me here. I hated it ... but as an adult I realize how

nice farmers markets can be." Strawberries at \$10 per flat. Apricots and plums: \$1 per pound. Portabello mushrooms: \$2 per

For recipes using fresh produce, see Page D6.

Competition is strong at local farmers markets, and prices aren't just fair, they're often surprisingly

"It's a good way to balance the high gas prices," said Sherry Wiser of Detroit. And farmers markets aren't just

about produce. Arts, crafts and garden accessories are sold there On Saturday, July 22, the

Clarkston Farmers Market opens for its second season, which runs through October. Visitors can shop for goods

including fruits, herbs and vegetables, plus soaps and art work, while live bands perform. Northville's farmers market

doesn't compete with the weekend events in other communities. Every Thursday at least 1,000

people visit in a seven-hour period and more than 100 vendors provide goods. That market also runs through October.

"We have a jury process,"

Northville Chamber of Commerce President Jody Humphries said. "Vendors must supply us with samples of their goods or photos of their non-food items."

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Vendors also sell bird feeders, Victorian clothing, jewelry and garden art. But, of course, it's mainly about the food. At local markets it's easy to dis-

cover interesting fruits and vegeta-

Patty pans (tiny zucchini that can be stuffed or used in scrambled eggs) are coming in season at some farms. Maple Creek Farms, which specializes in certified organic fruits, vegetables, eggs and herbs, sells them at Rochester's Farmers Market.

Rochester's market, of course, isn't as big as Eastern Market, but the prices and selections are still There, kale can be bought for as

low as \$1 per bunch.

(A cooking tip: Sauté kale with fresh garlic, where five bulbs can be bought for \$1. Add a few red potatoes, at another dollar per basket, and voila! A \$3 lunch.)

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Detroit Eastern Market

7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2934 Russell St., Detroit, (586) 393-8800, www.easternmarket.org.

Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park,

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'm not a gardener. I don't claim to be, I really don't even want to be. Fortunately my wife, Karen, is a gardener and a good one at that. Her skills make our home quite a showplace.

Like many in the area, we live in a place that has its share of "cute little critters."

That's what

we have to do

something

about them.

Someone



Ask Dad

Harry

once told me Jachym that spreading human hair around the flower beds does wonders at keeping rabbits

and other critters away. I asked my friend (and the best barber in Plymouth) Larry at the Westchester Barber Shop for some of the hair he sweeps up. About the only thing the hair did was make the birds building their nests

We've tried many of the

chemical repellents that are on the market with little success.

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Fencing around the plants seems to work well but detracts from the beauty of the garden.

Poisons often work but they are messy. Besides, we have two greyhounds and we are leery about them getting into the poisons.

Our most success has been with humane, live traps baited with chocolate chip cookies spread with peanut butter.

These have downsides in that you have to take the animal far away from your house, preferably to a wooded area (check local regulations about releasing animals), and you may get a skunk who will have a tendency to let you know how much he doesn't like being in that trap.

Let's look at some of the common furry pests in our area and how to deal with

■ Moles live in tunnels and cause soil disturbance and plant upheaval. They are helpful by eating grubs, but they also hurt by eating earthworms. Using grub control on your lawn will help.

This is one place where we have found poison works well.

Making your family cool this summer, warm next winter.

Because it is placed in the tunnels, there is little chance of pets coming in contact with it.

■ Chipmunks eat seeds. nuts, roots and bulbs. They easily uproot new plantings. Trap them using peanut butter along with grains and seeds as bait.

Rabbits are a serious problem throughout the country. They enjoy feeding on vegetables, flowers and tree bark. It's best to fence them out with chicken wire or hardware cloth.

Groundhogs (woodchucks) like feeding in early morning and late afternoon on vegetables and flowers.

It's best to trap them or fence them out with a 3-foothigh fence buried several inches in the ground to prevent them from tunneling.

Groundhogs can be tough guys to catch. If the trapping or fencing them out fails, you may need to resort to poison gas smoke cartridges. These are available at many hardware stores in the area. Follow the directions that come with the cartridges.

Skunks are actually more of a nuisance because of their smell than from eating flowers. They are notorious for carrying rabies, however. Fence them out as you would groundhogs.

Skunks are best left to professionals. If you trap one by accident, be sure to wear protective clothing and eye goggles when handling them.

Raccoons, like skunks, aren't a problem in flower gardens, but do like grains (especially corn), seeds, vegetables and other plant materials. Keep them out with a wire fence or trap them.

Deer can be a problem, even in our populated area. They eat most flowers, vegetables and the bark of woody plants.

The best controls are smell repellents (deer have a keen sense of smell) and fences, 8 to 10 feet tall.

For more information on baits, trapping and other animal deterrents, see http://www.havahart.com/.

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VIRTUES?

Mac hardware is incomparably elegant, often beautiful no bones about that.

But I have always found the Mac operating system unintuitive and confusing. What's more, much of the software I know, love and own isn't available for Macintosh.

Plus, and this is where I'm really asking for trouble, I'm mildly annoyed by the rabid Mac cultists who espouse virtues that, in my mind, don't exist.

These myths of the Macintosh include unsurpassed ease of use, crash-proof operation, and total immunity to security threats like spyware and viruses.

Macs are easy? Maybe for first-time computer users (any of those left?), but not for Windows users, no sir. There are aspects of the OS that just don't make sense. The one-button mouse, for instance.

Macs are crash-proof? Puhleeze. I've seen Macs tank so badly that the only way out was to unplug them.

Don't take my word for it; here's a snippet from a July 11 post on Apple's support forum: "I had been using my system for most of the morning, went to make sandwich, came back and system was all locked up. Wouldn't respond at all. So I shut it down using power button on back. Waited a bit, then restarted it. Now it starts to boot, goes through the Apple logo screen, gets to clear blue screen and just stops. Goes no further."

Guess the dreaded "blue screen of death" isn't just a Windows problem.

As for security, well, that one's partially true. There are very few viruses or malware infections that affect Macs.

However, Mac users are just as susceptible to spam and phishing (identity theft via email) as Windows users, so it's not as though owning a Mac ensures total online safety.

Finally, there's price. Macs are certainly more affordable than they used to be, but they're still not bargains.

It's hard to justify spending \$1,099 on a MacBook with a 13-inch screen, 512MB of RAM and a DVD/CD-RW drive when that same money will buy me an HP Pavilion notebook with a 17-inch screen, 1GB of RAM and a DVD burn-

Simply put, I find no compelling reason to own a Mac. Windows, its rampant security issues notwithstanding, rarely causes me problems.

And I know how to fix it if it breaks. Macs are notoriously "closed" when it comes to userbased troubleshooting.

REVISITING

Despite all this, I have recently become interested in revisiting the platform.

The reason is Apple's new Boot Camp utility, which allows some Macs to run both the Mac OS and Windows XP. Best of both worlds, right? In theory, there would be almost no reason for me, or anyone else, not to choose a Mac.

Apple has finally agreed to send me a system for review, though it won't arrive for several weeks. When that happens, you can count on some extensive Mac coverage.

In the meantime, I invite all the Mac users out there to show me the light. Tell me why you're so devoted to the platform. Give me some concrete reasons why it's superior to ${f Windows.}$

In short, make me a believer. I'm all ears.

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thing. I'll admit I feel lost without my cell phone - and I don't even like to talk on the phone. I know plenty of people who can't live without their Blackberry (though I prefer blueberries. More antioxidants.) We have 24-hour news and the Internet that can answer the kind of questions that keep you awake at night. Like, what's the most common fish in Finland (humpbacked perch).

What does this have to do with cc'ing someone? History. In an e-mail instant message world that's moving faster than Big Al at an all-you-can-eat pastry bar, it's nice to take a moment to reflect on how we got here. As we embrace the technologies of the future consider this a little hug from the

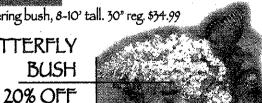
Now, if you'll excuse me I have to answer an e-mail from someone in Sierra Leone apparently my luck just keeps getting better and better.

END NOTE: Be sure to join us tomorrow morning as we broadcast live from the legendary Chess Records recording studios in Chicago.

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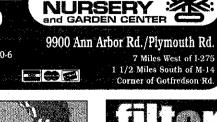




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GARDEN CALENDAR

Attracting butterflies

English Gardens will host a free seminar, Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, 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).

Attracting butterflies is easy if you create a friendly environment in your garden. The seminar will show you what's needed, including a list of plants they're sure to enjoy.

Lavender festival

Celebrate the lavender plant and its many uses by visiting Michigan's fourth annual Lavender Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, at Gabriel's Garden, 14000 34 Mile Road, 1-1/4 miles east of Van Dyke, in

Admission is \$3 for one day, \$5 for a two-day pass, free for under age 12. The event will include hands-on workshops, demonstrations, cooking classes, crafts, vendors, musical entertainment and gourmet food.

For information, visit www.michlavenderfestival.com or call (586) 336-0418.

Rose programs 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 Succeed with Climbing Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 23, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 24), and Hardy Shrub Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 30, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July

The climbing roses program will feature a slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

The shrub roses program will feature a slide lecture and garden tour.

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.

Hidden Lake Gardens

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on 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.

KSI Kitchen & Bath to give away \$30,000 kitchen makeover

KSI Kitchen & Bath is looking for the worst kitchen in town.

KSI will give a complete makeover to the most out-of-date, out-of-style or out-of-space kitchen

The makeover will include everything from KSI's expert design services and installation to new cabinetry, kitchen appliances, countertops

From now until Sunday, Aug. 6, consumers are invited to enter KSI's Great American Kitchen Makeover contest for a chance to win a kitchen remodel valued at \$30,000.

Entrants must explain in 150 words or less why their kitchen needs an entirely new look, and submit a photo of themselves in their

KSI showrooms in Birmingham (phone (248) 647-9567), Livonia (phone (734) 261-6960), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 769-7669), Macomb Township (phone (586) 532-1874) and Brighton (phone (810) 220-8730) are accepting entries.

The contest is open to residents of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, Monroe, Sanilac, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties who are 18 years of age and older.

More contest details are posted on the KSI Web site, www.ksikitchens.com.

The winner of KSI's Great American Kitchen Makeover contest will receive a \$30,000 floorto-ceiling remodel that includes:

KSI's design services and professional installation

■ Merillat cabinetry

■ The winner's choice of Corian or Zodiaq countertops and integrated sink

■ A refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, cooktop and built-in oven or range

■ Kohler kitchen faucet

■ Garbage disposal Freshly painted walls and ceiling

New flooring

■ New ceiling and under-cabinet lighting

Backsplash tiling

Once the winner has been selected, the kitchen makeover will be chronicled on ksikitchens.com and WXYZ-TV this fall. Viewers will be able to see the kitchen before

and after the remodel. WXYZ will also follow the winner during the remodel process as he or she selects new cabinetry, appliances, countertops and other kitchen accouterments.

LAST YEAR'S WINNER

Last fall, Julie Roberts of Ann Arbor was selected as the winner of KSI's kitchen makeover promotion. Roberts' kitchen was small and outdated and lacked counter and cab-

The seating area was inadequate and took up storage capability. The cabinetry was at least 40 years old and not space efficient. The countertop

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was out of date. Lighting was minimal. The refrigerator, dishwasher and other appliances were in awkward spots.

From October until November, when the makeover was completed, KSI designer Sabrina Riehle and Roberts spent many hours together.

Riehle evaluated the kitchen and discussed the family's lifestyle and what the family wanted the new kitchen to be like. She then created a design to give more storage and countertop space, better organization and a more open feel.

Riehle and Roberts met at the Ann Arbor showroom to select new cabinets, appliances, flooring and wall treatments.

The team of KSI craftsmen tore down a wall that was blocking traffic flow and consuming

storage space. They replaced the 1920s wiring with 21st cen-

tury electrical, and new plumbing was installed to replace the leaky old pipes that had stained When Riehle's design plan was executed, the

room took on an entirely new look and feel. By knocking down a wall, needed space and storage areas were gained, including drawers that roll out smoothly. The room was flooded with more natural light and under-cabinet light-

In place of the stark white cabinets and bold blue walls were soft tones and surfaces, making the room warmer and more inviting.

The light maple Merillat cabinets added space and openness; some have glass fronts to further enhance the look. A sleek glass cooktop and a tile backsplash in natural tones added to the warm, open look, along with the Corian countertops and integral sink.

Riehle reorganized the layout and added a pantry cabinet with sliding shelves, plus a slim spice cabinet that slides out below the counter-

She moved the dishwasher a few inches to make it more efficient to use. The spacious new Whirlpool Gold side-by-side refrigerator looks built-in, and there is a new built-in convection

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Shelby Township

Garden Walk 2006, sponsored by Shelby Gardeners Club, will take place noon to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Tickets are \$10 at Heritage Gardens, 52700 Van Dyke (Jack Millard Boulevard), south of 24 Mile. 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 Fridays); and from club members.

For information, call Paula Relich at (734) 525-2524.

Tickets will be sold at each home Saturday. 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

HOME CALENDAR

Michigan Design Center's semi-annual Floor Sample and Clearance Sale will be open to the public Friday-Saturday,

The sale has new extended shopping hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 28 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 29. Admission is \$7, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit Gilda's Club, which provides free emotional and social sup-

port to cancer patients and their families and friends. MDC is at 1700 Stutz in Troy, north off Maple (15 Mile) between Crooks and Coolidge. Its showrooms are usually open only to interior designers and their clients. The sale offers savings of 60 to 70 percent off list prices on hundreds of items, including furniture, Oriental rugs, lighting, original art, accessories and ceramic tile.

Merchandise will be sold as is, and all sales are final. Payment may be made by cash or check, and most showrooms will also accept Visa or MasterCard.

A delivery service will be available and arrangements can be made at the customer's expense. Delivery must be accepted within 10 days of purchase.

Popular design seminars will take place both days. There is no additional charge for sample sale participants to attend these seminars. The topics will be Defining Your Personal Style (1 p.m. July 28, and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 29) and A Blueprint for a Beautiful Kitchen (2 p.m. July 28, and noon and 2 p.m. July 29).

Also during the sale, MDC's Designer on Call interior designers will be available to answer questions both days.

Back to school

Art Van Furniture will present a Back-to-School Open House noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at all Art Van stores. At the event, receive information on setting up student

study and living space, meet a representative from the Sylvan Learning Center to find out how to practice good study habits, and establish a permanent record of children for emergencies with AAA fingerprinting. The Michigan Visiting Nurses Association will administer

meningitis vaccines for a fee, and give complimentary eye exams.

Refreshments will be served. Beach bag

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 Kids Beach Bag (a class for ages 8-11), Saturdays, July 22-29 (fee is \$40).

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. Each tour offers a blend of the history 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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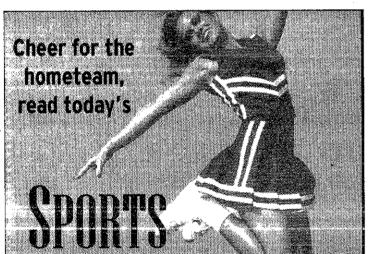


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For variety in this chicken dish, the red beans can be replaced with black or pinto

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Add some legumes to your plate

BY DANA JACOBI AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Friends frequently call me with food questions. They ask about everything, from the best way to cook fresh corn, to what a wild fruit picked along the dunes on Cape Cod might be.

For corn, I advise them to steam it in the husk until hot but still crunchy, about 5 minutes. The fruit, about the size of a black grape, turned out to be beach plum. I suggested they do as most New England cooks do and use this puckery-tart wild fruit to make jam.

Lately, more serious questions have come up. After a friend's brother-in-law had a heart attack, we discussed ways he could be encouraged to eat more healthfully after decades spent consuming mainly junk food. Fred refused the bland food his wife preferred.

Fred's wife liked making one-pot dishes, and recipes that were ready in 45 minutes. Since she worked full-time, she also needed dishes that she could prepare on the weekend and would keep for several days so that dinner would be ready to heat and serve during the week.

First, we focused on important basic food groups Fred had ignored, like legumes and whole grains.

Substituting appealing lean chicken and turkey entrées for fast-food fried chicken and meatball sandwiches was another key issue.

Since Fred likes spicy food and his wife does not, they were pleased with my suggestion to eat simple grilled fish twice a week, along with brown rice, and steamed broccoli or corn, all of which he could douse liberally with fat-free salsa. I also recommended making minestrone and other vegetable soups combining beans, rice, or other whole grains and a cup of cooked vegetables (which equals two servings) in one dish.

Skillet dinners like this Mexican-style Chicken with Red Beans has been another good-tasting, efficient way to help Fred eat more legumes. For variety, the red beans can be replaced with black or pinto beans, and you can make it hot as you wish using red pepper flakes.

CHICKEN WITH RED BEANS

1 tablespoon canola oil, plus 1 teaspoon 1 pound skinless and boneless chicken breast cut in 8 pieces

1 medium onion, chopped 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped

1 garlic clove, chopped 1 can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes

i can (15 ounces) red beans, rinsed and drained ½ cup chopped cilantro leaves 1 teaspoon sweet Spanish or Hungarian paprika ½ teaspoon dried oregano or epazote*
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken pieces, 6 minutes. Turn and brown them on the other side, about 5 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate.

Add the remaining teaspoon of oil to the pan. Sauté the onion, pepper, and garlic until the onion is soft, 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes, with their liquid, and the beans. Mix in the cilantro, paprika and oregano.

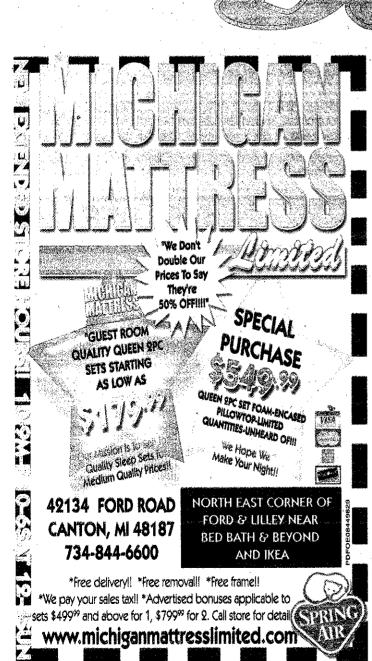
Return the chicken to the pan. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, until the chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve, accompanied by cooked brown rice and steamed or sautéed spinach, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

*Epazote is a strongly pungent Latin American herb (also called wormweed, pigweed or Mexican tea) that is sometimes found in the Hispanic or foreign foods sections of supermarkets, or in Hispanic grocery stores, usually in its dried form. Epazote is popular in many bean dishes because it is believed to reduce gas.

Per serving: 295 calories, 6 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 26 g. carbohydrate, 33 g. protein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 552 mg. sodium.







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Versatile leeks deserve to play larger role in our kitchens

BY PHYLLIS GLAZER FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you're looking for a change-of-pace flavor for your next soup, quiche or salad, consider giving the role to the leek - a vegetable that deserves the attention.

A kissing cousin of garlic and onion, with a sweeter and more subdued flavor, the leek is eminently versatile, though sadly under-appreciated, at least in America.

In Europe, leeks are a cooking staple, prized for their warm and onion-y flavor when cooked, and almost buttery flavor when chopped and sauteed.

The ancient Egyptians adored leeks, and even adorned their pyramid tombs with drawings of them. The ancient Romans also valued leeks, considering them superior to onions and garlic, which were regarded as food for the masses. According to the late food writer and editor Alan Davidson, the Emperor Nero believed that consuming leeks would improve his singing voice, and was so partial to them that he was nicknamed Porrophagus (leek-eater) by the populace.

Centuries later, in the 7th century, legend has it that Welsh warriors wore leeks in their caps to distinguish them from the enemy in their victorious struggle against the Saxons. Thereafter the leek became the symbol of Wales.

Leeks are an essential ingredient in soups like French vichyssoise and Scottish cockaleekie. They give flavor to stews such as the French potau-feu, and are also used for stocks, appetizers and salads.

For salads and delicate dishes, it's best to use tender young leeks about 1-1/2 inches in diameter. Larger than this they become tougher and stronger flavored, but are still fine for soups and stews. Avoid those with dried-out leaves or bul-

To prepare leeks for cooking, remove any withered outer leaves and trim and discard the green upper leaves down to where the green begins to pale. Cut off the roots and, unless you want to cook them whole. slice the leeks lengthwise. Rinse well to remove sand and grit that often lodges between the layers.

To cook whole leeks, arrange the leeks in one layer in the bottom of a large saucepan, and pour in boiling water or stock until they're half covered. Season with salt and pepper, partially cover the pan and simmer till tender, about 12 minutes or more, depending on size and age.

For a richer flavor, saute the leeks whole in butter until they're barely colored before cooking; or cook chopped leeks in butter in a covered saucepan over low heat for 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

To grill leeks, trim off the roots and the upper leaves, leaving just about 2 inches of green above the white. Slice in half lengthwise, rinse carefully and drain. Place on metal skewers, brush with oil and grill cut side down over medium-hot coals for 7 to 10 minutes. Turn again and continue grilling for 5 to 7 minutes, or until tender.

According to Marian Morash in the classic The Victory Garden Cookbook (Knopf, 1982), vichyssoise was invented by French chef Louis Diat more than 50 years ago at the New York Ritz Carlton. A variation on his mother's leek and potato soup, he chilled it, added minced chives and milk instead of cream and named it after Vichy, the French spa close to his boyhood home.

This is Morash's version.

VICHYSSOISE

1 stick (4 ounces) butter 5 cups chopped leeks 2 stalks celery, chopped 1 large onion, chopped 3 to 4 cups roughly chopped potatoes 2 quarts chicken stock or water 2 cups heavy cream Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

3 to 4 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives

Melt butter in a large saucepan, add leeks, celery and onion and stew slowly until golden and soft, about 10 minutes. Do not brown. Add potatoes and

chicken stock or water, cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are cooked through, 20 to 40 minutes, depending on potatoes' age and how finely they're chopped.

Puree soup till totally blended. Add cream, season with salt and pepper to taste, cover and chill for at least 30 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings before serving. Garnish with a sprinkling of chives on each portion.

Makes 4 servings.

These luscious leek patties are an ancient and traditional Jewish dish, enjoyed primarily in the spring when the first fresh leeks come into season. A version is also found in Turkish cuisine, among Jews and non-Jews alike. The patties can be also be made without meat, using the same technique.

BULGARIAN LEEK PATTIES 5 cups chopped leeks, white part

only (about 5 leeks)

1 cup chopped onions Rounded/2 cup potato flour 1/2 teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper 5 ounces ground beef 3 eggs, beaten ½ teaspoon garlic powder Vegetable oil for frying

Remove the green leaves and roots from the leeks. Slice lengthwise, and rinse the white part

well to remove soil. Drain and slice into strips. Place the leek strips and chopped onions in a pot, add boiling water until they are half covered, bring to a boil and steam 20 minutes until very

Drain the vegetables well, and squeeze out as much moisture as possible. Grind coarsely in a food processor and transfer to a bowl. Mix in the potato flour, salt, pepper, ground beef, beaten eggs and garlic powder. Oil hands and form 8 patties (if making this

recipe without meat, use a\frac{1}{4}-cup measure of the batter each time to make pancake-like patties).

Heat\s-inch oil in a heavy frying pan, and fry the patties on both sides till golden. Drain on paper towels and serve.

Makes 8 large patties (serves

Recipe from The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking, by Phyllis Glazer with Mirivam Glazer, Harper-Collins, 2004, \$29.95.

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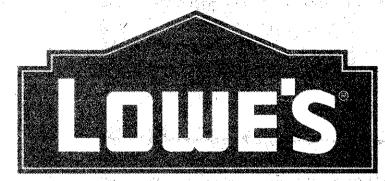
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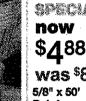
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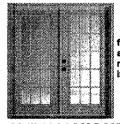
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Grill peaches from the farmers market

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) -Something simple, like a grilled peach served with vanilla ice cream, raspberry sauce and a citrus cookie, makes a sensational ending to a summer barbecue. The flavor combination may seem grown up, but this fresh rendition of the classic peach melba will go down well with all ages.

Why grill a piece of fruit when you can simply slice it in half and serve it

The answer is that grilling caramelizes the natural sugar of fruits, which makes them sweeter and more flavorful. It also softens their texture and helps fruits to release more juices. Stone fruits, such as peaches, nectarines and plums, do particularly well on the grill. They're firm enough to be placed directly on the cooking grate and sturdy enough to remain intact when turned over for charring.

Fruits are apt to pick up unwanted flavors from the grill, so it's especially important to clean the grate before placing the peaches on it. They'll cook quickly, so a brisk, hot fire is best. Keep a close watch: A little smoke and charring are good, but the natural sugars in the peaches are prone to burning. Too much blackening will result in a bitter taste. As soon as grill marks appear, turn them over to finish cooking. The peaches are done when the flesh is soft and

If you plan to make dinner on the grill as well as dessert, you'll want to keep the fire hot enough to cook the peaches after the main entree is served and eaten. Since most of the components for the dessert - the ice cream, raspberry sauce and citrus crisps - can be purchased or prepared in advance, you will need to plan for just a few minutes of grill

Keeping the grill hot doesn't pose a problem for gas grills because they can be easily turned off and then fired up again for dessert. Charcoal grills, however, call for planning.

Bruce Mattel, associate professor in culinary arts at the Culinary Institute of America, offers the following advice on keeping the fire hot while serving dinner: "Cover the grill and

close the vents three-quarters to minimize air circulation. This should maintain the proper temperature to cook the peaches if you get them on the grill within a half an hour or so.

Warm from the grill, the sweet. tender peaches provide a flawless complement to the cool ice cream and lemon-scented cookies," he adds.

The following recipe has been adapted from the Culinary Institute of America's Grilling cookbook (Lebhar-Friedman, 2006, \$35).

GRILLED PEACHES

4 ripe, firm peaches, cut into halves and pits removed ¼ cup granulated sugar 2 tablespoons lemon juice 4 cups store-bought vanilla ice cream 1 cup Raspberry Sauce (recipe follows) 8 Citrus Crisps (recipe follows)

Preheat a gas grill to high. If you are using a charcoal grill, build a fire and let it burn down until the coals are glowing red with a light coating of white ash. Spread the coals in an even bed. Clean the cooking grate.

Toss the peaches with the sugar and lemon juice.

Grill the peaches over direct heat until tender in the middle and well marked, 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Serve the peaches over the vanilla ice cream, topped with the Raspberry Sauce, and garnished with the Citrus Crisps. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information for 3-ounce serving of grilled peaches only: 60 cal., 1 g pro., 15 g carbo., 0 g fat, 0 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 2 g fiber.

RASPBERRY SAUCE

1 pound raspberries, fresh or frozen ½ cup granulated sugar, or more to taste 1 tablespoon lemon juice, or more to

Combine the raspberries, sugar and lemon juice in a saucepan over medium heat. Simmer, stirring, until the sugar has dissolved, about 10 minutes. Strain the sauce through a fine-mesh sieve. Add additional sugar and/or lemon juice to taste, if desired.

Serve immediately, or store in a covered container in the refrigerator for up

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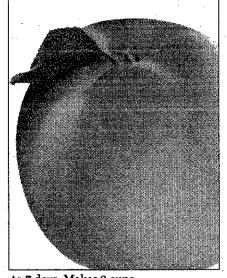
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to 7 days. Makes 2 cups.

Nutrition information per 1.25-ounce serving: 40 cal., 0 g pro., 10 g carbo., 0 g fat, 0 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 2 g fiber.

CITRUS CRISPS

1 cup softened unsalted butter ½ cup granulated sugar ½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon vanilla extract 1 1 cups quick-cooking rolled oats 1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted 1/2 cup grated lemon zest

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

Cream together the butter, sugar, salt and vanilla extract by hand or using the paddle attachment of an electric mixer until very smooth and light, about 3

Add the oats, flour and lemon zest, and mix on low speed until just combined, scraping down the bowl as necessary to blend evenly. Form the dough into -inch balls (about 1 tablespoon of dough per ball) and place in even rows about 2 inches apart on the prepared sheet pans. Flatten slightly with the palm of your hand.

Bake until the edges are light golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer to wire racks and let cool completely before serving or storing in airtight containers.

Makes 32 cookies.

Nutrition information per cookie: 90 cal., 1 g pro., 9 g carbo., 6g fat, 35 mg sodium, 15 mg chol., less than 1 g fiber.

This recipe, along with more than 175 others, has been adapted from The Culinary Institute of America's Grilling cookbook, Lebhar-Friedman, 2006, \$35), available at bookstores nationwide or at: http://www.ciachef.edu/enthusiasts/cook-

books/

Markets push produce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Across the country, colorful farmers markets are a flourishing bridge between producers of fresh foodstuffs and consumers who eagerly gobble up what's out there.

The range of offerings evolves fast, as both sides bounce experiments back and forth to try new things. Summer traditionally opens up the peak season that marches seamlessly on from asparagus spears and green peas to glowing berries and stone fruits, with everyone's favorite top notes: tomatoes bursting with color and flavor, tossed up with salad greens in fresh, herby mixes. And that's just a minuscule taste of the varied edibles now at their juicy best.

According to Joan Shaffer, U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesperson for the farmers markets program, there are more than 3,800 farmers markets in business nationally.

FANNY'S TOMATO SALAD WITH CRISPY SHALLOTS

5 large shallots, about/2 pound total weight (1 sliced crosswise/-inch thick and separated into rings) 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

3 tablespoons best-quality extra-virgin olive oil Sait and freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup everyday extra-virgin olive oil 3 to 4 pound small tomatoes or cherry tomatoes, sliced if small or halved if

Handful of small fresh basil leaves, torn into pieces

In a small bowl, combine the minced shallots and vinegar and let stand for at least 5 minutes. Whisk in the 3 tablespoons olive oil and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, in a small skillet, heat the //2 cup olive oil over medium-high heat until the surface of the oil shimmers and the oil begins to smoke. Add half of the sliced shallots and cook, watching closely so that they do not burn, until they are approaching golden brown, only about 2 seconds. Using a slotted spoon, lift the shallots out of the oil and transfer them to paper towels to drain. Sprinkle with salt. Repeat with the remaining sliced shallots. Set aside.

Arrange the tomatoes on a large platter, season with salt and pepper, and drizzle with the vinaigrette right before serving. Scatter the fried shallots and basil leaves over the tomatoes. Makes 6 servings.

Farmers' Market Cookbook by Christopher Hersheimer and Peggy Knickerbocker, 2006, Chronicle, \$22.95.

MINT-BUTTERED SOYBEANS

2 teaspoons butter or margarine 3 cups shelled fresh or frozen (thawed) sweet soybeans (edamame) 3 tablespoons fresh small mint leaves 1 tablespoon snipped fresh basil ¼ teaspoon salt

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add soybeans to skillet. Cook and stir about 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in mint, snipped basil and salt. If you like, garnish with basil springs. Makes 6 side-dish servings. Source: Taste of the Midwest, Globe Pequot, 2006, by Dan Kaercher, editor-in-chief of Midwest Living magazine.

CHERRY CLAFOUTI

1/4 pound pitted fresh sweet cherries 11/2 teaspoons unsalted butter 1 tablespoon and 1/2 teaspoons all-purpose

¼ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons white sugar

4 egg whites

½ cup skim milk

½ cup heavy cream

1/2 (7-inch) vanilla bean, split lengthwise and crushed

1 tablespoon and 1½ teaspoons kirsch (cherry brandy), see note

1½ teaspoons confectioners' sugar for

Preheat the oven to 325º F. Grease a 10-inch tart pan, or a similar sized baking dish with butter.

Spread out the cherries in the bottom of the prepared pan, and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, salt and sugar. In a medium bowl, whisk together the egg whites, milk and cream. Stir in the kirsch and vanilla bean. Gradually whisk in the flour mixture until smooth. Remove the vanilla bean from the batter, and pour it over the cherries. Bake for 45 minutes in the preheated oven, or until puffed and browned. Let cool until the top sinks in slightly. Dust with confectioners' sugar before serving. Makes 4 servings. Note: If you want to make it not low-

fat, just use regular milk and butter and 4 large eggs. Also, to substitute for kirsch, you may use the juice from five squashed cherries or use 1 tablespoon of cherry syrup.

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It's the time of the season for eggplant

July is the beginning of the eggplant season for both the home gardener and the market shopper. Anytime from now through October is a good time to explore the many things one can do with an eggplant.

Though commonly considered a vegetable, an eggplant is actually a fruit. Eggplants are members of the nightshade family and are related to tomatoes and potatoes.

There are many varieties of eggplant, in colors ranging from white to deep purple, in shapes from oblong to round and in length from 2 to 12 inches. The variety most commonly seen in the United States is large and pear-shaped with dark purple, glossy skin.

Farmers markets and home gardens offer many other shapes, sizes and colors during the eggplant season. Narrow, straight Asian or Japanese eggplants come in a variety of purples and have a tender, sweet taste. So-called baby or Italian eggplants look like the common eggplant in miniature. Their flesh and skin, however, is more delicate. White, eggshaped eggplants have slightly tougher skin but firmer flesh.

When choosing an eggplant, look for a firm, smooth, shiny skin. Avoid those with dull skins and soft or brown spots. A good eggplant is heavy for its size. Store eggplants in a cool, dry place and try to use within a day or two because they become bitter as they age. Refrigeration, in a plastic bag, may buy you a few extra days.

Eggplants should be cut just before using because their flesh discolors quickly. They should not be cooked in aluminum which makes them dis-

There are a variety of ways to prepare eggplant. They can be baked, fried or broiled. Just keep in mind that they soak up oil. Coating with crumbs can minimize fat absorption. The skin is edible in young eggplants.

Older ones should be peeled. This savory recipe can also be made with zucchini or yellow squash instead of eggplant.

TURKISH STUFFED EGGPLANT

Canola cooking spray 4 small eggplants, stems removed, cut in half length-

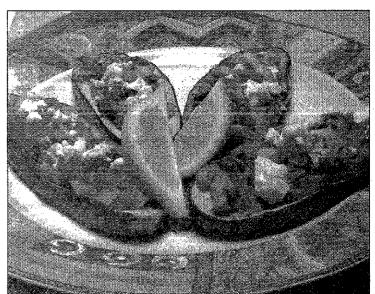
½ teaspoon salt, divided 3 garlic cloves, minced 1 medium yellow onion, diced 4 medium ripe tomatoes, seeded and coarsely chopped

1/4-1/2 teaspoon ground all spice ½ cup Italian flat-leaf parsley, 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice Freshly ground black pepper 2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a large shallow baking dish with canola spray.

Scoop out flesh from eggplants, cut into chunks and reserve. Sprinkle inside of the shells lightly with teaspoon with salt. Place upside down on paper towels. Let stand 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, spray large skillet with cooking spray. Cook garlic and onion over medium-high heat until browned, about 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, reserved eggplant flesh and allspice. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until just tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in parsley, lemon juice, remaining salt and pepper.



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This Turkish stuffed eggplant can also be made with zucchini or yellow squash.

Pat eggplant shells dry with paper towels. Spoon eggplant mixture loosely into shells. Place filled shells in prepared baking dish. Cover with foil and bake until shells are tender, about 40 minutes. Remove foil; sprinkle tops evenly with feta cheese. Bake for 10 more minutes, then

Makes 8 servings. Per serving: 71 calories, 2 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 236 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

TASTE CALENDAR

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Grapevine

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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

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Learn how to prepare a typical Italian summer evening meal that is rich in flavor, color and freshness: fresh pasta with peperonata (red and yellow pepper sauce); pan roasted chicken with rosemary, garlic and white wine; pomodori e basilico (tomato and basil salad); macedonia ai frutti di bosco (berry fruit salad) with lemon

sorbet. Students will sample and receive recipes.

Instructor Giovanna Cappi was born and raised in Italy. Class scheduled Italy 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, \$24, \$6 materials fee paid to the instructor.

Learn how to make fancy sushi, like a California roll, salmon roll, cucumber roll, cucumber and avocado roll and veggie tempura. Take home samples. Please bring a notebook and pencil, class is demonstration only. Instructor Changpheng Sayanthone, also known as Kriss, is co-owner and

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Instructor Lynn Jarrett, coach, speaker and author, is a mother of three girls who decided after her second child to end the stress of meal planning. Her class draws men and women together to identify and meet

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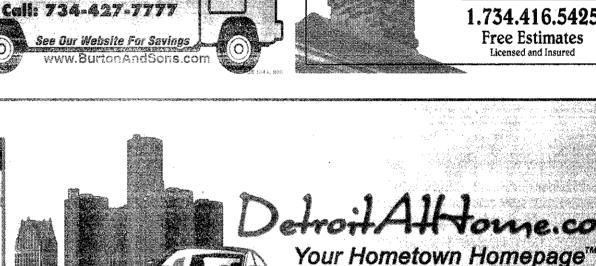
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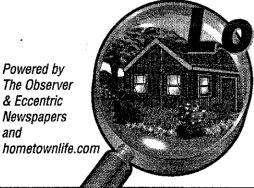
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Bridesmaids find fashion and get dresses they can wear again

By Samantha Critchell Associated Press

NEW YORK — Over the years, bridesto-be have promised their bridesmaids dresses that they'll love, that they'll wear over and over again. But on what occasion is it really appropriate to trot out pink taffeta and a train?

So bridesmaids' gowns of late have veered away from ribbons and bows, tending toward simpler silhouettes and on-trend colors to more closely resemble the same kinds of elegant cocktail dresses found at women's ready-to-wear retailers. That transition sets the stage for new lines from companies such as J.Crew and Ann Taylor, both of which have launched collections within the past year of dresses and separates that cater to brides and bridesmaids. Both companies say the garments are appropriate for celebrations of all sorts, including graduations, anniversaries, even a jazzy birthday party — Ann Taylor even calls its line Celebrations.

"The wedding industry in general has gotten more fashionable. It's for bridesmaids and bridal gowns, too. It used to be the clothes were 'ceremonial.' It used to be that everyone dressed absolutely identically. It wasn't a fashion show; it was a tradition and people wore customary clothes. All of that is still true, but the clothing is contemporary," says Millie Martini Bratten, editor in chief of Bride's magazine.

Today's brides and bridesmaids tend to be older, and the styles aimed at 28year-olds are different from the glorified prom dresses that 20-year-olds might have looked for a generation ago. Though the brides generally do still choose the bridesmaid dresses, they've grown more aware of what their friends would like to wear — and spend their money on, says Bratten.

"Remember, this is a generation of people who mix casual and formal. They wear sequin tank tops with blue jeans," she says.

There is a built-in market for these dresses. According to the Condé Nast Bridal Group, the average cost of a bridesmaid dress is \$138 and a typical wedding party includes five bridesmaids, for a total of \$690 per wedding. It's also estimated that 23 million people will be bridesmaids or groomsmen this year, so figure half are women in need of a dress.

The outfits from J.Crew and Ann Taylor take cues from what's going on in ready-to-wear fashion, offering a range of necklines, silhouettes and formality.

"We were already providing 'bridesmaid' dresses that weren't officially 'bridesmaid' within our regular dress line. Ann Taylor is known as a great dress resource, so we got the idea (for Celebrations) from our customers. It's a way to give our customer the choices she wants," says Adrienne Lazarus, president of Ann Taylor Stores.

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Bridal Stress Test

Finding the perfect dress is the second most-stressful part of getting married the first being securing the location, according to a survey conducted on behalf of retailer David's Bridal. Other stressors are finalizing the guest list and choosing a date.

But for the 501 recently engaged women

who participated in the telephone poll conducted by Leflein Associates, shopping for bridesmaids dresses is hardly easy. Two-thirds say that their biggest problem is finding a style that will fit and flatter each of their bridesmaids' body types. Meanwhile, 45 percent complain of a lack of styles, colors and sizes, and 37 percent dread fitting out-of-town bridesmaids.

Once brides are done with all their fashion hassles, a handful do see the humor in it all: 2.8 percent plan to wear their wedding dress to a costume party, and in Western states, that number goes up to 5 percent.

Source: Associated Press

J.Crew's collection is heavy on silk faille, crinkle silk and cotton cady, a double-weave Italian copy that Lyons Mazeau says takes color well. "It looks expensive but it's not too fancy. You could wear it with flip-flops, too," she

This winter, J.Crew will debut velvet dresses.

Another trend in bridal-party fashion is coordinated but not matching outfits. Bridesmaids can choose the styles that look best on them, and then have them in the

Michael Smaldone, senior vice president of design for Ann Taylor Stores, says that as weddings in general have loosened up, so has the dress code.

"Silhouettes have changed so much over the years. Even if you cut off your lacy, frilly bottom from a dress from the '70s, the dress is still dated. Dresses are now more simple. Now you start off with a beautiful versatile silk," he says. "The more understated the dress, the more modern it is."

Still, brides want their bridesmaids to look special and like a team. That's where accessories come in. A classic strapless dress becomes a bridesmaid's dress with shoes and a shrug in the same color, says Smaldone.

Bride's Bratten also points to the very popular colored sash that's being worn around the waist by bridesmaids across the country. "It's a great way to tie the bridal party together," she says.

Even though the dress shapes are more contemporary, Bratten advises staying away from a dress that would be consid-

ered "trendy."

A babydoll dress that looks cute now won't look that way when you look at photographs years later.

You want to keep the dress timeless. It's OK to wear trendy accessories, though, because shoes wouldn't be the main focus of the pictures," she says.

blue pieks

Wear it!

Twelve Skulls tees, at Great American Chopper in Clawson, and Essence in West Bloomfield

Kick It!

Deck Shoes

in Ferndale

Tote It!

Solve It!

DVD It!

Toynbee Signs

Grandma's Boy

(three are in Detroit)

Accessorize It!

hats at Pompadour

Rod Keenan New York

Timbuk2 Messenger Bags

The D. Coleman Collection at Jack's Place, Lathrup Village

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Homebrew

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Tango Para Dos Travel in spirit to Buenos Aires at Tango for Two, an exotic fund raiser for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Michigan Opera Theatre July 29 at the Lutz Farm in Ann Arbor. Dress in creative tango attire to sample Brazilian cocktails, Argentine wines, and South American hors d'oeuvres. Meet U.S. Ambassadors and dignitaries, and enjoy music by members of the DSO. Argentinian dance troupe I Tango will perform, and the public will be invited to enter a tango contest. For tickets, \$350-\$500, call (313) 237-3425 or visit www.detroitsym-

Plymouth Road Sale Days

phony.com.

Thirty-five businesses on Ann Arbor Road are participating in 'Sale Days' through Sunday, July 23. Pick up a sheet at any of the shops to find great deals and give-aways. Get the sheet validated at 10 places and enter to win a prize. For a list of businesses, call the Plymouth

Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmi.org.

DIA Drop-in Workshops The Detroit Institute of Arts will host two free, fashionable workshops, "If the Shoe Fits," and "Bojagi," noon-4 p.m. Saturday July 22 & 29. Drop in either day to make a miniature shoe from art

papers, or to create 'bojagi,' traditional cloths Korean women use to wrap, store, decorate or carry gifts and everyday objects. All ages welcome (children under 12 with an adult). Call (313) 833-4249.

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Attend the final runway show for Haberman Fabrics' "Make It Work" Metro Detroit Fashion Design Challenge at 6 p.m. Aug. 1. Ten finalists will show their garments and compete to win cash and prizes, including a critique by Tim Gunn from 'Project Runway.' A Q&A, bidding on a trip to 'Project Runway's' grand finale in NYC and refreshments follow. Tickets, \$20 benefit breast cancer research. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit www.habermanfabrics.com.



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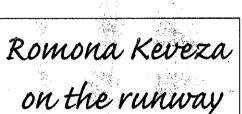
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for the dress to go."

Today's brides are choosing simple,

hottest color, espresso, \$225.

ing the fall.

elegant bridesmaid dresses in on-trend colors, like

Holly silk faille dress in pool, \$295; and this Audrey

group of styles - a strapless dress with a

fitted top and flared bottom is the best-

Black, navy, champagne and best-selling

seller — in a broad palette of colors.

espresso brown are standards, while

there also are seasonal colors, such as

these colors obviously make the dress

ally more bridesmaidy," Lazarus says.

sage and cornflower blue. "I think that

more versatile. A color like coral is usu-

during the summer and jacquards dur-

The brand also is offering print fabrics

One of the things we've found is tak-

ing silhouettes that are successful in our

Jenna Lyons Mazeau, senior vice presi-

The biggest change from standard bridesmaid offerings from even five

people got caught up in fancy fabrics,

something difficult to wear again. An

easier-to-wear fabric gives more places

but that can be the killer that makes

years ago is the fabrics, she says. "A lot of

regular apparel line and translating

them into bridesmaid dresses," says

dent of women's design at J.Crew.

this Juliette cotton cady dress in Clover, \$250;

cotton cady dress (top right) in the season's

The Marshall Field's Bridal Salon at Somerset recently hosted a fashion show of Romona Keveza couture during its annual 'Beyond the Aisle' event. Keveza is known for unique shapes, delicious fabrics and timeless styles.

All Marshall Field's locations will be transformed into Macy's on Sept. 9, but Macy's officials have assured us the Bridal Salon will remain open and continue to carry Keveza's collections, along with other upscale gowns, bridesmaid dresses and accessories.

Here's a look at some of Keveza's creations. Let them inspire you as you seek the perfect gown.

> Photographs by Larry Peplin for Marshall Field's



