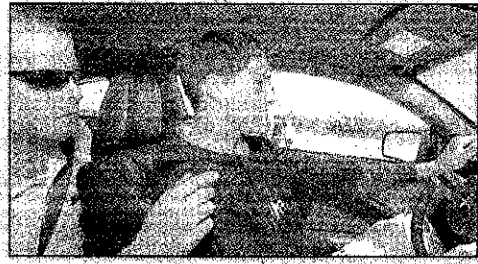


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Liz Carlson (from left), Dave and Ronni Curtis, and Nancy Ludlow put long hours into the museum, and could always use more help.

Revisiting the past

Historical museum looking to expand exhibits

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

What's old is new again at the Canton 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 37-year 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 nine-member board.

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

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

"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

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

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

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 (Ermine) 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

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

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

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

"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 here."

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

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



Stewart

this knowledge-based economy and help it grow," said Stewart, who resides in Plymouth Township.

"Our colleges 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 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

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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 education. They are among the 132 young people from the state, signifying \$132,000 in Comcast

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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 public.

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 28.

Art exhibit

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

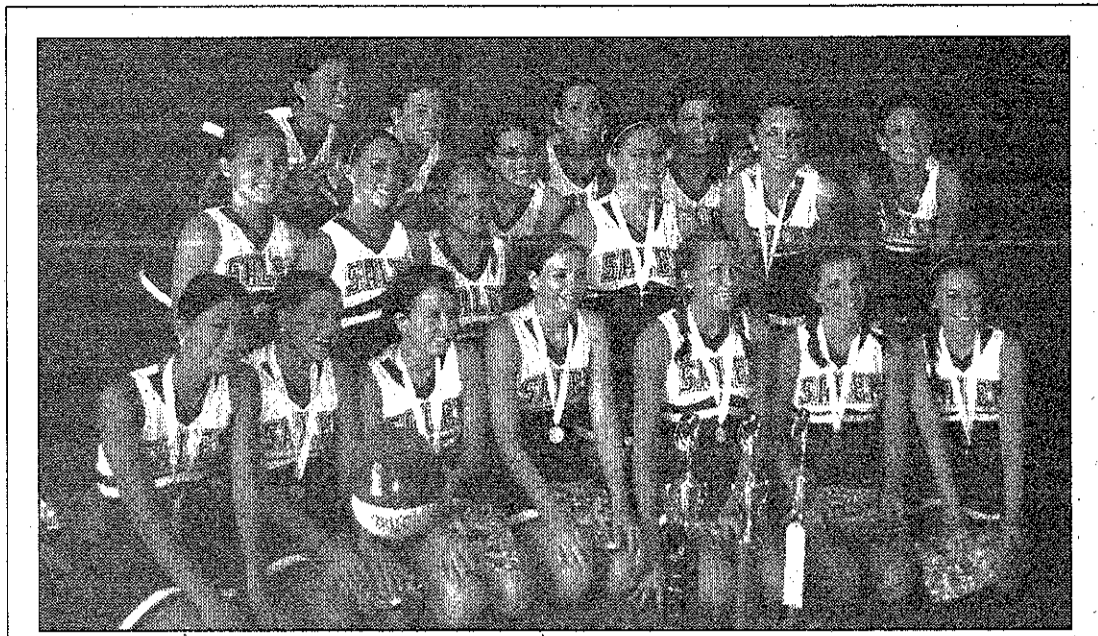
Mitchell's work has been exhibited in many of the annual Canton Project Art shows - for some she has won awards. Her works are also displayed in many local residences. Many of these are of the Canton landscape. In addition to the awards she's won in Canton, she's received other awards in the metro Detroit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

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-



Camp success

The Salem varsity and junior varsity Rockettes dance teams recently competed in the Universal Dance Association Camp at Oakland University. Both squads earned numerous awards for their efforts. The varsity team (top) took the Choreography Award for team routine, second 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 home routine, earned the Superior Trophy, and had three all stars selected. Both teams were awarded the Spirit Stick every day of the competition.

bers will be heading over to Bailey's Pub and Grille located at 1777 North Canton Center Road, to socialize, network, and have fun while enjoying appetizers together.

Canton High class reunion

Plymouth Canton Class of 1981 will hold its 25th reunion on Aug. 26 at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth Township. Organizers will contact you again soon with the specifics of the reunion. They would also appreciate it if you could send updated contact information on others.

If you are interested in attending, please send your current contact information, including an e-mail address, if you have one to one of the following committee members: Ann (Genrich) Rockov, arockov@aol.com; Beth (Berberet) Schumacher, BSchumacher@jeromeaustin.com; Bob Mullen, RMullen@plymouthlegalgroup.com; Janet (Secord) Mailot, janetmailhot@yahoo.com; Jeri (Tomolak) Craig, rjeshrm1@aol.com; Kallie (Bila) Michels, kallie@umich.edu; Marilyn (McKendry) Smiatacz, Smiatacz@umich.edu; Robin (Dansby) Hays, robays@comcast.net; Terry (Garrett) Treasure, czt_treasure@yahoo.com.

Organizers will contact you again soon with the specifics 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.

DDA jazz

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

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

The concert lineup and location is as follows:

- July 21: Gerard Gibbs & ReORGAN' YZ - Home Depot
 - July 28: United Music machine featuring Gene Dunlap - Wal-Mart
 - Aug. 4: Jesse Palter Quartet - To be announced
 - Aug. 11: The Kimmie Horne Show - To be announced
 - Aug. 18: John E. Lawrence & Friends - New Towne Center (Kohl's)
 - Aug. 25: D. Lee & the Edge - Max & Erma's
- The last concert of the season will be held on Sept. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and feature internationally acclaimed musician Alexander Zonjic and Friends. The schedule is subject to

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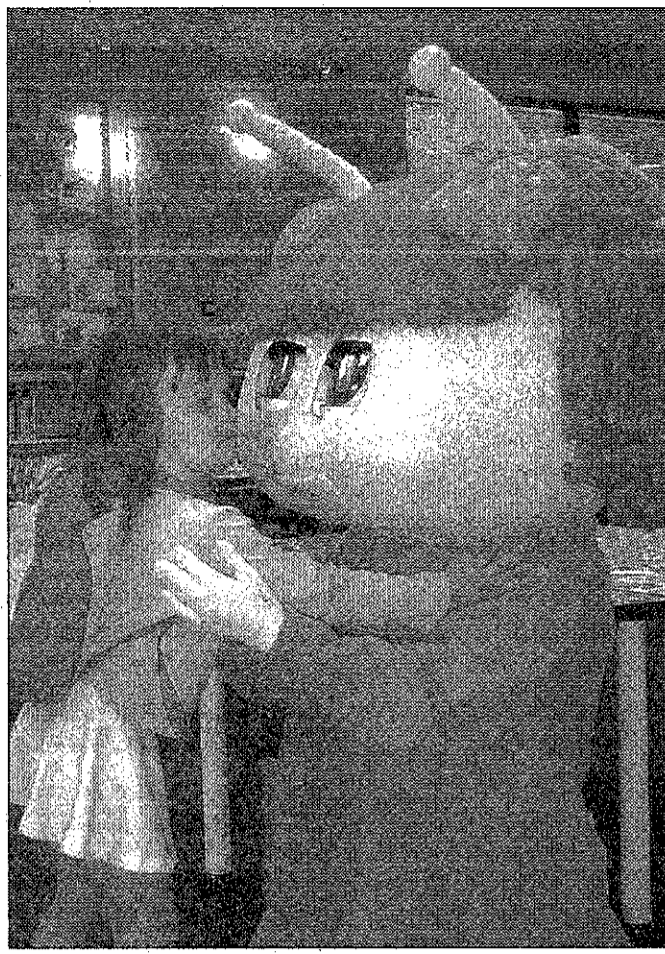
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- Adult Book Discussion: July 25, at 10 a.m. Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand.
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It's a bedbug party

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
STAFF WRITER

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 said.

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 \$160,000 in 2007.

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 year.

"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 said.

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

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

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

"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 multi-user 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 way-finding 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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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 Hill 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 roads.

"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.



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

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

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

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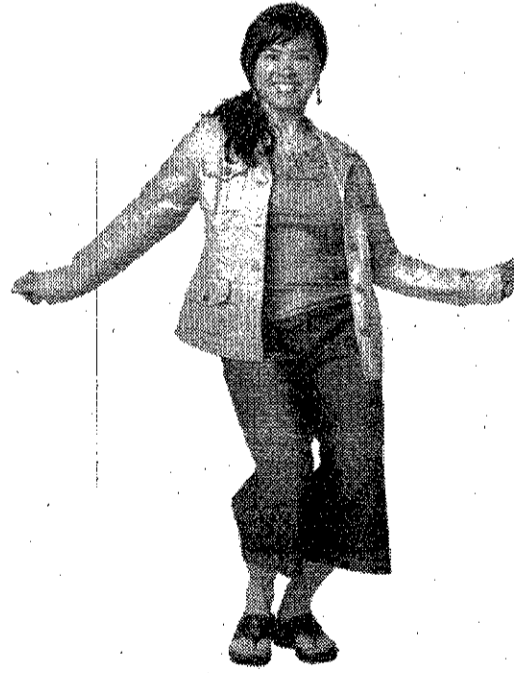
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STEWART

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annual funding increases to education.

"While I support education, I think it's dangerous to think we can mandate a continuous funding stream at a certain level because we just don't know what the state revenue will be," Stewart said.

"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 budget.

"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.

Stewart said "health care is huge," and she'd like to institute a plan — like one in Massachusetts — that gets more uninsured people on Medicaid, to pay for health care costs currently being picked up by doctors and hospitals, which are generally passed on as increased health insurance costs.

"We need to find ways to lighten 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 the affirmative action proposal on the November ballot.

"I don't support the civil rights initiative, the way it is," Stewart said. "We do need some 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 well-serve 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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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.

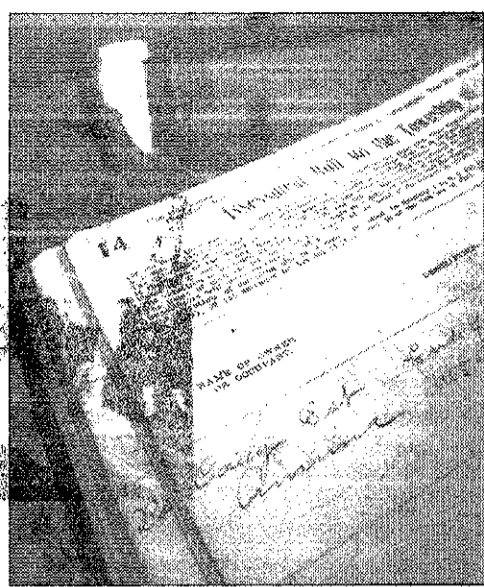
"Just last week, a few of us were here working on a Thursday night when the museum was closed. But a few families stopped when they were out at a township outdoor concert series. We let them in, and they were very interested in the museum," he said.

"One little boy did that," Dave Curtis said, pointing to the chalkboard, where "I 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 cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

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The Canton Historical Society has saved township records that stretch back through the 20th century, including tax rolls listing Aruna Cady, whose barn is currently being moved to Cherry Hill Village.

ABBO

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climate for business.

"I think we need to rationalize 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

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 funding 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 service."

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DEATHS

John F. Adamson
Adamson, 85, formerly of Birmingham, died July 10.

Barbara J. Budd
Budd, 79, of Livonia, died July 15.

William Denny
Denny, 83, formerly of Wayne, died July 14.

Jeffrey Mark Herter
Herter, 47, formerly of Plymouth, died June 5.

Adam Menozzi
Menozzi, 89, died July 16.
L. John (Lothar E.H.) Miller

Miller, 71, formerly of Plymouth, died June 29.

Sassamma Nadasen
Nadasen, 66, of Canton, died July 11.

Mabelle Robetson
Robetson, 98, died July 14.

Thomas Shawn Triplett
Triplett, 40, died July 18.

Jennie G. Yun
Yun, 57, of Livonia, died July 16.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A16.

Advertisement for Verizon Wireless featuring the RAZR VZ Navigator. Text includes: 'THE BEST OFFER ON THE MOST POWERFUL RAZR ENDS JULY 29th', 'THE ONLY RAZR TO COMBINE NAVIGATION MUSIC & THE NETWORK', 'EXPERIENCE VZ Navigator FREE FOR 30 DAYS', and 'IT'S THE NETWORK'. Price listed as \$69.99.

Verizon Wireless Communications Stores directory. Lists store locations across Michigan with addresses and phone numbers. Includes a list of authorized retailers and a 'Proud sponsor of the Detroit Tigers' logo.

Advertisement for 'The Biggest Toy Sale Of The Year!' featuring Playmobil toys. Text includes: 'Christmas In July Save 20-60% On Over 20,000 Items', 'The Internet's Best Toy Shopping ReallyGreatToys.com', and 'Michigan's Largest Selection'.

Advertisement for 'SPORTS We're there!' featuring a baseball. Text includes: 'Gridiron, Court, Pool, Arena, Greens, Diamond' and 'We're there!'.

Celebrating Indian freedom

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 here."

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 artifacts.

The event has had terrific turnout by the Indian community from around the state, as well as from Ohio, but what Paruchuri would like to see is more native Michiganders of non-Indian heritage.

"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

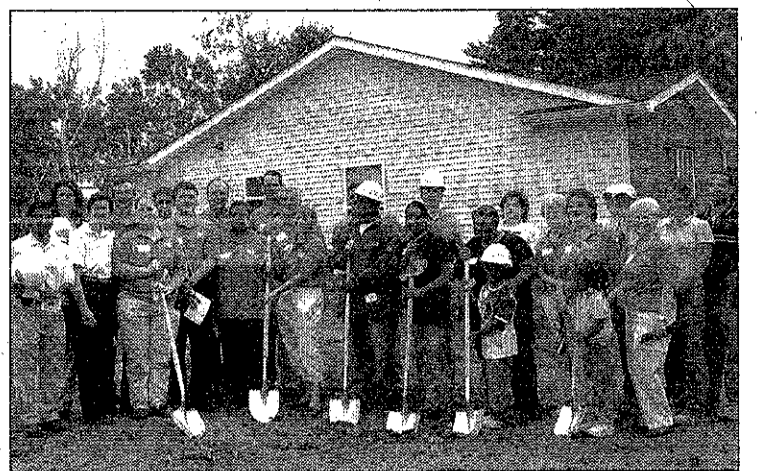


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Mohan Paruchuri, of Canton, is helping organize the upcoming Michigan India Day celebration, which is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the Rock Financial Show Place in Novi. The event is expected to draw 20,000 people.

located at 46100 Grand River between Novi Road and Beck Road in Novi. Michigan India 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 1105.

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The recent ground-breaking ceremony marked the start of construction for Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County's home in Inkster.

Habitat breaks ground on new home

Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., DeMattia Group, Dembs Roth Gyselink Construction Company, and Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County recently broke ground for a 1,200 square-foot, ranch style home in Inkster.

Within a few weeks, enthusiastic volunteers from the sponsoring organizations will partner family not only to build a home, but to revitalize the community, bring hope and restore dignity to those in need.

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.

A recent study of Habitat homeowners nationally found that 35 percent saw improvement in children's grades, 68 percent saw improvement in the financial situation of the family, 23 percent saw improvement in the health of the family, 58 percent reported there was less family conflict, and 40 percent reported a change in the educational goals of the family.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing.

To date, over 200,000 homes have been built and more than one million people are living in Habitat homes they helped build and are buying through no-profit, zero-interest mortgages.

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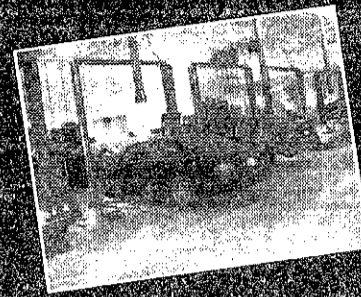
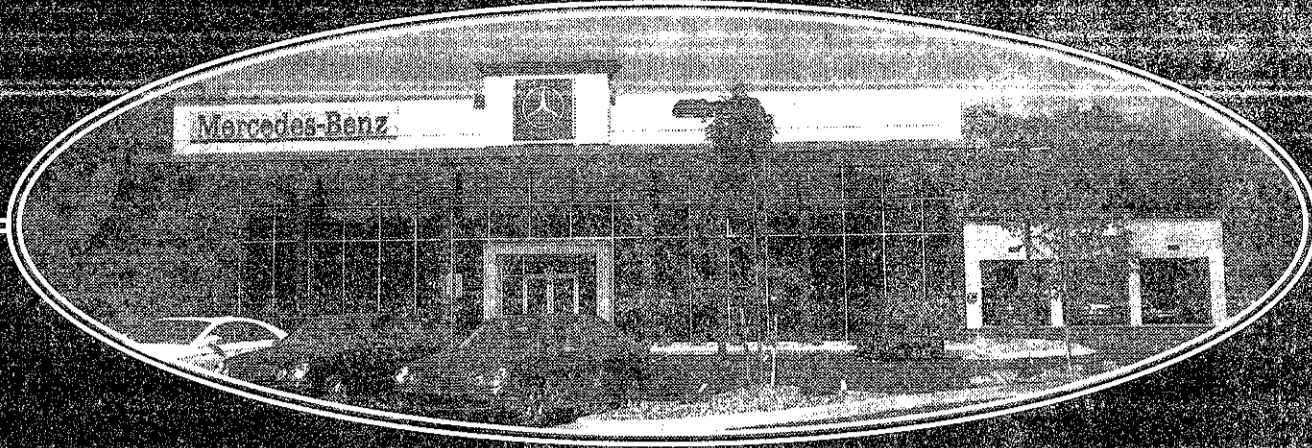
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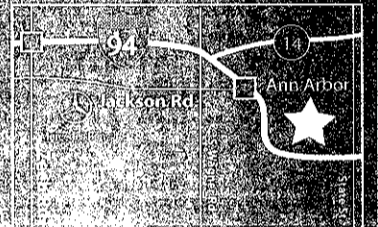
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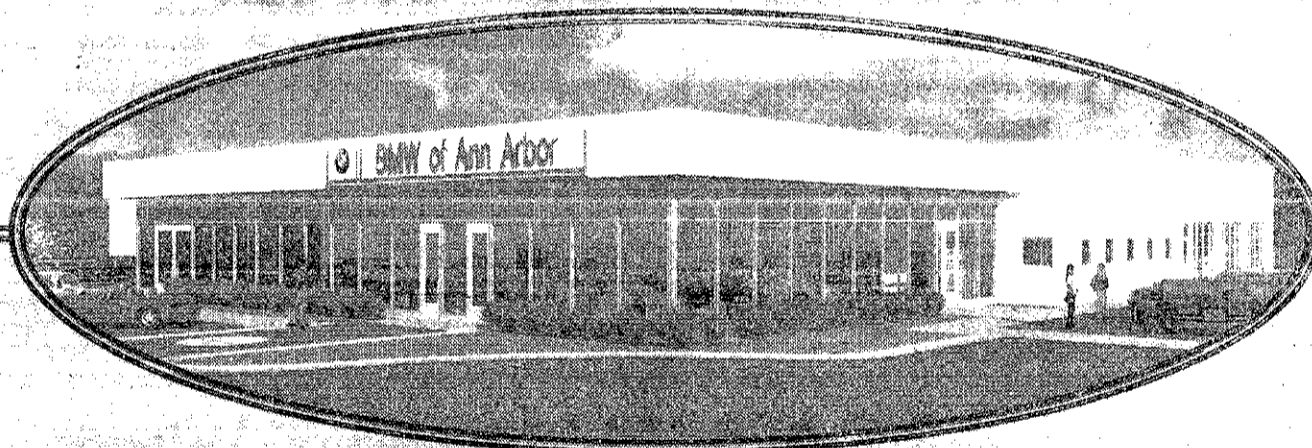


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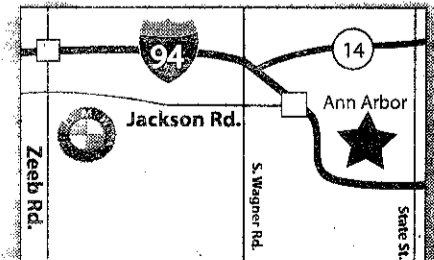
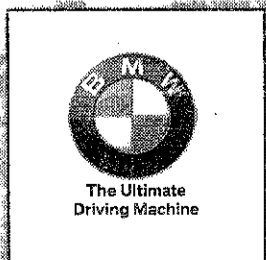
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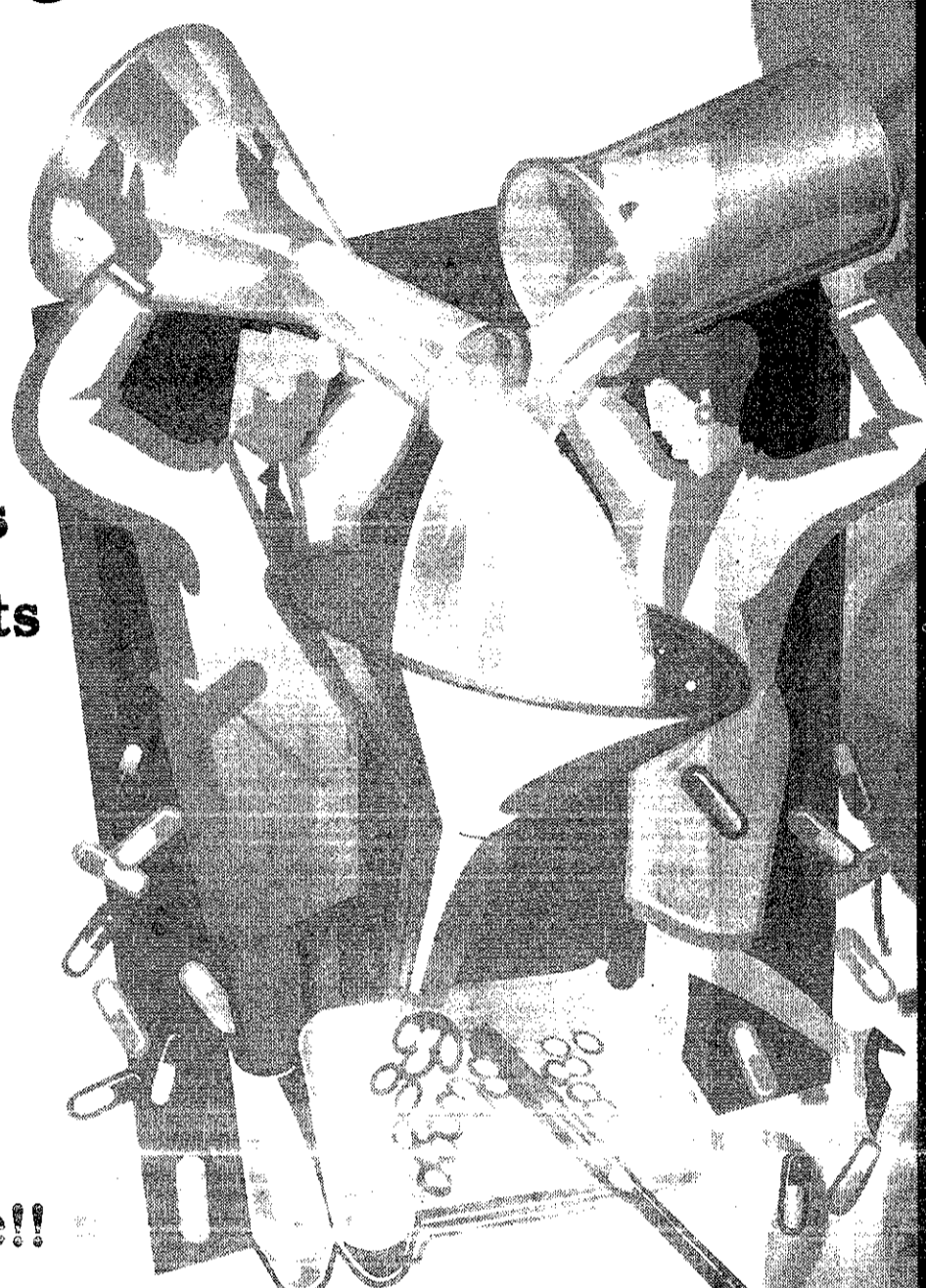
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'Professor of Art' carved a huge legacy

Sculptor remembered for ability to see 'big picture'

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.

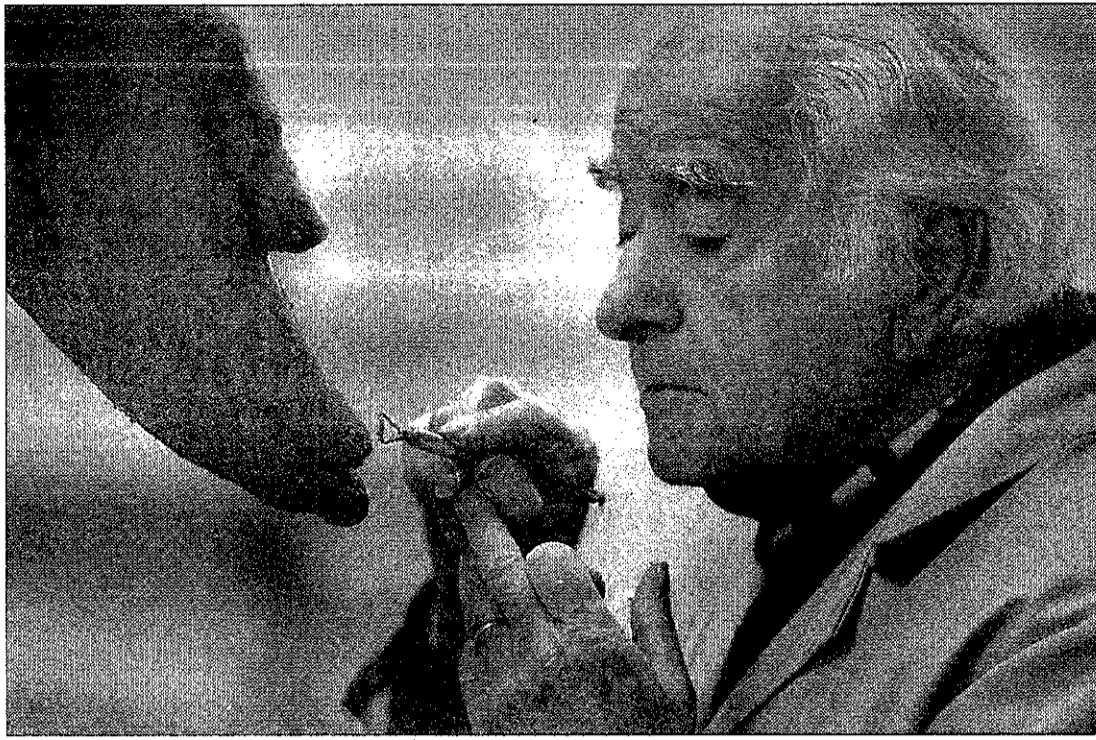
"He liked people, and people liked him," said his daughter Kathleen Kargula of Novi. "He had a very strong handshake, which was always interpreted as the strength of his character; and a firm, strong hug that always conveyed the warmth of his love for his family and friends."

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 sculpture 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 year-and-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 him."

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.

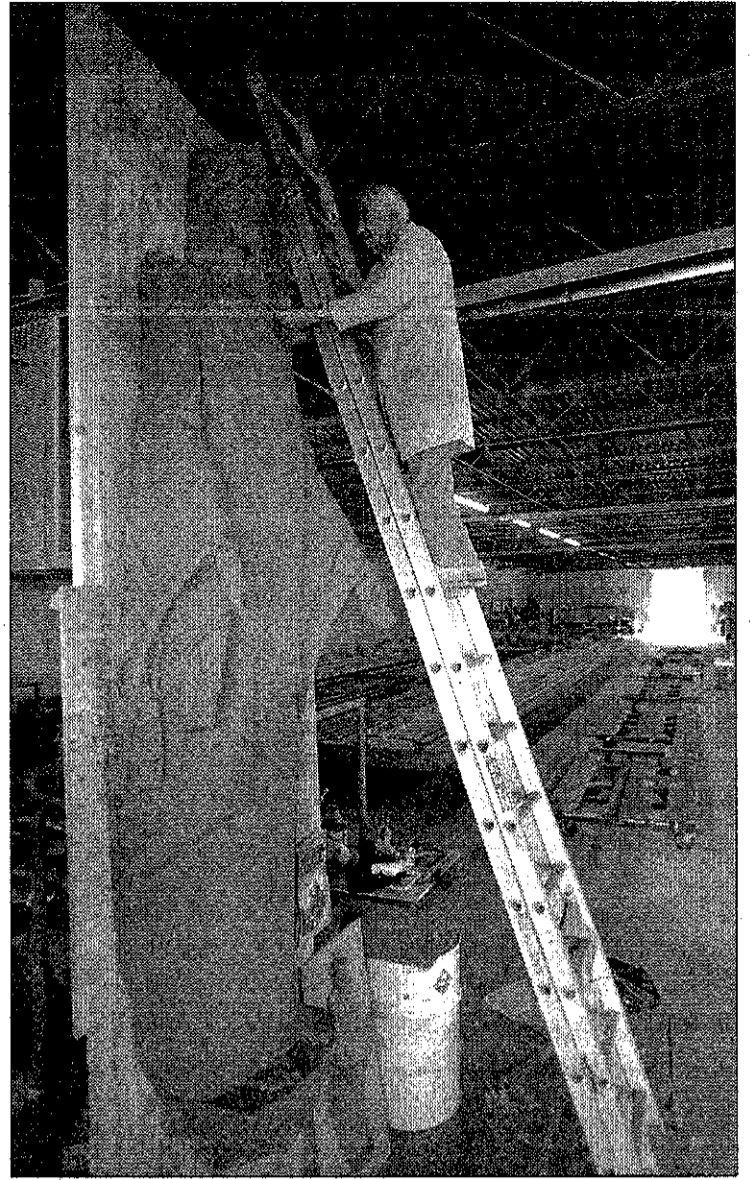
Susan Gold of Windsor, Ontario, was hired by DeLauro to teach at the University of Windsor in 1970.

"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 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-business tax.

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 campaign.

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 for the road.

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 necessity; for most people, there is no alternative.

Studies show that young drivers in particular are easily distracted while behind the wheel, which increases the likelihood 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
Canton

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 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.

Biff 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
Wayne

Time for change

Matthew Haran's column on Thaddeus McCotter was right on the money (July 13, "McCotter priorities out of touch with his district"). McCotter has represented our district very poorly. That's why I'm running for Congress in the 11th Congressional District.

The war in Iraq has diverted money and our attention from our needs here at home. America is paying a high price, not only \$3 billion a week, but consider the young lives lost and the families here at home losing a loved one or praying for their safe return. It is also hurt our ability to respond to world-wide threats. Fixing the mess in Iraq is going to take real oversight of the Bush administration, something McCotter and this congress have refused to do, and real planning — not just "stay the course."

When it comes to the economy, McCotter's record is shameful — one of putting the party interests before those of the average American who's working hard and playing by the rules. The \$12.5 billion energy bill that McCotter voted for adds billions to the oil, gas and nuclear industries. The oil and gas industries have been good to McCotter as well, putting \$12.5 million in McCotter's campaign coffers. He has done nothing to relieve our pain at the pump. While he receives money from big oil, we are putting off family vacations because of exorbitant gas prices.

McCotter has also received \$500 from prescription drug companies. No surprise that he voted for the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit that will give billions to businesses and the health care industry, bar Medicare from bargaining for lower prices, keep importation from Canada illegal and penalize seniors who haven't signed up yet. Does this partial record represent the people of the 11th Congressional District and help to protect us, especially one of our most valued resources, our seniors?

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

Ivy Trupiano
Democratic candidate for Congress
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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 Sneiderman 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.



Tom Watkins

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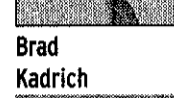
It would be nice, but naive, to think flap wasn't about politics

Every election cycle, campaigns ring with voices 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 saying 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.



Brad Kadrich

It started when Stewart, running for the state House seat being vacated by her 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

University. "*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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Graduated licensing lets teens learn skills

Michigan instituted a graduated driver's license program for young drivers in 1997. Teenagers may begin learning how to drive as early as 14 years, 8 months old but must complete two phases of driver education, on road experience and three levels of licensing before they achieve a regular driver's license.

Driver's education courses begin with Segment 1, which consists of 24 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of six hours behind the wheel training. Segment 2 driver's education consists of a minimum of six hours of classroom instruction designed to provide teens with defensive driving skills.

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 authorization 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 driving, including 10 hours

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.

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 license 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 Parent-

to-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 driving behavior. The Parent-Teen Safe Driving Contract spells out consequences for violating a number of rules of the road and sets privileges, which can be adjusted as the driver 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 do 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 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."

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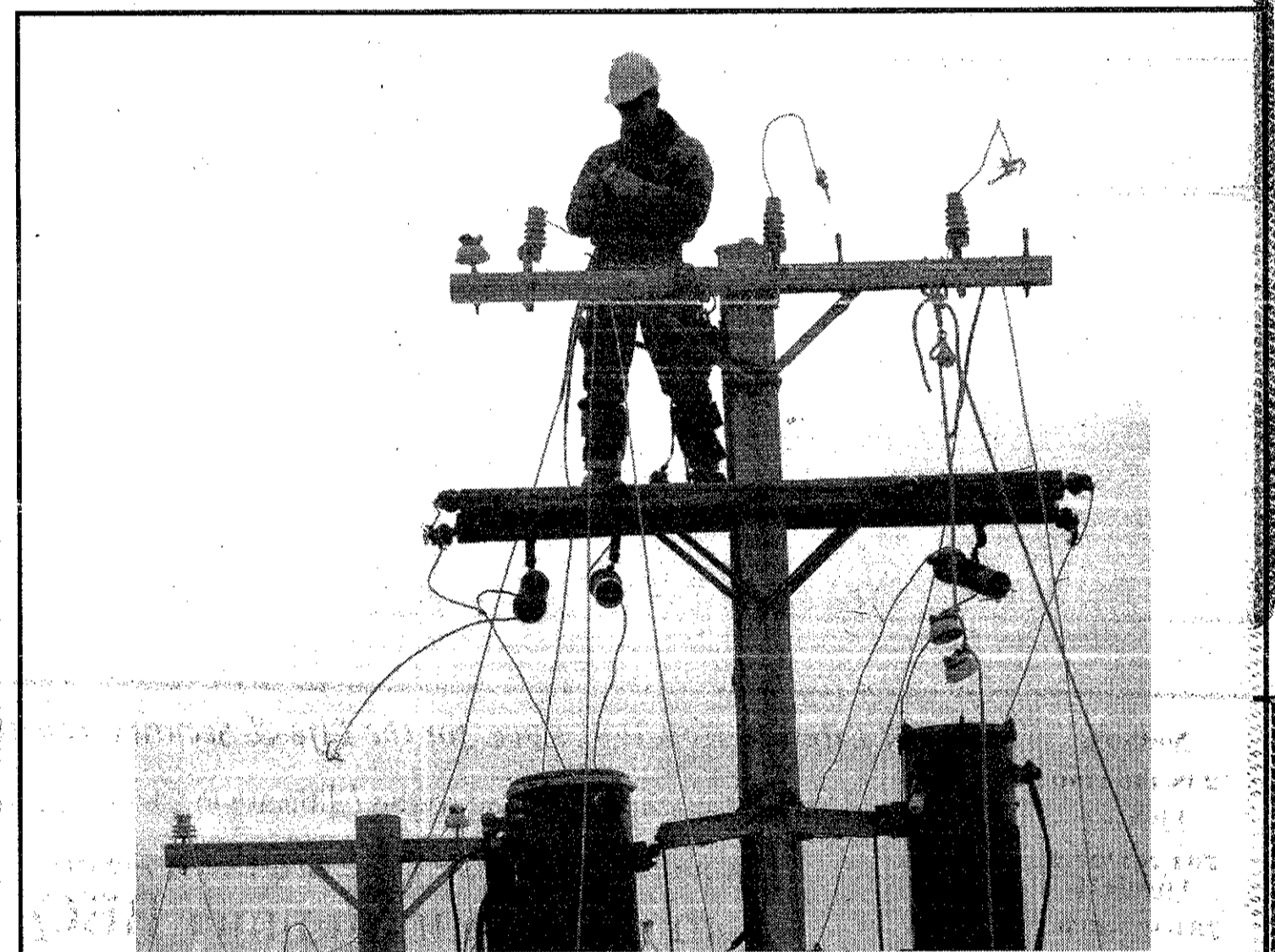
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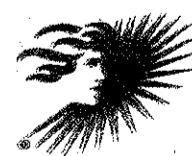
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Opposite ends of the spectrum

New Salvation Army leaders eye different mission

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

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 community.

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 opportunities.

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

"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 years."

Irvine 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."

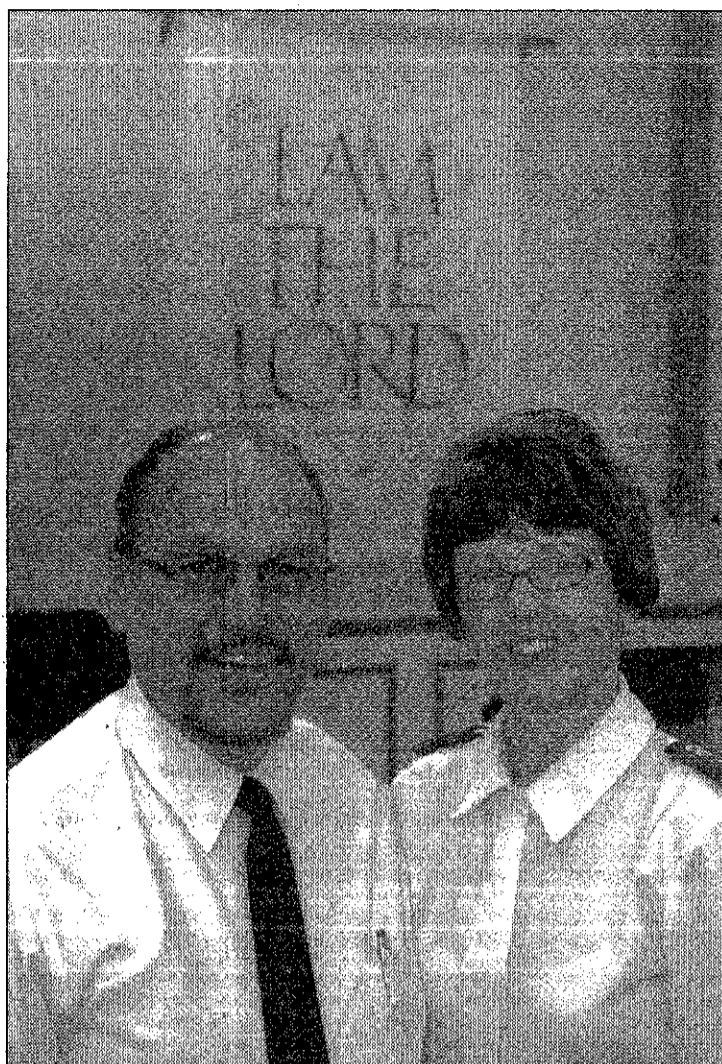
The Irvines come to Plymouth after two years in Pontiac, but with 13 years' experience in the corps. Both come from Salvation Army backgrounds — both their parents are retired Army officers — and the Salvation Army has been their church home since they were young.

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



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 congregation.

"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 the 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

BY DARRELL CLEM
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 to 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 of 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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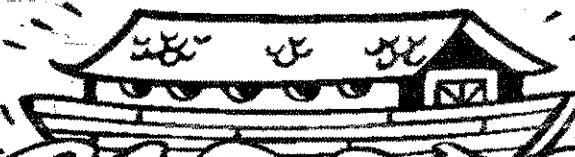
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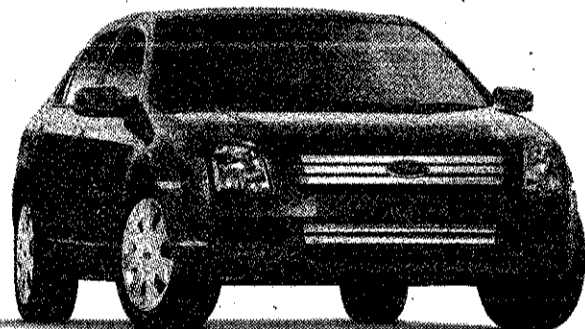


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AROUND TOWN

Grub crawl
The Northville Chamber presents the second-annual Northville Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join 300 hungry patrons as they make their way through some of the best restaurants in the Northville area.

Genealogical Society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Aug. 3, with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about "Scandinavian Research."

Sibling harmony
Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for big sisters and brothers.

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.

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 3-

Day Walk. Cynthia Aks, medical director and breast specialist at St. Mary Mercy Comprehensive Breast Center, answers questions about breast cancer awareness and treatments.

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.

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 AAACC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 locations in southeastern Michigan.

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.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue 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.

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.

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 small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch.

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 Birthie at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution; Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service.

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 information.

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 information.

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.

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.

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Table with 3 columns: Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200, 1072 Jorell Gasper Household, 4011 Dale Smith car/household, 5039 David Hieb equipment, 5054 John King household, 9154 Daphani Dent household.

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF WAYNE, 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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5280

Publish: July 20, 2006

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
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: July 20, 2006

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 Booth.

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. McCleendon 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 rate.

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

- 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.
- 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.

d. 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:

1. 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. 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.
 - b. 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 (water-level) control plan must be reviewed by Canton's Public Works Division to ensure storm water is properly managed onsite.
 - c. No plugs will be required in the pond zone of the forebay.
2. 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.
3. Upland Zone. A native sedge meadow seed mix or prairie (basic, dry-to-mesic or wet-to-mesic) 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.
4. 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.

2. Trees and Shrubs, General

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Native Plant Installation: Seeding vs. Planting of Plugs/Bare-Root Stock
 - a. 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 2-inches 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Native seed shall be planted above the permanent water elevation.
 - d. Signs must be posted around the detention basin stating it is a no mow zone.
6. Establishment and Maintenance of Native Plants
 - a. 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 pre-installation meeting between the landscaping contractor and Canton's Planning Services and Public Works Division shall be held prior to commencement of pond landscape work.
 - b. The home owner association covenants and restrictions or master deed must include language for detention basin maintenance per the approved plans.
 - c. 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 fall.

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

5.04. Standards for landscape materials.

A. 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.

C. Plant material specifications.

1. 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

1. Definitions.

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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)
- (SEE NATURAL BASIN: Dry Upland Zone Perm. Grasses (min. 5 species) CHART ON PAGE A26)
- (SEE NATURAL BASIN: Dry Upland Zone Native Forbs (min. 9 species) CHART ON PAGE A26)

Section 27.04 shall be amended as follows: 27.04 - PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

A. 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.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. 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.
2. 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 facilities.
3. 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 control.
- 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

parcs, trails and community recreational facilities in accordance with the Leisure Services Master Plan

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 roadway/intersection capacity improvements which eliminate existing deficiencies and or improve the level of service of those facilities (not merely mitigating the impact of the proposed development)

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

7. Minor Modification: Minor modifications are 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.

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

9. 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 with the characteristics of the project area.

10. Planned Unit Development: See Planned Development.

11. Planning Official: The employee or official of 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.

12. 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 Trustees.

12a. 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.

14. 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 if the applicant satisfies the conditions.

15. 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.

16. Unified Control: Unified control is single 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 Ordinance and this Article.

C. PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

1. 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.
2. All structures proposed for a Planned 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.

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

1. 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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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.

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. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
 - Multiple Family Residential Uses: In no case shall the average acre designated for multiple-family 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.
- 6. 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 common space. Required maintenance 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Natural Habitat: The development must comply with all local laws and regulations addressing the preservation and enhancement of the environment.
- 9. Need and Market Demand: There must be a community need and market demand for the uses contained in the proposed Planned Development.
- 10. Negative Impact: The proposed Planned Development shall not result in an unreasonably negative:
 - a. Fiscal impact on the Township;
 - b. Economic impact on surrounding properties; or
 - c. Impact upon the future development of the area.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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. In determining whether this requirement has been met, consideration shall be given to several factors, including but not limited to:
 - a. 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.
- 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.
- 15. Required Setbacks and Yards: Yard areas, building 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. The 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.
- 16. Unified Control: All land included for the purpose of development within a Planned

E. 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:

- 1. 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 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 Pre-application 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.
 - 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.
 - j. At least a sketch of the exterior facades of all buildings and structures which are contemplated to be erected.
 - k. 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.
- 2. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following the Pre-application Conference, the applicant 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:
 - a. 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 explanations 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.
 - j. 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.

F. REVIEW OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

- 1. General Review Procedures.
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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

2. Specific Review Procedures for Minor and Major 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 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 Development.
 - 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.
 - b. 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.

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.

H. CONDITIONS

- 1. 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. The conditions shall:
 - a. 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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- b. Protect the natural environment and conserve natural resources and energy;
 - c. Insure compatibility with adjacent uses of land; or
 - d. Promote the use of land in a specifically and economically desirable manner.
3. Conditions imposed shall meet all of the following requirements.
- a. 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.
 - b. Be related to the valid exercise of police power, and purposes which are affected by the proposed use or activity.
 - c. Be necessary to meet the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinance, be related to the standards established in the ordinance for the land use or activity under consideration, and be reasonably necessary to insure compliance with those standards.
4. 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. The approving authority shall maintain a record of conditions which are changed.

I. MODIFICATION OR CORRECTION OF AN APPROVED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

1. 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:
- a. The development plan will comply with all regulations of the governing agencies.
 - b. Any review comments received have been considered and addressed to the satisfaction of the Planning Official, Planning Commission and Township Board of Trustees.
 - c. The modification will not significantly alter the plans as originally approved by the Township Board of Trustees, including the appearance and uses of the development.
 - d. The Planning Official shall issue a report to the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees prior to issuing final approval for minor modifications to an approved Plan.
3. Major modifications to the approved 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 on 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 REZONING**

A. INTENT

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 set forth below.

1. 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 Canton.

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.

3. Rezoning Signs.

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

C. 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.

1. 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.

D. 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.

F. APPROVAL

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:

- (a) Be prepared in a form recordable with the Wayne County Register of Deeds; contain a legal description of the land to which it pertains;
- (b) Contain a statement acknowledging that the Statement of Conditions runs with the land, and is binding upon successor owners of the land;
- (c) Incorporate by attachment the 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 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;
- (f) 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
- (g) 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.

G. 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 Ordinance and be punishable accordingly. Additionally, any such violation shall be deemed a nuisance per se and subject to judicial abatement as

provided by law.

H. TIME PERIOD FOR ESTABLISHING 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

- 1. 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.
- 2. The Statement of Conditions may be amended thereafter in the same manner as was prescribed for the original conditional rezoning and Statement of Conditions

L. 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.).

M. FAILURE TO OFFER CONDITIONS

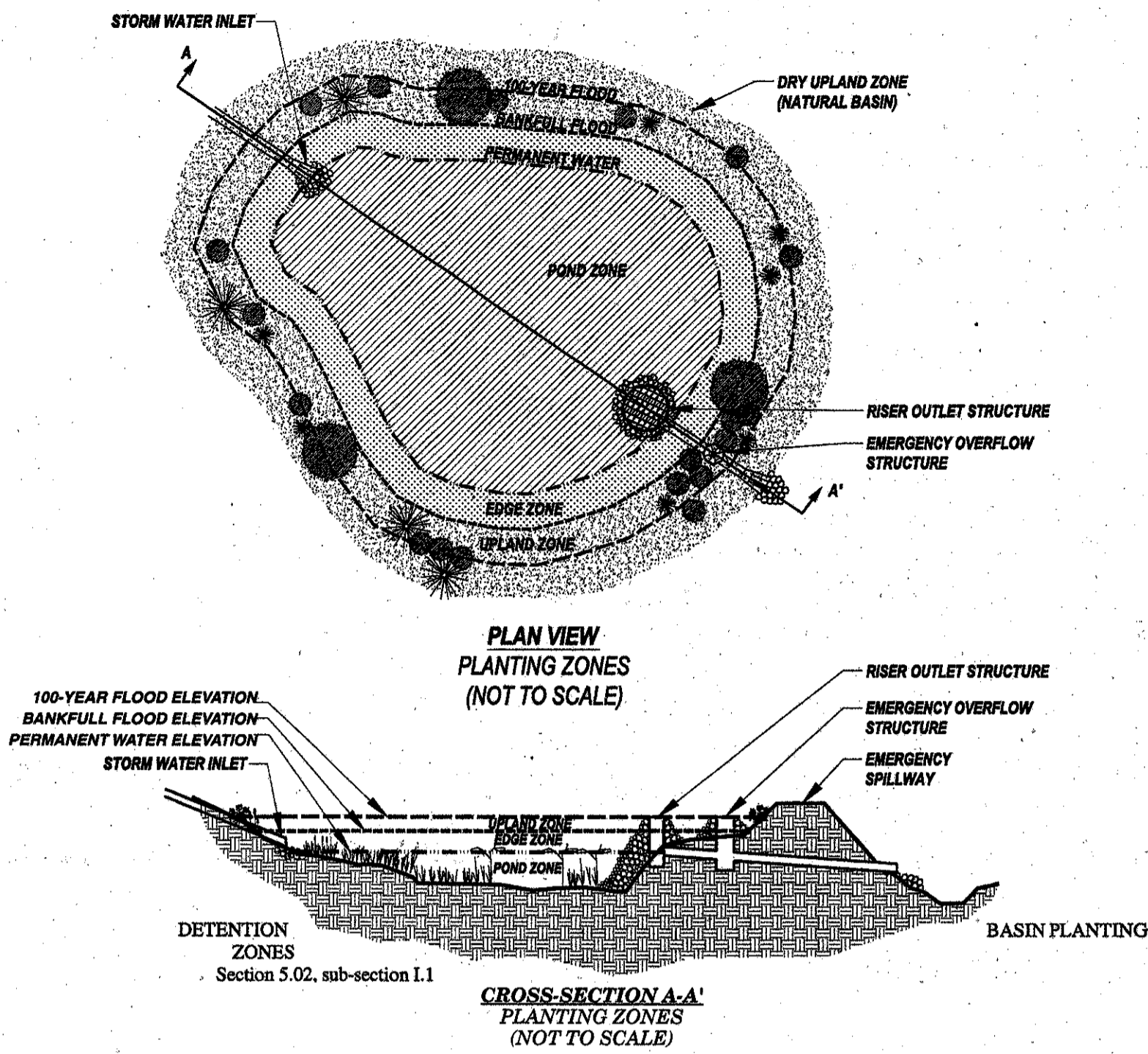
The Township shall not require an owner to offer conditions as a requirement for rezoning. The lack of an offer of conditions shall not affect an owner's rights under this Ordinance.

Item 7. PURCHASE OF AVID DIGITAL EDITOR SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR CABLE STUDIO. (ACSD) 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 purchase order total of \$20,161. Motions carried by all 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 Bartlett-Travis House Site by Danjo Construction in the amount of \$9,038 (Historic District Commission Capital Projects - 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 #261 346 977 2070 from Item # 2 in the amount of \$18.00 to Item # 3 - 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 SECURITY GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported 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 #261 346 999 0000 (\$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.

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

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

| Upland Zone | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Native Shrubs | | Native Trees | |
| Scientific Name | Common Name | Scientific Name | Common Name |
| <i>Ceanothus americanus</i> | New Jersey tea (dry-mesic) | <i>Acer rubrum</i> | Red maple (mesic) |
| <i>Cornus foemina (C. racemosa)</i> | Gray dogwood (dry to wet-mesic) | <i>Acer saccharum</i> | Sugar maple (mesic) |
| <i>Corylus americana</i> | American filbert (dry or mesic) | <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> | Serviceberry (Juneberry) (dry or mesic) |
| <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> | Witch-hazel (dry-mesic) | <i>Betula alleghaniensis</i> | Yellow birch (mesic) |
| <i>Lindera benzoin</i> | Spicebush (mesic) | <i>Carya cordiformis</i> | Bitternut hickory (mesic) |
| <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> | Ninebark (dry or mesic) | <i>Carya glabra</i> | Pignut Hickory (dry) |
| <i>Rhus aromatica</i> | Fragrant sumac (dry) | <i>Carya laciniosa</i> | Shellbark hickory (mesic) |
| <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> | Elderberry (wet-mesic) | <i>Carya ovata</i> | Shagbark hickory (dry-mesic) |
| <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> | Arrowwood (dry-mesic) | <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> | Hackberry (mesic) |
| | | <i>Celtis tenuifolia</i> | Dwarf hackberry (dry-mesic) |
| | | <i>Cercis canadensis</i> | Redbud (mesic) |
| | | <i>Crataegus crusgalli</i> | Cockspur hawthorn (dry) |
| | | <i>Gymnocladis dioica</i> | Kentucky coffeetree (mesic) |
| | | <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> | Hop-hornbeam |
| | | | Ironwood (dry-mesic) |
| | | <i>Quercus alba</i> | White oak (dry-mesic) |
| | | <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> | Shingle oak (mesic) |
| | | <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> | Bur oak (dry or mesic) |
| | | <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> | Chinkapin oak (dry or mesic) |
| | | <i>Quercus prinoides</i> | Dwarf Chinkapin oak (dry) |
| | | <i>Quercus rubra</i> | Red oak (mesic) |
| | | <i>Tilia americana</i> | 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
Scientific Name Common Name

3. Native Plant (Forb) Species by Planting Zone.

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

■ **Do it under cover:** 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 carefully; and saving water.

Information on all these steps can be found at www.semco.org or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

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4. Native seed mixes by planting zone.

| Edge Zone - Grasses/Sedges/Rushes (Minimum 5 species) | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Scientific Name | Common Name | Scientific Name | Common Name |
| <i>Carex lurida</i> | Bottlebrush sedge | <i>Juncus effusus</i> | Common rush |
| <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> | Brown fox sedge | <i>Leersia oryzoides</i> | Rice cut grass |
| <i>Echinochloa crusgalli</i> | Barnyard grass | <i>Scirpus acutus</i> | Hard-stemmed bulrush |
| <i>Elymus canadensis</i> | Canada wild rye | <i>Scirpus atrovirens</i> | Dark green rush |
| <i>Glyceria striata</i> | Fowl manna grass | <i>Scirpus pungens</i> | Chairmaker's rush |
| | | <i>Scirpus validus creber</i> | Great bulrush (softstem) |

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

Note: An annual cover crop is required for all Edge Zone seed mixes as described in Section 1.5 Native Plant Installation: Seeding vs. Planting of Plugs/Bare-Root Stock.

| Upland Zone: Grasses/Sedges/Rushes (Minimum 5 species) | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Scientific Name | Common Name | Scientific Name | Common Name |
| <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> | Blue joint grass | <i>Glyceria striata</i> | Fowl manna grass |
| <i>Carex comosa</i> | Bristly sedge | <i>Juncus effusus</i> | Common rush |
| <i>Carex hystericina</i> | Porcupine sedge | <i>Leersia oryzoides</i> | Rice cut grass |
| <i>Carex stricta</i> | Common tussock sedge | <i>Panicum virgatum</i> | Switch grass |
| <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> | Brown fox sedge | <i>Scirpus atrovirens</i> | Dark green rush |
| <i>Echinochloa crusgalli</i> | Barnyard grass | <i>Scirpus validus creber</i> | Great bulrush |
| <i>Elymus canadensis</i> | Canada wild rye | <i>Spartina pectinata</i> | Prairie cord grass |

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

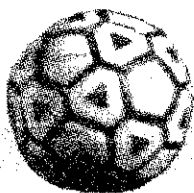
Note: These native plants are appropriate for the Upland Zone; from the bankfull elevation to the 100-year flood elevation and beyond. This seed selection consists of sedge meadow, wet-to-mesic prairie, and dry-to-mesic prairie plant species.

| Natural Basin: Dry Upland Zone: Permanent Grasses (Minimum 5 species) | | | |
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| Scientific Name | Common Name | Scientific Name | Common Name |
| <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> | Big bluestem grass | <i>Koeleria cristata</i> | June grass |
| <i>Andropogon scoparius</i> | Little bluestem grass | <i>Panicum virgatum</i> | Switch grass |
| <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> | Side-oats gramma | <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> | Indian grass |
| <i>Elymus canadensis</i> | Canada wild rye | <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> | Prairie dropseed |

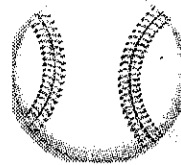
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| <i>Anemone cylindrica</i> | Thimbleweed | <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> | Wild bergamot |
| <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> | Wild columbine | <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i> | Wild quinine |
| <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> | Butterfly weed | <i>Petalostemum purpureum</i> | Purple prairie clover |
| <i>Aster ericoides</i> | Heath aster | <i>Physostegia virginiana arenaria</i> | Prairie obedient plant |
| <i>Aster laevis</i> | Smooth blue aster | <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> | Common mountain mint |
| <i>Aster novae-angliae</i> | New England aster | <i>Ratibida pinnata</i> | Yellow coneflower |
| <i>Baptista leucantha</i> | White wild indigo | <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> | Black-eyed susan |
| <i>Cassia fasciculata</i> | Partridge pea | <i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i> | Sweet black-eyed susan |
| <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> | Sand coreopsis | <i>Silphium laciniatum</i> | Compass plant |
| <i>Coreopsis tripteris</i> | Tall coreopsis | <i>Solidago juncea</i> | Early goldenrod |
| <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> | Broad-leaved purple coneflower | <i>Solidago nemoralis</i> | Old-field goldenrod |
| <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> | Rattlesnake master | <i>Solidago rigida</i> | Stiff goldenrod |
| <i>Helianthus mollis</i> | Downy sunflower | <i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i> | Common spiderwort |
| <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> | False sunflower | <i>Vernonia altissima taeniatricha</i> | Hairy tall ironweed |
| <i>Lespedeza capitata</i> | Round-headed bush clover | <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> | Culver's root |
| <i>Liatis aspera</i> | Rough blazing star | | |

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Rams earn national berth, 4-2



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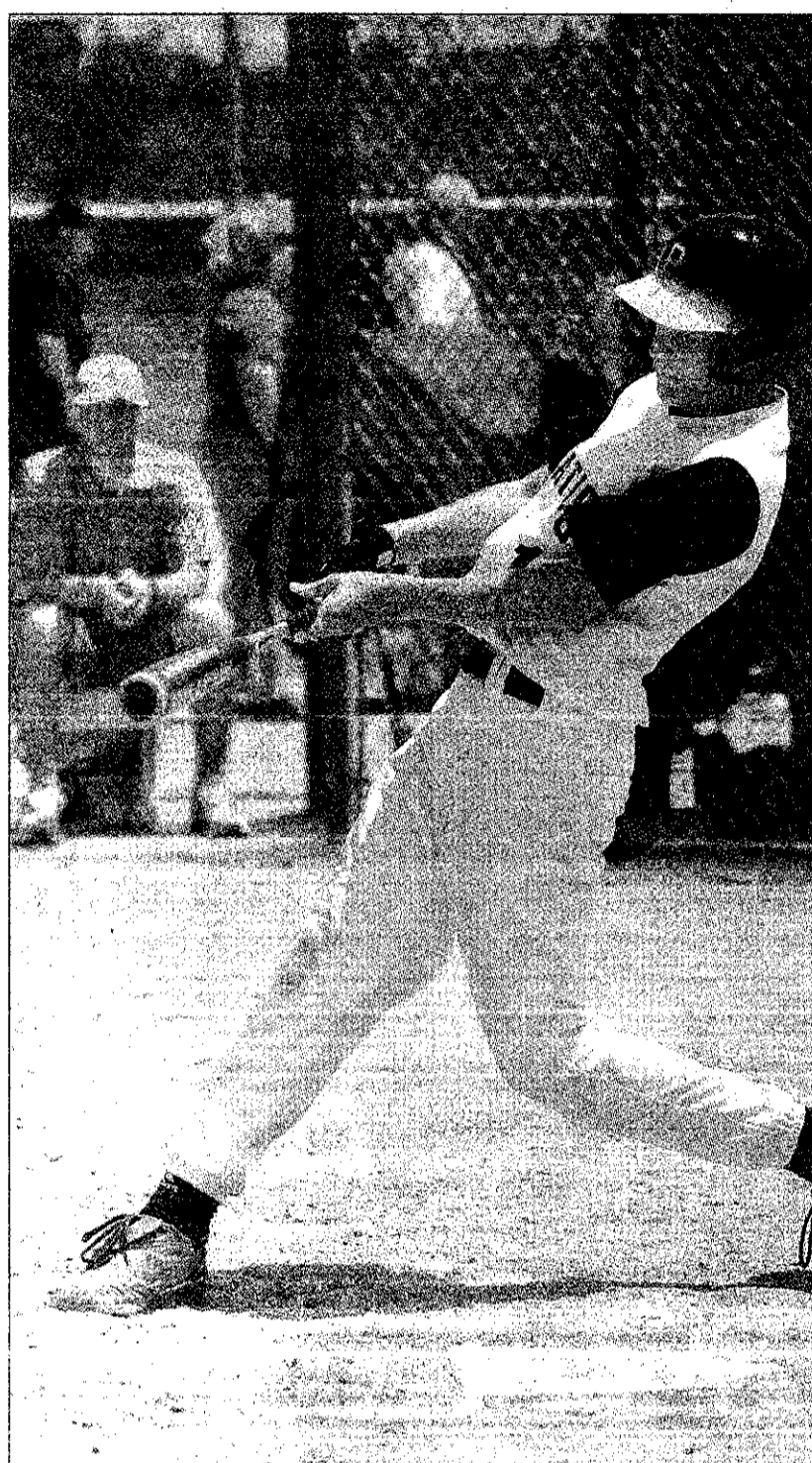
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USSSA 13U Baseball World Series



Pitcher Harrison Michels delivers the throw. First baseman Daniel Adsit watches the batter.



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

Best of the best

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

BY ED WRIGHT
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 talented.

"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

Positive attitude pays off for youth baseball team

What 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' off-the-field issues), "Rocky" (minus the violence) and "The Little Giants" (minus the football equipment)?

Answer: Something close to 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 States.

"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 bea-

con of positive light in a youth sports world that has too many winning-isn't-everything-it's-the-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 grididders are ready for East-West action

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's a chance Kevin Bradley's 11-year 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 pop.

"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).

Sidelines

Fishaw signs

Former Canton soccer



Fishaw

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

Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa.

Fishaw, who was a first-team 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-shirt.

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 4.07, respectively.

A's for effort

The Canton Little League's Minor Athletics earned their Division title recently. The A's also captured the Belleville Father's Day Tournament in June.

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.



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 Senkbell. 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 USSA 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 Pitcoke, 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 Pitcoke.



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.

NATIONALS

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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 Series."

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 Aug. 7.

The Rams (19-11) have finished fourth at the past two tournneys.

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 fly.

For the Eagles, Otis Young (1-for-3) knocked in both runs, scored against Rams' starting pitcher Steve Karchefski.

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 2-for-4 outing by Andrew Stafford, who scored a run.

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 goal-scoring 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 State University.

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).

Collecting the shutout for the Hawks was Kathryn

Cumming, who only had to stop two shots, both in the first half.

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. Kick-off 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.bucksoccer.com.

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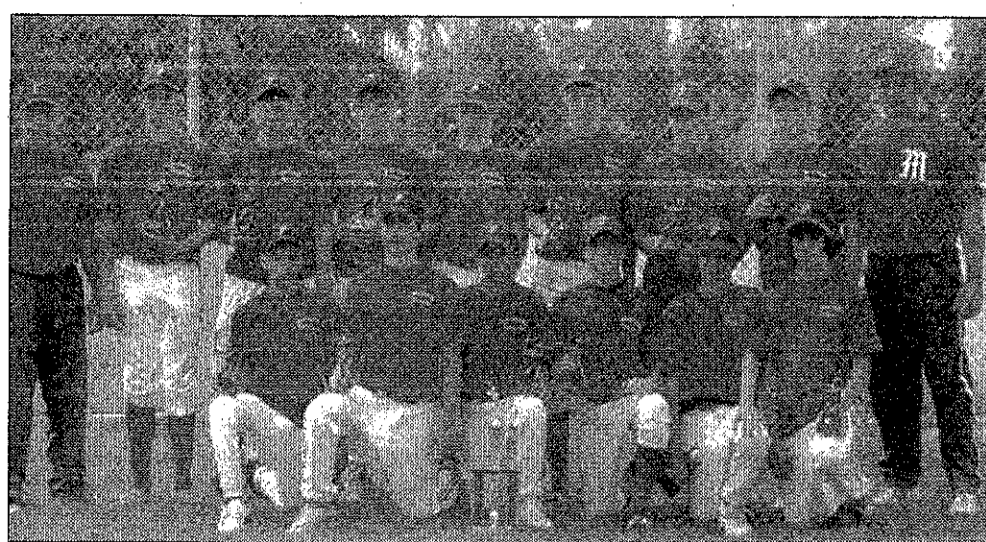
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'W'in-dians triumph

The Michigan Indians travel baseball team, which plays its home games at Massey Field in Plymouth, captured the Farmington Blues Invitational recently. The Indians outsluged 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 up to the top."

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 108-page volleyball guide received a 10th place mark, the fourth straight year the volleyball guide has earned a top-10 finish.

"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 excel."

PIRATES

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Carter Staffeld for his team's strong showing in the extra-inning 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 hard-fought 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 gun.

"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



Austin Payne puts on his batting helmet to go face the pitcher.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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 Observer.

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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 Clagens, 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 year."

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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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 4:30.

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 accuracy.

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 Championships at Ford Field.

For more information, call Erin Jeffery at (734) 466-2414.

GRIZZLIES TRYOUTS

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 Brickley, 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.

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. 15.

Registration forms are available at the Canton Softball Center and the Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the GCYBSA 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 car-wash 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 check-in 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 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.

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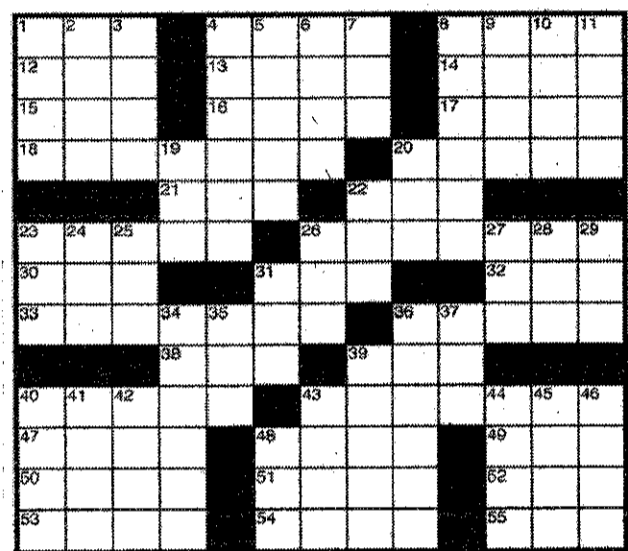
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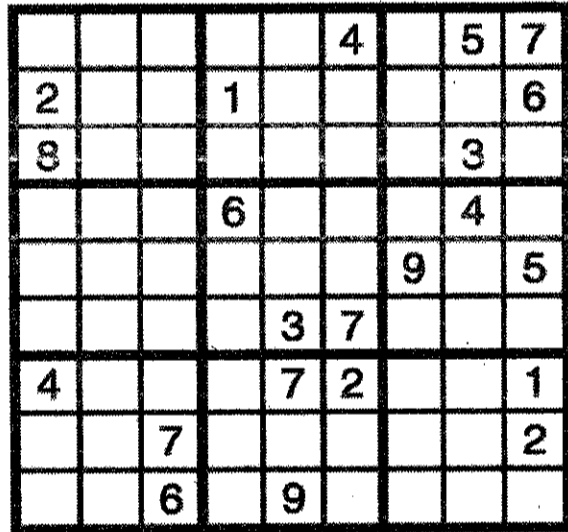
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- Vaulter's aid
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- Metal for plating
- Tarzan's kid
- Lout
- wester
- Mug
- Um cousins
- Baby's seat
- Through
- Claire, Wis.
- HMO staffers
- Collection
- Rouses up
- Grounded bird
- Watch out!
- Id companion
- Prepare to propose
- Follow the game
- District
- Inventor Sikorsky
- Pre-owned
- "No dice!" (hypn.)
- 1899 gold-rush town
- Singers Jan and —
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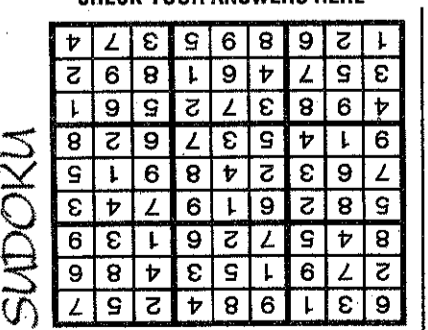
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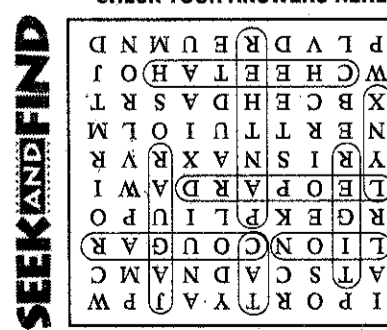
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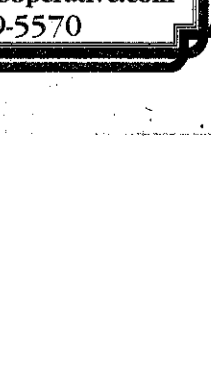
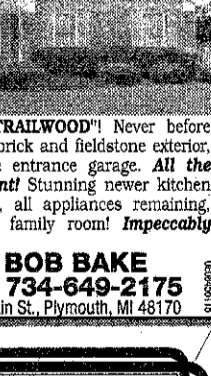
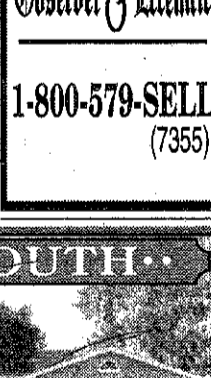
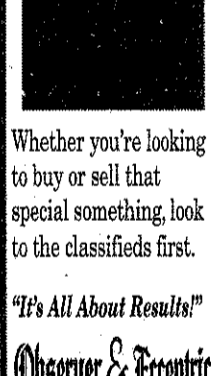
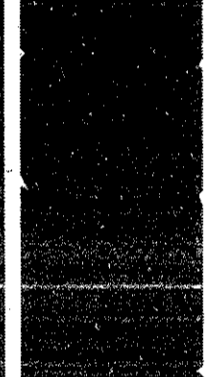
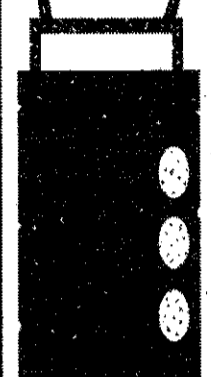
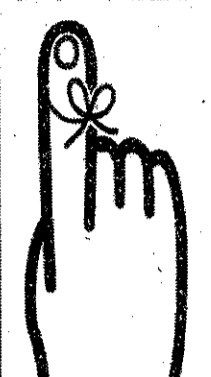
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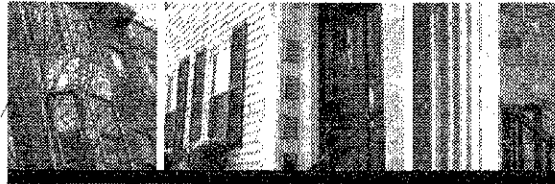
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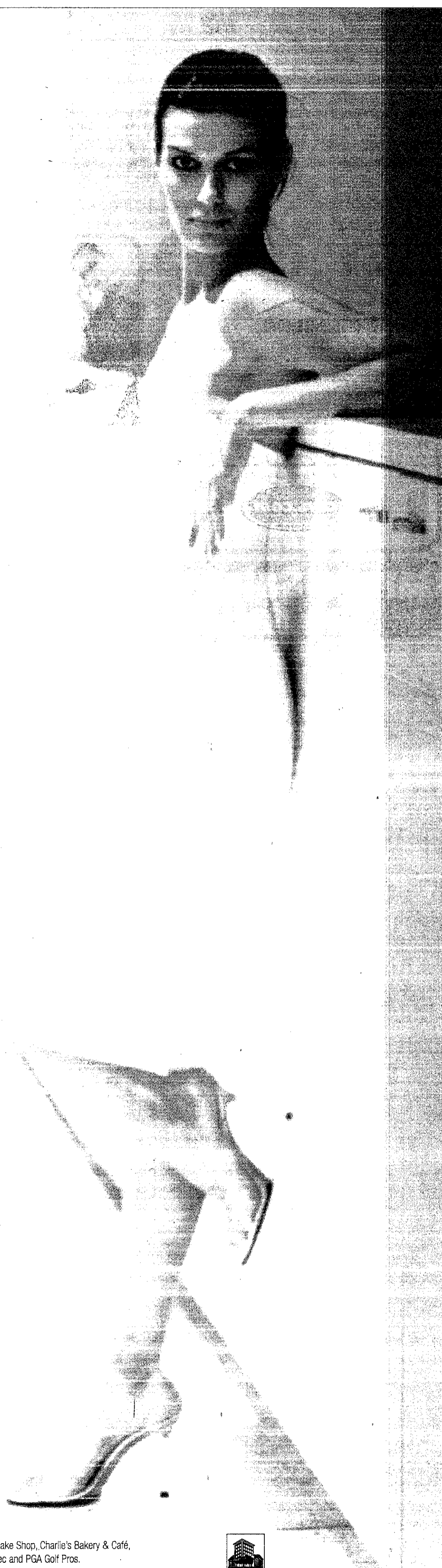
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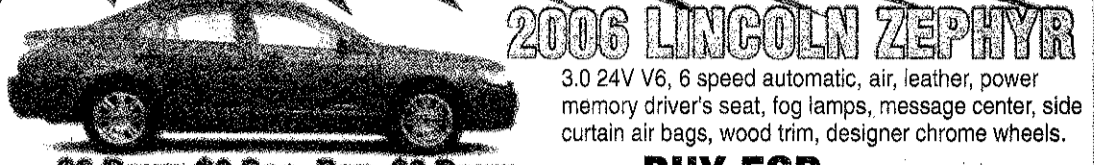
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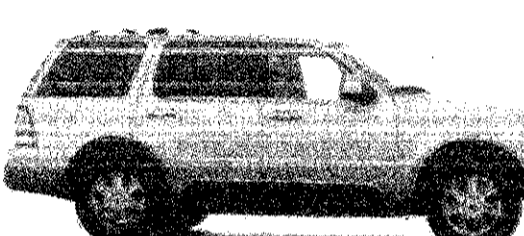
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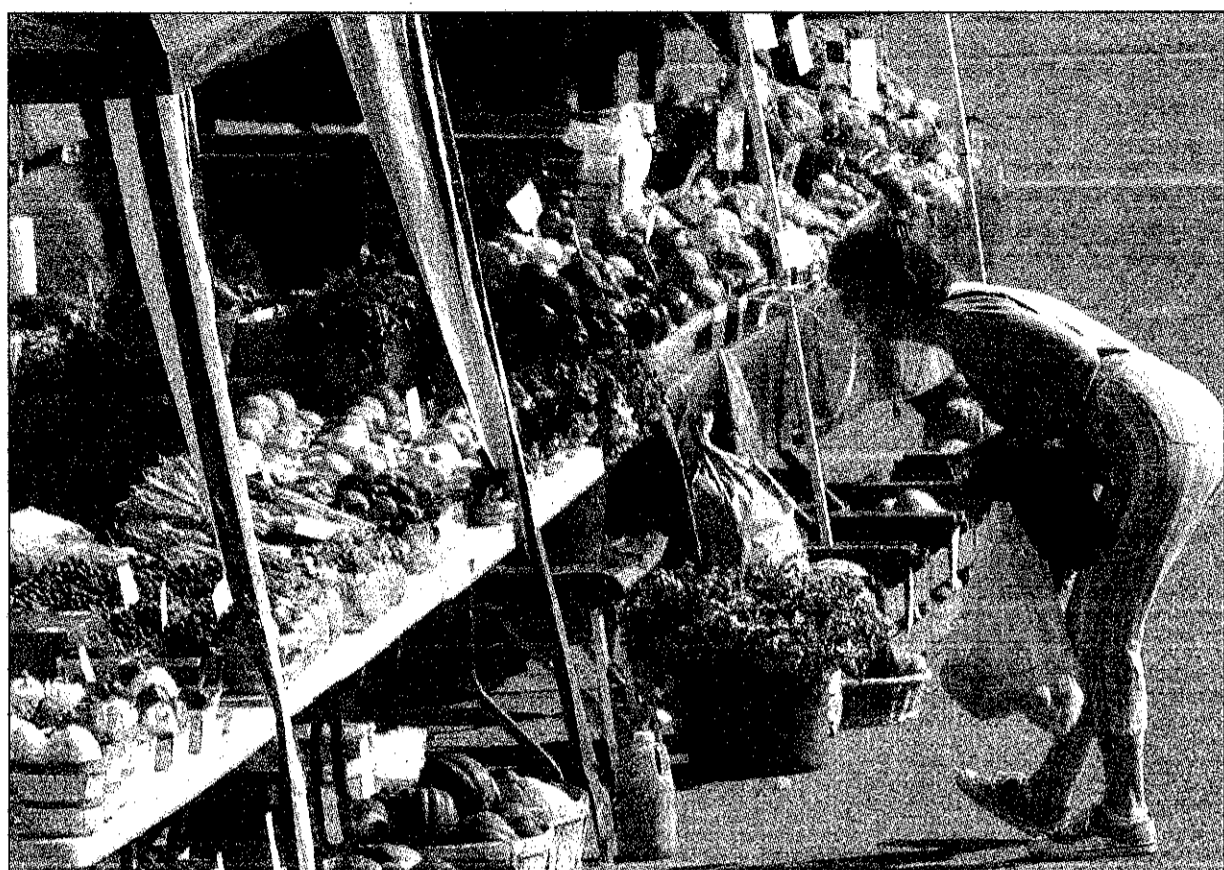
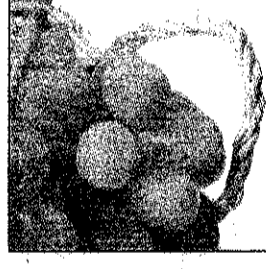
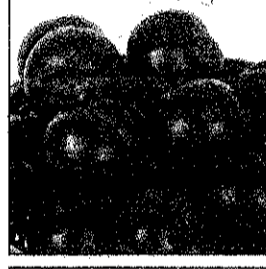
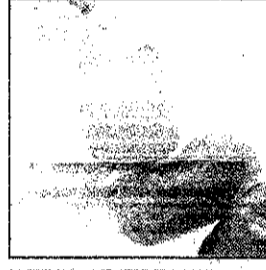
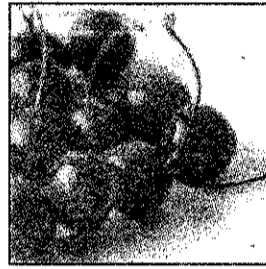
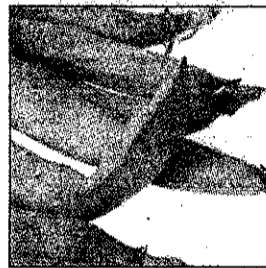
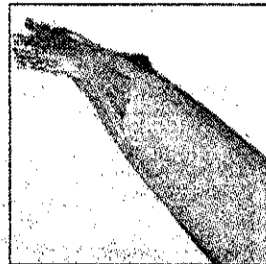
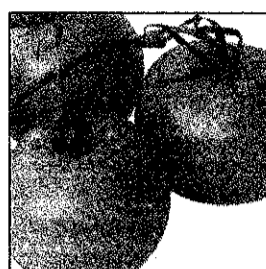
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Rochester Farmers Market is one of the farmers markets in the area.

fresh stuff

It's time for farmers markets

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

For recipes using fresh produce, see Page D6.

Northville Chamber of Commerce President Jody Humphries said. "Vendors must supply us with samples of their goods or photos of their non-food items."

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, normally \$50."

"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. Portabella mushrooms: \$2 per pound.

Competition is strong at local farmers markets, and prices aren't just fair, they're often surprisingly low.

"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 too.

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,"

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 discover interesting fruits and vegetables.

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 strong.

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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Apple's new MacBook features a built-in camera, the cool Front Row media interface, and a wireless remote.

Exploring reasons behind minimal Mac coverage

Do I hate Apple? 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 mention 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 column accordingly. I don't know if 96.4 percent of my readers are Windows users, but certainly they represent a vast majority.

Second, the petty answer: I don't particularly like them.

At this point I'd like to remind everyone that these are just computers we're talking about, and this is just my opinion. Hear me out before you perform the e-mail equivalent of hurling eggs at my head.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Do you remember carbon copy paper?

Being the computer savvy guy that I am (note the heavy sarcasm) something struck me the other day as I was 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?)



Dick Purtan

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 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 e-mails? 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.

PLEASE SEE PURTAN, D2

FARMERS MARKETS

- Ann Arbor Farmers Market**
7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday,
315 Detroit St., Ann Arbor, (734) 994-3276.
- Clarkston Farmers Market**
8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, reopens July 22
and runs through October, across from
Depot Park in downtown Clarkston, just
west of Main Street on Depot Road, clarkstonfarmersmarket.org.
- 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,
- Farmington Road and Grand River,**
www.downtownfarmington.org.
- Livonia Farmers Market**
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and
Saturdays, through October, Middlebelt
and West Chicago, Livonia, (734) 525-8718.
- Royal Oak Farmers Market**
January-April: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays;
May-October: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays,
Fridays and Saturdays; 316 E. 11 Mile Road,
two blocks east of Main, (248) 548-8822.
- Northville Farmers Market**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Sheldon and
Seven Mile roads, Northville, (248) 349-
7640, www.northville.org.
- Plymouth Farmers Market**
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, through
- October, 386 S. Main, Plymouth, (734)
453-1540.**
- Walled Lake Farmers Market**
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through
October, 1499 E. West Maple, (next to
Walled Lake Fire Station), Walled Lake,
(248) 926-9004, www.walledlake.com.
- Oakland County Farmers Market**
January-April: 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturdays; May-December: 6:30 a.m. to 2
p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays,
2350 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, (248)
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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...

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...

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public.

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 31).

The climbing roses program will feature a slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14.

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.

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.

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...

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 it can find.

The makeover will include everything from KSI's expert design services and installation to new cabinetry, kitchen appliances, countertops and more.

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 kitchen.

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 floor-to-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 cabinet space.

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 century electrical, and new plumbing was installed to replace the leaky old pipes that had stained the ceiling.

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 lighting.

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 countertop.

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 oven.

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.

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 Reich 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 be served.

HOME CALENDAR

Sample sale

Michigan Design Center's semi-annual Floor Sample and Clearance Sale will be open to the public Friday-Saturday, July 28-29.

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 support 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.preservation-wayne.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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Add some legumes to your plate

BY DANA JACOBI
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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.

1 teaspoon sweet Spanish or Hungarian paprika
1/2 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.

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
- 1 can (15 ounces) red beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves

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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 pot-au-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 bulbous bases.

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.

VICHYSOISE

- 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 1/2 cup potato flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 5 ounces ground beef
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 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 soft.

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 1/2-cup measure of the batter each time to make pancake-like patties).

Heat 1/2-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 4).

Recipe from *The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking*, by Phyllis Glazer with Miriam Glazer, Harper-Collins, 2004, \$29.95.

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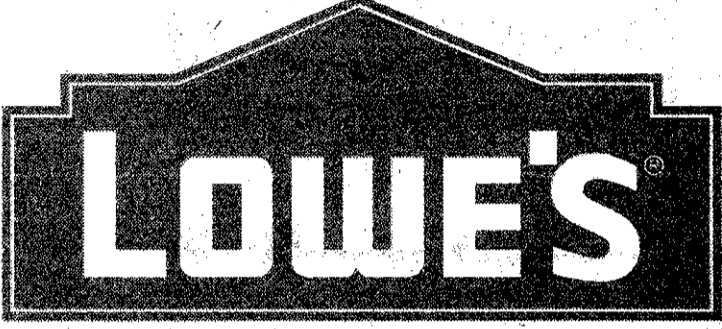
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It's the time of the season for eggplant

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, egg-shaped 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-

color. 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 lengthwise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 4 medium ripe tomatoes, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 cup Italian flat-leaf parsley, chopped

- 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 1/2 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

serve.

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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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 chef of Tokyo Sushi and Grill in downtown Birmingham, Troy and Auburn

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Bridesmaids find fashion and get dresses they can wear again

By Samantha Critchell  Associated Press

NEW YORK — Over the years, brides-to-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 28-year-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.

What that woman will find is a core



Today's brides are choosing simple, elegant bridesmaid dresses in on-trend colors, like this Juliette cotton cady dress in Clover, \$250; Holly silk faille dress in pool, \$295; and this Audrey cotton cady dress (top right) in the season's hottest color, espresso, \$225.

group of styles — a strapless dress with a fitted top and flared bottom is the best-seller — in a broad palette of colors. Black, navy, champagne and best-selling espresso brown are standards, while there also are seasonal colors, such as sage and cornflower blue. "I think that these colors obviously make the dress more versatile. A color like coral is usually more bridesmaidly," Lazarus says.

The brand also is offering print fabrics during the summer and jacquards during the fall.

"One of the things we've found is taking silhouettes that are successful in our regular apparel line and translating them into bridesmaid dresses," says Jenna Lyons Mazeau, senior vice president of women's design at J.Crew. The biggest change from standard bridesmaid offerings from even five years ago is the fabrics, she says. "A lot of people got caught up in fancy fabrics, but that can be the killer that makes something difficult to wear again. An easier-to-wear fabric gives more places for the dress to go."

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 Lefein 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 says.

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 same fabric and color as everyone else.

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."

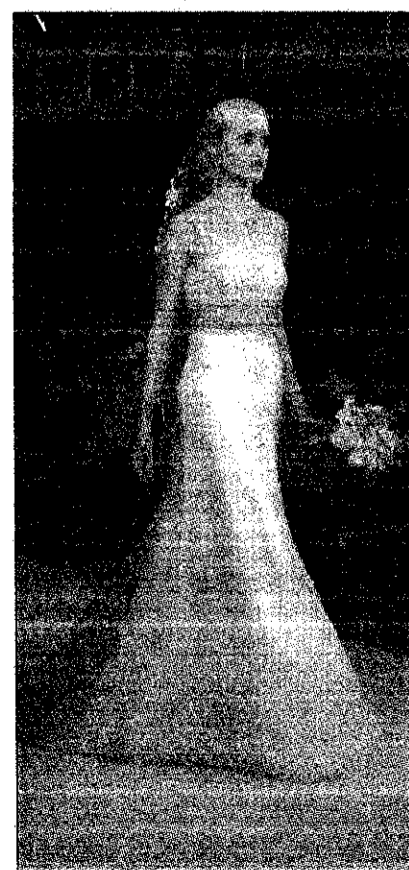
Still, brides want their bridesmaids to look special and like a team. That's where accessories come in. A classic strapless dress becomes a bridesmaid's dress with shoes and a shrug in the same color, says Smaldone.

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 considered "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.



Romona Keveza on the runway

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.

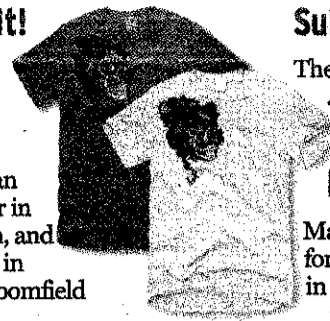
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Wear It!

Twelve Skulls tees, at Great American Chopper in Clawson, and Essence in West Bloomfield



Suit It!

The D. Coleman Collection at Jack's Place, Lathrup Village

Indulge It!

Manhood: A Grooming Gallery for Men, newly open in Southfield

DON'T Wear It!

Baseball caps, unless you're playing sports

Drink It!

Homebrew

Kick It!

Deck Shoes

Eat It!

A hot dog at Comerica Park

Accessorize It!

Rod Keenan New York hats at Pompadour in Ferndale



Shop It!

Peasant in Birmingham, named one of GQ Magazine's Top 100 Best Men's Shops In The U.S.!

Tote It!

Timbuk2 Messenger Bags

Experience It!

Shanghai Wednesdays at Mon Jin Lau in Troy

Solve It!

Toynbee Signs (three are in Detroit)

Face It!

The Art of Shaving Ingrown Hair Night Cream



DVD It!

Grandma's Boy

pink list

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.detroitssymphony.com.

Plymouth Road Sale Days

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.

Make it Work

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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