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House burns in 'bizarre' accident

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It was a freak weed trimming accident that led to a fire which destroyed a house on Leeann Lane early Monday morning, Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said.

"It's one of those incidents that will go down in history as bizarre, but true," Barrett said of the fire.

According to Barrett, the owner of the home, a man in his 50s, got off work after midnight and went home. At about 12:30 a.m. Monday, he decided to trim some weeds near his house in the neighborhood near Canton Center and Sheldon.

In the process of trimming the weeds, the trimmer ran out of gas, and he stopped to refuel it.

"Some gas got on the weed whacker and the gas can caught fire," Barrett said. "For reasons I don't understand, he dropped the can on the porch and took the trimmer into the garage and hung it on the wall."

When he returned to the porch, he saw it was covered in flames.

The call came in to 9-1-1 at 1:22 a.m. and the first firefighters showed up at 1:24 a.m. But in the course of just six minutes, the fire had shot up into the eaves over the porch, and consequently into the attic, Barrett said.

"The front porch eaves were burned off. The attic area above the eaves is gone. There was ceiling collapse inside and the trusses were eaten through by fire," Barrett said. "You have to understand the energy of five gallons of gasoline was burning on the porch. That was all going right up into the attic. It also went horizontally into the soffit, and burned like a blow torch into the garage."

The house is being considered a total loss, as is the man's car and other contents of the garage.

"The estimated damage, I wouldn't know for sure, but conservatively I think it's in the neighborhood of 170 to 200,000 dollars," Barrett said.

Firefighters worked until nearly 4:30 a.m. extinguishing the flames. No one was injured, except the homeowner, who had flash burns on his hands and wrists. No other homes were damaged in the blaze.

"It's a bizarre incident," Barrett said. "Who would have thought a weed whipping incident could destroy a house?"

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Hoben Elementary students Lija Carpenter and Brandon Bitner helped with the new schoolyard habitat project. Teacher Lynn Helinski has been one of the prime movers of the project.

Schoolyard habitat projects emphasize the natural world

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Just behind Field Elementary School, the sweet smell of thistle flowers was hanging thick in the humid July air. A frog surfaced in the small pond in the school's nature sanctuary, and insects chirped and clicked, signaling an impending rain.

It's just a little slice of heaven, if you ask Rick Plecha.

Plecha, a 27-year science teacher at the school, helped build the natural habitat, which is now home to four kinds of frogs and at least 14 types of birds, after students complained about the smells coming from

Truesdell Drain, which runs behind the school.

"They were saying the creek smelled yucky and there was stuff in there that didn't belong there," Plecha said. They were right. Months later, in 1997, after Plecha organized a work day in conjunction with the school's parent teacher organization and Friends of the Rouge, the volunteers pulled from the creek a sofa, a bike, construction debris and a Dumpster full of garbage.

Immediately the creek began testing healthier, with less bacteria and more oxygen.

The area around the



There are a wide variety of birdhouses in the habitat, and many of them have been occupied.

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Education a top priority for House hopeful Lamar

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



Lamar

There's no doubt that if Joanne Lamar of Plymouth Township is elected as the next state representative of the 20th House District, education will be a top priority.

Lamar, a former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools trustee, is clear on where she stands when it comes to education initiatives and funding.

"I'm not sure if the changes we see this year are because of the election," Lamar said of

the \$200 per pupil state foundation increase proposed for public school districts. "However, I'm hoping (Gov.) Jennifer

Granholm and others will say we should be focusing on education, and not just make it an election year event, but something we will truly push for in this state.

"The new high school grad-

uation requirements are wonderful, and maybe after a few more years we will make them more challenging, and do something else for kids to go to college," she added. "I don't know exactly where we'll get the money, but maybe we can restructure things."

One of those areas might be the K-16 Coalition proposal on the November ballot, which gives automatic annual funding increases to school districts. Lamar gives her support to the initiative.

"I think we need cost-of-liv-

ing increases for schools, at the very least," Lamar said. "Our energy, salaries and health insurance costs are up, and many districts are running deficits. That's why I think they should get cost-of-living increases."

"There are ways we can save money in the state to pay for it," she added. "There's a lot of waste in the prison system. They exist on \$20,000 (per prisoner) and our children get \$7,000. We can make some changes to streamline so that prison isn't so posh."

Lamar is one of three Democrats vying for the party's nomination in the Aug. 8 primary for the 20th House seat, which is being vacated by term-limited John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) after six years. And, like her counterparts, eliminating the Single Business Tax will be a priority if she's elected.

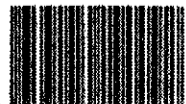
"If you look at other states, they have a very structured and simple way they tax business," Lamar said.

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Candidate McNamara looks to emerge from father's big shadow

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



McNamara

Providing services to all of Wayne County's two million residents is a bigger job than one man can do alone. So Wayne County Commission District 11 candidate Kevin McNamara intends to bring in as much help as he can — if he wins against fellow Democrat Toni Clark in the Aug. 8 primary, and ultimately the Nov. 7 general election.

"The very first thing I would do after being elected is talk to every mayor and supervisor in southwest Wayne County and form an advisory board, similar to the Downriver Conference," Canton resident McNamara said. "I would want to form an alliance of mayors and supervisors to influence legislation and funding formulas. Right now those formulas are very skewed to the Detroit bloc."

What that means is that southwestern Wayne County lacks clout, and loses out on funding from the county — funding which could be improving roads, infrastructure

and recreation in the 11th District, said McNamara.

Also at the top of McNamara's list of goals is to work with the commission to identify

functions that should be performed by the county and do them better, and abandon those things which should no longer be under the county's control.

"The county commission is in a permanent state of crisis with the budget. They are running slight deficits. They have to make some hard decisions of what the county can and cannot do," McNamara said.

He cited county control of infrastructure as an example. County government was established largely to provide expertise to local communities, he said. But a lot has changed over the years.

"That attitude came out 100 years ago before you had masters of engineering running our

departments of public works. Now you have incredibly experienced experts running the show in local communities," he said. "We don't need to micro-manage their decisions on roads, sewers, the maintenance of those things and the development of lagoons, ditches and drains. We need to hand some of that stuff off and let the cities run with it."

By handing off control and responsibility to the local authorities, the county can focus on those things it does very well, such as county roads maintenance and juvenile justice.

"We have a fine criminal justice department," McNamara said. "But they're overwhelmed by sheer numbers."

McNamara's list of priorities has developed over years of helping people deal with county government, he said.

As the son of the late Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Kevin McNamara's phone has been ringing for years; people regularly call him for help and advice on how to get help dealing with county

government and how to best get services from the county.

McNamara currently works as an account executive for Inland Waters Pollution Control. He's 48 years old, and earned an associates degree in math and science from Schoolcraft College. He went on to study computers and information studies at the University of Michigan, but just shy of graduation was offered a job.

"I went into computers at a time in the 1980s when you didn't need much education to make a lot of money," he said.

McNamara has earned endorsements from labor unions AFL-CIO, AFSCME, Teamsters, Operating Engineers, the Governmental Administrators Association, and from the Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council, he said. He's spent \$10,000 on his campaign thus far, and anticipates having to spend upwards of \$100,000 by the November election.

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Bennett says political, business experience will benefit county

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

No matter what office a candidate is running for this year, the issue on any politician's mind should be one thing — the economy — according to Loren Bennett, a Republican running for the Wayne County Commission's 11th District.

"Is the economy a state issue? Federal? Local?" said Bennett, who will run against fellow Canton Republican Gerald Law in the Aug. 8 primary. "It's all of that. It's an issue for the citizens for the whole state. We must work together. Everyone must do their part. I'm a huge believer that southeast Michigan is absolutely a key component for a healthy state of Michigan."

That means that the entire region, particularly Wayne County, being home to Detroit, must work together to attract business and jobs, and keep county budgets sensible and balanced, Bennett said.

Bennett has a long history of political work.

The 55-year-old served as a Canton Township Trustee from 1980 to 1988. He then served as Canton Township Clerk from 1988 to 1994, when he ran for State Senate and won. After two terms, he was term-limited out of the senate and was in the process of running for Secretary of State when he was asked by former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumous to run with him when he made a bid for the governor's office in 2002.

"We all know how that turned out, and I'm not Lt. Governor," Bennett said.



Bennett

So he returned to work in the private sector, first as owner of his own business — an ice cream shop in Canton.

It was then that he learned the county needs to adopt more business-friendly policies and procedures, especially as they apply to inspections.

"Time is money for small business people, and we need to do something to ensure timely inspections when business owners are trying to start their businesses," he said.

For two years, he tried to make a living in the ice cream business, but eventually had to close the store.

"I loved it, but it wasn't paying the bills," Bennett said. So he went to work for a medical supply company.

"When I first started, the company had received a major statewide contract and I was hired to come in and handle everything from complaint calls to establishing policies and procedures. My position here has evolved," Bennett said, adding that it's evolved in such a way that his experience would serve Wayne County taxpayers well.

"I have looked for bidding opportunities around the country, and I analyze the contracts and we try to suggest better ways for different governmental entities to save money on health care."

He added an example, stating that the current contract the company has with the state of Michigan is saving the state \$18 million a year.

"I help preserve medical programs by helping to cut the costs," he said. "I do that for a living now and will be able to do that for the county when I'm elected."

However, he said when he's elected the company he works for will not bid on county programs.

Bennett plans to continue to work at his current position if elected to the commission, which is a part-time job, he said.

Bennett studied business at Schoolcraft College for two years before launching his career in business management, then politics. He said he's running for office because he has "an awful lot to give" Wayne County residents.

"Given the work I'm currently doing, it gives me a two-dimensional look at government. I've been on the inside looking at issues but now I'm in the private sector looking at issues and government contracts," he said.

Bennett has been endorsed by the Council of Detroit Baptist Ministers, as well as Canton Township trustees Todd LaJoy, Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Bennett's wife, Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett.

He's also earned the endorsements of State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, and State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Bennett reported that he expects to spend approximately \$30,000 for his campaign, assuming he wins in the Aug. 8 primary.

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Sheriff's Mounted Unit holds open barn July 29

Area residents will have a rare opportunity to spend time with the officers and horses of Michigan's last full-time mounted patrol.

On Saturday, July 29, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans is inviting the public to an open house at his department's Mounted Unit barn, which is located on Hines Drive just west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

The Open House will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. People attending the free event will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with the unit's new four new mounts, which were recently purchased to replace four others who have since retired to new homes, as well as the unit's "veteran" horses. Officers will conduct hourly tactical demonstrations and show visitors how they groom and train their mounts.

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Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans will open the doors to his Mounted Unit to the public on Saturday, July 29. Wayne County's mounted patrol, which was established 26 years ago under Evans' command (then as a lieutenant), is the last full-time mounted unit in Michigan.

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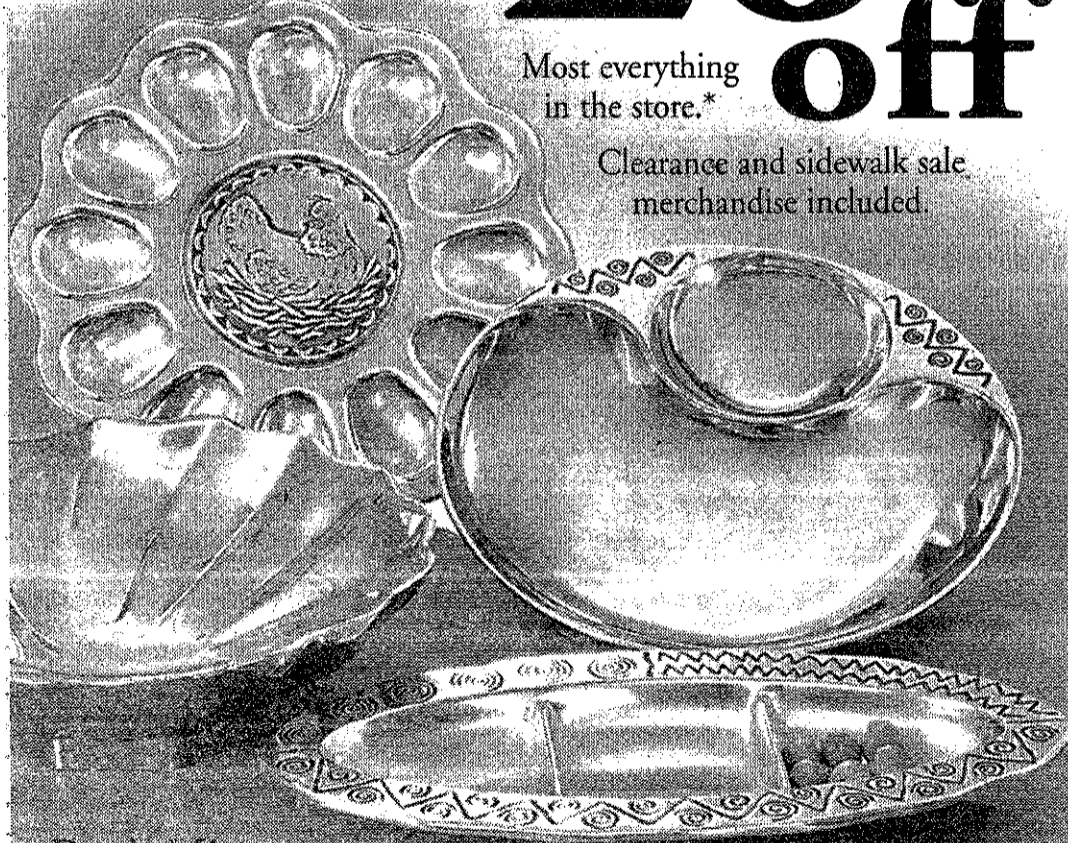
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The closure was supposed to begin today, but there were some delays.

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Young newlyweds

Actually, cousins Victoria Kassab, 5, and Ethan Junk, 6, of Westland, didn't get married. Ethan's mother, Lisa Junk, brought them to Cherry Hill Village on Monday to shoot some photos. Lisa was taking Ethan's portrait for his sixth birthday and wanted to do something a little different.

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By Elena Lombardi
Freelance Writer



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Ever look through a pair of field glasses or binoculars? Things look bigger and closer, and much easier to see. California Optometrist, Dr. Richard J. Shuldiner and Michigan optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith, use miniaturized binoculars or telescopes to help people who have lost vision from macular degeneration or other eye conditions.

"Some of my patients consider us the last stop for people who have vision loss," said Dr. Smith, a low vision optometrist who trained with Dr. Shuldiner in California.

"People don't know that there are doctors who are very experienced in low vision care." Dr. Shuldiner happens to be one of only 52 Low Vision Diplomates in the world in the American Academy of Optometry.

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease amongst the senior population. As many as 25% of those over 65 have some degree of degeneration. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive and gives us sharp images. When it degenerates, macular degeneration leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book

or pass the driver's vision test.

The experts do not know what causes macular degeneration. But it is known that UV light from the sun is a major contributing factor. Other factors are smoking, aging of course, and improper nutrition. 15 to 20% of the time it is genetic.

There are two types, wet and dry. The wet type involves leaky blood vessels and can be lasered shut. Unfortunately, it's a temporary fix since other leaks usually occur.

"Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning," says Dr. Smith.

Even if it's driving. The state of Michigan allows the use of telescopic glasses to help meet the vision requirements for driving.

Donald Paquette, 72, a former county assessor from Anaheim, California was seen last November. "I could not read the street signs soon enough when driving, and I couldn't read my saxophone music anymore."

The Doctor fit him with bioptic telescope glasses. "Amazing!" says Donald. "I can read the street signs twice as far as I did before. I can play my sax again. Happy day!"

Carole Buckles, 71, of Arcadia, California came on the advice of a friend. "I wanted to be able to keep driving and do the fun things in life." One of those fun things is baseball. "I love going to baseball games and now I can see those close plays again," she says.

Bioptic Telescopic glasses were prescribed to read signs and see traffic lights farther away. As Carole puts it, "These telescope glasses not only allow me to read signs from a farther distance, but makes driving much easier. I've also used them to watch television so I don't have to sit so close. Definitely worth the \$1975 cost. I don't know why I waited two years to do this; I should have come sooner."

"Telescopic glasses usually cost over \$2000," says Dr. Smith, "especially if we build them with an automatic sunglass."

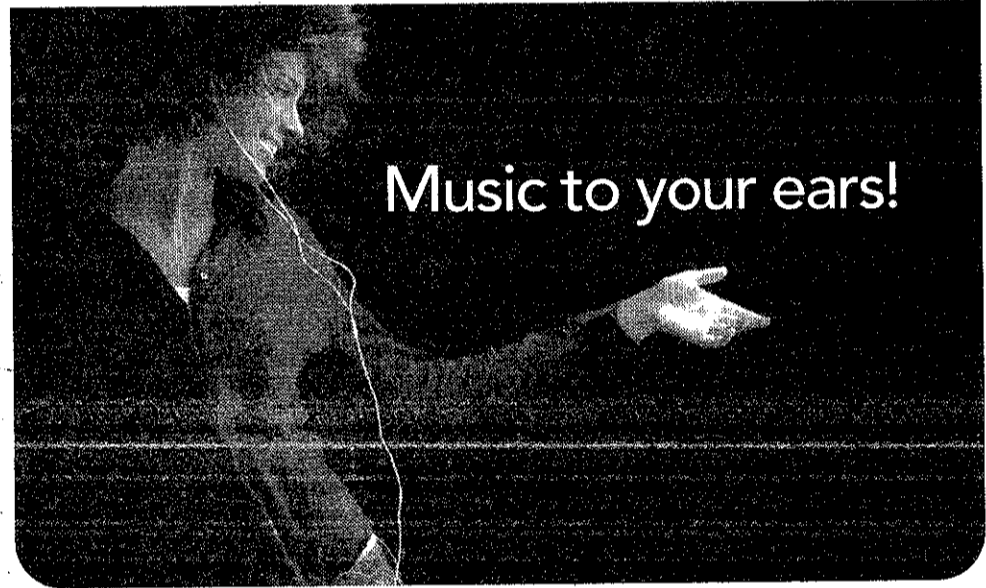
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Ellen Imboden traveled from Sweden and was helped with two pairs of glasses: Special \$475 prismatic glasses that let her read newsprint, as well as bioptic telescopes to continue driving in Sweden.

Low vision devices are not always expensive. Some reading glasses cost as little as \$475 and some magnifiers under \$100. Every case is different because people have different levels of vision and different desires.

"Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, West Bloomfield, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. Dr. Smith can be reached at Suburban Low Vision toll free at 1-877-677-2020.

Free seminars for senior centers and retirement facilities are also available.



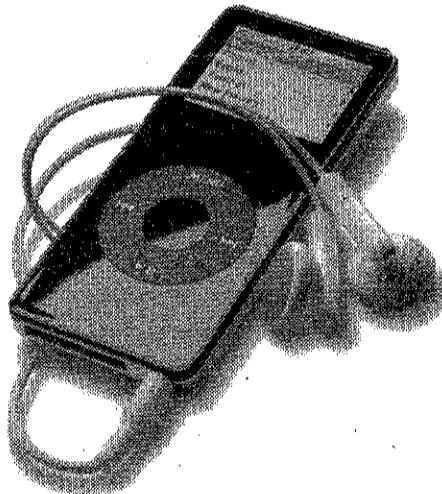
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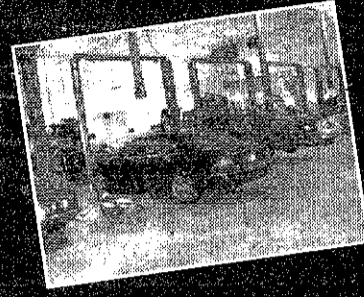
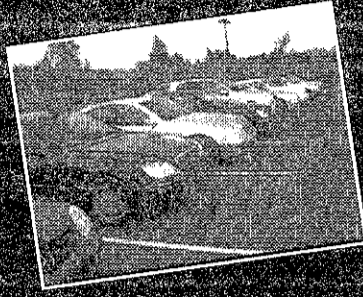
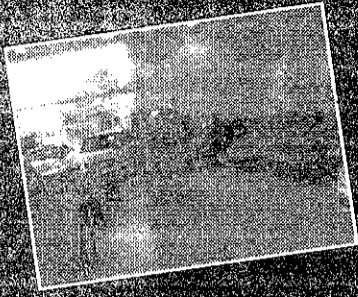
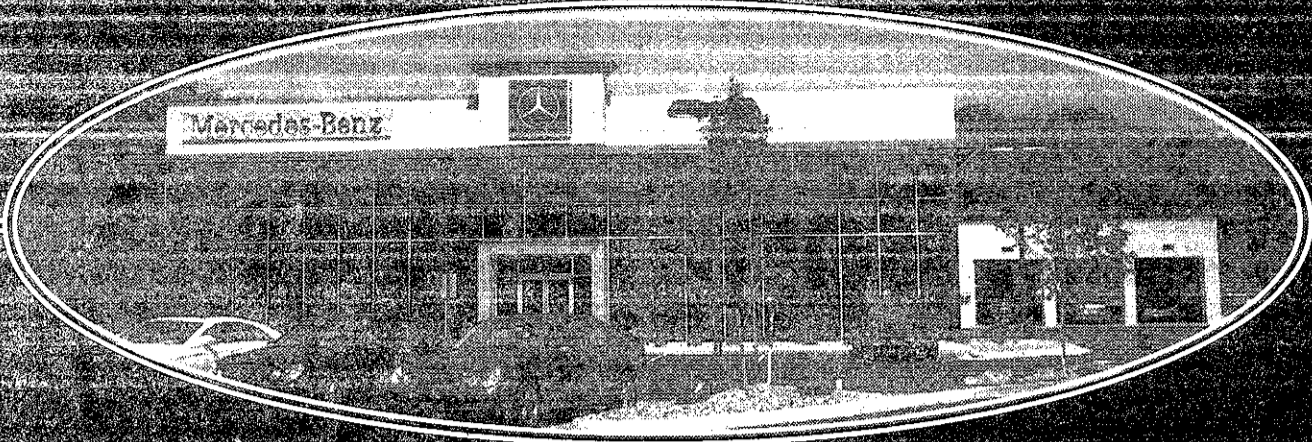
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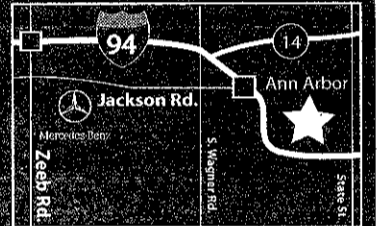


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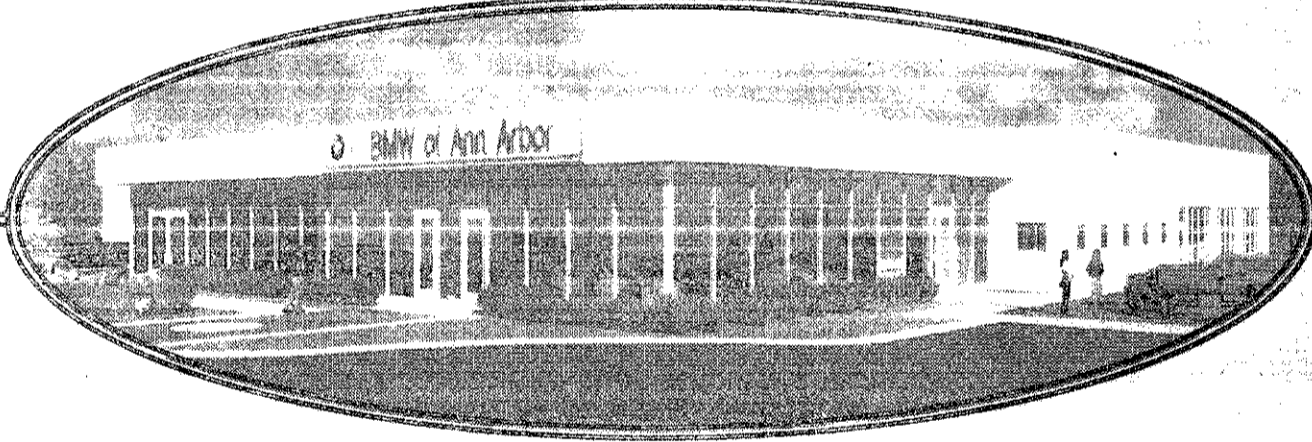
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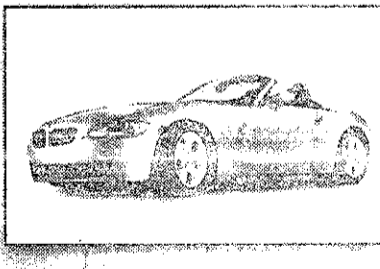
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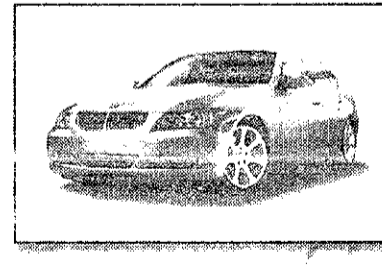
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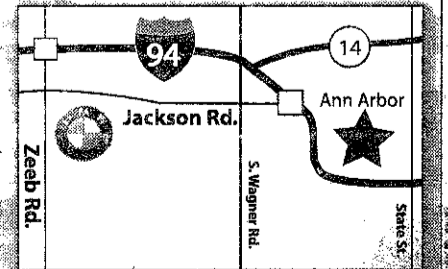
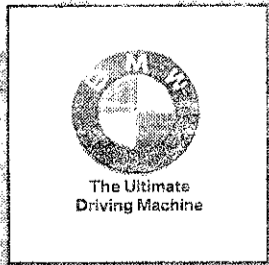
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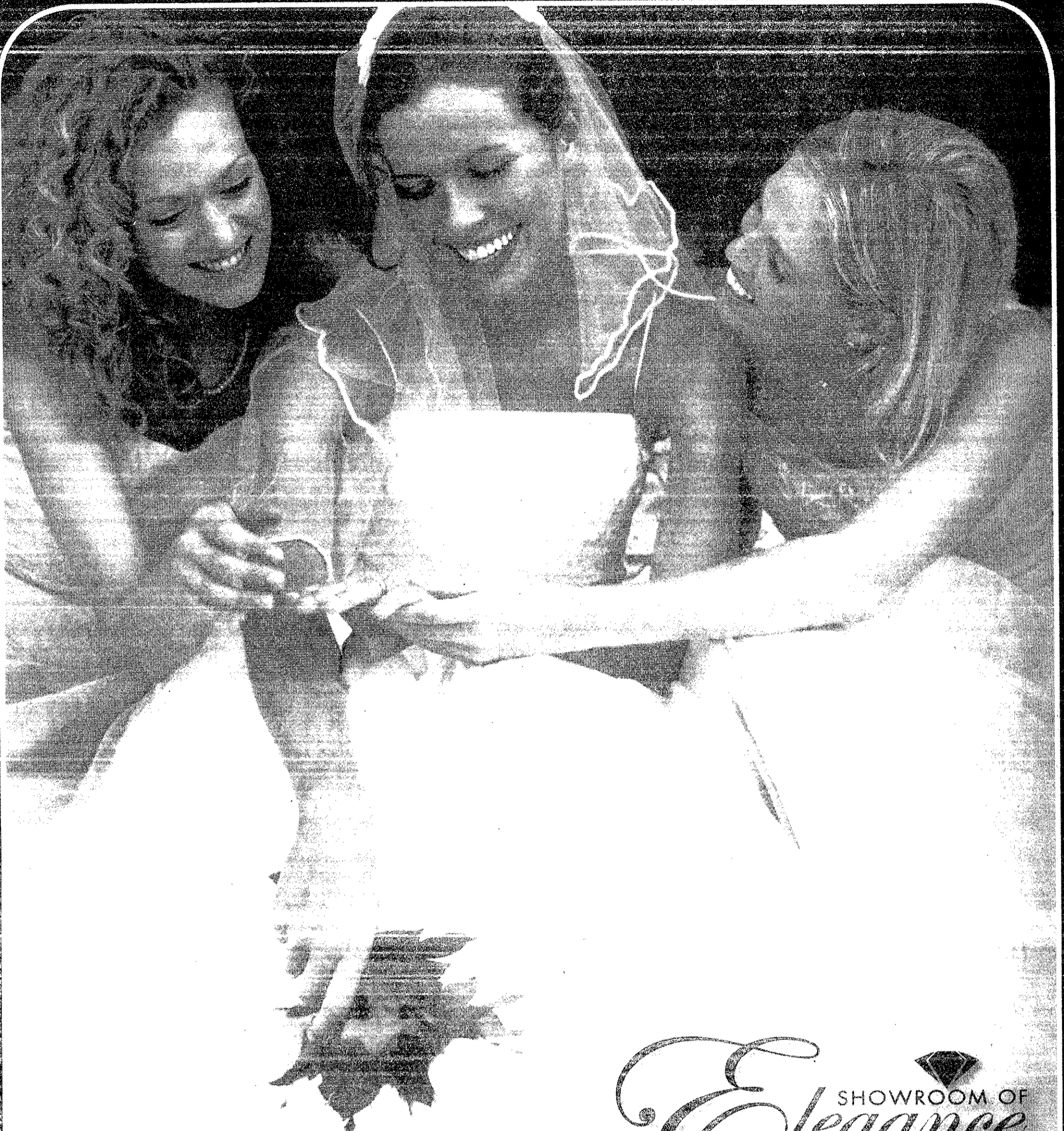
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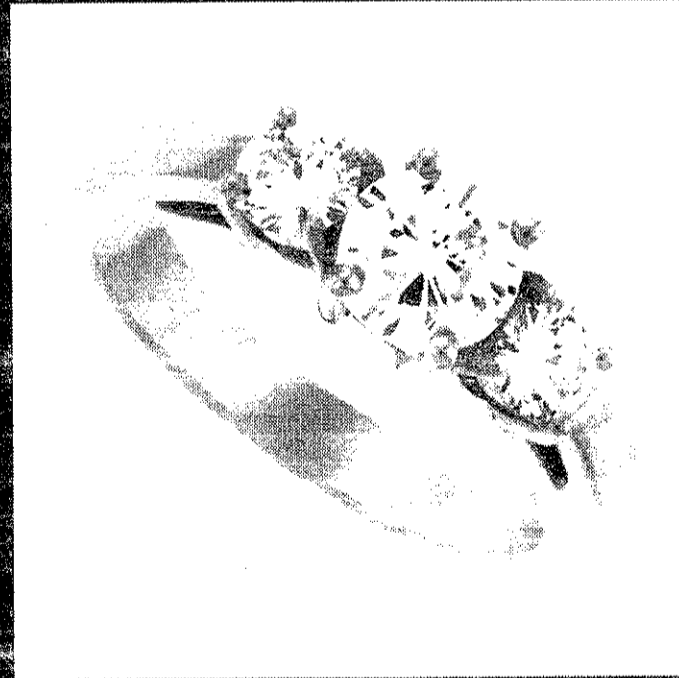
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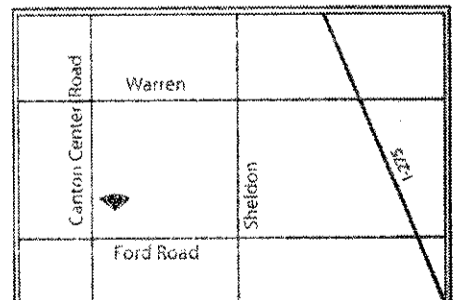
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Hoben's Lynn Heinski has documented the schoolyard habitat program.

HABITAT

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creek then became a natural setting to teach ecology, and with \$63,000 worth of grant money from private sources, Plecha built an outdoor classroom there. It was a natural, literally. Children could learn about ecology and biology, and they could learn about it in a very hands-on environment.

After the cleanup was completed, and work started on the habitat, community groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts threw in their efforts and took on projects such as wood chip trails and birdhouses, and private citizens made donations, like the aeration waterfall in the frog pond.

And then Plecha began offering help to other schools in the district, finding grant money

for them to do the same.

Plecha just completed work on his 10th school, Gallimore Elementary, and final plans for Workman Elementary are pending. Work at Hoben Elementary was also completed earlier this summer.

He's applied for nearly \$500,000 in grant money and has won \$173,000 for the various habitat sites at schools, and hopes in a few years - when he's ready to retire - to start a second career as a consultant for schools around the country whose representatives wish to do the same.

In the meantime, he's enjoying the hours he spends every month helping schools to build the miniature nature sanctuaries.

"I'm passionate about teaching, and I'm passionate about the environment. This is where it's all come together for me," he said.

LAMAR

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"I think as a collaborative group, we can come up with an answer on how to creatively do things differently in this state to make it enticing for business.

"We still have the mindset the Big 3 (automakers) are big in our minds," she added.

"The Legislature has to look at things from a totally different, creative perspective. We need to see what will work in this state to make us a viable entity, and provide jobs for the people here. Elimination of the Single Business Tax is one of those things ... and we'll have to tackle it quickly."

With a career in health care, Lamar knows the costs are escalating, and something needs to be done before it gets too far out of control.

"We really need to support health care because it's the biggest employer in Michigan with over 700,000 employees,"

Lamar said. "I wouldn't want to see Medicaid cuts for health care because we need to keep the health care industry strong.

"Mental health services in the state are rather inefficient," she added. "Putting people in a subsidized situation in the community, with medication and slight supervision, would be a lot cheaper than what we pay to get people in and out of the emergency room."

Lamar looks at alternative and flexible fuels as good for Michigan's economic future, if everyone can get on the same page.

"I'm not sure everybody is working together," Lamar said.

"There needs to be a collaborative team of people in energy, agriculture, education and the unions. Why can't we retrain auto workers who are out of jobs into jobs in the energy industry?"

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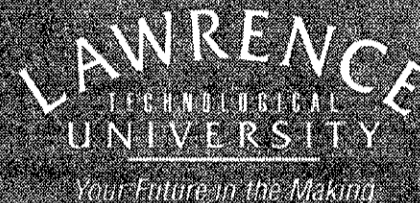
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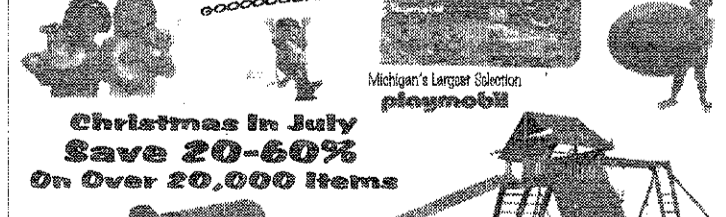
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'Helping future generations'

Foundation scholarship program aids 31 students

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

About three dozen students from the Canton and Plymouth communities will have an easier time paying for the cost of their college education this fall after earning scholarships through the Canton Community Foundation.

The foundation awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships to area students this year.

"We are the largest scholarship provider in the Plymouth-Canton area," said Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks.

In addition to the foundation itself, many local businesses, organizations and charitable groups use the foundation's program to award schol-

arships, including Yazaki International, the Bittinger Team, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Each year, Yazaki provides two \$2,000 scholarships, one to a female and one to a male, which the students will continue to get during their years in college, as long as they maintain certain academic standards. Noricks said this year Yazaki will write out checks totaling \$30,000. The two 2006 recipients are Naila Ashraf and Adam Davis, both of Canton.

Some of the scholarships were created in the memory of local residents who made an impact on the community during their lifetimes.

One of these, the Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship, which annually provides \$300,

honors a longtime volunteer at Bentley Elementary. As it happens, one of this year's scholarship recipients is Laura Schulz, who is Marvin Schulz's daughter.

Laura Schulz, 18, a recent graduate of Plymouth High, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Canton Community Foundation and Eastern Michigan University, the school she will attend in the fall, where she will major in nursing -- a field she decided to go into after watching her father die when she was in the 6th grade.

Schulz said the scholarship will definitely help her, just like the other recipients.

"I think it's a great program. There were a lot of kids trying for these. Obviously it's beneficial -- \$500 can pay for

something, like books. Any money helps when you are in college," she said.

The majority of the students that applied for the scholarships were graduating high school seniors, but Noricks said most of the scholarships are open to all college students, regardless of age or situation, who live in Canton or Plymouth.

According to Noricks, a review committee made up of six community members and high school counselors waded through the 125 applications that came in this year. To make the process fair, they used a scoring matrix, which awarded points for a number of factors, including family income, community activities, grade point average, ACT scores, and leadership qualities. They then

took the top 31 scorers and matched them with the scholarships.

Noricks said the process took about six weeks and included long hours and hard work -- all worth it in her opinion.

"An education costs a lot these days. It is important to support the educational endeavors of our students. It is important for our society. All of society benefits if we educate our kids. That's what motivates us and this program," Noricks said.

Since the inception of the foundation's scholarship program in 1980, \$360,000 has been awarded.

Anna Williams, 17, is the fourth person in her family to earn a scholarship through the program. The recent graduate

of Canton High was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast. She will be attending University of Michigan-Dearborn in the fall, where she will major in international studies.

"I am so thankful for this scholarship. It's really going to help out," she said.

"There are real rewards with this program. It is helping future generations. Getting a degree is very important."

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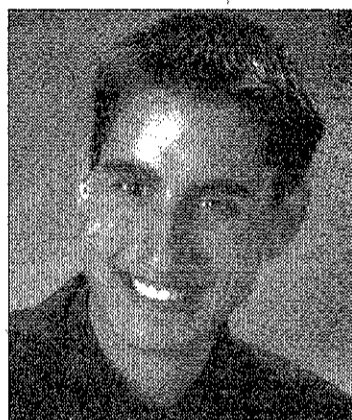
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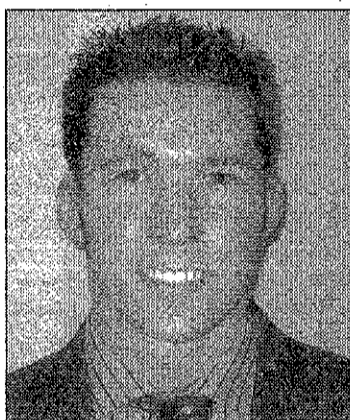
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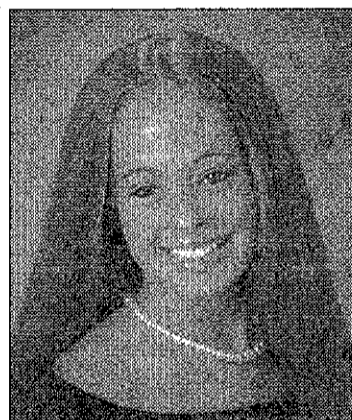
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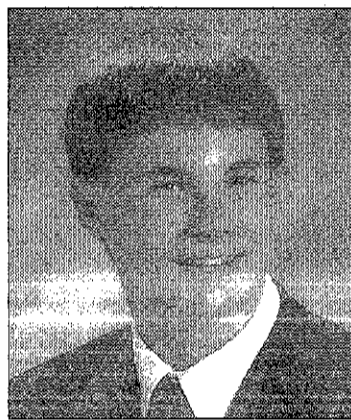
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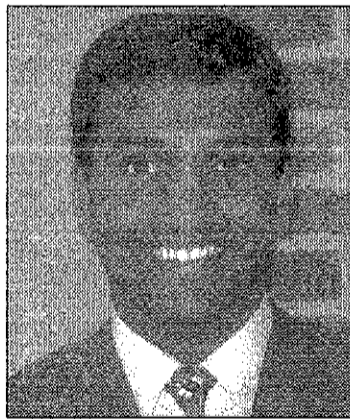
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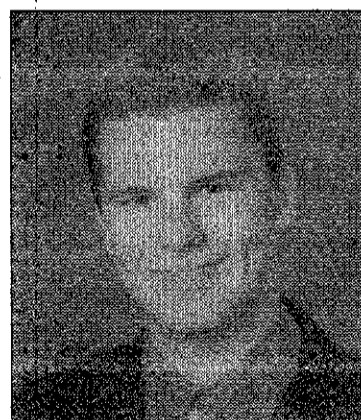
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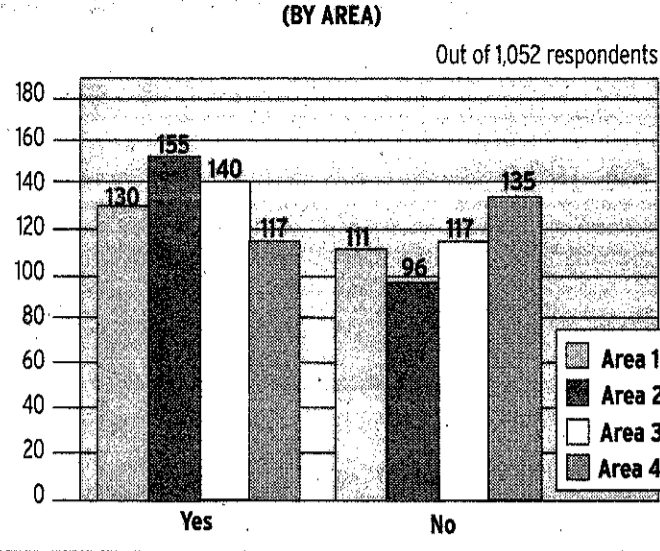


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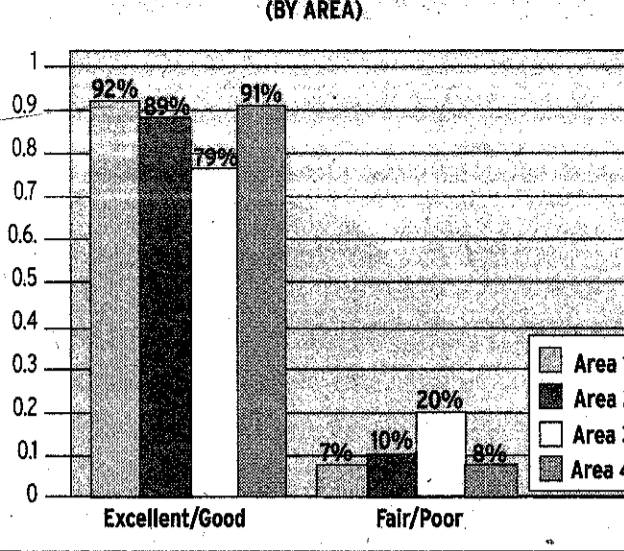
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HAVE YOU USED SERVICES OF POLICE?
(BY AREA)



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IF SERVICE WAS USED, RATE SERVICE:
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SAFETY

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the perception of service." He added that those respondents who rated the police department unfavorably did so consistently throughout their questionnaires.

And although the respondents gave Canton police and fire very high marks overall, it's those residents who did not that pose a challenge to the department.

Of those who rated the service as fair or poor, 24 residents said the response took too long, 40 said the officer had a poor attitude, and six said the person who answered the phone at the station had a poor attitude.

"We will fix that back on the community policing team. We have to ask: What are you going to do to fix that perception?" Santomauro said.

Fewer respondents had reported they used fire service — 28 percent said they had, while 71 percent said they had not. Eighty percent of the calls for the fire department are for emergency medical services.

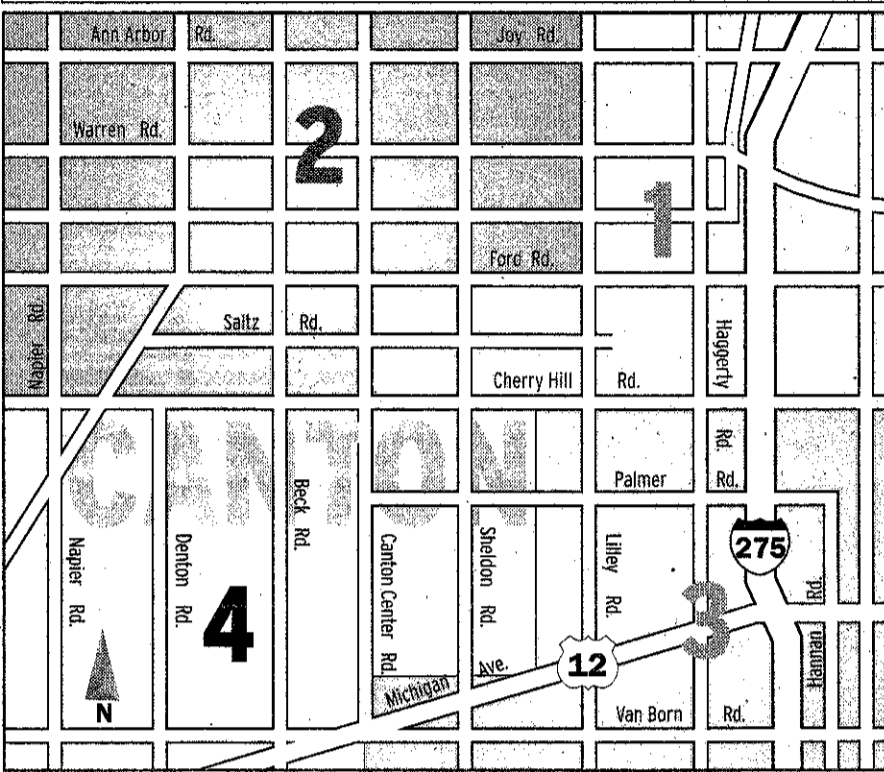
Of those respondents who had used fire services, 99 percent rated service as excellent or good.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin noted that the public safety department's investment in training plays a part in its effectiveness.

"The officers are professional and are equipped to deal with things that are going on," she said. "It's a good investment that pays off."

Men and women responded in nearly equal numbers, and it didn't surprise Santomauro that most — 54 percent — of respondents are educated, reporting to have a bachelor's or master's degree or Ph.D., and another 30 percent reported having had "some college" or an associate's

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degree. Survey results will be published in the Canton FOCUS newsletter, through the local media, and on the department's Web site at www.canton-mi.org/publicsafety. The department will conduct another survey in three years, according to Santomauro.

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Going up

District uses summertime to 'grow' schools

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

School may be out for the summer, but it doesn't mean there's nothing happening in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. You need only look behind Wayne Memorial High School to see activity.

That's where construction workers are well into building a more than 12,000-square-foot addition.

"It's going to be cool, it's going to give the students additional opportunities," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "It's going to be top shelf and students will be proud to work out in a facility like that."

The \$4.3 million project, which got under way this spring, includes a 2,000-square-foot fitness room, an 8,700-square-foot basketball court and a second 2,000-square-foot room with a practice area for golf and batting cages.

The project also includes asbestos abatement work on the existing gymnasium and the installation of air conditioning and the replacement of its ventilators and bleachers that were taken out several years ago.

The focal point of the addition is an arched two-story entrance way with a concession stand that ties in with the wrought-iron gates that lead to

the athletic fields. According to Baracy, the design is "unique and adds character to the additions."

Jon Riebe, project manager with TMP Associates, said the design ties in with the high school's campus theme.

"It really becomes the gateway for athletics, which is a public gathering spot," he said. "The gymnasium really completes the master plan for athletics at Wayne High."

"It gives the school a collegiate effect," Baracy added. "People come from other districts and say it almost looks like a college."

The addition is expected to be completed in February, just ahead of groundbreaking for a similar addition at John Glenn High School. That addition will be attached to the south end of the building, by the existing gym, and will be about the same square footage as Wayne's new facility.

According to Riebe, the Glenn project will not include an arched entrance way. Instead, it will create a new front entrance in the back of the school.

The district is using its sinking fund and some building and facilities money for the two projects. The Wayne High project is the largest to come out of the sinking fund, which is paying more than half of the cost. The 1-mill tax was approved by voters in 2003.

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Bennett is best choice in primary

There are two experienced Republican candidates running to represent District 11 on the Wayne County Commission. Canton's Loren Bennett, last seen on the political radar when he ran for lieutenant governor with Dick Posthumus four years ago, is squaring off with Gerry Law, former state representative from Plymouth, who now lives in Canton.

The winner Aug. 8 will face a Democratic challenger in November to determine who will replace outgoing Commissioner John Sullivan of Wayne, who is stepping down to run for Wayne County Circuit Court.

Wayne County commissioners serve a two-year term and are paid an annual salary of nearly \$69,000 for the part-time position.

Of the two, Bennett, 55, is the best choice to represent a diverse district that includes developed communities like Canton, Belleville and the city of Wayne, as well as the more rural townships of Sumpter and Van Buren.

Bennett's long political career includes eight years on the Canton Township Board of Trustees, six years as the township's clerk and eight years as a state senator. That experience will serve him well as a member of the county commission.

Bennett, who is currently employed with J&B Medical in Wixom, said he entered this race because of his concern about the state and local economy.

He is also "profoundly concerned" about the schism between Detroit and its suburbs. At one time, he said he was part of that schism, and even campaigned for a suburban takeover of the Detroit water board. Since that time, however, he has come to realize that the hostility between Detroit and its suburbs has done nothing for the image of the region, nor in helping it attract jobs. He has actively reached out to people in Detroit, and said he would continue to do that as a member of the commission.

Law, a former state representative who had to step down in 2000 because of term limits, is making his second try at the commission seat. Sullivan beat him in 2004 during a heated campaign.

If elected, Law, 62, said it would be a full-time job for him. He also brings some interesting ideas to the table to deal with some of the problems that Wayne County faces, such as changing retirement and health plans for new county employees, which he says will help the county cut costs.

We recommend Loren Bennett in the Republican primary. He has the governmental experience, knowledge and skills to work with other commissioners to get things done.

Voters should cast ballot for McNamara

Kevin McNamara of Canton Township is facing Toni Clark of Sumpter Township in the Democratic primary for District 11 of the Wayne County Commission.

While residents of Canton might not be that familiar with either candidate, both have some political experience. McNamara, 48, currently serves as secretary of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, while Clark, 51, was the first woman elected supervisor of Sumpter Township in 2002.

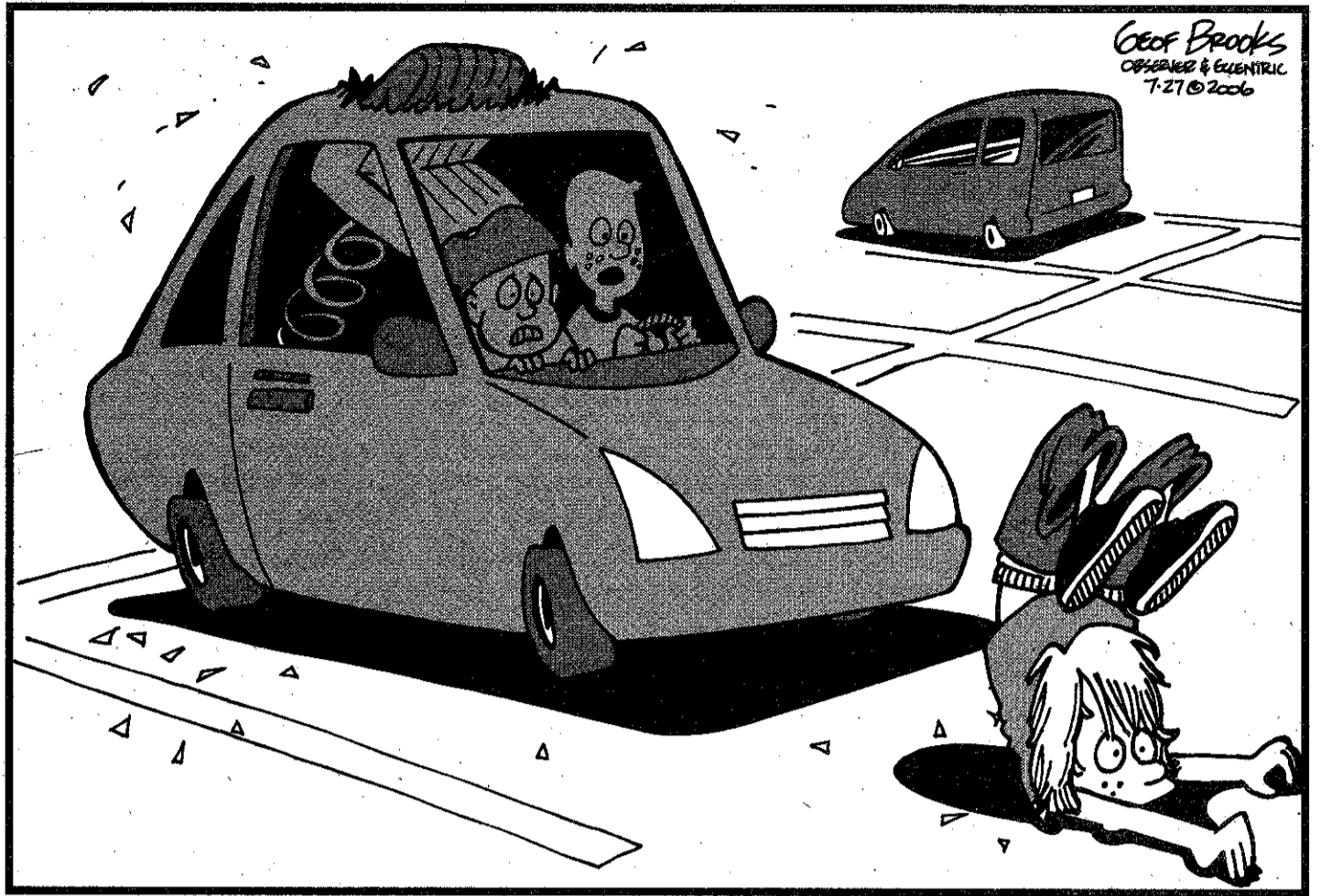
Of the two, McNamara certainly has the most name recognition, being the son of Ed McNamara, the former Wayne County executive and mayor of Livonia, who passed away earlier this year. Kevin McNamara says he benefited from being around his father, particularly when it comes to problem solving. When there is a complaint, such as with roads or sewers, he says he knows the people to call to get the situation resolved — certainly a trait for which his father was known.

McNamara, an account manager for Inland Waters Pollution Control, knows the district is diverse, with a wide range of problems. Roads are a big issue in Canton, while sewers are needed in Sumpter. To deal with these issues and others impacting the county, he has proposed meeting regularly with all the elected officials in the district on what he calls a commissioner's advisory panel.

If elected, McNamara said he would also do all he could to mend fences between Canton and the county, something that should please Canton officials, who have sometimes been frustrated with current Commissioner John Sullivan, who is leaving the commission to run for Wayne County Circuit Court.

Clark is currently a real estate agent, and is active with the chamber of commerce in both Belleville and Ypsilanti. She was compelled to run because she feels that Sumpter Township's needs have been ignored by the county commission for years. Clark is feisty and should be commended for her willingness to get out and meet with local officials throughout the district and in Detroit to determine their concerns as well.

Kevin McNamara offers the best choice for Democratic voters, particularly in Canton. His knowledge of how the political system works, especially in Wayne County, will benefit residents of the district. We recommend McNamara in the Aug. 8 Democratic primary.



No, AAA only wants to limit the number of kids who can ride with 16-year-old drivers. The automatic ejection seat is my dad's idea.

LETTERS

Report dead ducks

I was disappointed, but not surprised, that dead ducks have been found at the Heritage Park ponds. Any water needs movement. Without movement, it becomes stagnant and a source for disease. Not only is there stagnant water in the area, but we are also adding chemicals known to be hazardous to pets and animals. We have homes and businesses using fertilizers and washing vehicles, boats and campers with poisons. When animals and birds are searching for water, they will drink any water they find.

The column on the Rouge River (July 23, "The Rouge River would be clean if we had saved some wetlands") is also worth noting. As the development increases and our wetlands are destroyed, the wildlife suffers. Look how badly we have polluted the Rouge River and our other natural sources of water. Sorry animals and birds. We have taken away your water, but don't you think the man-made ponds or swimming pools are for your use. They are also full of chemicals, which is not safe for animals, birds or humans.

The DNR is supposed to be informed whenever a number animals or birds are found dead. Over a three-week period, 16 ducks died. My question is, why weren't these ducks sent to the DNR for testing weeks ago? If they were, we would know the true cause. Since it has been confirmed that the Heritage Park ponds have rising bacteria levels, maybe we need more ducks to get the water circulating, since the pumps and water fountains are not in operation.

I was glad to read that only half of a pond is treated with chemicals to kill the algae, which allows the wildlife to use the other half. I hope signs are posted to let the wildlife and fish know which half is safe for them to use. Seriously, please report to the DNR and the Humane Society, if animals or birds are dying in your area, or if you ever see or suspect animal or bird abuse.

Linda Whiteaker
Canton

Seeking new representation

State Sen. Bruce Patterson wrote a letter about folks booing and hissing at Lt. Gov. Cherry during the Canton Liberty Fest Parade. I, likewise, am disgusted by that behavior. It is embarrassing to our community. It's like brawling in a parking lot or yelling at the top of your lungs in an attempt to physically intimidate an opponent instead of sticking to the issues.

In the same issue appeared a letter from Dave Baughman of Farmington, outside of Patterson's district, praising Patterson. Dave wrote, "The Michigan League of Conservation Voters recently named Sen. Bruce Patterson their Environmental Leadership, 2006 recipient." Four people got that award this year. One Senate Republican, one Senate Democrat, one House Republican and one House Democrat. What sort of award is given to both sides of an issue?

Dave mentioned Patterson's "Clean Water Bond Act." Nice name, bad law. Under it the DEQ acts as a bank and lends your money at low rates (1.5/8 percent interest) to build "water pollution control." How would you like a business loan at 1.5/8 percent interest? Your Western Township Utility Authority, bonded at high rates and financed through your water and sewer rates (which continue to rise) would be eligible for such a loan. You would not.

Dave praised Patterson's Watershed Alliance Act. Nice idea, bad practice. Local governments band together to fulfill federally mandated duties toward local waterways. In practice, the Assembly of Rouge Communities has been meeting for a very long time, but it still hasn't agreed on what it is supposed to do. Take a look at our creeks to see what I believe Sen. Patterson has done for our environment.

I believe the Republican Party has become too comfortable with career politicians. When will Canton see real representation in Lansing?

Alfred Brock
Canton

Time for change

I am shocked and embarrassed by the outrageous behavior of our state senator, Bruce Patterson. As I have also read and heard, I am not alone in my disappointment over our poor representation.

During a recent speech given by another state senator regarding the overtime pay vote, Patterson (our senator) yelled over to the other side to make an obnoxious, personal comment about the senator speaking.

Not only was he unruly and disrespectful, he was totally out of line and showed that he's out of touch with what we regular folks need from our elected officials. I'll be voting for Mark Slavens this fall, a man who can control his temper.

Melissa FitzGerald
Northville Township

Editorial vicious, unfair

I am writing as a county co-chair for the MCRI committee to respond to the vicious editorial published Thursday July 13.

The *Observer & Eccentric* editorial board took the position that MCRI and director Jennifer Gratz somehow "lack credibility," while downplaying the role of our most vocal opposition, an extremist group calling itself BAMN.

Jennifer Gratz is the white female who was denied admission to the University of Michigan solely because of her race under U-M's racial preference program, which was in effect at that time. Ms. Gratz sued U-M and took her case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where she won a 5-4 decision, forcing the university to dismantle its racially discriminatory preference program.

Jennifer Gratz and Ward Connerly have led the MCRI petition drive that was able to collect over 508,000 signatures, the most ever for a ballot initiative in Michigan, far surpassing the 317,000 signatures required to be placed on the

ballot. Connerly, who is black, led similar ballot initiatives in his home state of California and in Washington, which passed by wide margins. MCRI has won numerous court battles in cases here in Michigan, filed primarily by the radical fringe group BAMN in an attempt to keep Michigan voters from exercising their constitutional right to vote on this important issue.

BAMN (By Any Means Necessary) takes its name from the motto of black extremist Malcolm X, who advocated violence against whites. Its leader is another black extremist, Shanta Driver. This group has used mob tactics to try to keep MCRI off the ballot, including inciting a near riot at a board of canvassers meeting in Lansing that ultimately led to the two Democrat board members failing to certify the initiative, in spite of a court order instructing them to do so, and subsequently being fined and forced to resign.

BAMN has also launched a front group called "Operation King's Dream" for the sole purpose of keeping the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative off the ballot. Its tactics have included sending out threatening and intimidating letters to supporters of MCRI, insinuating that they may be "investigated" for their support of MCRI. All over an initiative that would ban discrimination or preferential treatment based on race! Isn't that what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream was?

So for the *Observer & Eccentric* editorial board to call the credibility of MCRI into question when we have won virtually every court challenge the special interest groups have mounted against us, collected more signatures than any ballot initiative in Michigan history and have led in every poll done on this issue, and ignored the radical, desperate tactics of the vocal extremist group leading the opposition to MCRI, is an obvious and blatant attempt to mislead voters. Readers deserve better from the editors of their local paper, and are at least entitled to a rebuttal from MCRI.

Brian Pannebecker
MCRI Macomb County co-chair
Shelby Township

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QUOTABLE

"Who is the biggest offender? Have you driven through Canton lately? The most I see as a motorist are those from the builders. And people who are concerned with whether or not I am married, or if I'm one of the Canton singles."

— Canton Police Deputy Chief Alex Wilson, on the recent proliferation of illegal signs, including political signs, that have been placed in right of ways around town

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Bouchard is best for GOP nomination in U.S. Senate race

The Republican Party has two strong conservative candidates competing in the Aug. 8 primary to run against incumbent Democrat Sen. Debbie Stabenow in November.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and the Rev. Keith Butler both have solid experience and offer ideas that will appeal to conservative voters. Either would provide a good contrast and alternative to Stabenow in the fall election. But, on balance, we believe **Michael Bouchard** has a proven track record on numerous issues and a more relevant background for becoming a member of Congress. We believe he will offer Michigan voters a strong, thoughtful contest between two seasoned legislators with strong but not acrimonious differences on the important issues facing the U.S. Senate.

Butler, of Troy, is a dynamic preacher. He has government experience as a former Detroit city councilman. As founding pastor of the Word of Faith International Christian Church, Butler touts his experience as an entrepreneur. He operates a large charitable organization and a successful private school.

Of the two candidates, Butler takes a more hard-line conservative position. He says bluntly that he is no Johnny-come-lately to the Republican Party. He advocates for a strong military, a rigid position in opposition to militant Islam, a line-item budget veto for the president, a crackdown on "pork" projects, a hard line on immigration emphasizing border security first and more government investment in education. He has outlined his positions in a book, *Reviving the American Spirit*.

Sheriff Bouchard is highlighting his law enforcement background at a time when Michigianians are deeply concerned about homeland security. Bouchard has taken a leading position on homeland security in the state and is critical of reductions in

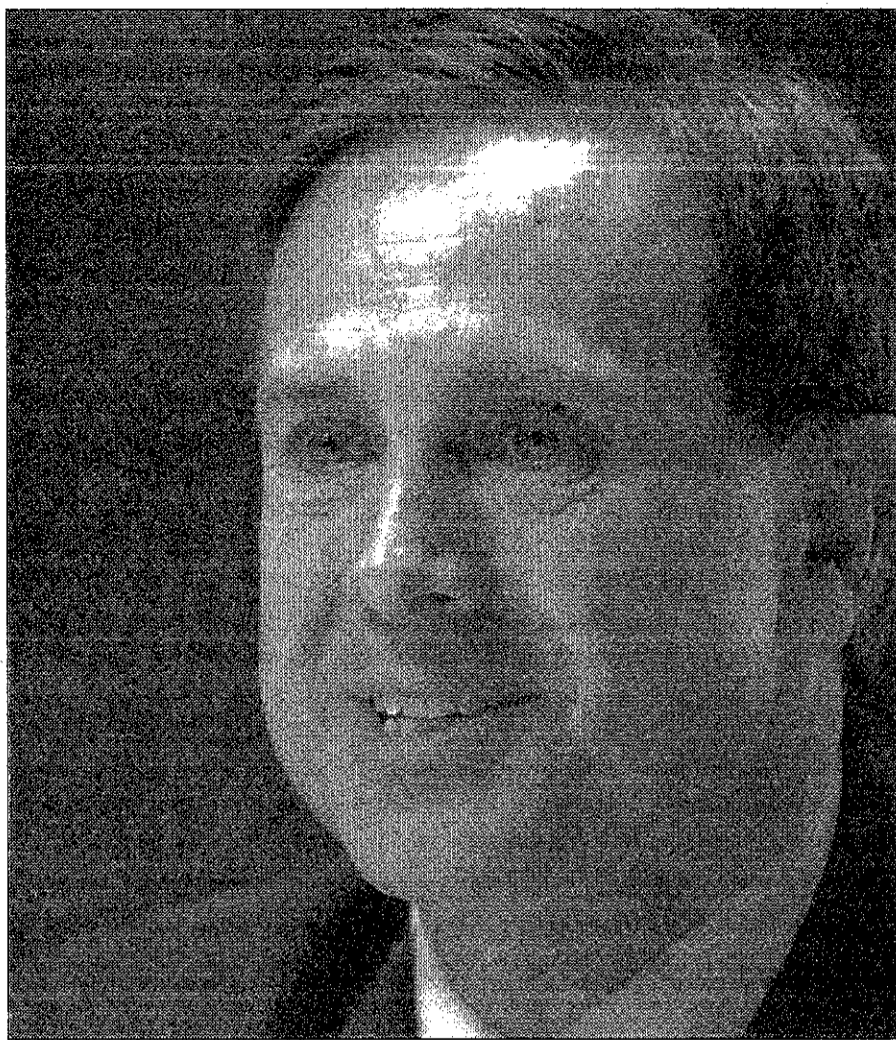
U.S. SENATE - REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY

The winner of the Republican primary Tuesday, Aug. 8, will face incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat, in the November general election. Senators serve six-year terms. The annual salary is \$165,200. All registered voters in Michigan are eligible to vote in this race. The Senate is one of two chambers of the U.S. Congress. In the Senate, each state is represented by two members. Qualifications for a U.S. senator (as outlined in the U.S. Constitution) are: must be at least 30 years old, must have been a citizen for at least the past nine years and must be (at the time of election) a resident of the state they are seeking to represent.

federal money for Michigan in light of its sensitive border position.

But, in addition, Bouchard offers a strong government background as a police officer, city council member, state legislator and, since 1999, sheriff of Michigan's second largest county. As a state senator, Bouchard was selected by his colleagues to serve in progressively more significant roles, culminating in the position of majority floor leader in 1998-99, just before his appointment as sheriff. He clearly understands the legislative process and had a reputation in the Legislature as a consensus builder.

Bouchard takes many traditional conservative positions. He is skeptical of federal involvement in education, he's pro-life, he was instrumental in passing legislation to register sex offenders and, like Butler, he believes in stronger border protections.



Michael Bouchard

We believe, however, that in addition to working closely with his own party to develop conservative positions, Bouchard will also be able to reach across the aisle and work with Democrats on legislation that isn't bogged down in partisan bickering. He has done it in the state Legislature and he promises to do it in Congress. He reminds voters that when he was a legislator he sometimes opposed the positions of John Engler, the popular GOP governor. He said he will do the same if he

opposes positions of the current Bush administration.

Butler has taken the time to provide a detailed account of his views and should be commended for the time and thought he's invested in this campaign. We urge Bouchard to provide more detail on his positions and broaden his campaign beyond the issue of homeland security.

We strongly support the nomination of **Michael Bouchard** for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate.

U.S. SENATE ENDORSEMENT

Name: Michael Bouchard

Age: 50

Political experience: Appointed Oakland County sheriff 1999, elected in 2000, re-elected in 2004; Michigan state Senate 1991-99, Michigan House of Representatives, 1990; Beverly Hills village council.

Education: B.S., Michigan State University; Mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Center; National Sheriff's Institute; Darden Program for Emerging Political Leaders/University of Virginia; FBI National Executive Institute for World Law Enforcement Leaders.

Personal: Born in Flint, raised in Oakland County. Married 17 years to Pam. They have three children, two sons and a daughter.

Community involvement: Founder and president, Oakland County Fallen Heroes Fund; member, Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence; advisory board member, Birmingham Community House; Executive Board of Directors, Boy Scouts of America Clinton Valley Council; board member, Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Council.



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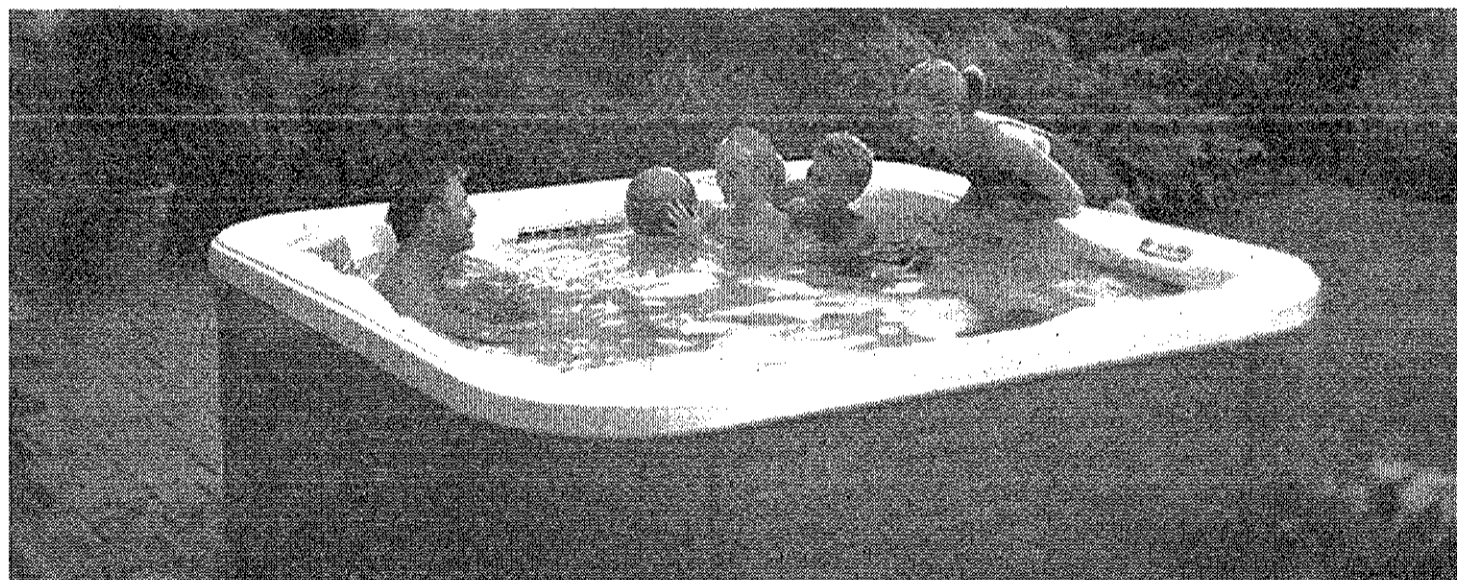
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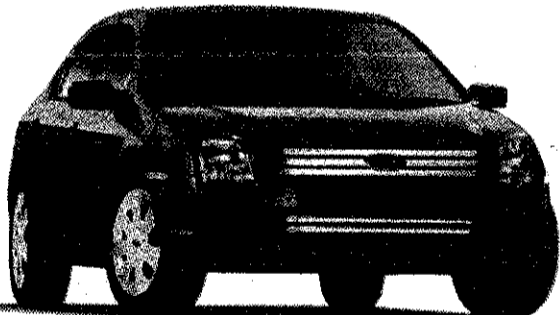


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Private driving schools like graduated licensing

This is the second of a two-part report on teenage drivers.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

It's been years since the state reimbursed school districts to train young drivers, but in that time a variety of private driving instruction schools have popped up to put teens on the road and keep up with the evolution of driver training.

According to the Michigan Secretary of State, more than 100,000 teens enter driver training programs each year.

Lee Alpern, owner of Lee Driving School in Farmington Hills, said business varies by season. Winter courses, January and February are half-full, while summer courses, March through August, are full to the point of turning students away — something he finds strange.

"When they're out in the snow and ice for the first time, do you want your kid in my car or yours?" he said.

Alpern has been teaching kids how to drive as a business since 1968, longer if you add the years he taught driver training at Redford's Thurston High School. He said the switch to the graduated license system, with its strictures and expanded teaching requirements, hasn't changed his operation at all.

"I still teach the same way as I did in '68," Alpern said. "We've always done freeway driving, we've always done parking, we've always done sequential training."

That said, Alpern definitely approves of the graduated system. He said the one-year wait for a license after training and the requirements of 50 hours of parental oversight are an improvement over the days where a student could get a full license in 30 days.

Mark Grenier of Livonia has been teaching driver training for Sears in Livonia, Westland and Novi for eight years. Between the



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"It's a great thing," he said. "Kids have to realize that safety is the issue behind the wheel. It's worked, I know the fatality rate for 16- to 19 year-old drivers is significantly less."

He used to teach in the schools as well. He said it was a good public relations move for the districts, and people felt better about having their kids learn to drive from someone who didn't have a profit motive. But when the state stopped reimbursing schools for the work, the program was no longer cost-effective.

The demise of the school-sponsored programs created a variety of private programs.

"The curriculum we teach and the test they take are canned and distributed by the state," Grenier said. "Of course, some workers cut corners but most programs are on par. They're not that much different."

The students, he said, are about the same.

"Sometimes you get a few who don't care so much, kids who think their tuition entitles them to a license at the end of the course," Alpern said. "They say, 'I paid, I have a right.' But they don't. Not many are like that."

Parents, he said, are pretty uniform. Where some students might think they deserve a license, their parents aren't nearly as indulgent.

"Parents back you up when you say things," he said. "Their attitude is very good."

Grenier said the kids also have good attitudes. The driver's license is a rite of passage that carries instant legitimacy. And they want that — badly.

"They want the independence, they want the freedom," Grenier said. "They do well because they know if they fail they won't get their license. It's a big motivation."

Grenier says there are benefits beyond the increased focus on training and oversight.

"When you go through the levels, you do a lot of drive time with your parents," he said. "That's going to be a good way for people to reconnect with their kids."



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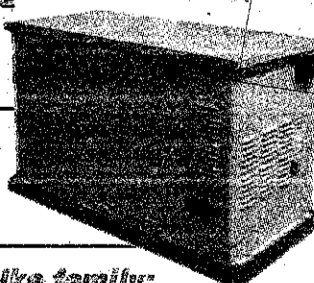
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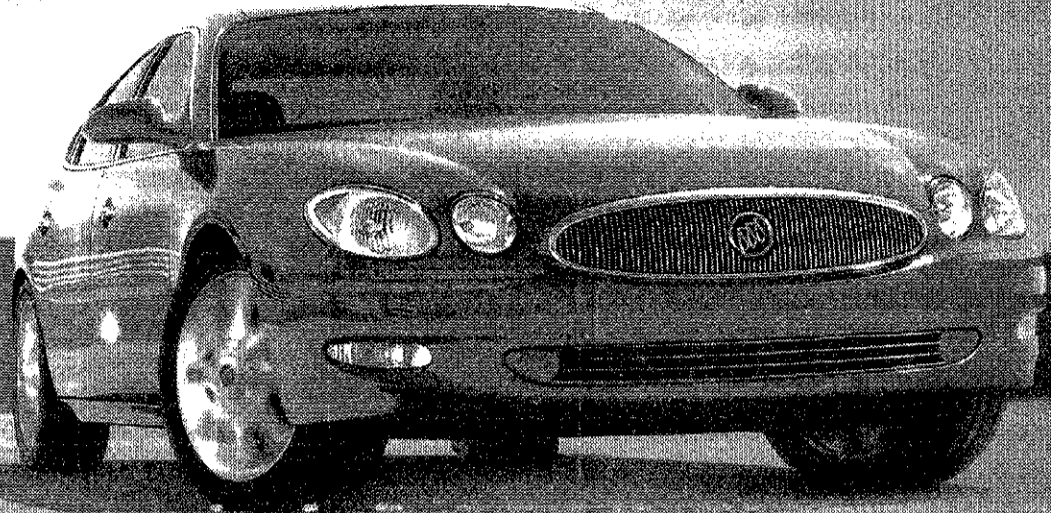
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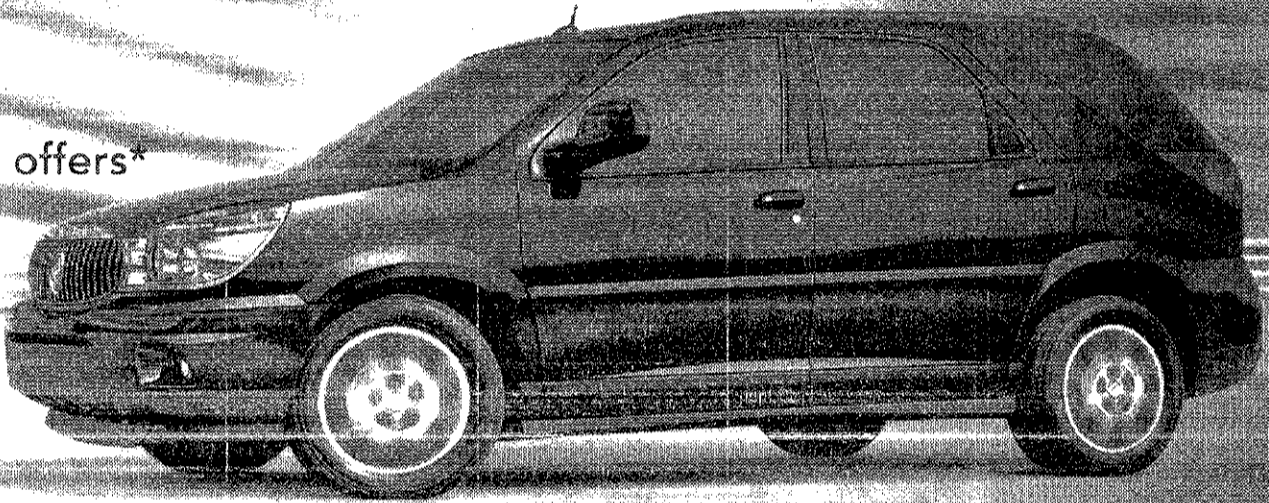
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JULY

Christian writer workshops

Taught by Donna Clark Goodrich of Arizona, author of 19 books and 700 published fiction and non-fiction pieces, Saturday, July 29, at Via Dolorosa Gospel Tabernacle, 8300 Fenkell, Detroit. For information about Spring Arbor workshop, contact Linda Galloway at (517) 547-6261 or send e-mail to lgalloway@dmci.net, for Detroit contact Wanda Burnside at (313) 491-3504 or send e-mail to wtvision@hotmail.com.

RiverStone worship service

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

Concert

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

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers beginning and intermediate soccer players the opportunity to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game 6:30-8 p.m. through Thursday, July 27, for all boys and girls ages 5-12 years (any skill level), at the church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks, a soccer ball and T-shirt to take home. Fee payable at the time of registration. Call (734) 522-6830.

Ice cream social/bake sale

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

Lighthouse cafe

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

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 29 at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Bethany together dance

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

Riverside Park Church

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

Getting control of money

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

Meditation classes

Continues 7-9 p.m. Mondays to Aug. 7. Elizabeth Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No preregistration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Personal ministry

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

Farmington Women Aglow

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

Bible and playtime

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

UPCOMING

Church tour

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The Education Commission of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a tour guided by their pastor Saturday, Aug. 5, departing from St. Aidan parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 45 minutes will be spent at each location. Following the tour, the group will enjoy a delicious traditional Polish meal in Hamtramck late in the afternoon before returning to St. Aidan.

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

Annual bazaar

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

Vacation Bible school

For age four through completed sixth grade 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, dinner will be served each evening as part of the event, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. No charge. For information, call (734) 421-8451.

Vacation Bible School

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

Treasure Hunt

Contests, games, crafts, preschool fun zone and snow cones. All welcome, free. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, First Congregational Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Vacation Bible School

Time Stone Travelers: Quest for God's 10 Commandments, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11. Ages 4 to sixth grade, free. First Congregational Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Speaker

Frank Turner, WXYZ anchor and Frank Turner Ministries, speaks at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial Road, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. A freewill offering and tickets are free. A full-course chicken dinner will follow the speaker and a limited number of tickets are available for \$6. For more information, call (734) 455-2300.

Nagasaki remembrance

Candlelight vigil, music, refreshments, informational tables 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Hope United Methodist Church, 16175 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Sneak preview of the film Full Circle, a documentary that records the journey of Buddhist monks traveling 1600 miles from San Francisco to the Trinity site in New Mexico with the flame from Hiroshima where it was extinguished forever. For details, call (734) 425-0079.

Vacation Bible school

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

Remarried workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6, to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is a must for any couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. We can assist couples in blending families, parenting issues, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for more information. No charge. Come for 1 session or all 13.

Crafters needed

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

Crafters wanted

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

ONGOING

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools, grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship schedule

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

TOPS

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

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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

Bible study

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

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School registration

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

Bible study

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

Senior activities

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

Bible study groups

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

Church activities

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

Eucharistic adoration

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

Worship services

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

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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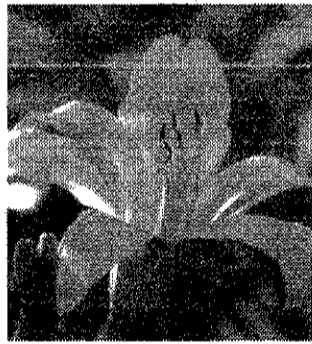
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ABIGAIL MADELYN SMITH

Born and passed away on July 4, 2006. Beloved daughter of Brian and Connie Smith. Beloved sister of Matthew. Survived by grandparents, Walter and Linda (Guenther) Smith and James and Carol (Walker) Zimmerman and her great-grandparents, James and Beulah Zimmerman. Beloved niece of Margaret, James, Donna (Rodney), and Christa (Thomas).

CHARLES I. ALCORN

July 21, 2006, of Redford Township. Born November 22, 1931, in Clairton, PA. Survived by his wife, Cathy L. Alcorn; his children, Helen McDuffie, Charlene Custer, Tracey, Charles II and Karl Alcorn, Yvonne Cangemi, Shelly Olson, Kevin and Christine Walker; 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also survived by brothers Andrew and Jay. Bishop David Schultz officiated over services that were held Wednesday, July 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, of which Mr. Alcorn was a member. Arrangements, Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford, MI. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

ROBERT LIDDLE

Age 70, of Milan, MI, died July 24, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born August 7, 1935 in Detroit, MI to Ernest and Gertrude (Hill) Liddle. Bob grew up in Plymouth and worked at Northville State Hospital and Plymouth Center retiring in 1995. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ernest and Roy. Funeral services will be held in Beebe, Arkansas.

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GARRY ROGER MORRISON

Known as "Roger", Age 60, of Livonia, July 24, 2006. Born October 12, 1945, in LaFollette, TN. Survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, Scott; and three brothers. Visitation Thursday, July 27, 1-9pm, Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services Friday, July 28, 10am, at the funeral home, Pastor Roger Stombaugh of United Baptist Church officiating. Burial Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.



MERRILL MARTIN SCHEMM

of Troy, Michigan, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006; prior resident of West Bloomfield, Sterling Heights, St. Clair Shores, and East Detroit, Michigan, lovingly called (Hon) Honey by his loving parents and wife Virginia. Beloved father to Linda Bayly (Russ) Martin, Mark (Mary) and Laura (Dan) Danescu. Grandfather to Brian, Sara, Mandy, Devin, Dakota and Renee Janiece. Preceded in death by loving brother Milton, sister Esther Hartwell. Survived by sister Evelyn Farrington. Born in East Detroit, Michigan, graduate of East Detroit high school as class president attended Detroit Business College. Had a stellar 49 career at the Chrysler Corporation. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Michigan. He touched the lives of many family and friends. He loved to be with his family for birthday and holiday events. His wife Virginia sends him this final gift of love: "across the years I will walk with you in deep green forests, on shores of sand, and when our time on earth is through, in heaven, too, you will have my hand." The family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday and Friday 2-9 PM. Funeral Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 West Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan, Saturday 11 AM, followed by a Memorial Reception, interment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan.

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SMART seeks millage renewal

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

As voters go to the polls Aug. 8 for primary voting, they'll also be asked to approve continued funding for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation bus service.

Technically, the SMART millage on the ballot is a renewal, but voters in several Wayne County communities will see a slight decrease in their tax payments if they approve it.

Macomb County voters will address the millage county-wide rather than community-by-community. Because Macomb County is paying .59 mills, voters in Oakland and Wayne will vote for the same amount rather than the .6 mills they now pay.

The thinking at SMART was that it would be easier to ask Oakland and Wayne voters to approve a slightly smaller millage than it would be to ask Macomb voters for a slightly larger one.

SMART General Manager Dan Dirks said the authority knows what it has to do to survive.

"We've got to be efficient and go where people need to go," he said. "We've got to partner with the communities we work in."

Part of the reason for this is because the metro Detroit area isn't like Chicago and New York — it's highly dispersed and the transportation systems that work in other cities won't work here.

The other reason is that SMART fills the needs of a niche rather than the greater population. Their customers are older adults, the disabled and entry-level workers who don't have the resources to purchase their own cars. As a result, they



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Voters in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties will decide whether or not to continue funding the SMART bus system. Proponents of the system say it's something the metro Detroit area needs, detractors say not enough people ride to make SMART viable.

have to be responsive.

"We're re-examining our existing services to go where we're most needed," Dirks said. "We've changed routes to run at peak hours only where we're needed."

Troy Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Hodges said the chamber hasn't taken a position on the SMART millage, but they're fully behind transportation in general.

"We've seen transportation as a community asset," she said. "It's something that needs to advance."

She mentioned that the city is moving forward with a plan to create the Birmingham-Troy Regional Transit Center at Maple and Coolidge. The center, a joint project with the two cities and Grand-Sakwa, will incorporate interstate bus lines, local taxi and car services and a rail line.

"The center will drive development in the region," Hodges said. "It would be bad if SMART wasn't there."

Not every community finds

SMART fits their needs. Voters in Livonia turned down the service and are in the last months of a phase-out of SMART. Director of Community Resources Linda McCann said the city is running its own internal service.

"The buses were running mostly empty," she said. "We've already got Livonia Community Transportation taking seniors and disabled people to work and other places seven days a week."

The city has a partnership with SMART that ends this December. The LCT will purchase its own buses and work out the bugs in that program by the time the regional authority is gone this winter.

"The Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the city did a survey and found that (low) hundreds of residents, rather than thousands, were using the service for work daily. We're planning to expand to fill out the (Americans with Disabilities Act) riders before SMART is gone."

SMART COMMUNITIES

The SMART millage renewal will be before Oakland County voters in Auburn Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Royal Oak (township and city), Beverly Hills, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Clawson, Birmingham, Berkeley, Huntington Woods, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Oak Park, Madison Heights, Pontiac, Pleasant Ridge, Southfield and Troy.

In Wayne County, voters in Allen Park, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Ecorse, Garden City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Point Township, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Redford, River Rouge, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Wayne, Westland and Wyandotte will decide on the SMART millage renewal.

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- Roll Call
Members Present: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo
Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo
Staff Present: Director Faas, Jeff Goulet, John Weyer, Kathleen Salla
ZBA Present: Steve Johnson, Vicky Welty
DDA Present: Melissa McLaughlin, Rob Ramey, Greg Greene, Tom Yack, Mark Waldbauer, Tim Ford
Planning Commission: Vic Gustafson, Cathy Johnson, Ron Leberman, Greg Greene, Katie Bovitz

Adoption of Agenda
Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC
Item 1. Sign Ordinance Revision Recommendations

Supervisor Yack stated this endeavor began with the DDA pursuing wayfinding signage. The DDA soon realized our current sign ordinance would not permit any of these wayfinding signs. Supervisor Yack stated with this issue and also other complaints in regards to the sign ordinance a sign committee was created. This committee consisted of the Planning Commission, DDA, ZBA, Board of Trustees and public at large.

Jeff Mason and Zack Branigan from Hamilton Anderson presented the revision recommendations for the current sign ordinance. Mr. Mason stated the process started by looking at the whole DDA corridor on Ford Road, the actually highway and entrances. A series of workshops were implemented.

The existing logo was used and color themes for banners were introduced. Mr. Mason stated the current sign ordinance was found to be not user friendly, difficult to understand, and outdated.

- The key elements of the revised sign ordinance are:
Charts and graphs
New definitions and terms
Master Sign Plan
Sign Bonuses
Legibility and design
Permit Approvals

Mr. Mason stated there will be a final revision with graphics. There will be a Public Hearing scheduled with the ZBA. Then upon approval there will be a first and second reading with the Board of Trustees for approval.

ARTICLE I - 6A.00. GENERAL SIGNS

Sec. 102-1. 6A.01. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- 1. Abandoned sign means a sign which no longer directs a person to or advertises a bona fide business, tenant, owner, product or activity conducted or product available on the premises where such sign is displayed or any sign not repaired or maintained properly, after notice, pursuant to the terms of this chapter.
2. Add-on sign means a sign that is attached as an appendage to another sign, sign support, or a building, and is intended to draw attention to the goods and services available on the premises.
3. Area of sign means the entire area within a circle, triangle, parallelogram, or other geometric configuration enclosing the extreme limits or writing, representation, emblem or any figure or similar character, together with any frame or other material or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background against which it is placed, excluding the necessary supports or uprights on which such sign is placed. However, where such a sign has two faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area of the sign, except that where two such faces are placed back to back as a mirror image in size and shape and are at no point more than two feet from one another, the area of the sign shall be taken as the area of one face if the two faces are of equal area, or the area of the larger face if the two faces are of unequal area.
4. Automated teller machine means a freestanding computerized electronic machine that performs basic banking functions (as handling check deposits or issuing cash withdrawals), also called automatic teller and automatic teller machine.
5. Awning sign means a sign that is a roof-like structure made of canvas or similar materials, stretched over a frame and directly attached to a wall of a building. Awning signs shall extend more than 12 inches but not more than 36 inches from the wall. Awning signs shall not project more than 24 inches above the roofline of the building.
6. Billboard means a non-accessory ground sign erected for the purpose of advertising a product, event, person, or subject not related to the premises on which the sign is located. Off-premises directional signs as permitted in this chapter shall not be considered billboards for the purpose of this chapter.
7. Blade sign means a sign mounted under a canopy directed to pedestrians and usually mounted perpendicular to the facade it means to identify. Blade signs are also commonly known as under-canopy signs.
8. Canopy sign means any sign attached to or constructed on a canopy. A canopy is a permanent roof-like shelter extending from part of or all of a building face over a public access area and constructed of the same material as the building.
9. Changeable copy sign/reader board means a sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without altering the face or the surface of the sign. A sign on which the message changes more than eight times per day shall be considered an animated sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this chapter. A sign on which the only copy that changes is an electronic or mechanical indication of time, temperature, or stock market quotation shall be considered a "time, temperature, stock market" portion of a sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this chapter.
10. Commercial Statue is a three dimensional figure which by its appearance, overall design, coloration, applied text, graphic identification, applied image, description, display, or illustration directs attention to an object, product, place, activity, facility, service, event, attraction, person, institution, organization or business, and which is visible from any street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, park or other public property and is intended to carry a commercial message. Commercial statues are considered ground signs for the purpose of this Ordinance and are so regulated with regard to permitted dimension, location, and number. The sign area of a commercial statue is that entire area within a circle, triangle, parallelogram, or other geometric configuration enclosing the extreme limits of the statue when viewed from a point perpendicular to the front lot line.
11. Eave Line means the line between the two lowest points of intersection of the top of a wall and the eave, or edge of the roof. The eave line is an imaginary line drawn across the wall on a gable end, and is not a roofline, which is the line of intersection the wall has where it abuts the roof.
12. Gasoline pump island means a combination of more than one fuel-dispensing device, clustered together, to provide a customer with more than one option of type of fuel, or grade thereof, to be purchased.
13. Ground sign means a sign which is mounted permanently in the ground on a masonry base or monument.
14. Historic District means the Canton Township Historic District, as administered by the Canton Township Historic District Commission.
15. Inflatable sign means a temporary or permanent sign consisting of a non-porous bag, balloon, or other object inflated with a gas and designed to draw attention to a commercial business, whether it does or does not include a commercial display, commercial graphic identity, or lettering. Inflatable seasonal display items sold retail to the general public and intended primarily for private home display are not considered inflatable signs, provided they do not exceed 8 feet in height.
16. Institutional bulletin board means a sign which displays the name of a religious institution, school, library, community center or similar public or quasi-public institution, that which may

- include an announcement of its services or activities.
17. Natural materials. Substances determined to be natural materials for the purposes of this chapter shall include but not be limited to wood, stone and soft textured brick. Although plastic, plywood, pressed board, drywall, wood or metal paneling and sheet metal are generally excluded from this definition, consideration will be given to synthetic materials which simulate the appearance of a natural material through the manufacturing process and meet the intent of this chapter.
18. Nonconforming sign means any advertising structure or sign which was lawfully erected and maintained prior to the effective date of this chapter, and any amendments thereto, and which fails to conform to all applicable regulations and restrictions of this chapter, or a sign for which a permit was previously issued that does not comply with the provisions of this chapter.
19. Off-premises sign means a sign which contains a message unrelated to a business or profession conducted on the subject property or which relates to a commodity, service or activity not sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located.
20. On-premises sign means a sign which advertises only goods, services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, or identifies the owner or occupant or directs traffic into or from the premises.
21. Periodic change sign means a sign where the wording, image, description, display or illustration changes at regular intervals of time.
22. Portable sign means a sign that is freestanding, not permanently anchored or secured to a building and not having supports or braces permanently secured in the ground, including but not limited to, sandwich signs, A-frame signs, inverted "T" signs, and signs mounted on wheels so as to be capable of being pulled by a motor vehicle.
23. Premises means any lot or parcel of land as otherwise used in this chapter site on which the development under consideration is located.
24. Project announcement sign means a temporary ground sign used to announce the name and nature of a project or general information concerning rental or sales.
25. Roof sign means a sign that extends more than 24 inches above the roofline.
26. Roofline means the line of intersection of the plane of the outer surface of the wall and the plane of the outer surface of the roof. The roof line follows the edge of the wall up to the ridge on a gable end wall, and is not an eave line, which is an imaginary line drawn across the wall between the eaves.
27. Sign means a structure which includes the name, identification, image, description, display or illustration which is affixed to, painted or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or parcel of land, and which directs attention to an object, product, place, activity, facility, service, event, attraction, person, institution, organization or business, and which is visible from any street, right-of-way, sidewalk, alley, park or other public property. Customary displays of merchandise or objects and material without lettering placed behind a store window are not signs. This definition includes the base, frame and support members of the sign.
28. Sign height is the measurement to the top point of the sign structure from the finished elevation of the sidewalk nearest to the sign for ground signs located at the right-of-way; and the measurement to the top point of the sign structure from the average elevation at the base of the sign for all other signs.
29. Sign setback. Where it is specified that a sign must be located a minimum or other certain distance from property lines or public rights-of-way, such distance will be measured from the portion of the sign structure nearest to such specified line. For the purpose of this measurement, the property lines and public right-of-way lines extend vertically and perpendicularly from the ground to infinity.
30. Site means a recognized parcel or collection of parcels proposed for or containing existing development. A site can consist of more than one parcel of land. A multiple tenant development on a series of individual parcels constitutes a single site.
31. Under-canopy sign means blade sign. (See definition in this Section).
32. Wall sign means a sign that is directly attached to a wall of a building and neither extends more than 12 inches from the wall nor projects more than 24 inches above the roofline of the building. On a gable end wall, a wall sign may project above the eave line, so long as the sign does not project more than 24 inches beyond the roof line.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 2, 11-12-2002; Ord. of 4-27-2004(2))
Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.
Sec. 102-2. 6A.02. Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter is to promote the general safety and welfare of the residents public of the township by regulating and controlling all public and private graphics (AS NOTE: "graphic") communications and displays.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 1, 11-12-2002)
Sec. 102-3. 6A.03. Compliance.
It shall be unlawful to construct, display, install, change, have, or cause to be constructed, displayed, installed or changed any sign upon any property within the township in violation of the requirements of this chapter.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 3.2, 11-12-2002)
Sec. 102-4. 6A.04. Interpretation; conflicts with other ordinances.
The provisions of this chapter shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing and future zoning and other ordinances of the township and all amendments thereto; provided, however, that where any inconsistency or conflict cannot be avoided, then the most restrictive of such inconsistent or conflicting provisions shall control and prevail. If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of this chapter, the zoning board of appeals may, in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of such specific provisions while retaining the intent in such appealed instance.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 19, 11-12-2002)
State law references: Conflict between zoning ordinance and other ordinances, MCL 125.298.
Sec. 102-5. 6A.05. Notice of violation; issuance of appearance ticket.
If a violation of this chapter is noted, the ordinance inspector will notify the owner of record and the occupant of the property of the violation. Such notice shall specify the violation and the time within which the corrective action must be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. If the property is not in compliance with this chapter at the end of the period specified in the notice of violation, an appearance ticket may be issued.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 17, 11-12-2002)
Sec. 102-6. 6A.06. Nonconforming signs.
1. The regulations established in the zoning ordinance for nonconforming structures shall also be applicable to signs which exist on December 9, 1999 the effective date of this Ordinance where such signs fail to comply with the provisions described in this chapter. The elimination of nonconforming signs is hereby declared to be a public purpose and for a public service. The township board may initiate proceedings and prosecute for condemnation of nonconforming signs under the power of eminent domain in accordance with Public Act No. 149 of 1911 (MCL 213.21 et seq.) or other appropriate statutes.
2. Nothing in this chapter shall relieve the owner or user of a nonconforming sign, or the owner of property on which the nonconforming sign is located, from the provisions of this chapter regarding safety and maintenance of the sign.
3. Whenever an addition or modification to an existing site requires submittal and approval of a site plan pursuant to section 27.02 of the zoning ordinance, any nonconforming sign shall be brought into conformance with the provisions of this chapter.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 11, 11-12-2002)
Sec. 102-7. 6A.07. Applicability of state construction code.
Except as otherwise indicated in this chapter, the regulations of the state construction code as adopted by the township shall apply to signs. Where the provisions of this chapter are more restrictive in respect to location, use, size or height of signs, the limitations of this chapter shall take precedence over the regulations of the state construction code.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 3, 11-12-2002)
Cross references: State construction code, § 78-31 et seq.
Sec. 102-8. 6A.08. Permit required.

- It shall be unlawful to construct, display, install, change or cause to be constructed, displayed, installed, or changed a sign requiring a permit upon any property within the township without first obtaining a sign permit.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 3.1, 11-12-2002)
Sec. 102-9. 6A.09. Exemptions from permit requirement.
The following signs are permitted without a sign permit in all zoning districts where the principal permitted use to which they are related is a permitted use in that district.
1. Address numbers, nameplates (including apartment units and office suites) identifying the occupant or address of a parcel of land and not exceeding three square feet in area. All address numbers shall comply with the provisions of chapter 62, article III.
2. Memorial signs or tablets, not to exceed eight square feet in area, containing the name of the building and date of erection, when cut into any masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other incombustible material and affixed to the exterior wall of the building.
3. Signs painted on or permanently attached to legally licensed vehicles which are used upon the highways for transporting persons, goods or equipment.
4. Traffic or other municipal signs, including, but not limited to, the following: legal notices, historic site designations, municipal facility directional signs, street or traffic signs, railroad crossing signs, and danger and other emergency signs as may be approved by the township board or any federal, state or county agency having jurisdiction over the matter of the sign. Such signs may be located in any zoning district. However, all signs on governmental property on which a municipal building is located shall meet the commercial and industrial zoning district requirements in section 102-35.
5. Community special event signs approved by the township board.
6. For gasoline service stations, the following special sign, which is deemed customary and necessary to their respective businesses: customary lettering or other insignia on a gasoline pump consisting of brand of gasoline sold, lead warning information, and any other data required by law and not exceeding a total of three square feet on each pump. Such signs shall carry no commercial messages.
7. One sign advertising parcels of land or buildings for rent, lease or sale, when located on the land or building intended to be rented, leased or sold, not exceeding six square feet in area, four feet in height in residential districts, and 24 square feet in area, six feet in height in office, commercial and industrial districts. One sign is permitted per parcel that fronts on a public street. All signs reflecting zoning classifications must be accurate with the current zoning designation. An additional 18 square feet of sign area will be permitted if the sign faces the I-275 freeway and if the property is adjacent to the I-275 freeway. Such signs are subject to the maintenance and structural requirements for signs in the State construction code.
8. Institutional use bulletin boards, not to exceed 18 square feet in area and not to exceed six feet in height, including the frame and base of such sign, set back ten feet from any property line, for use by educational nonprofit institutions licensed by the state, houses of worship or other public entities.
9. Flags of government, civic, philanthropic, educational, and religious organizations and other public or private corporations or entities; provided, however, that only one flag bearing the seal or trademark of a private organization may be displayed by an individual establishment or proprietor of any single building or parcel of land. A flag pole is considered a structure, and is subject to all height regulations affecting structures.
10. Signs of a primarily decorative nature, not used for any commercial purpose and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holiday; provided that such signs shall be displayed for a period of not more than 60 consecutive days, and shall not be displayed for more than 60-120 days in any one year.
11. Political signs, not to exceed one sign per candidate or issue, and not to exceed six square feet of area per sign, which shall be permitted on all occupied lots, regardless of zoning, provided such sign is located and placed with the permission of the owner of the lot or parcel where such sign is located, and provided that such sign is removed within two days after the elections. A political candidate or committee is responsible to remove any sign not in conformity with this chapter within two days after receiving a written notice from the township. Such signs shall not be placed within a right-of-way.
12. For model homes within a subdivision, one sign per model, which shall not exceed two square feet in area or four feet in height, including the frame and base of such sign, when located within the front yard setback, for the purpose of identifying the model style.
13. Garage sale signs not exceeding five square feet in area and not displayed in excess of three days. Such signs shall not be placed within a right-of-way.
14. One sign identifying on-site construction activity, during the time of construction, not exceeding 24 square feet in area, except in connection with individual single-family detached residential construction, which sign shall not exceed six square feet in area. Such signs shall not exceed six feet in height, and shall be removed before an occupancy permit is issued.
15. Signs temporarily erected for municipal construction projects to inform the public of the nature of the project or anticipated completion dates, which shall be permitted in all zoning districts, subject to a maximum size of 24 square feet in area and six feet in height.
16. Help wanted signs not exceeding six square feet in area and four feet in height, which may be displayed on private property for a period of up to four weeks at a time and not more than four times within each calendar year.
17. Blade under-canopy signs hung below the canopy or eave of a multiple tenant project intended to direct pedestrians under the sheltered area in areas where the tenant primary signage is not visible. Such signs must not exceed 42 inches in width and must not extend more than 18 inches from the mounting hardware or bracket attached to the underside of the canopy or eave. The mounting bracket may not extend more than six inches from the underside of the canopy or eave. The minimum required headroom clearance under the blade sign must be provided as required by the building code.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 4, 11-12-2002)
Sec. 102-10. 6A.10. Rezoning signs.
Whenever an application for rezoning is made, the following requirements shall be met:
1. A four-foot by eight-foot sign shall be erected in full public view along road frontage at least 20 days prior to a public hearing on the property which is the site of the rezoning; provided, however, if the property to be rezoned is situated on two streets or roads abutting the subject property, then two signs, one for each road, shall be required.
2. A permit and bond shall be required.
3. The sign shall read as follows:
a. At the top of the sign, the words "This property proposed to be rezoned," or other applicable language, shall appear.
b. The sign shall contain the name of the real party interested in asking for a zoning change.
c. The sign shall contain what the present zoning is at the time of petition.
d. The sign shall contain the proposed or requested zoning sought and amount of acreage involved (map with dimensions).
e. The sign shall contain the proposed general use of the land if the zoning is successful.
f. The sign shall contain the date and place of the public hearing on the rezoning.
4. It shall be the duty of the petitioner to erect, maintain and remove the sign. Removal shall be within three days after the public hearing.
5. If the township determines the need to consider rezoning certain land areas, the regulations of this section will not be applicable. The township will endeavor to carry out the erection of rezoning signs unless an agreement cannot be reached with the property owner for the erection of the sign. The township may proceed with consideration of the rezoning in accordance with the other appropriate provisions of the zoning ordinance.
(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 12, 11-12-2002)
Secs. 102-11-102-30. Reserved.
ARTICLE II - ZONING DISTRICT RESTRICTIONS
Sec. 102-31. 6A.11. Signs prohibited in all districts.
The following signs are considered to be unsafe, dangerous, hazardous or an attractive nuisance, therefore these signs shall not be permitted, erected, or maintained in any zoning district unless the applicant requesting a variance from this section can substantiate to the building official, fire chief and police chief that the applicant's specific use of a sign listed in this section will not be dangerous, hazardous, or an attractive nuisance.

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If these officials unanimously agree that the specific use of the sign requested is not dangerous, hazardous, or an attractive nuisance; and the zoning board of appeals has granted a variance in accordance with the variance procedures; then the building official shall issue a permit for such requested use.

(1) Signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving lights, including strobe lights, whether they are mounted indoors or outdoors, if they are visible from the outdoors.

(2) Banners, pennants, spinners and streamers, and inflatable figures, except as specifically permitted in accordance with sections 102-61 and 102-35(4) 6A.09 (5) and (10) and 6A15.

(3) String lights used in connection with commercial premises for commercial purposes, except holiday uses not exceeding seven nine weeks in any calendar year.

(4) Any sign which moves or has any moving or animated parts, or images, whether the movement is caused by any mechanical, electronic or electrical device or wind or otherwise, including swinging signs and strings of flags or streamers, or cloth flags moved by natural wind except as permitted in section 102-61 6A.09 (10). Such a prohibition shall not pertain to public message signs on governmental property and those on public property which display time, temperature or stock market quotation signs.

(5) Any sign or sign structure which:

- a. Is structurally unsafe;
b. Constitutes a hazard to the safety or health of persons or property by reason of inadequate design, fabrication, mounting or maintenance or by abandonment thereof;
c. Is not kept in good repair; or
d. Is capable of causing electrical shocks to persons that may come in contact with it.

(6) Any sign which by reason of its size, location, content, coloring, intensity, or manner of illumination constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by obstruction of visibility of any traffic sign or control device on any public street or road.

(7) Any sign which obstructs free ingress or egress to or from a required door, window, fire escape, driveway or other required access route.

(8) Signs which make use of words such as "stop," "look," or "danger" or any other words, phrases, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse drivers of vehicles traveling upon any highway, driveway or parking area.

(9) Any sign or other advertising structure or display which conveys, suggests, indicates or otherwise implies by pictures, drawings, words, emblems, logos, or other communication methods the following:

- a. Human genitalia.
b. Specified sexual activities as defined in section 18-141.
c. Adult nude human bodies.
d. Obscene words.
e. Obscene gestures.

(10) Any sign which no longer advertises a bona fide business or product sold. Such signs shall be removed by the property owner within 30 calendar days after a business closes or vacates the premises.

(11) Any sign, except traffic or other municipal signs, as permitted in section 102-61 6A.09 (4), that is located in or projects into or over a public right-of-way or dedicated easement.

(12) Any sign that exceeds the height limitation for structures in the zoning district in which it is located, or a wall sign that extends beyond or above the structure to which such sign is affixed except as may specifically be provided for in other provisions.

(13) Placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped or in any way attached to any fence, wall, post, tree, sidewalk, pavement, platform, pole, tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement or right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Nothing in this section shall prevent official notices of the township, school districts, or county, state, or federal government from being posted on any public property deemed necessary. All placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, or stamped on any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by township enforcement officers without regard to other provisions of this chapter.

(14) The parking of a vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or on public or private property, on a permanent continuing basis, so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, if the vehicle has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device which has the effect of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property or any other premises.

(15) Any sign greater than four feet in height that is suspended by chains or other devices that will allow the sign to swing due to wind action. The zoning board of appeals shall have the power to grant relief from the strict application of this provision when the applicant can show that the intent of this provision will be achieved through alternative means and result in a sign that is more in keeping with the architectural character and more in harmony with the design of the development it serves and with surrounding properties.

(16) Bench signs.

(17) Commercial signs erected on bus stop shelters.

(18) Ground signs within 100 linear feet of an existing ground sign.

(19) Roof signs.

(20) Ground signs which identify more than one business within a multi-tenant building or multiple building site. These signs are also commonly known as directory signs, unless otherwise permitted through the approval of a Master Sign Plan as provided for in Section 6A.22

(21) Portable signs, except as provided in section 102-61 6A.18

22. Any sign placed upon a cart corral or cart return other than signage indicating the intended function of the corral or return and which does not carry a commercial message. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 5, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-32. Signs permitted in all single-family residential districts.

The following signs are permitted in all single-family residential districts and require a sign permit.

(1) A subdivision development with models designed to promote the sale of homes within a subdivision shall be allowed no more than two ground signs on a temporary basis for a two-year period. Each sign shall be located adjacent to a subdivision entranceway. Each sign, when permitted, shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or a height of six feet. The length of a sign shall not exceed eight feet in distance. The sign support shall not extend more than two feet from the ground area to the sign surface. These signs shall not be located within ten feet of any road or street right-of-way. Permits issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the subdivision. In addition, one sign shall be permitted to be erected by each homeowner within the subdivision, not to exceed 16 square feet in area and a height of five feet. Such sign shall be located within the subdivision and no closer than ten feet to any property line in front of each model home. After the two-year period, sign permits may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes are under construction. Such signs shall be removed upon cessation of new home marketing within the subdivision, when 95 percent of all lots have been sold by the builder or when the permit expires, whichever occurs first.

(2) A subdivision development with model homes is allowed one off-premise temporary sign for a two-year period, which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes are under construction. Such signs shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development's location. Such signs shall be no larger than 24 square feet in area, and shall not exceed six feet in height. No such sign may be erected within 50 feet of any road or street right-of-way. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of

all lots in the subdivision have been sold by the builder.

(3) Residential subdivision entranceway ground signs on private property shall not be constructed until the subdivision has received final plat approval. These signs shall not exceed six feet in height or 24 square feet in area and shall only display the name of the subdivision. Signs shall be located on private property at least one foot away from all property lines. All entranceway ground signs erected on private property in a subdivision shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout the subdivision. On boulevards, residential entranceway ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road right-of-way line. Residential subdivision entranceway ground signs within the public road right-of-way shall be approved by the county, state, or other governmental agency having jurisdiction.

(4) Churches, schools, and other nonresidential uses within residential zoning districts may erect signs subject to all sign size and location requirements of office uses as described in section 102-34. However, if an institutional use bulletin board is utilized as permitted in section 102-34(3), no additional ground sign will be permitted.

(5) Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each of which has a minimum road right-of-way width of 96 feet, shall be permitted two ground signs (one for each frontage). Each sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way. Such signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or the road closest to the sign.

(6) A residential subdivision development shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received tentative preliminary plat approval. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project announcement signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 6, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-33. Signs permitted in single-family attached residential, multiple family residential and mobile home park districts.

The following signs are authorized with a permit in single-family attached residential (R-6), multiple family residential (MRP) and mobile home park (MHP) zoning districts:

(1) A multiple family or mobile home development with units or lots for sale or rent shall be allowed no more than two ground signs on a temporary basis for a two-year period. Such signs shall be located adjacent to a development project's entranceway, and limited to one along each bounding primary or secondary road. The signs, when permitted, shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or a height of six feet. The length of the sign shall not exceed eight feet in distance nor shall the height of the sign exceed eight feet. The sign support shall not extend more than two feet from the ground to the sign surface. Such signs shall be located no closer than ten feet to any property line. The sign permit may be renewed yearly if the project is less than 95 percent occupied.

(2) Multiple family or mobile home entranceway ground signs on private property shall not exceed five feet in height or 24 square feet in area and shall only display the name of the project. Signs shall be located on private property at least one foot away from all property lines. All entranceway signs shall be ground signs, shall have a common design, and shall be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout the development. On boulevards, multiple family or mobile home entranceway ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road right-of-way line.

(3) A multiple family or mobile home development with units or lots for sale or rent shall be allowed one off-premise temporary sign for a two-year period which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots or units remain vacant and available or new units or lots are under construction. Such sign shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development's location. The sign may be a maximum of 24 square feet in area and shall not exceed six feet in height. No such sign shall be located within 50 feet of any road or street right-of-way. Such sign shall be removed when 95 percent of all units or lots have been occupied.

(4) One wall sign for identification purposes for each such development shall be permitted. Such sign shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. The sign shall not extend above the roofline nor shall such sign project from the face of the building more than 12 inches.

(5) Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each of which has a minimum road right-of-way width of 96 feet, shall be permitted two ground signs (one for each frontage). Each sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way. Such signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or the road closest to the sign.

(6) A multiple family or mobile home development shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the township board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project announcement signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 7, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-34. Signs permitted in office, mid-rise development and high-rise development districts.

The following signs are authorized with a permit in office districts (O-1), mid-rise development districts (MRD) and high-rise development districts (HRD).

(1) Ground signs.

a. One ground sign may be permitted for each developed lot or parcel. The sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.

b. The sign face shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. The sign structure shall not exceed 12 feet in length and six feet in height as measured from the finished elevation of the sidewalk located along the right-of-way nearest to the sign.

c. The ground sign shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site.

d. The masonry base shall have a minimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign.

e. In the downtown development district (DDA), the height of the masonry base shall be equal to the finished height of the nearest garden wall.

(2) Wall signs.

a. Any development with one or more buildings shall be permitted one wall sign not exceeding 60 square feet in area.

b. All wall signs shall utilize individual die cut or internally illuminated channel letters. Any building or multiple building site shall utilize a single color for all wall sign letters, excluding any trademark or copyrighted logo. If the letters are attached to an exposed electrical raceway, the raceway shall match the color of the wall.

c. Where corporate logos are proposed for use as a wall sign or as part of the overall wall sign, the logo shall not exceed 90 percent of the maximum permitted area.

(3) Project announcement signs. An office development shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the township board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project announcement signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line.

(4) Automated teller machine. The total square footage allowed for signs on an ATM machine is 10 square feet. This area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering. Graphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine. Automated teller machine signs are not required to be individual channel letters. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 8, 11-12-2002; Ord. of 4-27-2004(2))

Sec. 102-35. Signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts.

The following signs are authorized with a permit in all commercial and industrial zoning districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, RP, LI-1, LI-2, and GI):

(1) Wall signs and awning signs.

a. The total square footage allowed for a wall sign, an awning sign, or a combination of the two in these zoning districts shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the linear footage of frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 200 square feet per building or tenant space.

b. All wall signs shall utilize individual die cut or internally illuminated channel letters. Any building or multiple building site shall utilize a single color for all wall sign letters, excluding any trademark or copyrighted logo. If the letters are attached to an exposed electrical raceway, the raceway shall match the color of the wall.

c. Where corporate logos are proposed for use as a wall sign or as part of the overall wall sign, the logo shall not exceed 90 percent of the maximum permitted area.

d. Corner lots shall not be provided additional footage.

e. When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awning sign, the total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall sign.

(2) Window signs. Window copy, painted or otherwise attached to the window surface, shall be limited in area to 25 percent of the total surface of the window to which the sign is affixed, and no more than two signs per window surface shall be permitted. This type of sign does not require a permit.

(3) Canopy signs. Canopy signs shall not exceed eight square feet in total area and shall not project further than the canopy support structure. The minimum clearance shall be ten feet from the average grade of the parcel on which it is located to the bottom of the sign. No permit is required for a canopy sign.

(4) Ground signs.

a. One ground sign may be permitted for each developed lot or parcel. The sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.

b. The sign face shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. The sign structure shall not exceed 12 feet in length and six feet in height as measured from the finished elevation of the sidewalk located along the right-of-way nearest to the sign.

c. The ground sign shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site.

d. The masonry base shall have a minimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign.

e. In the downtown development district (DDA), the height of the masonry base shall be equal to the finished height of the nearest garden wall.

(5) Billboards. Billboards shall be permitted in the GI zoning district adjacent to limited access interstate freeways and shall not exceed 160 square feet in area or 12 feet in height and shall be set back a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from any right-of-way line. No billboard shall be erected closer than 2,000 feet to any other billboard. The structure of the sign shall be exclusively steel, and no wood or other combustible material shall be permitted. The sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. No billboard shall be permitted on a parcel in conjunction with a ground sign.

(6) Temporary cloth or canvas signs, pennants, or banners. Temporary cloth or canvas signs, pennants, or banners may be displayed for a period of up to four weeks within the calendar year that the first permit was applied for. Three permits may be issued per calendar year. The total square footage allowed for a banner sign shall not exceed what is permitted for a wall sign in subsection (1) of this section.

(7) Menu order and similar drive through assistance signs. One such free-standing sign not exceeding 24 square feet in size shall be permitted per each legally valid drive through type use. Such sign may only be located at the point of vocal communication with the main building.

(8) Project announcement signs. A commercial or industrial development shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the township board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project announcement signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line.

(9) Township governmental property. A changeable copy sign/reader board may be installed in addition to what is otherwise permissible within this section. This provision is not applicable to size and location requirements.

(10) Automated teller machine. The total square footage allowed for signs on an ATM machine is 10 square feet. This area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering. Graphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine. Automated teller machine signs are not required to be individual channel letters. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 9, 11-12-2002; Ord. of 4-27-2004(2))

Sec. 102-36. Signs permitted in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate districts.

The following signs are authorized with a permit in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate zoning districts (RA, RR, and RE):

(1) Each conforming agricultural or open space recreational use shall be permitted wall signs. The area of such sign shall be computed by multiplying two square feet by the total linear front footage of the building itself, but in no case shall the total sign area exceed 200 square feet. The sign shall not extend above the roofline or gable line, nor shall such sign project more than 12 inches from the face of the building.

(2) One ground sign for each developed lot or parcel where a conforming use exists shall be permitted after the building and sign permits have been issued. The sign shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or exceed six feet in height. Such signs shall be set back a minimum of ten feet from any property line.

(3) Producers of bona fide agricultural products as permitted within the RA, RR, and RE zoning classifications and as further defined in the state construction code shall be permitted no more than one off-premise ground sign. The sign shall be no larger than 24 square feet in area and shall not exceed six feet in height. The sign shall be located no less than ten feet from all road rights-of-way and 100 feet away from all other signs. Each agricultural producer, including, but not limited to, an individual, partnership, or corporation, shall be permitted to establish and maintain such signs. The purpose of the off-premise advertisement signs is to permit the producer to make the public aware of produce for sale. The sign shall include the name of the producer, the type of produce available and directional information to assist the motoring public in locating the producer's agricultural area. Additional information may be indicated at the option of the producer. Such signs shall not advertise any products or services other than the availability of bona fide agricultural produce raised by the producer. Permits may be obtained for a maximum period of six consecutive months in any calendar year. Permit applicants shall present a letter indicating that permission has been received from the landowner or tax record to place the sign upon his property. In addition, a cash bond shall be posted to guarantee removal of such signs. The signs shall be removed within 48 hours of permit expiration.

(4) Golf courses with frontage on two roads, each of which has a minimum road right-of-way width of 96 feet, shall be permitted two ground signs (one for each frontage). Each sign shall not be located closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way. Such signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height. All height measurements shall be taken from the surface of the public sidewalk or the road closest to the sign.

(5) A development within the RA, RR, and RE zoning districts shall be permitted one project announcement sign after the development has received site plan approval from the township board. This sign may remain until the first building permit is issued. At that time, the sign must be removed. Project announcement signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or six feet in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 10, 11-12-2002)

Secs. 102-37-102-60. Reserved.

Postmaster urges summer safety

Summer vacation is here, and the children who were sitting behind desks doing school work for the last nine months are now soaking up the sunshine outdoors.

When they see a letter carrier drive up to the mailbox, they often rush to pick up the letters without stopping to think about their personal safety.

"It's very important that everyone wait until the letter carrier has pulled away from the mailbox before approaching," said Plymouth Postmaster Dennis Wieczorek.

"Children especially are at risk when they wait near the box for the mail carrier to arrive, or rush to get the mail before the vehicle has pulled away. Our carriers are on the alert, but if they

don't see the child someone could get hurt."

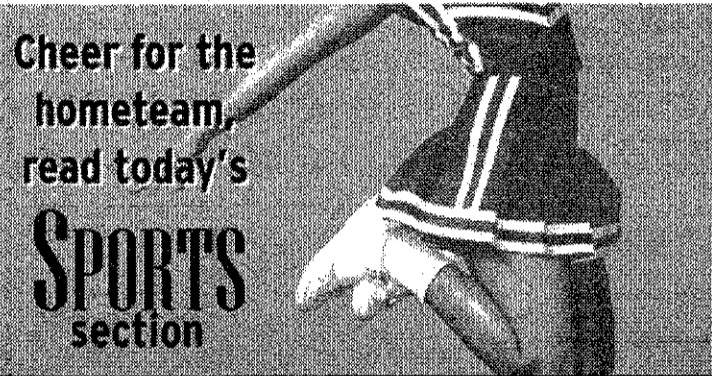
Adults should also remind the children in their care that they need to be very careful when crossing the street to get to the mailbox.

"For as long as I can remember, kids love to pick up the mail," Wieczorek said.

"Sometimes, in their excitement, they don't check for traffic as carefully as they should."

Wieczorek said there have been no local accidents involving children near the mailbox, and he wants to make sure it stays that way.

"Taking a few minutes to discuss mailbox safety with your kids will help them enjoy a healthy and happy summer and make our letter carriers' jobs easier," Wieczorek said.



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

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd*Canton* 734-981-0300		
5054	Curtis	Household
3019	Dawson	Household
4203	Hawes	Household
4294	Jacobs	Household
5009	Payne	Office Supplies
4034	Rodriguez	Household
5218	Wilkins	Household

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5416		
6001	Baker	household
5265	Brown	household
5266	Brown	household
5270	Brown	household
2015	Blavacek	household
5151	Clay	household
2006	Knight	household
3027	Knight	household
4157	Hartley	household
4160	Richards	household
4049	Simmons	household
4038	Simpson	household
4164	Smith	household
3045	Swinea	household

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000		
1482	Vanhorn	Household Items
1576	Swaidan	Household Items
2048	West	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811		
2021	Lyons	Household Goods
3057	Smith	Household Goods
3069	Zonca	Household Goods
3101	Cooper	Household Goods
4044	Whitmore	Household Goods
4067	Smith	Household Goods
4099	Taylor	Household Goods
4145	Habib	Construction Tools
5098	Redding	Household Goods

Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313-292-2950		
3078	A. Roop	Household
4020	J. Gilley	Household
5048	E. Justice	Household
5053	D. Nunley	Household
5059	J. Floyd	Household
5077	N. Jamieson	Household
6009	N. Marshall	Household
6105	R. Phillips	Household
6026	P. Sampson	Household
9042	T. Marr	Household
9108	V. Zimmerman	Household

Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000		
1300	Brown	Household Items
4014	Burton	Household Items
1132	Fields	Household Items
5010	Griffin	Household Items
5168	Muhammed	Household Items
6018	Parks	Household Items
2054	Witkowski	Household Items
3038	Witkowski	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200		
1072	Jorell Glasper	Household
4011	Dale Smith	car/household
5039	David Hieb	equipment
5054	John King	household
9154	Daphani Dent	household

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

Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor * 2500 S. Industrial Hwy; Ann Arbor; *734-973-2212		
1067	Bergey	Household
3032	Ford	Household
5002	Lawal	Household
4100	Mohammadimehr	Household
4004	Patrick	Household
8014	Smith	Household
8024	Smith	Household

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6A.12. Signs permitted in all single-family residential districts

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
all single-family residential districts	Subdivision development ground signs	one per subdivision development	Adjacent to a subdivision entranceway; shall not be located within ten feet of any road or street right-of-way	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Six feet (sign support shall not extend more than two feet from the ground area to the sign)	Valid for a two-year period. Permits issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the subdivision; permit may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes remain under construction after the two-year period. Such signs shall be removed upon cessation of new home marketing within the subdivision, when 95 percent of all lots have been sold by the builder or when the permit expires, whichever occurs first.
	Subdivision homebuilder ground signs	One for each homebuilder within the subdivision	Within the subdivision and no closer than ten feet to any property line in front of each model home	16 sq. ft.	Five feet	The homebuilder ground signs are permitted in addition to the one permitted for a subdivision for the general developer of the subdivision
	Subdivision development off-premises temporary sign	One per subdivision development	No such sign may be erected within 10 feet of any road or street right-of-way and must be located on private property	24 sq. feet	Six feet	Permitted for a two-year period, which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots remain vacant and available and new homes are under construction. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of all lots in the subdivision have been sold by the builder.
	Residential subdivision entranceway ground signs	One per subdivision development	On private property at least one foot away from all property lines; on boulevards, residential entranceway ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road right-of-way line.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Six feet	Shall not be constructed until the subdivision has received final plat approval, shall only display the name of the subdivision; all entranceway ground signs erected on private property in a subdivision shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that subdivision. Residential subdivision entranceway ground signs within the public road right-of-way shall be approved by the county, state, or other governmental agency having jurisdiction.
	Pole-mounted, permanent, interchangeable, banners	Two per subdivision entrance	On a light pole or dedicated pole on private property at least one foot away from all property lines or within the median island of a boulevard and shall not be located within 10 feet of a public road right-of-way.	10 square feet per banner	Each banner shall not exceed 2 feet in width or 5 feet in height	Shall be decorative in nature and shall contain no commercial message or content

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
all single-family residential districts	Ground signs for churches, schools, and other nonresidential uses within residential zoning districts	One for each developed site.	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way	24 sq. feet	Six feet	If an institutional use bulletin board is utilized as permitted in section 6A.09 (8), no additional ground sign will be permitted; shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site; masonry base shall have a minimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign.
	Golf course ground signs	One for each frontage on a public right-of-way with at least 86 feet in width (maximum of two)	Not closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way	24 square feet	Six feet	NA
	Project announcement signs	one	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received tentative preliminary plat approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued, at that time the sign must be removed

6A.13. Signs permitted in single-family attached residential, multiple-family residential and mobile home park districts.

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
single-family attached residential (R-0), multiple-family residential (MR) and mobile home park (MHP) zoning districts	Multiple-family or mobile home development ground signs	One per multiple-family or mobile home development	Adjacent to a multiple-family or mobile home development entranceway; shall not be located within ten feet of any road or street right-of-way; limited to one sign along each bounding primary or secondary road	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Six feet	A multiple-family or mobile home development with units or lots for sale or rent may have such signs on a temporary basis, for a two-year period. The sign support shall not extend more than two feet from the ground area to the sign surface. Permits issued for this type of sign shall only be issued to the developer of the multiple-family or mobile home development. After the two-year period, sign permits may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots or units remain vacant and available. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of all lots or units have been sold or rented.
	Multiple-family or mobile home development off-premises temporary sign	One per multiple-family or mobile home development	No such sign may be erected within 10 feet of any road or street right-of-way.	24 sq. feet	Six feet	Permitted for a two-year period, which may be renewed yearly if at least five percent of the lots or units remain vacant and available or new units or lots are under construction. Such sign shall be for the purpose of directing traffic to the development's location. Such signs shall be removed when 95 percent of all lots in the subdivision have been sold by the builder.
	Multiple-family or mobile home entranceway ground signs	One per multiple-family or mobile home development	On private property at least one foot away from all property lines; on boulevards, residential entranceway ground signs erected on private property shall meet all requirements as stated in this subsection and shall not be located closer than ten feet to the intersecting road right-of-way line.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 8 ft. in length	Five feet	Shall not be constructed until the development has received final plat approval, shall only display the name of the development; all entranceway ground signs erected on private property in a multiple-family or mobile home project shall have a common design and be constructed of the same or similar materials throughout that multiple-family or mobile home development. Multiple-family or mobile home entranceway ground signs within the public road right-of-way shall be approved by the county, state, or other governmental agency having jurisdiction.

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
all single-family residential districts	Ground signs for churches, schools, and other nonresidential uses within residential zoning districts	One for each developed site.	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to the edge of the pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way	24 sq. feet	Six feet	If an institutional use bulletin board is utilized as permitted in section 6A.09 (8), no additional ground sign will be permitted; shall be integrated into the landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site; masonry base shall have a minimum height of 18 inches and shall not exceed a height of 36 inches. The masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign. Masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign.
	Wall sign for identification purposes.	One for the clubhouse or office for a development site	The sign shall not extend above the roofline nor shall such sign project from the face of the building more than 12 inches.	24 sq. feet	N/A	N/A
	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued, at that time the sign must be removed
	Golf course ground signs	One for each frontage on a public right-of-way, maximum of two; each right-of-way must have a minimum road right-of-way width of 86 feet	Not closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way	24 square feet	Six feet	NA

6A.14. Signs permitted in office, mid-rise development and high-rise development districts.

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
office districts (O-1), mid-rise development districts (MRD) and high-rise development districts (HRD)	Wall signs	One for any development site with one or more buildings	NA	Shall not exceed 50 square feet	NA	All wall signs shall meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25. Corner lots shall not be provided additional footage. When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awning sign, the total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall sign.
	Ground signs	One for each developed site.	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to edge of pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 12 ft. in length	Six feet	All ground signs must meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25
	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued, at that time the sign must be removed
	Automated teller machine sign	NA	Located on ATM Machine or ATM Machine cabinet	3-square feet; this area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering	NA	Graphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine

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6A.15. Signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts.

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
all commercial and industrial zoning districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, RP, LI-1, LI-2, and GD)	Wall signs and awning signs	NA	NA	Permitted wall sign area shall be calculated in accordance with section 6A.17	NA	All wall signs shall meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25. Corner lots shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area calculated in accordance with section 6A.17. When a wall sign is used in conjunction with an awning sign, the total square footage allowed for both together shall not exceed the maximum square footage that would be allowed for a wall sign.
	Window signs	Two per window surface	NA	25 percent of the total surface of the window to which the sign is affixed	NA	Do not require a permit
	Canopy signs	NA	Shall not project further than the canopy support structure	Eight square feet	NA	No permit is required for a canopy sign; the minimum clearance shall be ten feet from the average grade of the parcel on which it is located to the bottom of the sign.
	Ground signs	One for each developed site	Not closer than ten feet to any property line or to edge of pavement of any driveway entrance off of the right-of-way.	24 sq. ft.; shall not exceed 12 ft. in length	Six feet	All ground signs must meet the legibility and design requirements of section 6A.25
	Temporary cloth or canvas signs, pennants or banners	NA	NA	The total square footage allowed for a banner sign shall not exceed what is permitted for a wall sign	NA	May be displayed for a period of up to four weeks within the calendar year that the first permit was applied for; three permits may be issued per calendar year. Such signs must be attached to a building.
Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
all commercial and industrial zoning districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, RP, LI-1, LI-2, and GD)	Pole-mounted, permanent, interchangeable, banners	One banner for every three light poles, but not less than 2 in any circumstance	On a light pole or dedicated pole on private property at least one foot away from all property lines or within the median island of a boulevard and shall not be located within 10 feet of a public road right-of-way.	10 square feet per banner	Each banner shall not exceed 2 feet in width or 5 feet in height	Shall be decorative in nature and shall contain no commercial message or content. Up to two banners may be located on any light pole or dedicated banner pole.
	Menu order and similar drive-through assistance signs	One for each drive-through lane.	At the point of vocal communication with the main building	24 square feet	NA	NA
	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued, at that time the sign must be removed
	Township governmental property sign	NA	NA	NA	NA	A changeable copy sign/reader board may be installed in addition to what is otherwise permissible within this section
	Automated teller machine	NA	Located on ATM Machine or ATM Machine cabinet	3 square feet; this area is inclusive of any graphics and lettering	NA	Graphics for the purpose of this definition are any colors or designs other than the principal color of the machine
	Multiple tenant signs	One for each developed site	In accordance with section 6A.22	In accordance with section 6A.22	In accordance with section 6A.22	Permitted only when approved as part of master sign plan and accordance with section 6A.22 and meeting the requirements established for such signs therein

6A.16. Signs permitted in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate districts.

Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
agricultural (RA), rural residential (RR) and rural estate (RE) zoning districts	Wall sign	One for each permitted agricultural or open space recreation use	Shall not extend above the roofline or gable line, nor shall it project more than 12 feet from the face of the building	Permitted wall sign area shall be calculated in accordance with section 6A.17	NA	NA
	Ground sign	One for each developed site where a conforming use exists	Must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line	24 sq. feet	Six feet	NA
	Off-premises ground sign	One for each bona fide producer of agricultural products	Must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and 100 feet from any other ground sign	24 sq. feet	Six feet	The purpose of the off-premises advertisement sign is to permit the producer to make the public aware of produce for sale. The sign shall include the name of the producer, the type of produce available and directional information to assist the motoring public in locating the producer's agricultural area. Additional information may be indicated at the option of the producer. Such signs shall not advertise any products or services other than the availability of bona fide agricultural produce raised by the producer. Permits may be obtained for a maximum period of six consecutive months in any calendar year. Permit applicants shall present a letter indicating that permission has been received from the landowner of tax record to place the sign upon his property. In addition, a cash bond shall be posted to guarantee removal of such signs. The signs shall be removed within 48 hours of permit expiration.
	Project announcement signs	One	Shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line	24 square feet	Six feet	Permitted after the development has received site plan approval from the township board; this sign may remain until the first building permit is issued, at that time the sign must be removed
Zoning Districts	Sign Type	Number	Locations	Area Maximum	Height Maximum	Special Regulations
agricultural (RA), rural residential (RR) and rural estate (RE) zoning districts	Golf course ground signs	One for each frontage on a public right-of-way, maximum of two; each right-of-way must have a minimum road right-of-way width of 86 feet	Not closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way	24 square feet	Six feet	NA

6A.17. Wall Sign Area Scale.

The maximum permitted wall sign area is based on a function of setback and the linear frontage of the longest side of the building facing a parking lot, private drive, or road. Permitted maximums are established by the following table.

Setback from right-of-way of structure to which wall sign will be affixed	Permitted sign area calculation
0 feet to 299.9 feet	The total square footage for a wall sign or awning sign or combination of both in this setback range shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the linear frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 100 square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area.
300 feet to 599.9 feet	The total square footage for a wall sign or awning sign or combination of both in this setback range shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the linear frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 200 square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area.
600 feet or greater	The total square footage for a wall sign or awning sign or combination of both in this setback range shall be determined by multiplying one square foot by the linear frontage of the building or legally occupied tenant space, but shall not exceed 300 square feet per building or tenant space. Corner lots shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area.

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Local officials urge residents to use care when maintaining cars

In an effort to help protect the area's water resources, Canton is urging residents to practice good car care during the summer. When motor fluids and dirty water from washing cars enter storm drains and roadside ditches, it empties into nearby lakes and rivers causing pollution.

With over four million vehicles in southeast Michigan it's important to practice good car care. By following the following simple steps you can maintain a clean, well-running vehicle and protect our lakes and rivers from pollution:

- **Make a date:** Car wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to 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.
- **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 fluids. 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 will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Canton Public Works Building located 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 8-11 a.m.

For more information about keeping area waters clean can be found at www.semco.org or in the information racks located inside Canton's Administration Building.

**Charter Township of Canton
Notice of Public Accuracy Test**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment and the Auto Mark System to be used for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The test will take place on **Wednesday August 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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**RIVER PARK HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
REQUEST FOR BID**

River Park Home Owner's Association in Canton is looking for a qualified electrician/landscaping company to do the following:

- Replace & Beautify Electric Meter Mounting
- Replace Main Shut-off and Circuit Breaker for Light and Sprinkler
- Replace Light Bulb in Subdivision Light
- Pull necessary permits, as required by law and contact DTE as necessary.

Submit Bids to: River Park HOA
PO Box 87171
Canton, MI 48187

For details on the project, contact Sandra E. Commager at 734-397-9651.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., **Thursday, August 10, 2006** for the following:

Nottingham Forest Entrance Improvements

Work includes, but is not necessarily limited to, miscellaneous demolition, site grading, masonry screen walls, vinyl fencing, irrigation, tree planting, perennial/ground cover plantings, and site restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up beginning **July 27, 2006** at Beckett & Raeder, Inc. (BRI), 535 W. William, Suite 101, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. A nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid Documents are on file for review at BRI, Canton Township Finance Department, Construction Association of Michigan, F. W. Dodge, and Daily Construction Reports.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT,
Clerk

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ARTICLE III- RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC TYPES OF SIGNS

Sec. 102-61. 6A.18 Portable signs.

Nonprofit religious organizations and other similar community nonprofit organizations may utilize a portable sign for the purpose of advertising the time and place of worship services or other meetings open to the public. Such sign may not exceed six square feet in area or four feet in total height. The sign shall not exceed two feet in horizontal width. The sign must be located so as not to disrupt or create a safety hazard for pedestrian or vehicular movement. A sign permit is required. However, such portable sign will be permitted only if the nonprofit organization is not permitted other permanent ground signs on the subject property. The portable sign utilized by the nonprofit organization may not be placed closer than ten feet to any road right-of-way.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 14, 11-12-2002)

Sec. 102-62. 6A.19 Gasoline service station signs.

Gasoline service stations may display the following special signs which are deemed customary and necessary to their respective businesses. None of the following signs shall have commercial messages or represent an add-on sign as defined by this Ordinance. Sign permits shall be required for such signs.

1. No more than two signs, each sign not exceeding six square feet in area, may be placed on a gasoline pump island for the purpose of displaying gasoline prices.

2. No more than two signs, each sign not exceeding six square feet in area, may be placed on a gasoline pump island for the purpose of designating "attendant served" or "self-serve."

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 15, 11-12-2002)

6A.20 Theater signs.

A single wall sign not exceeding 12 square feet in area may be permitted in addition to other permitted wall signage for theaters to allow the changeable display of features (AS NOTE: "feature") shows, films, or other performances. The copy on the sign may not be changed more than once daily. Such signs shall require permits.

Sec. 102-63. 6A.21 Directional signs.

Signs not exceeding six square feet and four feet tall (AS NOTE: "in height" has been used in the rest of this Ordinance, not "tall" which contain only noncommercial messages including designation of restrooms, drive entrances and exits, telephone locations and directions to door openings are directional signs. Directional signs may contain the names of tenant commercial enterprises within the development site to assist in wayfinding, although a uniform font and no commercial logos or graphic identities may appear on the directional sign. Such signs shall require permits. In the event that a directional sign with tenant commercial enterprise names is proposed as part of a shopping center or other type of multiple tenant development; it must be approved as part of the master sign plan. Directional signs not having tenant commercial enterprise names may be permitted without a master sign plan.

(Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 16, 11-12-2002)

6A.22 Master Sign Plans

For multiple-tenant non-residential development in the commercial and industrial districts, a master sign plan shall be submitted to the planning commission when alterations to existing non-conforming signage or new signage in conjunction with a site plan review application are proposed. Multiple tenant signs and directional signs with tenant commercial enterprises are allowed only when approved as part of a master sign plan. A master sign plan shall include all proposed signs or sign locations for the entire multiple-tenant non-residential development, including defined wall sign spaces for tenants (tenant sign space), a ground sign or multiple tenant sign, directional signs, etc.

1. Application: an application for master sign plan approval shall include:

- a. A master sign plan, drawn to scale showing the location and dimensions of all proposed signs;
b. Technical descriptions and color illustrations of all signs indicating their materials, structural and electrical specifications, and any additional information necessary to satisfy the requirements of state and local construction codes; and
c. Façade elevations in color with full dimensions of any structures upon which wall signs are proposed, indicating the intended general location of the proposed signs.

2. From the effective date of this Ordinance, no signs for any multiple-tenant non-residential development shall be erected or altered (not including the changing of tenant space signs) without an approved master sign plan. If the structure, dimensions, location, or number of any existing signs of an existing multiple-tenant non-residential development are altered in any way, master sign plan approval shall be required. All new multiple-tenant non-residential developments shall require master sign plan approval.

3. A master sign plan shall be reviewed and approved by the planning commission. No permits for the construction of signs on any multiple-tenant non-residential development shall be issued until a master sign plan has been approved for the site in question, unless the permit involves only the changing of a tenant sign in a defined tenant sign space on ground sign or the changing of a wall sign to accommodate a new or former tenant.

4. Design requirements for sign types only permitted as part of a master sign plan

a. Multiple tenant signs

- 1) Multiple tenant sign standard: the planning commission shall adopt a multiple tenant sign standard, which shall be held on file with the building department and planning department
2) Minimum acreage or floor area requirement: to qualify for a multiple tenant sign, the site must be at least 4 acres in area or the proposed building must have at least 40,000 square feet of gross leasable area.
3) Number of multiple tenant signs: no more than one multiple tenant sign per site shall be allowed in any instance
4) Other signs: should an owner elect to construct a multiple tenant sign on a site, the multiple tenant sign shall constitute the only permitted ground sign; no other ground signs shall be allowed in addition to a multiple tenant sign
5) Maximum dimensions: a multiple tenant sign must not exceed 6 feet in width or 15 feet in height
6) Legibility: all lettering on a multiple tenant sign must meet the legibility requirements of section 6A.25

7) Wayfinding: a multiple tenant sign shall incorporate wayfinding elements as identified by the currently adopted Canton Township multiple tenant sign standard, which shall be established by the township board and on file with the building official and planning department; such wayfinding elements may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, color coordination with a defined community branding or wayfinding district, address range of the tenants, or graphic elements of the corridor or district in which the sign is located

8) Design and construction: the design and construction specifications of multiple tenant signs must comply with the currently adopted Canton Township multiple tenant sign standard, which shall be established by the township board and on file with the building official and planning department

(See Diagram 1 Below)

MULTIPLE TENANT SIGNS

b. Directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises

- 1) Shopping center directional sign standard: the township board shall adopt a shopping center directional sign standard, which shall be held on file with the building department and planning department
2) Location: directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises may be located only at internal intersections with a multiple tenant site
3) Maximum dimensions and area: directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises shall not exceed 6 feet in area or 6 feet in height
4) Wayfinding: a directional sign having tenant commercial enterprises shall incorporate wayfinding elements as identified by the currently adopted Canton Township shopping center directional sign standard, which shall be established by the planning commission and on file with the building official and planning department; such wayfinding elements may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, color coordination with a defined community branding or wayfinding district or graphic elements of the corridor or district in which the sign is located
5) Design and construction: the design and construction specifications of directional signs having tenant commercial enterprises must comply with the currently adopted Canton Township shopping center directional sign standard, which shall be established by the planning commission and on file with the building official and planning department

(See Diagram 2 Below)

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

6A.23 Sign Bonuses.

In certain unique circumstances, in addition to any signs permitted by this Ordinance, permits for the following special signs or sign bonuses may be approved in accordance with the provisions established below:

1. Rear façade identification signs: In instances where 3 or more frontages of a commercial structure in a commercial or industrial zoning district directly visible to a dedicated right-of-way, service drive, or circulation lane, a bonus wall sign to identify the rear façade of the structure may be permitted. To qualify for the rear façade identification sign bonus, the site must:

- a. Be directly bordered on at least three sides by dedicated circulation routes intended primarily for consumer traffic; rear alleys and loading and unloading access drives do not qualify.
b. The drive aisles may not be located exclusively on the same site as the structure to which the bonus would be applied, though it may be shared between two or more separate and distinct sites.
c. The wall sign bonus must not exceed 10 square feet in area distributed over one or two wall signs.
d. If two signs are proposed, they must be located on separate façades.
e. To qualify for the rear façade identification sign bonus, no other wall signage may be present on the rear façades having the bonus signage.
f. The primary permitted wall signage must be located on the façade facing the major thoroughfare or other primary roadway serving the site, or for corner lots, the two frontage facing such thoroughfares or roadways.
g. Rear façade identification signs may not face a residentially zoned or used property.

2. Wall sign area bonus: In commercial districts only, in the event that a ground sign otherwise permitted by the Ordinance can not be located in compliance with the location requirements of the Ordinance due to existing natural or manmade features, proximity to an existing sign or otherwise, additional wall sign area may be awarded above the permitted maximum wall sign area as determined by section 6A.17. This bonus may only be applied when the applicant, in the course of seeking a sign permit, has satisfactorily demonstrated that the development of an otherwise permitted ground sign is not possible in compliance with other provisions of this Ordinance or if no location for the sign which allows the sign to serve its intended purpose due to existing natural or manmade features. The wall sign area bonus shall not be over 24 additional square feet beyond that permitted by section 6A.17

6A.24 Billboards.

In the GI District, billboards may be permitted adjacent to limited access interstate freeways. Such signs shall be set back a minimum of 1,000 feet from any right-of-way and shall not be erected closer than 2,000 feet to any other billboard. The structure of the sign shall be exclusively steel, and no wood or other combustible material shall be permitted. The sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. No billboard shall be permitted on a parcel in conjunction with a ground sign. The maximum permitted area of a billboard shall be 160 square feet, and the sign shall not exceed 12 feet in height as measured from average grade at the base of the sign.

6A.25 Legibility and Design.

All commercial wall and ground signage within the township must meet the legibility and design requirements of this section.

1. Wall signs

a. Contrast: all lettering on wall signs shall be lighter than the background on which they are located. Free-floating channel letters or other applied letters shall significantly contrast the background to which they are applied.

b. Construction type: wall signs may be of a free-floating channel letter or other applied letter either internally or externally illuminated. If a raceway is used, it must be painted or manufactured to match the color of the wall to which is mounted.

c. Lettering: minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for wall signs shall apply to all lettering on any wall sign

- 1) Sans serif fonts: "block" style or sans-serif lettering shall be at least 14 inches in size on any wall sign
2) Serif fonts: "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 17 inches in size on any wall sign

2. Ground signs:

a. Ground signs shall be integrated into landscape buffer design and shall be compatible with the design and materials used for the structures on the site.

b. Ground signs shall be located on a masonry base; the masonry base shall have a min. height of 18 in. and shall not exceed a height of 36 in.; the masonry base, at a minimum, shall be equal to the length of the sign; masonry or other decorative features enclosing the sides or top of the face of the sign shall not extend beyond the maximum allowable width and height of the sign; in the downtown development authority (DDA), the height of the masonry base shall be equal to the finished height of the nearest garden wall.

c. Contrast: all lettering on cabinet-style ground signs shall be lighter than the background on which they are located. Free-floating channel letters or other applied letters shall significantly contrast the background to which they are applied.

d. Construction type: ground signs may be of a cabinet, internally-illuminated style; however:

- 1) Only the lettering or trademarked logo shall be translucent.
2) The background shall be of opaque material in a color darker than the lettering and logo.

e. Lettering: minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for ground signs shall apply to all lettering on any ground sign.

- 1) Sans serif fonts: "block" style or sans-serif lettering shall be at least 14 inches in size on any ground sign.
2) Serif fonts: "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 17 inches in size on any ground sign.

f. Where corporate logos are proposed for use as a ground sign or as part of the overall ground sign, the logo shall not exceed 30 percent of the maximum permitted area.

(See Diagram 3 Below)

GROUND SIGNS

6A.26 Permit Approval.

Sign permits shall be issued by the building department. Signs shall be identified and adequately described on any site plan submitted for review to the township. For signs permitted only when part of a master sign plan or any sign on a multiple-tenant site, no permit shall be issued unless a master sign plan has been approved by the planning commission independently or as part of a site plan approval. For all other signs, the building official shall review and issue permits for signs only when such signs are in compliance with this article, as determined by administrative approval granted by the planning department. During administrative review, the planning department shall have the authority to send any application to the planning commission for its review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit from the building official.

Planning department or commission approval of a sign permit application or master sign plan or a site plan having signage as part of the approved development shall not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a sign permit from the building official.

6A.27 ZBA.

Any component of this article is subject to appeal by the zoning board of appeals in accordance with section 28.04.E (6).

6A.28 Planning Commission.

The planning commission shall be responsible for the review and approval of master sign plans as stand-alone applications or as part of a concurrent site plan and/or special land use review for any multiple tenant site development or redevelopment. The planning commission shall also be responsible for ensuring that signage is identified and adequately described on any site plan, and that such signage meets with the requirements of this ordinance. Planning commission approval of a master sign plan or a site plan having signage as part of the approved development shall not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a sign permit from the building official. During administrative review, the planning department shall have the authority to send any application to the planning commission for its review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit from the building official.

6A.29 Canton Township Historic District Commission.

The Historic District Commission shall have the authority to approve modifications to the requirements for the design of signs within the boundaries of the Canton Township Historic District in the interest of permitting historically appropriate signage that may or may not be in full compliance with the dimensional or structural requirements of herein. Such authority shall not allow the Historic District Commission to approve a sign that does not meet minimum requirements for safety. Approval of a sign by the Historic District Commission shall not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a sign permit from the building official. Administrative approval from the planning department is required for signs within the Canton Township Historic District in accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 6A.26 and 6A.28 above.

Several questions from the Planning Commission, DDA, ZBA and Board of Trustees were addressed. Supervisor Yack stated Mr. Mason and Mr. Branigan will work with staff to address these questions.

Jeff Goulet stated in section 6A.29 Canton Township Historic District Commission, the last sentence could be removed as the planning department approval is not needed.

Adjourn

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter at 10:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present.

TERRY G. BENNETT

Diagram 1

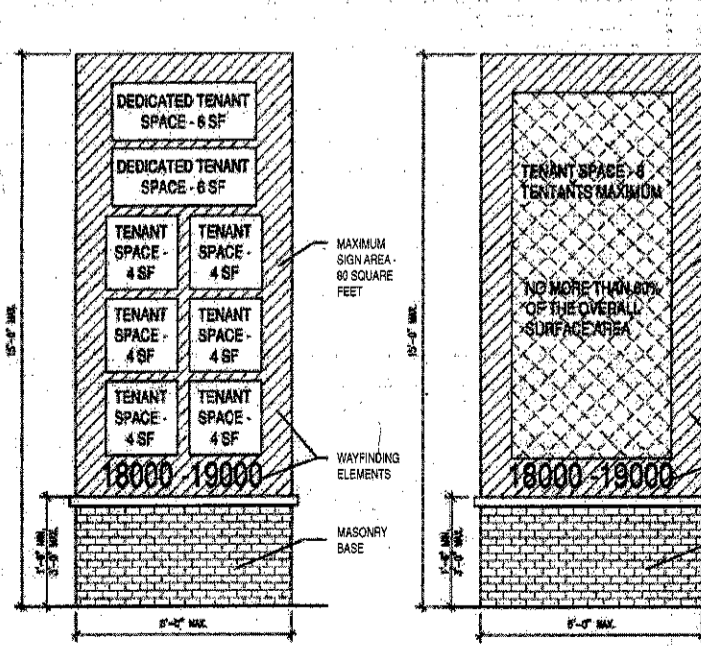


Diagram 2

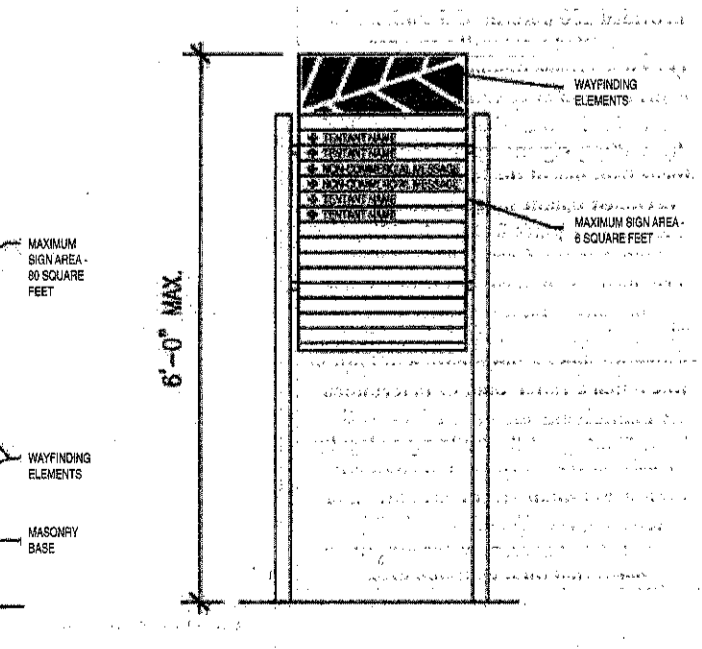
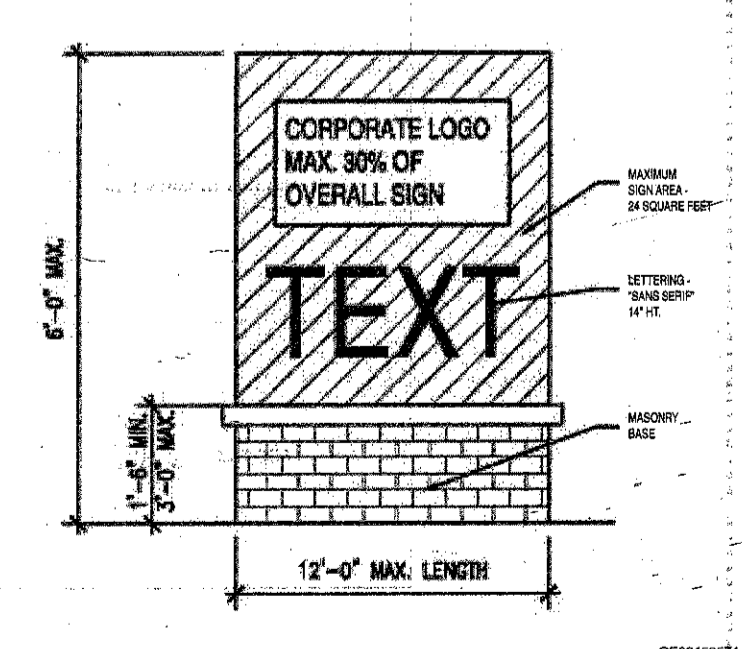


Diagram 3



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JULY 18, 2006**

A study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo

Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo

Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Santomauro, Deputy Chief Alex Wilson, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, Anna Stump, Jeff Goulet, John Weyer, Detective Sgt. Pomorski, Sean Heck, TJ Turowski

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by LaJoy to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

Item 1. Municipal Services Department Fees Update

On January 17, 2006 staff presented a detailed financial recap of the 2005 Fiscal Year revenues and expenses for the Department to the Board of Trustees. An issue was raised at the meeting regarding the last time fees the Municipal Services Department (MSD) charges was updated. Based on our records search, it has been fourteen (14) years since a broad-based review of the fees in Building and Planning has been conducted. With this knowledge, we have spent the last six (6) months revisiting the fees MSD charges and the rationale behind those fees.

The materials are presented for discussion with the Board, pending a future motion in Regular Session to adopt a revised schedule of fees for the MSD.

This report provides the summary of the basis for the fee updates. A number of examples in each Division were chosen to demonstrate the impact of the proposed fees. This was not done for every fee, as this would be extremely laborious for staff. The same consistent approach was used across the Department to compute the appropriate and reasonable fees for the services rendered by our staff.

In addition to the examples selected, some commentary was added on services that the Department now provides, and the associated fees, that it has not provided in the past.

Revenues in MSD are split by division. The Planning Services and Building & Inspection Services divisions are funded by revenues in the General Fund; whereas, the Public Works division has two sources of funding, namely General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund.

In the analysis of fees, we paid serious consideration to the historic Bolt case law in Michigan. The Bolt vs. City of Lansing (1998) case concluded that the following three criteria must be met in totality to differentiate between a user fee and a tax.

As such, any user fee must:

1. Serve a regulatory purpose, rather than to raise revenues.
2. Be proportionate to the necessary costs of the service provided.
3. Be voluntary for the user.

We have clearly satisfied the requirements of Bolt and we are comfortable recommending the proposed fees to the Board for adoption.

Methodology

Earlier this year, the Board was presented with a new methodology for the computation of our water & sewer fees based on "true cost of service". A similar approach was used by staff in developing the methodology for the revised fees in the MSD General Fund Programs.

The staff working on this project adopted the following three (3) objectives in analyzing the cost of services provided:

1. Ensure Departmental consistency,
2. Fees must reflect the level of effort provided, and
3. Utilize a fixed plus variable cost approach where applicable.

In order to meet the first objective "Consistency", we employed the use of a labor multiplier to recover the overhead and administrative costs of providing services. This is the same approach used by Public Works Engineering in billing time to private developers for review and inspection of private development related projects which the Board adopted in 2005. We stopped short of going to a deposit based system, due to the increased level of accounting needed for the more than ten thousand permits processed by the Department each year. Staff resources are not sufficient to undertake a deposit based system.

The labor multiplier used by Public Works Engineering is 2.95, or put differently, the billable rate is roughly three times the actual hourly wage of any employee that performs direct work on a project. For example, the hourly wage of an entry level engineer is \$23.56. Unburdened, with the multiplier, the entry level engineer is \$69.50 per hour. This is the most widely used approach in municipal consulting engineering practices for establishing billable rates for services. This common approach was extended into Building & Inspection Services and Planning Services for the purpose of this report.

The second objective "Fees must reflect the level of effort" was achieved through an exhaustive analysis of the individual tasks associated with performing the services. We provided typical examples in each division showing the detailed computation of work hours, hourly rates and multipliers for presentation to the Board.

Lastly, the third objective "Fixed plus variable cost" was utilized to help recover some of the fixed costs in each division that we incur regardless of the level of permit activity in any given year.

Building & Inspection Services Fees

- General Information
- International Building Code 2003 - Building Valuation Data
- Single Family Residential Building Permit Example
- Deck Permit Example
- Fence Permit Example
- Commercial Building Permit Example
- ZBA Appeal Example

General Information

The Building & Inspection Services division of MSD handles a wide variety of tasks associated with both new construction, renovation and remodeling of both public and private facilities. Staff ensures that both Township standards and International Building Codes are met for any building construction project. In addition, the Building & Inspection Services division serves as the technical resource to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Building Board of Appeals public bodies.

The fees in the division are broken down by discipline; namely,

1. Building (permits, inspections, reviews, occupancies, signs, ZBA, etc.)
2. Electrical (permits, inspections, reviews, components, alarms, etc.)
3. Plumbing (permits, inspections, reviews, components, fixtures, etc.)
4. Mechanical (permits, inspections, reviews, components, fixtures, etc.)

Each discipline has a host of fees, including contractor registrations, and each discipline currently includes some minimum charges and cancellation costs. The detailed breakdown of each fee is common to most community building operations.

One of the major changes to the approach in Building & Inspection Services is to add a non-refundable "application fee" to all services to help recover some of the fixed costs of the operation of the division understanding those costs exist even if no permit activity occurs. Based on the ten thousand plus permits pulled per year in the division, the application fee will allow us to recover \$250,000 (i.e. 13%) of the direct expenses for the division each year.

International Building Code 2003 - Building Valuation Data

The basis for many of the fees in Building & Inspection Services is the valuation of construction. That is, the unit fee is multiplied by the number of units (i.e. the value, square footage, circuits, amps, hp, inches, BTU, gallons, etc.) to derive the permit cost.

The valuation table currently used is part of the International Building Code 2003 that the staff follow. The table provides for a unit cost per square foot of building for a wide variety of building types and uses.

Building & Inspection Services Proposed Fee Schedule

What follows is a copy of the proposed fees for the Building & Inspection Services division. In the analysis, we were sensitive to the fact that large increases in fees could become a deterrent to businesses and homeowners in taking out permits.

Any fee that is new and/or changed is shown in red print, unchanged figures remain in black print. In total the fee schedule for Building & Inspection Services is nine (9) pages in length.

Building & Inspection Services Example Calculations

Five (5) examples have been selected to demonstrate how the proposed fees would impact the customer. The examples selected are:

1. Single family residential building permit
2. Deck Permit
3. Fence Permit
4. Commercial Building Permit
5. ZBA Appeal

Building Fee Schedule Type	Fee
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$25
Minimum permit fee	\$30
Permit cancellation	\$25 minimum or 25% of fee, whichever is greater

Building Permit Fees - New construction, additions/alterations (including pools and marketing trailers)

* Valuations based on most current market estimated cost per square foot, or at determination of Building Official

First \$3,000 est. value	\$30
Each \$1,000 (or part of) over 3K	\$10

Compliance Permits (minimum permit fee)

Flat work (concrete) and accessory structures under 200sq. ft.	\$30
First \$3000 est. value	\$30
Each \$1000 (or part of) over 3K	\$10

Temporary concrete batch plant (\$5000 bond required)

Christmas tree sales lot (\$650 bond required)	\$35
Grading permit	\$65
Construction trailer (\$200 bond required)	\$65

Signs (Fees are "per sign")

Permanent 10-sq. ft. or under	\$30
Permanent over 10 sq. ft.	\$65
Temporary and/or rezoning signs (\$100 bond deposit for each sign)	\$30

Temporary/banners (Must be paid by check or money order when application is submitted)

Change of face	\$30
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Other Permits

Mobile home installation	\$100
Fence	\$30
Satellite dishes	\$30
Demolition (each occurrence)	\$65
Structure moving permit (does not include foundation permit)	\$160

Other Fees

ZBA appeal	\$200 (residential) \$350 (commercial) \$500 (special meeting)
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Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

Residential (Bond - \$800-grading, \$3.00 per sq. ft. concrete, \$350 per tree)	\$75
Commercial, industrial, office, multi-family	\$150

Marketing/sales trailer (\$200 bond required)

	\$75
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Inspection Fees

Re-inspections:	\$30
Overtime rates (2 hr. minimum)	\$55/hour
Occupancy/reoccupancy (commercial)	\$65

Housing, inspection (building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical)

Building only	\$120
Building only	\$30

Carnival/Circus

	\$65
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Special Event

	\$30
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Other Compliance Permits/Licenses

Mech. amusement devices (based on number of devices) see mech. amusement fee schedule	
Used car lot	\$100
Junk Yard	\$100
Self-serve gas station	\$100

Registrations

Builder license	\$15
Maintenance/alteration contractor's license	\$15
Mobile home installer's license	\$15

Plan Review

Commercial, Industrial, Multi: The size of the building in square feet times \$0.025 multiplier.

Plan review, commercial/industrial (interior finishes/renovations)

	\$90/hr.
	(\$90 min. or at the determination of the Building Official)

Plan Review Residential

Plan review, single family residential (includes SFR additions, alterations and accessory buildings) \$3,001-16,000 estimated value (5,001 - pool review only)

\$10,001 - 40,000	\$30
\$40,001 - 100,000	\$65
\$100,001 - 150,000	\$130
\$150,000 +	\$200

ELECTRICAL FEE SCHEDULE

Type

Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$25
Minimum permit fee	\$30
Permit cancellation	\$25 minimum or 25% of fee, whichever is greater

Wiring

Circuits	\$4/each
Fixtures (25 lamps/tubes or part of)	\$10

Equipment (includes but not limited to ranges, ovens, dryers, water heaters, dishwasher, furnaces, disposals, A/C, sump pumps, rooftop units, exhaust systems, above ground pools / hot tubs)

	\$10/each
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Inground Pools

	\$27
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Electric Service (new, changes, temporary, relocation)

100 AMP or less	\$25/each
101 - 200	\$30/each
201 - 400	\$45/each
401 plus	\$60/each
Interruptible service	\$25/each

Motors, Generators, Htg./Power Units

Up to (and including) 20 HP or KVA	\$12/each
Over 20-30 HP or KVA	\$15/each
Over 30-50 HP or KVA	\$26/each

Feeders/Mains/Bus ducts

Up to first 100 feet	\$26
Each additional 100 feet	\$4

Portable Generator Transfer Switch (wiring)

100 AMP or less	\$30
Over 100 AMP	\$45

Motion picture apparatus

	\$20/each
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Fire Alarm Systems

Housemaster panel	\$20/each
Alarm devices	\$15/each
Heat/smoke detectors	\$4/each

Re-inspection fee

	\$30
Housing/safety inspection (residential)	\$30
Shop inspection (commercial)	\$80
Overtime inspections	\$55/hour (min. 2hrs.)

Registrations

Electrical Contractor	\$15
Sign Contractor	\$15
Fire Alarm Contractor	\$15

Building Fee Schedule

Type	Fee
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$25
Minimum permit fee	\$30
Permit cancellation	\$25 minimum or 25% of fee, whichever is greater

Fixtures (unit price)

New stack or stack alteration	\$10/each
Sump or interceptor	\$10/each
Pump or water lift	\$10/each
Water treatment device	\$10/each
Hose bibbs	\$10/each
Shower	\$10/each
Laundry tray	\$10/each
Water closet	\$10/each
Dishwasher	\$10/each
Sinks	\$10/each
Lavatories	\$10/each
Floor Drains	\$10/each
Urinals	\$10/each

Garbage disposal	\$10/each
Drinking fountain	\$10/each
Catch basin	\$10/each
Vacuum breaker	\$10/each
All other fixtures	\$10/each
Backflow preventer 1/2" to 2"	\$10/each
Backflow preventer more than 2"	\$15/each
Sub-soil piping system	\$25/each
Special equipment (including but not limited to auto laundry machine, beverage vending machine, ice machine)	\$20/each

Backflow Preventer For Irrigation System

Residential	\$30/each
Commercial	\$50/each

Water distribution (inside of building)

Two inches and smaller	\$30/each
Larger than two inches	\$50/each

Water service (outside of building)

One to two inches (one-inch minimum)	\$30/each
Larger than two inches	\$50/each

Sewers and Drains

Lines not exceeding 8"	\$40/each
Lines not exceeding 12"	\$55/each
Lines not exceeding 16"	\$80/each
Lines exceeding 16"	\$90/each

Inspection fees

Re-inspection	\$30
Special inspection	\$30
Overtime rates	\$55/hour (minimum 2hrs)

Registration Fees

Plumbing Contractor	\$15
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Heating & Refrigeration Fee Schedule

Type	Fee
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$25
Minimum permit fee	\$30
Permit cancellation	\$25 minimum or 25% of fee, whichever is greater

New/Replacement Installation Permit

Gas-fired equipment, under 400,000 BTU/hour

Room heaters/wall furnaces	\$20/each
Conversion burners	\$30/each
Furnaces, boilers, unit heaters	\$40/each
Make-up air units/air handler	\$25/each
Commercial/industrial water heaters	\$25/each
Commercial/industrial hot water unit heater (fan coil unit)	\$25/each
Residential water heaters	\$10/each
Swimming pool boilers/heaters	\$25/each
Infrared unit	\$25/each
Gas-fired appliances (including but not limited to gas logs, gas lights, barbecue, range, over, dryer)	\$25/each

New/Replacement Installation Permit

Gas-fired equipment, over 400,000 BTU /hour

Conversion burners	\$40/each
Furnaces, unit heaters	\$60/each
Make-up air units/air handlers	\$50/each
Swimming pool boilers/heaters	\$60/each

New/Replacement Installation Permit

Fuel oil-fired equipment, under 5 gal. /hour

Room heaters (stoves, portable heaters)	\$20/each
Conversion burners	\$30/each
Furnaces, boilers, unit heaters	\$30/each
Make-up air units/air handlers	\$30/each
Commercial/industrial water heaters/boilers	\$30/each
Swimming pool boilers/heaters	\$25/each

New/Replacement Installation Permit

Fuel oil-fired equipment, over 5 gal. /hour

Conversion burners	\$45/each
Furnaces, unit heaters	\$60/each
Make-up air units/air handlers	\$55/each

Tanks or Drums

Note: Underground

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Rate Justification - Single Family Residential. Table with columns: Job, Classification, Hourly Rate, Hours, Total. Includes Schedule Inspections, Inspections (35 ave.), and Inspections Results.

Current Permit Fee for SFR (using \$212,000 est. cost). Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Current permit fee, Current review fee, and Proposed Permit Fee for SFR.

Proposed Permit Fee for SFR (using \$212,000 est. cost). Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Application Fee, Permit Fee, and Review Fee.

Rate Justification - Deck. Table with columns: Job, Classification, Hourly Rate, Hours, Total. Includes Application Log In, Plan Review, Process permit, Permit Issue/Make Payment, Post Hole Inspection, and Final Inspection.

Current Permit Fee for Deck (using \$5,000 est. cost). Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Current permit fee, Current review fee, and Proposed Permit Fee for Deck.

Proposed Permit Fee for Deck (using \$5,000 est. cost). Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Application Fee, Permit Fee, and Review Fee.

Rate Justification - Fence. Table with columns: Job, Classification, Hourly Rate, Hours, Total. Includes Application Log In, Plan Review, Process, Issue, Make Payment, and No field inspections.

Current Permit Fee for Fence. Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Current permit fee, Proposed Permit Fee for Fence, and Permit Fee.

Rate Justification - ZBA Appeal. Table with columns: Job, Classification, Hourly Rate, Hours, Total. Includes Application Log In, Review application, Review, and various analysis and meeting minutes.

Current ZBA fee. Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Current ZBA fee and Proposed ZBA fee.

Rate Justification - Commercial Building. Table with columns: Job, Classification, Hourly Rate, Hours, Total. Includes Application Log In, Plan Review, Status Check, Process permit, Permit Issue/Make Payment, Verify Payment & Pre-con Mtg, Schedule Inspections, and various re-inspections.

Current Permit Fee for Commercial Building (using \$436,000 est. cost). Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Current permit fee, Current review fee, and Proposed Permit Fee for Commercial Building.

Proposed Permit Fee for Commercial Building (using \$436,000 est. cost). Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes Application Fee, Permit Fee, and Review Fee.

Planning Services Fees. Table with columns: Fee Type, Amount. Includes General Information, Land Records, GIS Mapping, Major PDD Agreement Review Example, Subdivision Site Plan Review Example, and Rezoning Request Example.

General Information. The Planning Services division of MSD handles a variety of tasks associated with long-range planning of residential, commercial and industrial projects. Staff ensures that Township standards are met for any new development or existing redevelopment project.

The fees in the division are broken down by type of application. A portion of the cost of operations in Planning Services is a General Fund burden; that is, there is no direct revenue recovery.

The detailed breakdown of each fee is common to most community planning operations. A copy of the existing fee schedule can be found in Appendix A as well as being depicted on the proposed fee schedule that follows.

Land Records. One of the major changes in Planning Services was the transfer of responsibility from Wayne County Assessing to our staff for land and property records management in late 2005.

GIS Mapping. A number of years ago, a Data Dissemination Policy and fee schedule was developed for the data customers periodically request from our GIS database.

We took the opportunity to update that policy and the charges for the

data as part of this comprehensive fee update. These documents are enclosed immediately after the example calculations.

Planning Services Proposed Fee Schedule. What follows is a copy of the proposed fees for the Planning Services division. In the analysis, you will note some substantial increases in the fees which reflect the staff effort needed in each case.

The fee schedule depicts the existing/current fees, set in 1994, on the left and the proposed fees on the right. Note that the current fees generate enough revenue to only recover roughly 30% of the actual cost of the services offered by comparison.

The analysis of the planning functions are more subjective and varied due to the nature of the conceptual work products provided by developers; that is, some simply take much more time than others to review and approve. The analysis included represents an average condition.

In total the fee schedule for Planning Services is one (1) page in length.

Main Fee Schedule Table. Columns: Type of Application, Fees. Includes Certificate of Compliance, Tree Removal, Address Request Application, Zoning Amendment Application, Preliminary PDD, Final PDD, Minor PDD, PDD Amendment, Subdivision Tent Preliminary Plat, Site Plan Commercial/Industrial, Addition to existing Structure, Developer Instigated Revisions, Marketing Sales Trailer, Commercial Master Sign Plan, Multiple Residential & Mobile Hm, Site/Detached Condos Prelim Plan, Replat/Change to Master Deed, Property Split/Combination, Land Record Change, Variance Subdivision Control Ord., and Planning Services Example Calculations.

Planning Services Example Calculations. We selected three (3) examples to demonstrate how the proposed fees would impact the customer. The examples selected are:

- 1. Rezoning Request Example
2. Subdivision Site Plan Review Example
3. Major PDD Agreement Example

FEE SCHEDULE ANALYSIS REZONING REVIEW

Table with columns: Hourly Rate w/ multiplier, Hours, Costs. Lists Clerk, Secretary, Community Planner, and Dept. Director with associated costs.

Current Rezoning Fee: \$ 600 - \$800
Proposed Rezoning Fee: \$1500.00

SITE PLAN SUBDIVISION REVIEW

Table with columns: Hourly Rate w/ multiplier, Hours, Costs. Lists Clerk, Secretary, Planner, Community Planner, Engineer I, Fire Inspector, Bldg Official, and Dept. Director with associated costs.

Current Site Plan Review Fee: \$1000.00 + \$50/acre
Current Subdivision Review Fee: \$100.00 + \$10/lot
Proposed Site Plan Review Fee: \$3000.00 + \$150/acre
Proposed Subdivision Review Fee: \$3000.00 + \$30/lot

FEE SCHEDULE ANALYSIS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW (MAJOR)

Table with columns: Hourly Rate w/ multiplier, Hours, Costs. Lists Clerk, Secretary, Community Planner, Planner, Engineer I, Fire Inspector, Bldg Official, Dept. Director, and Total Personnel Costs with associated costs.

Current PDD Review Fee: \$1500.00 + \$20/lot
Proposed PDD Review Fee: \$4000.00 + \$150/acre

CANTON TOWNSHIP GIS DATA Product and Services Fee Schedule

Requested by: Company Name: Phone Number

Email: Section(s) or Quarter Section(s) needed:

A. Select data layer(s) and format - \$10 per data layer/per section. Data layer, Plot, ESRI Shapefile.

Aerial (to be used with additional GIS layers)**. Parcel lines, Street Centerlines (inc. street names), Sanitary Pipes and Structures, Storm Pipes and Structures, Water Pipes and Structures, Zoning, Master plan. ** Single section plots can be purchased at the Planning Services counter. See Section D.

B. Digital Aerial Photos - \$125 per section or quarter section. Section = 1' pixel (105MB), 1/4 section = 6" pixel (135MB). Section and 1/4 section files are .tiff file format.

C. Media. ESRI files can be emailed. Please notify us of the size limit for your incoming email. Aerial photos can only be delivered by CD. Choose paper size for plots - size may need to be changed based on scale of map. A. 8 1/2 X 11 (\$3 each plot), B. 11 X 17 (\$4 each plot), C. 17 X 22 (\$5 each plot), D. 22 X 34 (\$6 each plot), E. 34 X 44 (\$9 each plot).

D. Township Maps - ***Available at the Planning Services Counter for \$10 each. Section Aerial Plots, Zoning Map, New & Proposed Residential Developments. ***. PDF files of the Zoning and New & Proposed Maps can be sent via email. (same cost)

This portion to be completed by Canton Planning Services GIS Staff: Fees: A. Data layers, B. Digital aerial photos, C. Media, D. Township maps.

Staff Rates: Senior Planner \$54/hr, Planner \$44/hr, GIS Specialist \$44/hr, Mailing fee: Actual cost.

TOTAL COST: Notes: Note: Data requests will be reviewed by Canton Township Planning Services. Upon review you will be contacted and given the actual cost.

Disclaimer: All information is received "AS IS". Canton Township, its officers, officials, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors or its public bodies, make no warranties of any kind, including but not limited to warranties of accuracy, fitness for a particular purpose, or of a recipient's right of use.

Public Works Fees. General Information, Grave Site Excavation, Stormwater & Street Sweeping, Private Development Review & Inspection Fees.

Canton Township Geographic Data Dissemination Policy. The following steps are now being followed for all GIS data requests. The attached request form lists all data layers available at this time. Data can be purchased as digital files or custom maps.

We also have a few items that can be purchased at the Planning Division counter at any time. They include: section aerial plots, Zoning map and New & Proposed Residential Development map, all are \$10 each. For custom orders: 1. Please fill out the attached request form for the GIS data needed.

- 2. The request must be mailed, faxed or dropped off to the Canton Township Planning division so that a fee can be generated.
3. Canton staff will evaluate the request and determine the fee. The requestor will be contacted regarding questions and final fee notification.
4. After fee notification the requestor MUST mail or drop off the actual request form and cash or check in the correct amount for the data to the Canton Township Planning Division. We do not accept credit cards. No requests will be processed without full payment included.
5. Upon receipt of the Data Request Form and payment, the request will be logged in by the Planning Division GIS staff and will be queued for processing. Requests will be fulfilled in the order they are logged.
6. Data requests will take 3-5 days for completion unless notified otherwise.

Once the data has been copied to the deliverable media, the requestor will be notified that their order request has been processed and that their data is available for pick-up or delivery via mail or email.

Thank you, Canton Township Planning Services GIS staff

Public Works Fees. General Information. The Public Works division of MSD handles a wide variety of tasks associated with various public and private infrastructure projects in the community. Staff ensures that Township standards are met for any new construction and/or rehabilitation of roads, water, sewer and stormwater utilities. In addition, the Public Works division serves as a key technical resource to the organization as a whole.

The fees in the division are broken down by type of application.

A portion of the cost of operations in Public Works-Engineering is borne by the General Fund, that is, there is no direct revenue recovery. About 80% of the cost of the Engineering Section is attributable to private development plan review & inspection service which is recovered from the private developers directly. The balance of the division expenses are recovered from the Water & Sewer Fund as the work is directly attributable to asset management for the municipal utilities.

Miscellaneous Fees. Attached is a memo listing the current fees and bonds for miscellaneous reviews and utility repairs as well as hydrant use charges, copies and utility map reproduction. Also attached is the standard cash bonds to be posted for incomplete (i.e. punch list items on projects).

Burial Services. Staff at the DPW have performed burial services at Canton-owned cemeteries for many years. The latest fee schedule is attached for information.

Stormwater & Street Sweeping. In 2005, the Stormwater Section of the DPW changed the method of billing for street sweeping construction debris from private developments. The old methodology involved a flat fee of \$300 per lot regardless of the length of roadway in the development. The new methodology bases the fee on the cost per mile (\$575/mile) swept including changing failed catch basin fabrics and detention pond cleaning.

Private Development Plan Review & Inspections. In 2005, the Engineering Section of Public Works brought all private development plan review and most inspection in-house. The attached memo explains the review and inspection deposit policy currently employed. Any excess money on deposit is returned to the developer upon completion of the project. The detailed breakdown of each fee is common to most community public works operations.

Public Works Proposed Fee Schedule. What follows is a copy of the proposed fees for the Public Works division. No changes are proposed to the current fees at this time. No example calculations were done.

In total the fee schedule for Public Works is four (4) pages in length.

Canton Township MEMORANDUM Public Works (734)397-1011

Date: August 1, 2004
To: Tom Casari 1 Engineering Div.
From: Joe Teramino
Subject: BURIAL PRICE INCREASES

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Science Alive animals educate kids

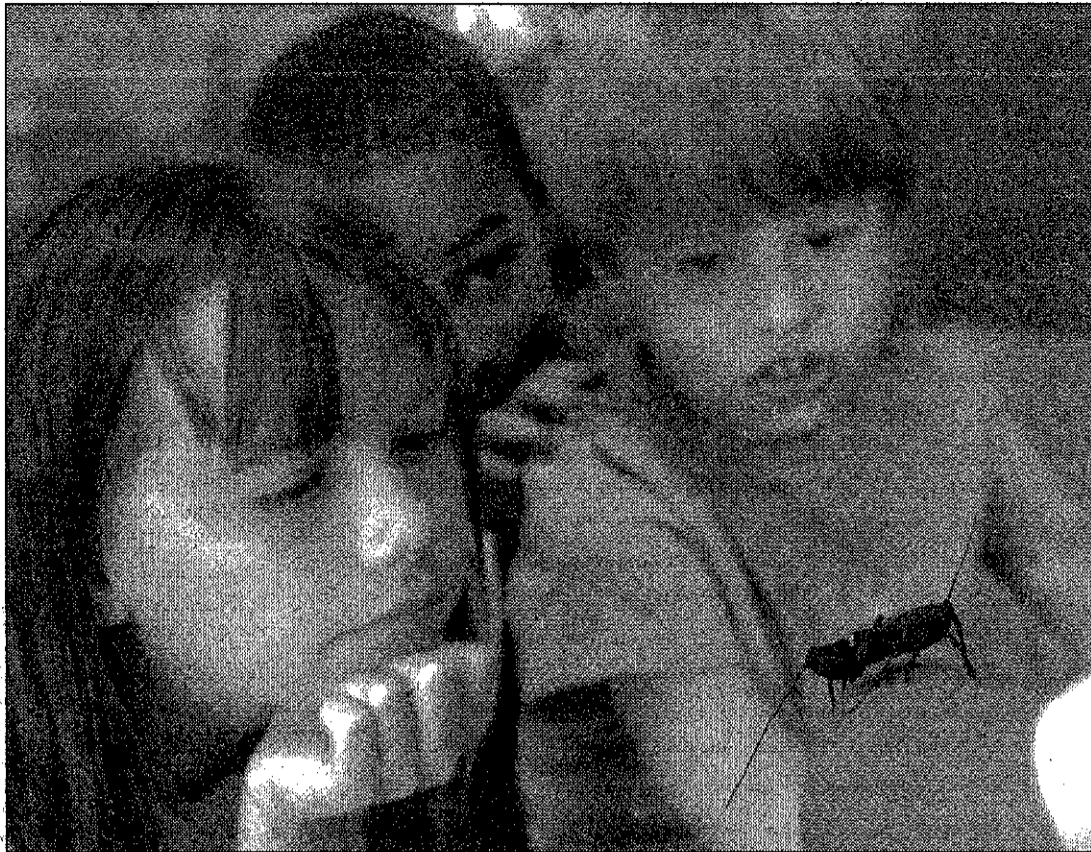
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

It isn't everyday that a porcupine waddles around the Redford Community Center. But that was the case Tuesday morning when Terri J. Neill of Science Alive brought in Hokey Pokey the porcupine and a half dozen unusual visitors to entertain and educate an audience of wide-eyed children.

The Waterford-based company offers hands-on educational opportunities: Program coordinators Terri and Bill Neill visit area schools and offer summer programs, giving children a chance to learn about animals, insects and more. They talk about the identifying factors associated with reptiles, amphibians, mammals, insects and arachnids. Children learn about the different origins, habitats, defenses and foods that are associated with each visitor.

"When you are studying animals, you're a biologist," Neill told the group. "A biologist studies life. I'm going to introduce you to a number of my friends. You can feel them, hold them and get wrapped up in them."

Neill bottle-raised most of the animals she introduced to the children Tuesday. "I'm kind of their mom," she told the eager crowd. Science Alive educational programs have been offered in Redford



Caitlin and Tyler Powers, and a somewhat cautious Jason Clay, examine a whip-tailed scorpion during a Science Alive presentation Tuesday.

Township for more than 10 years. Chapman the chinchilla was the first of her animals to greet the crowd. Children reached out to pet Chapman's soft, gray fur. Coming from the mountains of South America, he was quite different from the next visitor, a chatty parrot named Patch who perched upon arms

like they were tree branches. And Pickle, an African pixie frog, was in the midst of shedding its skin when he met the crowd. The visitor that encouraged the most cringing in the group, however, was a whip-tailed scorpion.

Hokey Pokey, a porcupine with a penchant for dancing, entertained until the grand

finale. The end of the hour-long presentation featured Polly, an 11-foot Burmese python weighing in at 55 pounds. Brave young souls got a snakeskin hug from her, as she flashed her tongue out intermittently.

"She feels like a basketball," one child exclaimed, touching her scaly skin.



Kelly Cole isn't interested in touching Pickle, an African pixie frog.

Four-year-old Elena Topic didn't flinch as Neill placed part of the snake across her shoulders. She was eager to see each surprise Neill introduced. "Elena's mother, Maria Topic of Redford, said she brought Elena to see 'how patient she could be' in a school-like setting.

"She enjoyed it," Topic said. "We have dogs and fish. She's not afraid." The snake and chinchilla were her favorite, Elena said.

Neill said she hopes the pro-

grams give students an appreciation for animals - both the familiar and those that were new to them. Science Alive owns and cares for about 50 different living things, a large selection to choose from when coordinating shows like those held earlier in the week in Redford Township.

For more information about Science Alive programs and presentations, call (248) 738-8000. scasola@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2054



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The following are the current costs for opening and closing grave sites:

Weekdays from 7:30am - 4:00pm	\$225.00
After 4:00pm	\$275.00
Saturdays	\$275.00
Sundays and Holidays	\$325.00

These rates were last increased in November of 1989. To offset the wage cost of the employees performing these duties, I would like to increase the dollar amount as follows:

Weekdays from 7:30am - 4:00pm	\$325.00
After 4:00pm	\$400.00
Saturdays	\$500.00
Sundays and Holidays	\$600.00

There is no charge for cremation burials. If you require any further information, please call me.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Services Department
Public Works Division

ENGINEERING SERVICES - FEES & BONDS SCHEDULE

Engineering Plan Review Deposit
Deposit is calculated as 2% of the engineer's estimate for the project's utility and paving construction costs. Township review costs are deducted from the deposit and any remaining funds are returned.

Construction Management Deposit
The deposit is the estimated amount of expenses for the township's involvement in the project management and inspection of site improvements. The deposit amount is calculated by the township's project engineer based on the estimated days for construction and the amount of work involved. Township expenses are deducted from the deposit and any remaining funds are returned.

Punch List Bond
See attached Punch List Fee Schedule

Irrigation Fees & Bonds (separate irrigation meters are not allowed for commercial projects or individual residential property owners - refer to the water and sewer ordinance Chapter 74 of the Municipal Codes for applicable projects)

Irrigation Plan Review (Non-refundable)	\$ 200.00
Irrigation Bond for a 1" Tap (Refundable)	1,000.00
Irrigation Bond for a 2" Tap (Refundable)	3,000.00
Traffic Control Plan Review (New projects) (Non-refundable)	200.00
Re-inspection Fee for Residential Lots (Non-refundable)	30.00
Open Sewer Lead Repair (Non-refundable)	300.00
1" Template Replacement	50.00
2" Template Replacement	150.00
Stop Box Replacement contractor installed	35.00
Stop Box Replacement - Township Installed	250.00
Stop Box Cap	5.00
Stop Box Sleeve	9.00
Stop Box Flange	20.00

Hydrant Use (Hydrant Use is restricted only to batch plants, or public utility projects as approved by the township engineer. A permit must be obtained from Engineering Services prior to any hydrant use.)

Hydrant Rental Deposit (Refundable)	\$ 1,000.00
Hydrant Rental Fee (Non-refundable)	10.00
Hydrant Water Use (charged at the current water and sewer rates)	

Water and Sewer Permit Fees - see Chapter 74 - Ordinance Plan Copies - \$3.00 per page (36" x 36")

Utility Maps - \$3.00 each map

Canton Township Department of Public Works PUNCH LIST-CASH BOND STANDARD AMOUNTS

The following is a price list for incomplete punch list items:

Hydrants	\$ 5,000 (Hit, damaged or needs moving)
Hydrant valve box	\$ 500
Manholes	\$ 1,000 (Hit, cleaning or needs adjustment)
Point Structures	\$ 500 (Per structure)
Add Corporation	\$ 500 (Each)
Pond Stabilization	\$10,000 (Per Township standards)
Debris, landscaping, stockpiles	\$ 5,000
Easement review	\$ 5,000
Soil Erosion Control	\$ 100 (Per Structure)
Other agreements	\$ 5,000
Drain/River cleaning	\$ 7,500
Animal guard and Rip Rap	\$ 500 (Per end section)
Stand pipes/Overflow manhole	\$ 1,000 (Per structure)
Pump Station	\$10,000
Clean outs	\$ 500 (Each)
Offsite issue	\$ 5,000
System cleaning	\$10,000 (Large); \$5,000 (Small)
Miscellaneous Grading	\$ 2,000
Culverts	\$ 500 (Each)
As-built	\$ 5,000

*Other outstanding items are discretionary and should be estimated by the field engineer on a project-by-project basis.

Item 2. Ordinance Enforcement Transition to Public Safety Review of Transition

- Benefits to the Organization
 - Training
 - Duties
 - Cost Analysis
- Operational benefits
 - Consolidates resources in dealing with public safety issues
 - Community wide benefits
 - Quality of life
 - Broken window theory
 - Functionality
 - Synergy of disciplines
- Ordinance Support to Public Safety
 - Animals
 - Improper feeding
 - Odor
 - Fire
 - Open burning
 - Blocked fire connections
 - Garbage
 - Composting
 - Debris
 - Location
 - Odor
 - Pick up times
 - Home Occupation
 - Operating a business out of home
 - Light/Glare (During business hours)
 - Adjacent residences or businesses that exceed maximum candle power
 - Noise
 - Residential/industrial/commercial
 - Operation of equipment that exceeds noise level
 - Nuisance
 - Conditions that create nuisance
 - Conditions that harbor vermin, cause odors, create blight
 - Open Burning
 - Property Standards
 - Blight
 - Deteriorated structures
 - Firewood
 - Graffiti
 - Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on private property
 - Junk & debris
 - Maintenance of dumpsters
 - Off street parking locations
 - Waste materials
 - Recreational and Commercial Vehicles
 - Commercial vehicles parked in driveways
 - Locations & duration of parked campers, vehicles, trailers, etc.
 - Semi trucks on private property
 - Commercial
 - Health & Safety
 - Snow Removal
 - Signs
 - Questions & complaints regarding confiscated signs located in the right of way
 - Political signs
 - Training Program
 - Introduction to organizational culture of PSD
 - Policies & procedures
 - Rules & regulations
 - Community policing
 - Complaint routing information
 - Day ride with police officer
 - Day ride fire inspector
 - Three day orientation program
 - Orientation Program
 - Three day training with FTO covering:
 - Radio communications
 - Issuing citations
 - Report writing
 - Forms & file classifications
 - Processing of property
 - Courts
 - Animal complaints
 - Preparation for ordinance patrol
 - Ordinance Equipment
 - Uniforms
 - Same as PSSO w/ Ordinance Inspector rocker
 - Vehicles
 - (4) cars from MSD
 - Remarked for PSD
 - Radios
 - Car radio reprogrammed to match PSD
 - Prep radios provided by PSD
 - Cubicles
 - 4 cubicles available in Staff Operations
 - Computers
 - Tablets from MSD (3)
 - Monitors provided by PSD (3)
 - Computer & monitor provided by PSD (1)
 - Phones
 - New Ordinance Dept # 394 5335
 - Ordinance Officers keep current extension #
 - Miscellaneous
 - Starter kit of maps, grid books, file class cards
 - Locker assignment and combination lock
 - Department policy and procedure manual
 - Ordinance book

Cost Incurred

- (4) Salaries \$206,004
- (4) Fringe Benefits \$82,400
- (4) Vehicle Design \$2,196
- (4) Uniforms \$2,400
- Phone lines \$300

TOTAL: \$293,300

Concept of Operation

- Proactive vs. reactive Proactive vs. reactive
- Proactive public education Proactive public education
- Department policy on Department policy on compliance/enforcement.
- Property standards in residential & Property standards in residential & commercial.
- Signage in right Signage in right-of-way way
- Political, advisory, misc.

Item 3. Public Safety - Community Survey

Survey Numbers

- 3,854 surveys sent out equally to 4 community policing areas
- 1,052 surveys returned
- 27% response
- 5% response is benchmark goal

Gender of Survey Responders

- 52% Female
- 48% Male

Age of Survey Responders

- Over 69 - 42%
- 60-69 - 15%
- 50-59 - 25%
- 40-49 - 23%
- 30-39 - 21%
- 21-29 - 4%

Education of Responders

- PHD - 3%
- High School Diploma - 16%
- Some College - 21%
- Associate's Degree - 9%
- Bachelor's Degree - 31%
- Masters - 20%

Responders years in Canton Township

- 0-1 years - 4%
- 1-2 years - 9%
- 3-5 years - 17%
- 6-10 years - 22%
- 11-20 years - 21%
- over 20 years - 27%

Police Services

Have you used the services of the Canton Police?

- 54% Yes
- 45% No

If yes, how would you rate the service?

- 88% exceptional or good
- 11% fair or poor

If you rated fair or poor indicate reason:

- 24 said response time took too long
- 40 said poor attitude of officers
- 6 said poor attitude of call taker
- 15 said other

How would you rate the image of Canton Police Department?

- 919 said excellent or good 92%
- 75 fair or poor 8%

Do you feel safe in Canton?

- 98.5% said yes
- 1.5% said no

What areas should police concentrate their resources. Rated in order of importance.

1. Criminal Activity
2. Crime prevention
3. Traffic enforcement

Have you ever used Fire Services?

- 28% Yes
- 71% No

If yes, how would you rate the service?

- 99% excellent or good
- 1% fair or poor

If you rated fair or poor, indicate reason:

- 6 said response time took too long
- 1 said poor attitude of firefighter
- 2 said other

Was the incident handled satisfactorily?

- 98% said yes
- 2% said no

How would you rate the image of the Canton Fire Department?

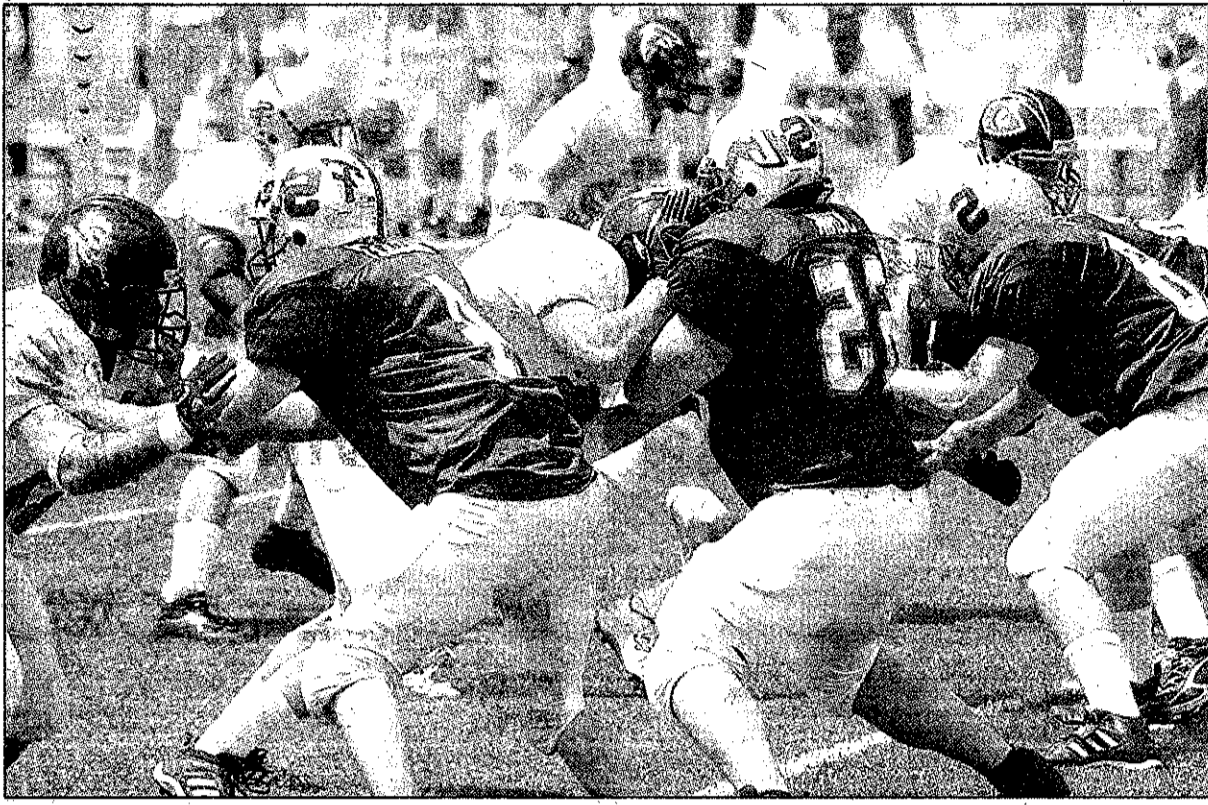
- 941 said excellent or good (98.5%)

Director Santomauro stated CALEA requires this survey will be distributed and data collected every three (3) years.

Adjourn
Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

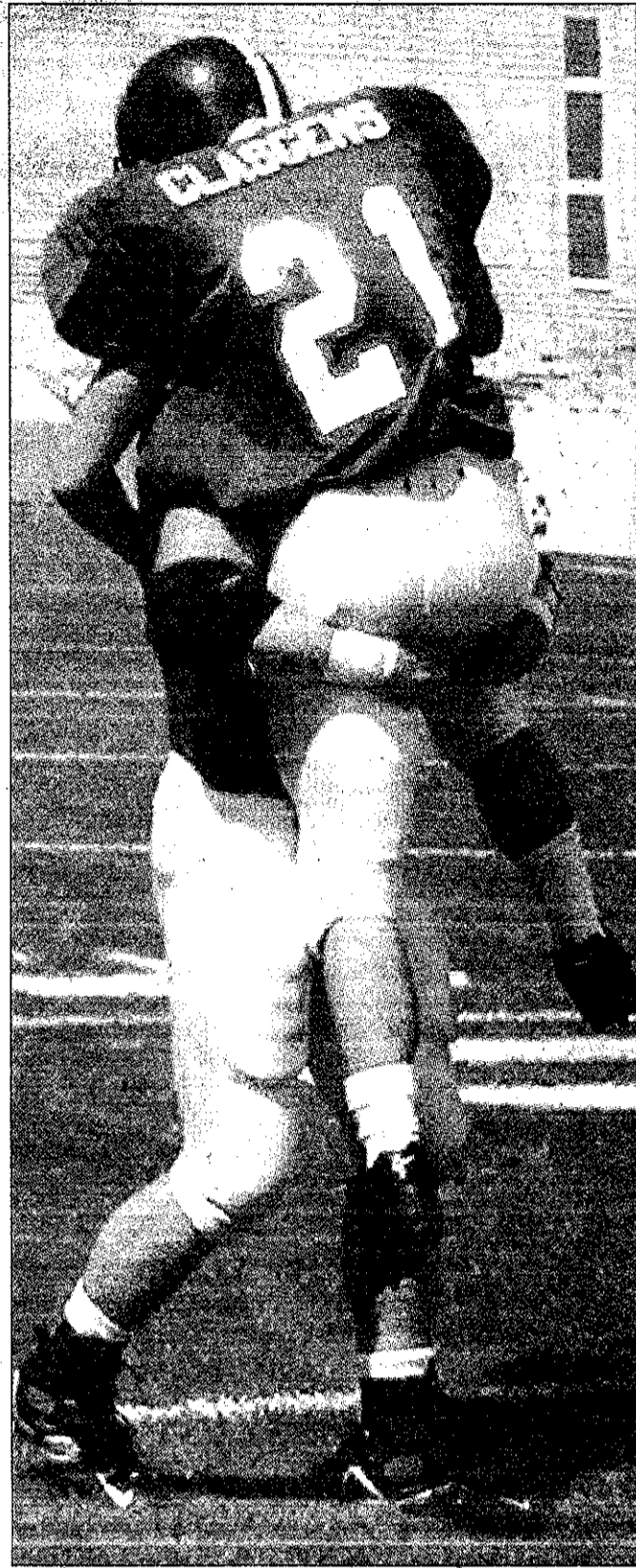
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26TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME



RICK BOGDANSKI

Canton's Ryan Jonik (65) and Salem's Kevin Bradley (4) display their blocking skills during Saturday's 26th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. Jonik and Bradley's East team won, 22-15.



Livonia Stevenson graduate Pat Clasgens is lifted into the air by teammate John Goebel (Birmingham Brother Rice) seconds after Clasgens' 94-yard touchdown run late in Saturday's 26th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game. Clasgens' highlight-reel effort proved to be the difference in the East's 22-15 victory.

Run-believable

Clasgens' coast-to-coast jaunt leads East to win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Pat Clasgens zigged, zagged, spun, jukeed, side-stepped and dodged during the first 34 yards.

The Livonia Stevenson graduate then capped one of the most electrifying plays — and the longest — in the 26-year history of the East-West High School All-Star football game Saturday afternoon with a 60-yard dash that he'll never forget.

Clasgens' 94-yard touchdown run with 5:39 left proved to be the decisive play in the East All-Stars' 22-15 victory over the West at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

The record-breaking effort left

the West defenders breathless and many of the 11,491 spectators in attendance with "Did you see that?" looks on their faces.

"It was very tiring," a smiling Clasgens said, moments after a final-minute defensive stand by the East sealed the victory. "The play was a draw right out of the ace formation. I received great blocking and followed my blocks. I never expected to get a touchdown in this game, especially one like that."

East coach Tim Baechler (Canton) hinted that he would have been more than happy with a simple first down on the third-and-12 play that unfolded in the shadow of the West end zone's goal posts.

"The initial hole was there, but everything after that was just All-Stars making plays," Baechler said. "The quarterback, Stiefel, knocked somebody down on the (West's) 20-yard line. They're just players. I can't say it's how I drew the play up."

Right tackle Ryan Jonik (Canton) and tight end Kevin Bradley (Salem) contributed key blocks on Clasgens' goal line-to-goal line jaunt.

While Clasgens provided the offensive heroics for the East, D.J. Tracy, a graduate of Livonia Franklin, spearheaded the winning squad's defense. His blocked punt with 4:49 left in the first

PLEASE SEE ALL-STARS, B2



Westland native Chris Tompkins recently earned certification as an assistant golf professional from the PGA of America.

Tompkins' pro golf career taking off

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The roots of Chris Tompkins' blossoming golf career are embedded in the fairways of the Westland Municipal Golf Course, the layout he played religiously as a youth.

Two decades after those roots were planted, the Westland native's career is on the verge of branching out big-time after he fired a 36-hole score of 150 at the Thornapple Creek Golf Course near Kalamazoo to earn the PGA of America's B8 (assistant golf pro) certification.

Tompkins, a former Westland John Glenn all-state performer, needed to shoot a 153 or lower to pass the rigid test. "My opening round was a 77, but I was playing solid, so I wasn't too worried," Tompkins said. "I needed a 76 or lower on my second round to make the target. I made the turn in 35 and I felt really good about my chances when I drained a 40-footer for birdie on 13. After that, I knew I just had to keep the ball in bounds the rest of the way."

A lefty, Tompkins is currently serving as an assistant professional at the

Coyote Preserve Golf Course in Fenton.

"Even though I'm putting in 50- to 60-hour weeks, I consider myself lucky because I'm doing something I love," Tompkins said. "My job revolves around doing something I've enjoyed doing since I was 8 years old, so I don't really consider it work."

Tompkins said his short-term goals include completing the various PGA of America tests that could eventually lead him to a collegiate coaching position.

"Ultimately, I'd like to make it to the PGA Tour someday," Tompkins said. "But I don't know how realistic that is."

"I really enjoy what I'm doing now, including giving lessons."

What's the best piece of advice Tompkins would pass on to the average weekend duffer?

"You have to stay focused, especially after you hit a bad shot," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're golfing in a league on Wednesday nights or you're on the Tour — when you hit a bad shot, you have to forget about it and move on. I've seen guys break clubs over their knee, or hit their bag with their clubs."

"The best advice I could give some-

one would be to try and enjoy yourself when you're on the golf course, no matter how many bad shots you hit."

Not surprisingly, Tompkins' favorite professional golfer is also a southpaw.

"I've always liked the way Phil Mickelsen handles himself on the golf course," he said. "He's always smiling and giving fans high-fives."

"I respect Tiger Woods' game, too, but I don't always care for his mannerisms. He lets his anger get the best of him."

Tompkins credits his father, Tommy, for much of his golfing success.

"My dad has always been behind me 100 percent," Tompkins said. "Every summer when I was young, he'd drive me all over the country to junior golf tournaments."

"And a couple of years ago when I thought about trying to make the Hooters Tour, he told me to give it a shot. He said, 'If you don't do it, once you're 30 or 35, you'll wonder whether or not you would have made it or not.' I can't thank him enough for all of the support he's given me."

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Schoolcraft hoop coach helps power Demolition

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It's not easy being a "pioneer" for women's professional football, as Detroit Demolition defensive end Deidra Johnson certainly knows.

The 32-year-old Johnson — who also happens to be assistant women's basketball coach at Schoolcraft College — isn't about to give up her quest for sports fans to give female gridders serious attention instead of being ridiculed on Internet forums.

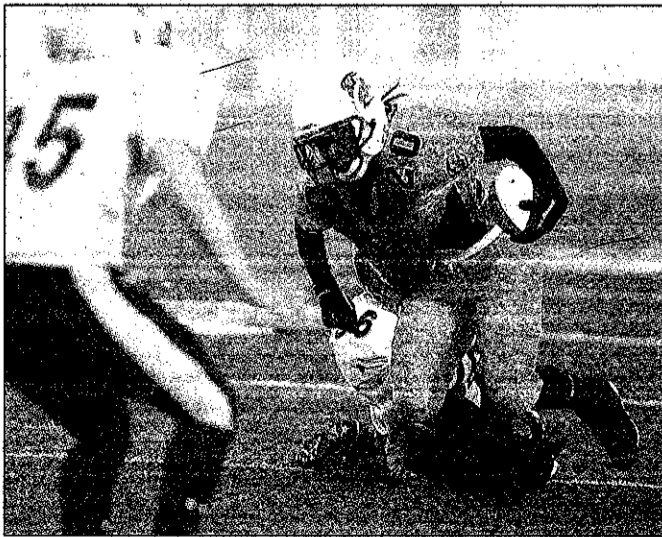
But she knows it won't be easy. She pulled out a laminated piece of paper, containing some insensitive-at-best ruminations about the world of women's football:

"I'd rather watch a Pop Warner game of 8-year-olds ... they probably hit harder, too. The last thing I want to see is a bunch of middle-age women running into each other and calling it football."

The note motivates her to hit harder, to make the plays better and to make sure nobody laughs when they talk about the Tony Blankenship-coached Demolition. Or any other team in the Independent Women's Football League, for that matter.

"That's been my motivation since then, to go out there and make sure to do it the right way," said Johnson, gearing up for Saturday's IWFL title game in Long Beach, Calif. "We have changed

PLEASE SEE DEMOLITION, B2



RENA LAVERTY

Detroit Demolition running back Kiana Dennis demonstrates her elusive style during her team's IWFL Western Conference title win Saturday over Sacramento at Livonia Churchill.

Sidelines

Ockerman released

According to Baseball America, the Seattle Mariners released former Garden City High baseball and basketball standout Justin Ockerman on July 8.

The 6-foot-10, 263-pound Ockerman, who played one season of basketball at Michigan State (2003-04), pitched in seven games this season (one start) with the Class A Wisconsin Timber Rattlers of the Midwest League. In 7.2 innings, the 23-year-old reliever had an earned run average of 11.57 with an 0-0 mark. He allowed 12 hits and 12 walks, while striking out 12.

Ockerman, who also enrolled at Sacramento State after leaving MSU, was a sixth-round pick (189th overall) by the Mariners in the 2001 Major League Baseball amateur entry draft.

He missed the 2005 season after undergoing elbow surgery along with the entire 2002 season due to arm surgery. He was inactive in the 2004 season.

Polanski takes 7th

Michigan State University senior Kristen Polanski (Livonia Stevenson) finished in a tie for seventh place overall with rounds of 71-79-76 at the \$40,000 Michigan Women's Open golf tournament held last week at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville.

Polanski was second low amateur by one stroke over MSU teammate Sara Brown of Tucson, Ariz.

LPGA pro Kris Tamulis, who resides during the summer in Onekama, shot a three-day total of 217 (1-over par) to win the \$5,500 first-place check, two strokes ahead of LeAnna Wicks of Brighton.

Division I girls state champion Shannon Warner, who will be a junior at Livonia Churchill High School, finished 46th overall with rounds of 88-76-79-243.

Area canoeist 7th

Livonian Tad Hill teamed up with Efrain Cruz of Belize City, Belize to place seventh overall in the C-2 Expert Class in the Spike's Challenge Canoe Race held July 23 in the upper section of the Au Sable River in Grayling.

Competing against 53 other teams, Hill and Cruz completed the route to McMaster's Bridge in 2 hours, 49 minutes and 13 seconds.

The winning team of Andy Triebold (Spring Arbor) and Matt Rimer (Grayling) were clocked in 2:38:46.

The Spike's Challenge is a prelude to Saturday's 59th annual Weyerhaeuser Au Sable River Canoe Marathon, North America's richest, longest non-stop canoe race, which covers 120 miles starting at 9 p.m. Saturday and ends around noon Saturday in Oscoda.

The 28-year-old Hill and the 21-year-old Cruz are among the 66 teams already entered.

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some minds. A lot of males that come to the games for the first time, they just want to see, is it a bunch of women running around ... looking like we don't know what we're doing.

"By the end of the game, those are the ones who keep coming back, because they have been so surprised."

Detroit's domination on the football field this season is not a surprise to anyone who's been paying attention since the team's 2002 debut as part of the National Women's Football Association (the club switched leagues before the 2006 campaign).

Johnson noted that Detroit is the winningest professional or college sports team with a 52-game winning streak (dating back to 2002, when the team was the Detroit Danger) and four consecutive titles.

Victory No. 52 in a row took place July 15 at Livonia Churchill, as the Demolition (10-0 this year) routed Sacramento, 52-20, in the Western Conference final. Detroit faces Atlanta on Saturday.

The team's reasons for excellence are the same that any men's football team rely on, primarily physical prowess and the good-old fear factor.

"It's definitely a different experience when you get a chance to play us," she said.

"One thing I've noticed about a lot of teams who think they're good, they've never been hit — really, really hit before — and we're taught to hit people."

Few are slamming opponents to the turf with more regularity than Johnson. In seven regular season games this year, her totals include nine sacks, 50 tackles, 12 forced fumbles and four pass deflections.

WHY NOT?

Although the 6-foot-2, 215-pounder is now so entrenched with the Demolition that she envisions playing a few more years, the whole thing started almost as a dare.

She was at a New Year's party to ring in 2005 with her then-newlywed husband, Douglas.

"My best friend (former

DEMOLITION DEIDRA

Who: Deidra Johnson, age 32, Berkley resident, 6-2, 215.
What: Second season as defensive end with the Detroit Demolition of the Independent Women's Football League.
Other: Assistant coach for Schoolcraft College women's basketball team. Teaches English at Highland Park High School. Pursuing master of arts in kinesiology for sports administration at Wayne State University.
Background: Played girls basketball and volleyball at Highland Park, where she graduated in 1991; named a first-team All-American in women's basketball at Macomb Community College in 1998, coached by current Schoolcraft women's head coach Karen Lafata. At Bowie State University in Maryland, she was named 2000 Basketball Black College All-American.
Notable: 2005 Defensive Rookie of the Year for the Demolition.
Quotable: "I hated football. I just thought it was a man's sport, probably because I never really understood it."

Danger/Demolition player Angela Griffin had been asking me to play since the beginning, since the Danger days," Johnson said. "I always had this view that women shouldn't play football and hockey."

But soon, Angela and her husband, Demolition defensive end coach Ronald Griffin, were bugging Johnson to give football a try.

"He (Ronald Griffin) said, 'Why don't you play?' And I said, 'I don't have a resolution yet, so sure, why not? (Of course), not realizing what I had just said to him. And I don't like telling people I'm going to do something and not do it," she said.

In January 2005, Johnson — a standout basketball player in high school and college — attended a Demolition tryout in Waterford. She was put through the usual paces (sprints, pushups, footwork drills) to determine her level of athleticism.

"It (football tryout) was challenging," Johnson said. "One of the things I learned very quickly is the coaches were very intense. And you had to pick up on everything very quickly."

HARD TO BELIEVE

Johnson obviously impressed Blankenship enough for her to be invited to the February training camp. When the season began in April, she was starting on the defensive line.

Three months and a championship later, she was sitting at her Berkley home watching evidence of her rookie season when it began to sink in.

"I was like, 'I can't believe I played football,'" Johnson said. "When people ask me now, it still feels weird to tell them I played football."

One reason she couldn't fathom her new athletic pursuit was the fact there was a time where she had no interest in football.

"I hated football," Johnson said with a laugh. "I just thought it was a man's sport, probably because I never really understood it."

"I understood the concept of it, to just hit somebody and try to get from one end to the other. But I just couldn't stand it (previously)."

Now it is something she looks forward to doing, amid her many other responsibilities. There is family, master's degree courses and duties as an English teacher at Highland Park High School (where she graduated in 1991).

Another log in the fire is helping coach the Schoolcraft women's basketball team.

Last fall, she joined the staff of Karen Lafata, her former coach at Macomb Community College.

"She's failed to see me play yet," Johnson said about Lafata. "But she knows that's just me, always doing something athletic."

Lafata worries about Johnson getting injured on the gridiron. However, she isn't surprised about her assistant's success in football because "she's a world-class athlete."

Lafata said the way Johnson competes on the football field is another example of her men-

tal and physical toughness — which also helped her succeed first as an athlete and then as an assistant coach.

"She was an All-American for me at Macomb Community College and now she's helping another team to a championship," Lafata said. "She's definitely a competitor and the kids (Schoolcraft players) really respect her."

"When she (Johnson) talks about conditioning and giving 100 percent, they know she knows what she's talking about because she's been through it."

TURF WARS

Meanwhile, Johnson and the other Demolition players are going through something else. They continue battling to gain each bit of respect from the general community as ferociously as they go after each yard of green turf.

The major media ignore the league. Players commute from their regular jobs to practices. Paychecks are nonexistent. Regular-season road trips cost them out-of-pocket money for gas, hotels and food.

"We don't get paid at all," Johnson said. "We just do it for the love of athleticism. Our paycheck is the championship, that's the way I see it. That's why we work so hard."

"If our payment can be that ring, then it will be worth it."

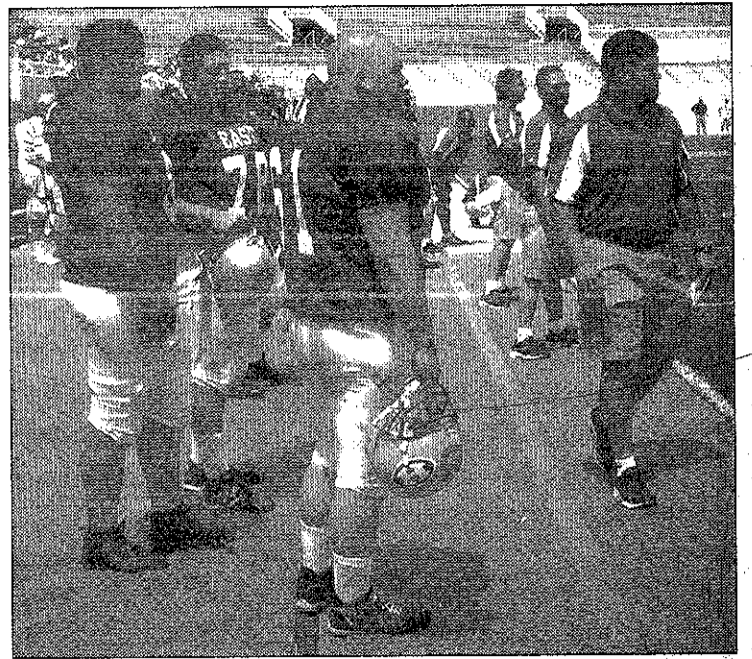
Ironically, to play for the title, Demolition players must foot the bill for airfare to Los Angeles.

Yet for Johnson and other players, the hope is that things can only get better, perhaps if the National Football League steps up in the same way the NBA helps the WNBA.

"Nobody wants a million-dollar contract," she said. "They could pay a player \$10,000 and we would be so happy we'd do cartwheels."

If not, she is more than satisfied knowing the concept of women's football is taking hold.

"We know we have to pay our dues — all women's sports do," Johnson said. "But if people even got a chance to come out and see us, they would be amazed at what they'd see. Hey, we'd like a parade just like everybody else. We're still waiting on that."



Canton coach Tim Baechler (far right) led the East to a 22-15 victory over the West in Saturday's Michigan High School All-Star Football Game played at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

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quarter that resulted in a safety which gave the East an 8-0 advantage. The Wayne State-bound linebacker also chipped in with several drive-stalling tackles.

"I told the coaches before the game that I was going to get three sacks, and I think I had about five, so that was the highlight for me," Tracy said. "We lost to Brother Rice in the playoffs in our last game of the season, so now at least I can say I went out with a win in my final high school game."

"Clasgens' run was unbelievable. I'm just glad he did it today and not against us last season or our two wins against Stevenson may have had different outcomes."

Early on, it appeared as if the East was going to win in a landslide as it bolted to a 15-0 lead. Detroit Murray-Wright's Dominique Douglas opened the scoring when he hauled in a perfectly thrown 27-yard Stiefel spiral with 6:30 left in the first quarter. Ian Walker's extra point bounced off the crossbar, leaving the score at 6-0.

After the East extended its advantage to 8-0 when Tracy's

blocked punt rolled out of the end zone, Baechler's squad made it 15-0 when Jacob Ball (Rochester Adams) connected with Brother Rice's John Goebel on a 77-yard scoring strike. Goebel snuck out of the backfield and past the West secondary. He hauled in Ball's arcing pass on the West 40 and outsprung the defenders the rest of the way.

The West scored its first points with 2:51 left in the first half when Midland Bullock Creek's Nick Violette returned an interception 53 yards to paydirt to make it 15-7.


Ann Arbor Pioneer's Richard Franklin knotted the game at 15-15 when he scored from 13 yards out. He then converted a two-point conversion run.

Following Clasgens' TD, the West countered by driving the ball down to the East's 12-yard line. However, Jeff Ziegler's fourth-down pass to Brett Powell was knocked away by Novi Catholic Central's Jon Conover.

The West regained possession of the ball with less than a minute to play, but Tracy helped thwart the potential game-tying drive with a pair of sacks.

Clasgens finished with 102 yards on five carries. Redford Union's Chris Brown picked up 5 yards on three attempts.

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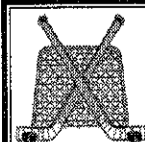

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Tourney-bound Rams stay hot

Too bad the regular season had to end for the Michigan Rams in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League.

The 20-and-under Rams finished, headed to the AAABA National Tournament Aug. 7 in Johnstown, Pa., stayed hot Monday night, downing the Detroit Eagles at Ford Field, 3-1, behind Mike Sacha's three-hit complete game.

The Eastern Michigan University right-hander walked only two and struck out three in going all seven innings as the second-place Rams wound up 24-11.

Sacha also collected two hits and scored the game-winning run in the fourth inning on Rob Campbell's two-run single to erase a 1-0 deficit.

The 22-and-under Eagles (12-23) tallied their lone run in the first when Anthony Hines scored on an error.

Scott Cain, who also went 2-for-3, knocked in an insurance run with a single in the fifth as the Rams won for the ninth time in their last 11 games.

Losing pitcher Matt

LIVONIA MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

Michigan Bulls 29-6/58 points
Michigan Rams 24-11/48 points
Oakland Cubs 19-15/39 points
Michigan Monarchs 16-19/30 points
Detroit Eagles 12-22/24 points
Park Athletic 4-30/19 points

Albertson also pitched well in the loss. The lefty allowed seven hits and three runs over six innings.

RAMS 5-10, EAGLES 1-5: Eric Vojtkofsky collected six RBI Sunday as the Rams (23-11) swept a twinbill from the Detroit Eagles (12-22) at Ford Field.

Vojtkofsky, a Wayne native and former standout at Catholic Central High, went 2-for-4 with four RBI in the opener as the Rams prevailed, 5-1.

Ryan Shay and Mike Sacha added two hits apiece. Shay also scored two runs and had three stolen bases. Scott Cain added an RBI.

Madonna University's Otis Young (Livonia Franklin) and Aaron Drury each collected two hits for the Eagles.

Winning pitcher Ryan Mosher went the first four innings, allowing one run on six hits and one walk. He struck out four before Max Miller finished up.

Miller, a right-hander from Michigan State, pitched three scoreless innings, allowing three hits and one walk. He fanned three.

Losing pitcher Ryan Gunderson went all seven for the Eagles, allowing five runs on seven hits and five walks. He struck out five.

In the nightcap, Vojtkofsky, the Spring Arbor College standout, delivered a two-run double and Northwestern University's Rob Campbell went 3-for-4 with a double and RBI in a 10-5 Rams triumph.

Matt Nichols walked four times and scored twice, while Shay, Cain, Scott Martin and Kyle Hurtt also knocked in runs.

Young went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Eric Harvey added two RBI. Bobby Schmidt also homered for the Eagles.

Winning pitcher Steve Karchefsky (Wabash Valley CC, Ill.) went the first six innings, allowing five runs (three earned) on six hits and two walks. He struck out six. Sacha fanned two batters in the seventh to close out the win.

Brian Broden, who went 3.1 innings before giving way to Aaron Wilson, took the loss.

RAMS 5, BULLS 2: Albion College's John Fileccia hurled four-hitter Friday as the Rams (21-11) upended the first-place Michigan Bulls (26-6) at Ford Field.

Fileccia struck out eight and did not allow a walk in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Steve Teno went all seven innings for the 22-and-under Bulls. He struck out four, walked three and allowed all five runs on eight hits.

Scott Martin led the Rams' hitting attack going 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI. Matt Nickels also collected two hits, while Max Miller knocked in a pair of runs.

Sam Palace went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored for the Bulls. Kyle Rhoad and Joe'l Marshall each added RBI.

RAMS 3, EAGLES 0: The University of Kentucky's Chris Rusin and MSU's Max Miller combined on a one-hitter last Wednesday as the Rams (20-11) blanked the Eagles (11-18).

Rusin, the starter, faced just 15 batters, allowing just one hit and one walk. Miller held the Eagles hitless over the final three innings, striking out six and walking only two.

Mike Sacha's two-out double in the first with the bases loaded brought all three runs home after Matt Nickels had doubled, while Scott Cain and Eric Vojtkofsky both walked to load the bases.

Losing pitcher Matt Middleton went six innings for the Eagles, allowing seven hits and four walks. He struck out six.

Robert Schmidt had the lone hit for the Eagles.

Hawks primed for long playoff run

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The "real season" in the W-League gets underway this weekend for the Michigan Hawks, who travel to Charlotte, N.C. for the Central Conference playoffs.

The Midwest Division women's soccer champions finished the regular season at 10-2-2, including a convincing 8-1 victory last Friday night over the host London (Ontario) Gryphons at North London Stadium.

Scoring four times in each half, the Hawks outshot London 25-7 overall.

Gail Wilson led the way with two goals and one assist, while Erin Konheim and Asuka Kubota each contributed a goal and two assists.

Livonia Stevenson grad and University of Michigan

standout Melissa Dobbyn also scored twice, while Kristi Swaving and Jordan Mueller added one apiece. Stephanie Martin also drew an assist.

London (4-8-1) spoiled the shutout bid for Hawks goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming in the 90th minute when Elizabeth Hardy scored on a penalty kick.

The Hawks now focus their attention on the playoffs where they'll face the Richmond (Va.) Kickers Destiny (9-4-1) of the Atlantic Division in a 5:30 p.m. matchup on Saturday.

The second game pits Midwest Division runner-up the Minnesota Lightning (9-3-2) against the Atlantic Division champion Charlotte Lady Eagles (10-4).

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STILL THE ONE

Thirty year old Tiger Woods has now won 11 major championships with Sunday's victory at the Open Championship. The record of 18 held by Jack Nicklaus is now officially in jeopardy.

Just outside of Liverpool, England, Tiger Woods blistered the field. He did it not so much with power, but more with his head.

Tiger Woods has not driven the ball well in a couple years. He was far down the PGA tour rankings in driving accuracy. Why it took him so long to take the driver out of his bag on tight courses is a question for far greater minds. Yet it is clear, that is what won him another British Open.

On Championship Sunday, he hit 17 of 18 fairways. He did it with two irons, three irons and even an occasional three metal. Since Tiger does not suffer from a great loss of distance without the driver, it is a wonder why he waited so long to make this move.

Since most golfers hit their peak in their thirties, we can look forward to at least 11 more majors in the next ten years. This is especially true when he thinks as well as he strikes the ball.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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Quest for perfection

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Goose's Soccer Camp

Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps will wind down the summer camp season Aug. 7-11 at Plymouth Lake Soccer Park in Plymouth. The camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$139 per camper with a \$10 discount for multiple child sign-ups.

The camps are for recreational players (boys and girls) between the ages of 5 and 12 years old who would like to perfect basic skills as well as get some scrimmage time in before the fall season starts.

The camp's coaches will provide participants with drills they can practice on their own once the camp ends.

The camp's coaching staff consists of several former professional and collegiate players, including camp director Druo Callahan, who was recently drafted by the Midwest Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition.

"The camps have gone great all summer," said Callahan. "We have so many kids coming back for second and third weeks. It's just awesome to see kids having a great time."

For more information or to register for Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, visit www.goose22.com or call (734) GOOSE-22.

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 (diamond #2). The park is located on Ann Arbor Trail, just 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.

For more information and to pre-register, send an inquiry to terrimurray@sbcglobal.net.

The team is coached by Michael Murray and Tim Baechler.

Yellow Jackets tryouts

The Canton Yellow Jackets 10U travel baseball team will conduct tryouts for the 2007 season on Saturday, Aug. 5, and Saturday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Park (field #1).

The team will be coached by Bill Flohr.

For more information, contact Flohr at apteridacty110@yahoo.com.

Canton swim fund-raiser

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding a car-wash fundraiser Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shell gas station located on the corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:
 You are hereby notified that a general Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on **Tuesday, August 8, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at which time candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates, for the following offices will be voted on, and deciding upon a Van Buren School District Operating Millage Proposition:

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Van Buren Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposition
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VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy up to, but not more than, the statutory millage rate of 18 mills, as may by further statutorily reduced, on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to continue to receive its revenue per pupil foundation grant.

Shall the previously approved increase in the tax limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property, as defined by law, in Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, be renewed and thus continued in the amount of eighteen (18.00) mills on each dollar (\$18.00 on each \$1,000) of taxable value for a period of five (5) years beyond its expiration, 2007 through 2011, to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2007 calendar year shall be approximately \$13,266,193 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal.

Yes No

Statement as Required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of February 20, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974 November 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 indefinitely 2005 indefinitely 2005 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2006 thru 2010
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	2002 indefinitely 2005 thru 2010
Van Buren Public Schools	October, 2001 June, 1998	18 mills 1.30 mill	2005 thru 2006 (non-homestead only) 2005 thru 2015

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Road
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 S. Sheldon Road
3, 10, & 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Road
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7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Erikson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
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15	Walker-Winter Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
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18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
20	Township Fire Station No. 1	1100 S. Canton Center
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The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be opened from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2006 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, August 7, 2006, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, August 8, 2006.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check online at www.canton-mi.org, or contact the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120.

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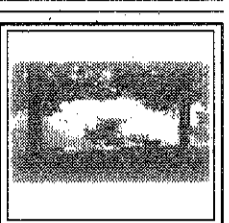
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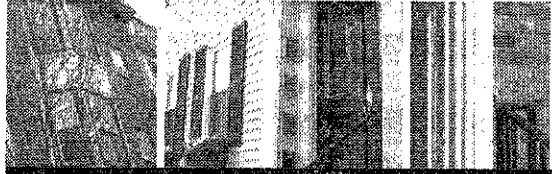
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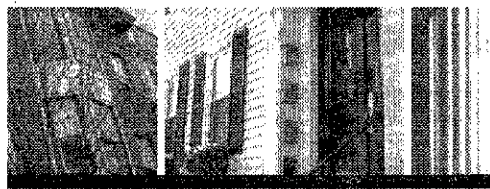
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GETTING THEM TO STOP KILLING THE MESSENGER

WORKWISE

You've never seen so many fangs. People working with you become angry, shouting like little children too young to know how to overcome differences, let alone control their emotions. The behavior seems to come from another planet. Your co-workers repeatedly attack you and your character, as if they have a right to do so. You're stopped in your tracks, amazed at the unrestrained lack of professionalism. What's driving these people to react with infantile behavior when you're just trying to get the work done?

You may well represent a form of change your co-workers view as a challenge to their modus operandi. If that's the case, you need to learn how to get your team to stop killing the messenger, says David Cadden, School of Business professor at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. You're really a threat if you seem different, because that amplifies their discomfort.

Jennifer Long, founder and principal of the Selby Group in San Francisco, has spent 12 years delivering training called "Successfully Addressing Conflict." She mentions that being upset has its downside, potentially threatening everyone else, who feel as if bears are attacking their cave. Watch out for another major stumbling block: They

may not understand the reason for the change, according to Mark Harris, OD consultant at Harris Development Group L.L.C. in Deerfield, Ill. Conflict consultant Jim White of JL (sic) White International Inc., in Monterey, Calif., adds that some individuals may lack the energy for change. Their fear and anger may well suggest, Long points out, that they're overwhelmed while they try to process what's happening. Their productivity goes down.

PERSON-TO-PERSON

Your first instinct might be to confront the attacks head-on, particularly if you find them the dominant issue. Long advises blunting them by capturing their hearts and minds, not just telling them to obey, (by speaking) openly and constructively with the ones attacking you. This will likely bring the attacks to a standstill and give you a running start at building teamwork. Be certain to listen.

Another method is to communicate that you want the attacks to stop by finding out what's causing them. Acknowledge their feelings, Harris states, by saying something like, "Obviously, this must be very uncomfortable. You sound upset. Then speak unemotionally and without being judgmental so you can determine what they find offensive. Maintain the focus upon underlying issues."

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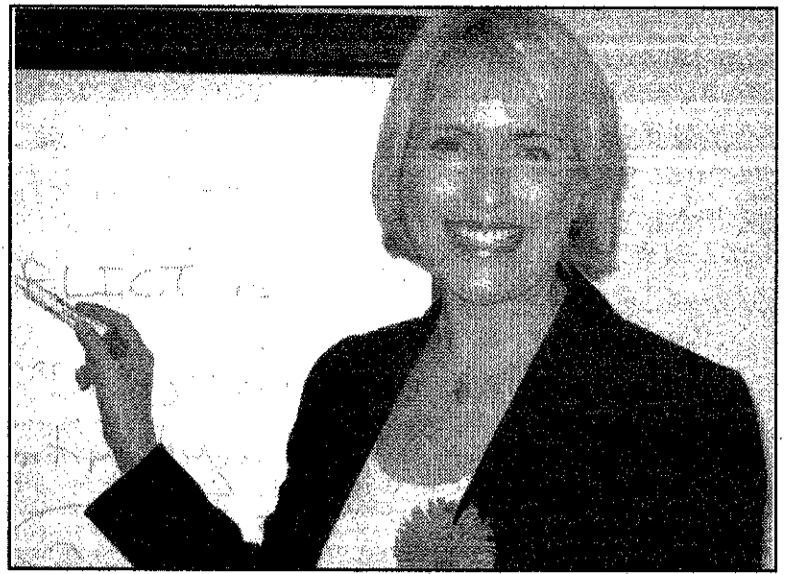
Cadden, of Quinnipiac, offers a more straightforward, all-inclusive process, when you and the team are at

loggerheads. It involves guiding the attackers so that they can articulate a solution to the overall problem, the one at the root of the conflict. This would seem to be an extremely fruitful approach when working with people with whom you have tremendous personal differences. Cadden advises beginning by differentiating between the symptoms of the problems and their fundamental source. Become very clear about that source so you can communicate it to the others.

Know what you really need out of this process (and then) what you want, he states. Do the same for the warring faction.

If they're wildly different, he suggests, ask yourself what common goal would be acceptable to the others. Have the others come up with that system suggestion so they can view it as their own.

The last directive might appear to involve sleight-of-hand, but it doesn't. Its success depends upon the team's grasp of



Jennifer Long delivers a training seminar called "Successfully Addressing Conflict".

the underlying problem and your ability to lead them to possible solutions. You must guide the process to resolution.

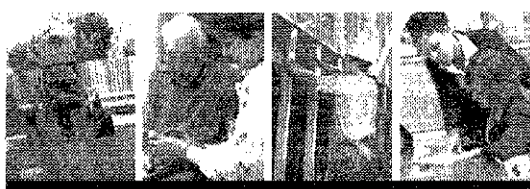
Long sums up the situation by predicting that more change will result and that these techniques offer an opportunity to experiment in extremely difficult situations. If they work, you may be able to accelerate the change. It's never too soon to prepare for the next call for change.

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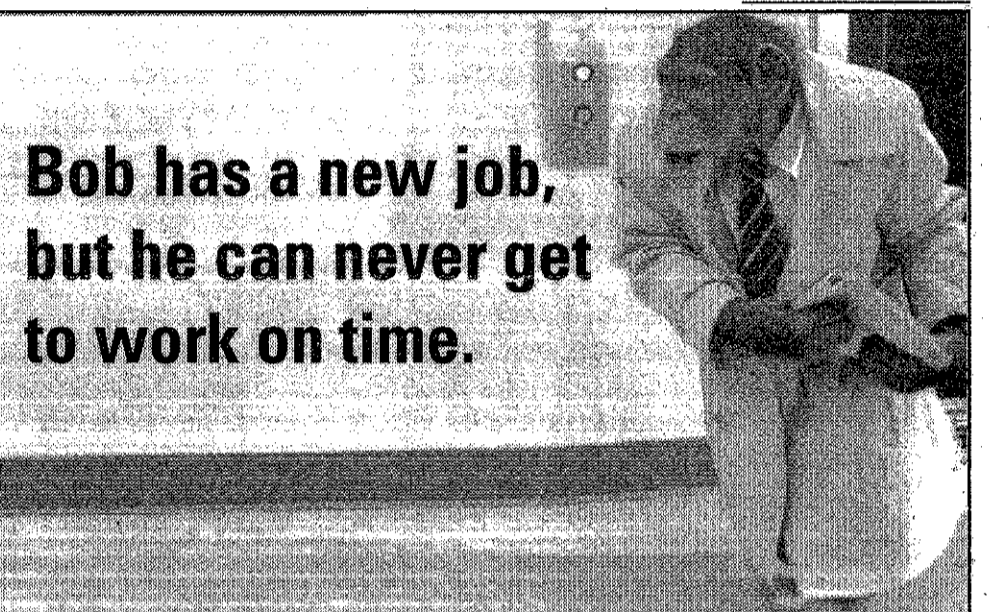
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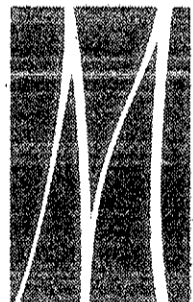
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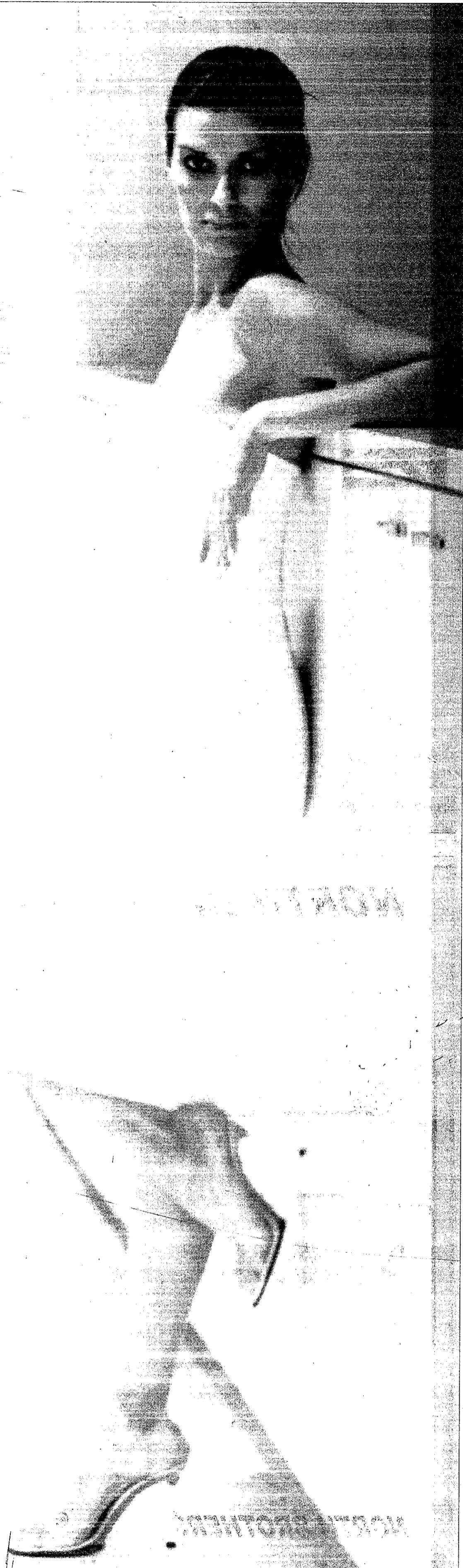
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Mazda CX-7 Blends SUV, Sports Car

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The CX-7, the first sport utility vehicle derived from an all-Mazda platform, made its debut this spring, but we couldn't help but thinking: What took so long?

Designed from Mazda 6 and Mazda 3 suspension and engine parts, the 2007 Mazda CX-7 is a crossover vehicle that blends car attributes and SUV cargo features. Similar to a sports car, there are form-fitting bucket seats, a high-mounted shifter and a stylish, three-dial instrument cluster.

But there are cargo-like features, too, such as folding rear seats.

Engineered with Mazda's Zoom Zoom theme, the CX-7 combines bold aerodynamics, speed and style. With a base price of \$24,310, the CX-7 is distinct and looks a lot more expensive than it really is.

Part sport utility vehicle, part sports car, this is not a SUV for the faint of heart. The CX-7's sloping, 66-degree windshield is as sleek as most sport cars.

Strong lines run through the A-pillars and along the hood's edges and front fascia.

A five-point grille and bold front fenders are similar to most Mazdas.

From the side, there is a rising belt line, a curved roof and a prominent fender. From the rear, round tail lamps and dual exhaust outlets extend the sports car features. Although the design is what draws you in, the performance makes the CX-7 a keeper.

Meshing performance and a distinctive appearance, the CX-7 is refreshing to look at and fun to drive. The CX-7's powertrain is based on the Mazdaspeed 6, with a four-cylinder, 2.3-liter engine with 244 horsepower and 23 miles per gallon.

A new turbocharger with enhanced throttle response at a low rpm cuts boost lag. Nudge the throttle and you get acceleration that rivals a much larger engine.

You can't overlook the CX-7's sportiness. Inside, the instrument panel is patterned after a double roof with a small roof over the meter cluster in front of a large roof that cuts across the entire instrument panel.

A three-spoke steering wheel and sculpted bucket seats give the CX-7 a high-quality feel. The interior



The 2007 Mazda CX-7 is a crossover vehicle that blends car attributes and SUV cargo features.

design is detailed, with two-tone trim that extends from the front doors to the cargo space.

There's enough room for five passengers, and a rear seat that splits and folds allows drivers to maximize cargo space. The cargo floor is 70 inches with a flat load surface. Using the rear seat, the cargo length is 39 inches.

There's also a glove box, floor console and door pocket design that are flexible enough to accommodate different items. The center console can hold a small laptop, and there is space for sunglasses and coins. Front door pockets can hold beverage bottles.

Keeping with its sports car theme, shifting on the six-speed Sport AT automatic transmission is crisp.

The CX-7 offers drivers the choice of a front-wheel drive or an active torque split all-wheel drive, which uses a computer with the rear differential to deliver as much as half of the available torque to the rear wheels.

Anti-lock brakes and a Dynamic Stability Control system enhance torque and handling during different driving conditions.

Crafted from a light, stiff body, the CX-7's delivers a smooth ride and nimble handling with tight, precision like steering.

Mazda's Advanced Impact Energy Distribution and Absorption System helps protect occupants during front, side and rear crashes.

Bolstered by high-strength steel, the CX-7's large and straight frame help absorb crashes.

There's plenty of entertainment options, including an optional Sirius satellite radio and touch screen DVD navigation system with voice commands and rear cameras. A premium BOSE sound system that is

equipped with nine speakers and a six-CD changer is also available.

The CX-7 is available in three trims, but six air bags, anti-lock brakes, Dynamic Stability Control and a Traction Control System are standard.

The touring edition adds leather to the seats, steering wheel and shift knob, heated and power adjustable driving seats and a retractable cargo cover.

A Sport Model is sold, as well as a top-of-the-line Grand Touring with a black sport seat stripe, high intensity headlamps, fog lamps, body colored mirrors, chrome door handles and automatic interior climate control.

Mazda isn't marketing the CX-7 to the typical SUV segment families with kids but I don't see any reason why families with kids wouldn't sport this vehicle. It's got sport and style written all over it, so much so that Mazda bills the SUV as the soul of a sports car.

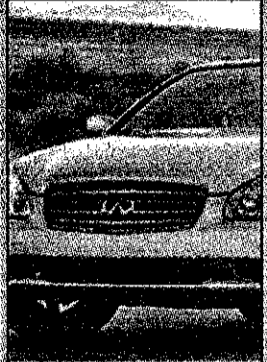
The CX-7 is the first of three crossover vehicles that Mazda plans to unveil in North America, but if the crossover is any indication, the automakers efforts should be successful because it appeals to a wide market.

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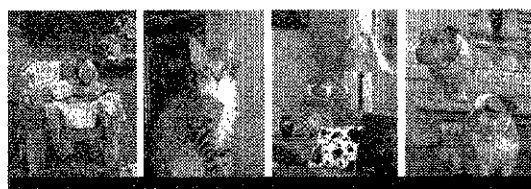
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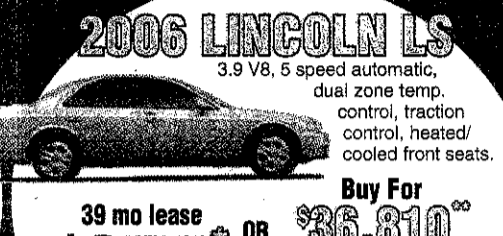
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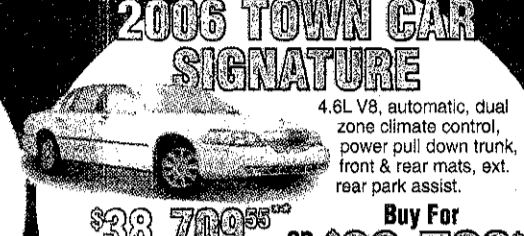
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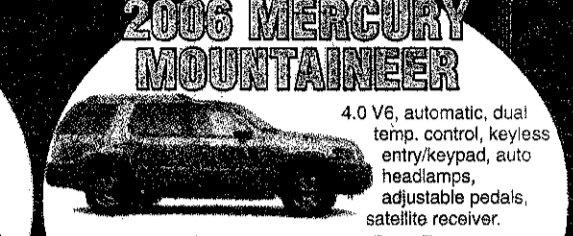
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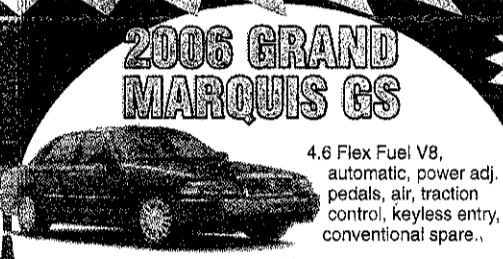
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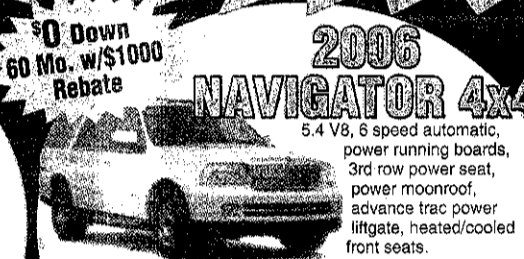
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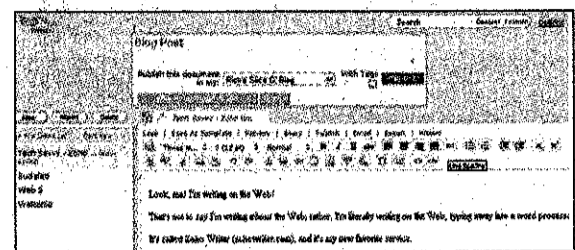
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The College Loft system by Teen Bungalow of the Stanley Furniture Company (\$2,759) at Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design in Troy is a setup for work and sleep. It features two bunk beds and a trundle bed (shown below). The space underneath could be used for storage instead of a bed.

COURTESY OF GORMAN'S



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Look, Ma! I'm writing on the Web! That's not to say I'm writing *about* the Web; rather, I'm literally writing *on* the Web, typing away into a word processor that operates inside a browser window.

It's called Zoho Writer (zohowriter.com), and it's my new favorite service.

A Web-based word processor may sound like little more than a novelty, but trust me when I say it's incredibly practical. It enables me to write using any Internet-connected computer.

And because my documents are stored online, I don't have to copy them back and forth between flash drives as I go from one PC to another.

Wherever I sign on, there they are.

Zoho Writer is entirely Web-based: There's nothing to download or install. Just fire up your browser (it supports Firefox and Internet Explorer; Mac users will need Camino or Firefox), head to the Zoho Writer site, and start typing. It really is that simple.

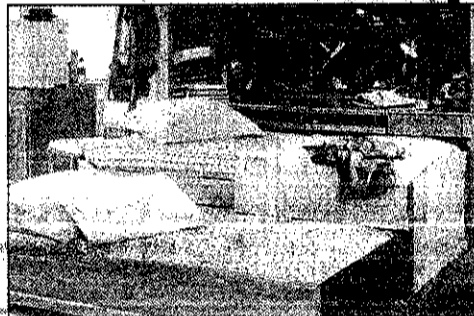
And simple to use. Anyone adept with Microsoft Word will be able to pick up Zoho Writer instantly. It employs familiar-looking toolbars and all the features most people need from a word processor.

For instance, it offers bullets, numbering, tables, search-and-replace, embedded images, a highlighter and even a spell-checker.

PLEASE SEE WORD PROCESSING, D4

Collections with class

Dorm pieces give lessons in style, practicality



How to organize your dorm room

■ Use a footlocker-style trunk to transport items to school. Once you arrive, this trunk can be used as storage as well as an end or coffee table.

■ Instead of leaving your suitcases empty while not in use for traveling, fill them up with extra clothes or linens.

■ Help your storage situation with the following: A tall bookcase is useful and expands your storage capabilities. File cabinets and expandable files will keep your papers organized and secure. Corral your CDs and DVDs with a multimedia rack or CD storage box.

■ Help your studying habits: Put up a bulletin or magnetic board to keep track of your projects and deadlines. Add a hutch on top of your desk for handy access to your textbooks.

■ Maximize your closet space. Use multi-tiered racks or hangers for your pants and slacks. Use stacking crates for your sweaters, shirts or blouses.

From Art Van Furniture

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The dorm room has become more and more of a home away from home.

And furniture designers have learned from college dorms as they put together collections for young people.

Furnishings are available that earn high marks in style as well as practicality, providing such necessities as spaces for work and for sleep.

The pieces could also move with the student to his or her first apartment.

Furniture should provide "the three S's: storage, study and sleep," said Jeff Roberts, co-owner, Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design.

"(Students) are always looking for space-saving ideas," said David Van Elslander, Art Van Furniture Clearance Center buyer.

Loft beds and futons are ways to maximize space.

Loft beds create room underneath for a desk, seating, storage or a mini refrigerator. They can be assembled in the dorm.

PLEASE SEE DORM DESIGN, D5



This office sleeper arrangement (\$897) at Art Van includes a black metal frame with fold-up bed.

COURTESY OF ART VAN FURNITURE

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN
& PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Friends are important indeed

This week's guest columnist is another member of Purtan's People, Wendell Ledbetter, putting things in perspective.

According to a recent study out of Duke University, in the past two decades the number of people who say they have no one to confide in has doubled.

You know what that means. It means that there are now twice as many people who have no one to confide in. (It's a math thing.)

A friend is defined as someone who's there when you really need them — sort of like that little blue pill. (That's a different story.) The Duke study also showed that most people are more dependent on families, like ... the Manson family.

But I believe that one close friend is all anyone really needs — unless that one close friend is Kim Jong Il.

Friends are important because, as the British poet John Donne once said, "No man is an island." (Kwame Kilpatrick comes mighty close.)

This new study reaffirms the importance of friendship because, as our morning show engineer Ankles Stewart always says, "What good are friends if you can't take advantage of them?"



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Keep your cats indoors

It seems like people do things I don't understand all the time.

I'll never get smoking. If I developed a cancer-causing agent that's expensive, too, I would have no idea how to get people to try it. Somehow they just do.

The biggest thing I just don't get would be the need people have for letting their cats go outside.

Oh, people have tried to teach me. Some owners feel so strongly that they lecture me when I suggest their cat's injuries could have been avoided by being indoors.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

They say going outside is part of being a cat. It's really not. In fact, there really is no good reason for cats to go outside. When you argue that cats shouldn't go outside, you have an arsenal of reasons, for the cat, for the family and for the environment.

CATS AND CARS

First, being outside and being safe don't go together. Everything from dogs and other cats to raccoons and coyotes can be a risk to your cat.

Too often I have someone come in with a cat that has an abscess, caused by a fight with another cat. The abscess gets treated and flushed, and antibiotics initiated. That's simple.

Then we have to wait to see if the cat becomes positive for an infectious disease, like feline leukemia (FeLV), or feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). They pass from cat to cat through wounds, and from close-range hissing.

Once they're positive for one of these there's no cure. The diseases are eventually fatal.

In an injured cat, the wounds might be the least of their problems.

Of course, we have the old standby when it comes to killing pets: cars.

People coming in with an animal hit by a car often direct their anger at the driver, and sometimes I am sure they deserve the hatred.

But usually the driver is just driving down the road when a dog runs in front of him. He has little time to react. While the car belongs in the street, the animal doesn't.

Usually a dog just sneaks out of a yard, but other people feel their dog should wander the neighborhood, and

the driver is at fault. Those individuals should look in the mirror when handing out the blame.

This faulty logic reaches to cats, also. People think their cat should be able to run around. Well, the street is dangerous, and animals won't understand that danger.

PEOPLE

Another danger? How about people? A few years ago, a video was sent to us to prep for a radio interview, showing the things that teenagers have done to cats and dogs. I won't even mention any of the acts, but they were atrocities that the teens would videotape to enjoy again later.

The acts were appalling enough, but the fact the punishment was less than a slap on the wrist made them even more offensive, especially when you consider that a common thread among serial killers is a history of torturing animals.

As far as I am concerned, they could have locked those people up in stocks in the city center for people to kick and pelt with fruit.

To avoid access to cats by these people, it's simple enough: Keep the cat inside.

POISONS

Beyond the confrontational situations, cats can be injured or killed in passive manners, also.

Some toxins that we would never ever keep near our pets might be out in the open in another person's yard. The simplest one to talk about would be ethylene glycol, which you might know better as antifreeze.

Sweet and yummy to them, critters tend to love it.

Unfortunately, it tends to be the last thing they love as the poison acts quickly to destroy their kidneys, and they die relatively quickly.

Treatment is possible, with fluids and alcohol given intravenously, but the treatment usually can't even be initiated fast enough to make a difference.

Add to this that a cat might be sick and dying in someone else's garage, and the likelihood of treatments working becomes incredibly small.

ENVIRONMENT

When I mention environmental issues, I'm not talking about the cat who makes messes in other people's lawns, which is bad, too. I am speaking

about the effects on the bird populations.

"House cats are non-native predators," the Audubon Society writes on its Web site. "By killing millions of birds each year in North America alone, cats have a negative and dangerous impact on bird populations."

Not only that, the society points out the disparity between the life span of indoor and outdoor cats, saying, "According to the American Humane Society, cats that are allowed to roam outside live an average of three years while indoor cats typically reach an average age of 15 years."

Everyone will immediately say that they know an outdoor cat that lived to be 36 years old and was never sick a day in its life.

I'm not saying that outside cats should amble on over to the pet cemetery on their third birthday, then lie down and wait.

Just like smokers tend to have more health problems and their life tends to be shortened, it isn't a blanket occurrence. George Burns lived to be 643 years old, or something like that, and he smoked cigars every day.

Facts are - and even smokers won't debate - smoking increases your chances of having health problems and can significantly shorten your life.

The same can be said of being an outdoor cat. The risks are plentiful and extreme, and can be lethal. They don't affect every outdoor cat, but they could, at any time, and generally eventually do.

It's like wearing a seat belt. You don't need a seat belt when you drive, unless there's an accident. You could drive without a seat belt for your entire life without incident. It's just that the one time when you do need it, when an accident happens, you'll be really sorry you don't have it on.

So do the things to keep you around longer and healthier. Treat yourself right and be happy and healthy as long as you can.

And do the same for your cats. Keep them inside.

Just like with children, sometimes you have to show a little "tough love."

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Shrub roses

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

The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather.

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The schedule includes Hardy Shrub Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 30, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 31). The program will feature a slide lecture and garden tour.

Garden tour

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston announces a tour of his gardens, with donations going to The Master Gardeners Society of Oakland County.

The tour will take place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. Donation \$5. Saint's goal is to raise \$1,000.

For more information, e-mail MichaelSaint@goodearthlandscape.com or call (248) 620-7188. Go to www.goodearthlandscape.com for a locator map.

Rose workshop

Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. The hands-on workshop will be repeated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7.

Reservations are requested. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Call (734) 461-1230.

Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings, and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation.

Drought-tolerant plants

Learn how to spend less time watering and more time enjoying your garden in a class at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

The class, Drought-tolerant Plants, will take place Wednesday, Aug. 9. Fee is \$22.

To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Instructor Sue Grubba is the owner of Creative Scapes, an advanced master gardener and a senior instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening.

Hidden Lake classes

Classes offered at Michigan State University Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton include Ornamental Grasses for the Home Landscape (6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3; cost is \$16).

Stone Troughs (10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5; \$45). Seven Steps to Success with Roses (6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8; \$16) and European Hand-tied Bouquets (6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9; \$20).

Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 431-2060. The ornamental grass class will feature an indoor slide lecture and a walk through the display gardens.

The stone troughs class is a workshop in which

participants will learn how to make a beautiful, durable, hyper-tufa container for gardening that is lighter in weight than a stone trough. Dress to make a mess. The troughs will have to sit for a few days before they can be taken home. The roses class will feature a slide program presented by Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses. She will have items for sale after the presentation.

In the bouquets class, Helen Miller, florist and owner of Flowers & Such in Adrian, will teach you how to make attractive flower arrangements using plants available right outside your back door. Bring pruning shears, scissors and a sharp knife.

Master gardener

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

Seats will be offered on a first come-first served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening.

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

Hidden Lake Gardens

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on a field trip to Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The tour bus will leave from the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak.

Cost is \$7, which includes the tour bus, admission and boxed lunch.

Space is limited, so register early. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

The 755-acre botanical garden features a greenhouse complex, a lake, a picnic area, a 6-mile, paved scenic drive, and thousands of labeled trees, shrubs and flowers.

Indoor plants include bamboo, banana, cocoa, coffee, sugarcane, tapioca and vanilla. A visitor center has informative exhibits.

Volunteers sought

Do you live in a condo or apartment and miss gardening? The Royal Oak Garden Club is seeking volunteers (club members only) to tend these Royal Oak community gardens now to October: Gilda's Garden, Community Center Garden, Community Center Iris Garden, Cemetery Garden and the Zoo Garden.

Club membership is \$10 per year. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to MaryKlemic, 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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Remember concrete advice about pouring concrete

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It can be a patio, a walkway, a porch, a retaining wall or even a set of steps. Regardless of the project, when it comes to pouring concrete, there are some simple and basic rules that apply to every pour.

And if you keep them in mind, the finished product will usually look better and last longer.

By the way, you don't have a cement patio - you have a concrete patio. Cement doesn't contain concrete.

However, concrete does contain, among other things, cement, sand and gravel or rock.

Here are some keys to a good job of pouring concrete:

- Excavation and grading.
- Forms.
- Form release oil.
- Proper sub-grade.

A concrete patio or walk can be used to level out the existing grade by simply pouring it thicker in some places and thinner in others.

And although this reduces the amount of earth movement, it creates a long-term problem that can literally reduce the life of your concrete by half.

Here's why: Nature can be devastating to everything left outside - including concrete. This is especially true with concrete in areas where there are extreme temperature changes between midday and midnight.

Like all elements in nature, concrete expands when it gets hot and shrinks when things cool back down.

Concrete is more likely to crack if its thickness is irregular. The thicker parts won't heat up (or cool down) as quickly as thinner areas. That's why it is important to prepare the grade before the pour.

In fact, the only difference between the surface of the graded earth and the finished surface of the concrete should be the

thickness of the concrete.

Granted, there are other influences on cracking. However, keep in mind that concrete slabs that go from thick to thin to thick are more prone to cracking than slabs that have uniform thickness.

FORMS

Many of us who attempt to pour concrete for the first time don't seem to have any difficulty at all with the concept of perimeter forms.

Forms seem to make sense to everyone. They hold the concrete into a given perimeter and they help us to manage the thickness of the finished product.

When the project is a walkway, the forms are close enough together to be bridged with a short board that can be used to rough-in an initial surface. This roughing-in process is known as "screeding."

A poor job of screeding can leave the finished surface with highs and lows that ultimately can result in a surface that ponds and puddles or otherwise doesn't drain properly.

And although this isn't a major problem on smaller projects, it can be a serious issue when pouring a large patio.

That's why redwood dividers used to be so popular. A large area of concrete could be broken down into easy-to-screed 4-foot squares.

Achieving a proper surface can be accomplished without placing the dividers "into" the concrete. All you have to do is place the dividers above the surface. That is, the bottom of each divider is positioned to align with the top of the concrete.

These guides are placed on wooden or steel stakes. After the troweled concrete begins to firm up, the screeds (and the stakes that support them) are removed and the remaining holes are quickly patched.

Keep in mind that perimeter

forms should always be designed so that the finished surface will actively shed water.

The rule of thumb is to align the forms so that the finished concrete surface will slope at least 1/4-inch for each foot of travel. In other words, an 8-foot-long patio should be at least 2 inches higher on one end than the other.

Form release oil or "form oil" is applied to all form surfaces that will be in contact with concrete.

This is sort of like greasing a cake pan. When the ingredients have finished baking, or in our case, curing, the forms can be easily removed without causing damage to the concrete.

By the way, if you can't find form release oil you can substitute with used motor oil. Yes, new motor oil would be OK, but it might be a bit expensive.

SOIL

In some instances it is OK to pour concrete directly onto the ground. In other situations doing so can result in a short-lived project.

Some ground - like sand - is extremely stable and is a super base for a concrete slab. On the other hand, adobe soil is highly expansive (expands when wet) and can crack concrete after one season.

Always check with a soils engineer to determine what kind of soil you have and find out how to properly prepare it.

Sometimes sand is used over adobe, sometimes loose gravel is best. Other times, crushed rock must be compacted over the natural grade to stabilize the area.

The variables here are endless and the specific method should be determined by a pro.

And that's all there is to it.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com, or call their listener hotline at (800) 737-2474, Ext. 59.

Grow, brew up mint tea at home

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Join me for a cup of garden tea, won't you?

Not real tea, China tea, which is somewhat limited in where it can be grown.

It's no trouble at all, though, to grow and brew up a batch of mint tea.

Spearmint, peppermint, apple mint, to name a few - almost all are hardy and easy to grow. Too easy, in fact, because with reasonably good soil they become weedy and spread.

So keep an eye on it or plant it in a semi-wild area, where it can fight it out with the likes of lemon balm, another plant good for tea but a bit too enthusiastic for the cultivated garden. It's a pretty plant, flopping around in low mounds of forest green leaves.

Consider also another wild balm or bee balm for that semi-wild area. The gray green leaves are capped by white, lavender, pink or scarlet flowers.

These plants were brewed by the colonists and Indians for their minty flavor and calming effect.

Another rambunctious plant making a tasty tea is chamomile. Chamomile hugs the ground and enjoys sun, so don't plant it with the balms and mints.

Nonetheless, it self-seeds with abandon (and is equally easy to grow from seed), so choose carefully where to plant it.

Lime green, ferny foliage and daisy flowers warrant putting the plants where you can see them.

If you'd like a tea that's neither lemony nor minty, one that tastes more like China tea, brew up some raspberry leaves.

Don't grow raspberries just for their leaves, of course. Grow them for their fruits and pluck off a few leaves when you want a cup of tea.

Although China gave us China tea, America has its share of plants called "tea."

Teaberry is an evergreen groundcover that grows well in shade and makes a wintergreen-flavored brew.

Pennsylvania Germans steeped sweet goldenrod in hot water to make anise-flavored "blue mountain tea."

"Appalachian tea" is brewed from the leaves of withered viburnum, a native shrub whose leaves turn shades of orange, crimson, and purple in fall.

But the real show is in the berries, all in different stages of ripening, which proceed from green to pink to red to blue to black.

The most genuine tea that you can grow in America would be New Jersey tea, a small shrub native throughout sunny, dry woods of eastern America.

This plant's leaves were actually used as a substitute for China tea during Revolutionary times. Hence its other common name: "liberty tea."

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. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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. Friday, and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday) and A Blueprint for a Beautiful Kitchen (2 p.m. Friday, and noon and 2 p.m. Saturday).

Also during the sale, MDC's Designer on Call interior designers will be available to answer questions both days.

FRIENDS

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A friend is someone you can count on in an emergency.

Like, for instance, that time about six months ago when my appendix burst and I was in both horrific pain and significant danger. I immediately called on my good friend Dick Purtan to help see me through this crisis.

He told me he'd love to be there for me, but he was watching an important World

War II documentary on the History Channel and couldn't get away right then.

I'm sure Mr. Purtan would have been right there by my side if he wasn't so busy because that's what friends do for each other.

Friendship goes back to biblical days. Adam and Eve had tons of friends until Dr. Kevorkian killed them all.

I consider WOMC's Al Muskavito to be one of my closest friends. When I need advice, Big Al is always there. When I need help, Big Al is

always there. When I really need to be alone with my thoughts and have no one else around ... Big Al is always there.

Finally, as the old saying goes: "A friend in need is a pain in the toochas."

Ladies and gentlemen, Wendell Ledbetter putting things into perspective.

You're welcome.

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WORD PROCESSING

FROM PAGE D1

Even more impressive, Zoho Writer can import and export Word documents; export to PDF and several other formats; publish a document to your blog; and allow others to view and/or collaborate on a document -- not just one at a time, but simultaneously!

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

This isn't a new idea. In fact, about six years ago, during the first dot-com boom, the industry was abuzz over the concept of Web-hosted software.

I remember laughing at the notion, sure that such apps would be impossible to do effectively and that the idea would never catch on.

Web-based applications are here, and they're looking good. Other laudable members of the Zoho family include Zoho Sheet (zohosheet.com), an Excel-style spreadsheet builder; and Zoho Show (zohoshow.com), used to create and show PowerPoint-style presentations.

Want to whip up a sophisticated diagram without spending big bucks on Microsoft Visio? Try Gliffy (gliffy.com), another dazzling freebie.

Need to send an instant message? Head for Meebo (meebo.com), a Web-based IM service that requires no software, no plug-in, no special anything. It works with AIM, ICQ, Yahoo and all the other popular chat services.

SHAKING OUT THE BUGS

User beware: Zoho Writer is still in beta, and there are definitely some bugs in the system.

For instance, importing and exporting Word files tends to produce some funky formatting and line spacing.

What's more, while composing this very column, I reached a point where ZW kept reverting to a previously saved version -- it wouldn't save any new changes.

I had no choice but to export the document to Word and finish it offline.

Although this diminished my overall comfort level with Zoho Writer, most of my experiences were positive.

And even the occasional glitch won't keep me from making good use of this wonderful Web-based word processor.

I'm also planning to check out the competition: AjaxWrite (ajaxwrite.com), ThinkFree (thinkfree.com) and Writely (writely.com), the latter recently acquired by Google.

What are your thoughts on Web-based software? Wave of the future or flash in the pan? Great idea or goofy and impractical? Let me hear from you!

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Washer settings cause confusion

I received a second e-mail from Lois regarding her front load washing machine, and as it happened several weeks ago, I would like to reply using this column.

I can't quote all of her letter, as it is quite long, but I'll key in on the parts I thought you might find of interest.

She writes, "I have been reading what you have to say about the reports from your right-hand man Valorie. I hope I remembered the right name! At any rate, I am happy to hear that you feel that the clothes are getting clean, although I am not completely convinced."

"I also find that my T-shirts come out inside out sometimes, which, to me, is a good sign that they are getting tossed around enough for that to happen -- not just in a clump of clothes rolling around in a ball."

Well, Lois, I am starting to feel some positive vibrations from your written words and I could say that's a good sign.

I have been the biggest skeptic on these front loaders and my wife (and right-hand person) Valorie is slowly changing my mind. She is still chanting the praises of her new Maytag Neptune and much prefers it to the old Maytag top loader.

The second part of your e-mail deals with your feelings on so many settings on your timer: "The washer has a zillion settings -- which I hate because I figure that there are more things that can break."

"Some of the settings are quite long -- 49 minutes, for example, for bulky and 60 minutes for towels, versus 35 minutes for permapress."

"The manual tells you that the sensors in the machine add the amount of water necessary, so I would assume that you could use a setting with a shorter time."

"I really liked my old machine, which didn't have all these settings, didn't take so long to wash, and filled up with water!"

"I would love to hear what you have to say about using a setting other than the proper one. Actually, I already do -- I would never

wash towels for an hour; I put them on permapress.

"I am very appreciative of all of the helpful tips -- so many things that I would not otherwise know."

You might just be repeating one of my favorite sayings, Lois: "The more there is, the more there is to go wrong."

In the case of timers today, we are talking electronics and they are very expensive to replace.

As for all of these settings, which I like to refer to as advertising tools, they help to sell the product. Whether they do a better job of washing clothes is debatable as far as I'm concerned.

The manufacturers' viewpoint is based on the home economics departments, which they spend millions on to test their own products. Compare an argument with them to a fight with city hall.

I like to say that my clothes aren't dirty to begin with, except the clothes I bring home from a fishing trip in Canada.

Valorie washed all of those, by the way, and used the longest cycle possible. I guess that's because some of those items hadn't been washed in 20 years. I never get bitten by mosquitoes when I'm up there -- I wonder if it's because I smell like them.

All joking aside, most clothes are only sweat-stained and require little wash action to get cleaned.

At the point of sale, a washer with many features can be much easier to sell. It's like a car with cruise control and push button windows and whatever else, and before long, everybody wants and demands these features.

Heck, it's hard to find a new car made today with a simple ashtray; imagine washers of tomorrow made with no regular cycle. It could happen and wouldn't surprise me.

Thanks for writing and for reading this column, Lois. Stay tuned.

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



Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon

New systems often take longer to heat house

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Edward says: "My 1,200-square-foot home used to be heated by a furnace from 1949 that ran at 25,000 BTU. Recently I upgraded to a newer, 7,000-BTU system. "I thought this newer heater

would be more efficient, but I find that it takes much longer to heat the house than the older system did.

These new models can work just as well or better than old systems, but they do work differently.

Where old furnaces could be turned on and heat the

house within a matter of minutes, new heating systems often take longer.

If you want your home to be warm at a certain time, use an automatic (setback) thermostat that will turn the heat on about 45 minutes prior to when you will need it.

How to pack for college

Contact your roommate ahead of time to find out what they plan to bring. Make sure you aren't duplicating items, such as televisions, stereos or DVD players.

Give thoughtful consideration on going half and half on large items. How will you determine ownership at the end of the year?

Determine your bed size and pack the right linens.

Determine how likely it is that you will need formal clothes.

If you plan to join a fraternity or sorority or participate in a school club, you may require more formal clothes. If not, you can save closet space by limiting this type of attire.

Bring only clothes you will need for the next few months if you plan to go home on breaks.

Fill in gaps to adjust for seasons.

Try to select clothes that can be washed in the same cycle to make laundry easier.

Pack a bathrobe, shower sandals and towels. A plastic bin or cleaning supply holder can be used for your personal care items.

Consider buying school supplies, cleaning supplies and snacks after you arrive on campus to save space in the car.

Pack your computer equipment securely to avoid damage. Use the box and packing material it came in to avoid damage.

This can be sent back with your parents after you move in. (Don't forget a good power strip.)

Take personal photos and mementos to dress up your desk or walls. Sharing stories from home can be a great way to warm up to new roommates.

Some dorms may charge you a fee for holes put into the walls; consider using double-sided tape or Velcro to hang pictures.

Pack an emergency kit, including flashlight, thermometer, medicines, first-aid kit and pre-paid telephone card.

If you're allowed, pack a hot pot, a mini refrigerator, a coffee maker or a microwave.

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DORM DESIGN

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At Gorman's in Troy, Roberts showed the Stanley Furniture Company's Teen Bungalow College Loft System.

"It was originally inspired by college dorm rooms," he said. "It's trying to make dorm rooms as space-efficient as possible."

The system features two bunk beds, and a desk with a drawer, a pullout keyboard tray and an organizer. Electrical outlets are built in. There is room underneath for a trundle/storage unit that provides a third space for sleeping. The beds are larger than old bunk beds.

Collections by the University Loft Co. have a variety of elements. Sections come with one or two beds, dressers, storage units and office pieces.

"There are different configurations," Van Elslander said. "You can make any kind of arrangement you want."

University Loft displays at the Art Van Clearance Center on 14 Mile in Warren feature room for a storage love seat and other pieces underneath the bed.

Twin beds aren't the only option in arranging work space. At the Art Van Clearance Center, Van Elslander demonstrated an office sleeper arrangement.

This features a bed that folds up against the wall into a frame that is topped with a shelf, and a desk and file cabinet that move easily on wheels.

A futon can be used for seating or lounging, and converts to a bed.

The Click Clack is popular, Van Elslander said. This micro-fiber futon folds out to become a double bed, and has a storage area underneath.

Another option is the twin bed (with a Simmons mattress) housed in an ottoman at Art Van. The leather ottoman measures 45 inches by 34 inches and has room for storage underneath.

A Back-to-School Open House will take place noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at all Art Van Furniture stores.

It will include information on setting up student study and living space.

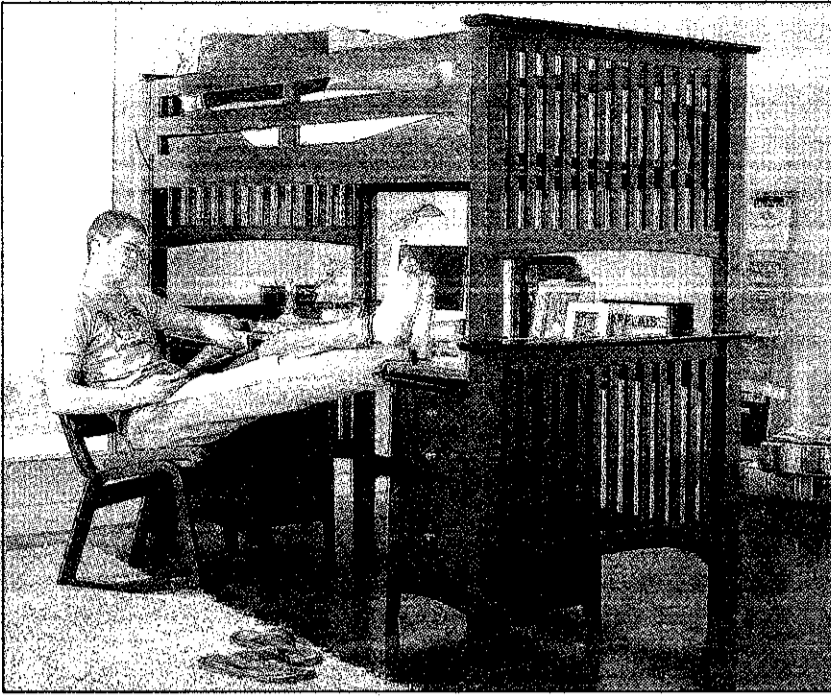
Among suggestions for planning a dorm room are:

Find out if you can get a floor plan of your dorm room in advance to determine how much space you'll have and what, if any, furniture you'll be provided.

A good night's sleep is important, so don't hesitate to upgrade to a better mattress and box spring.

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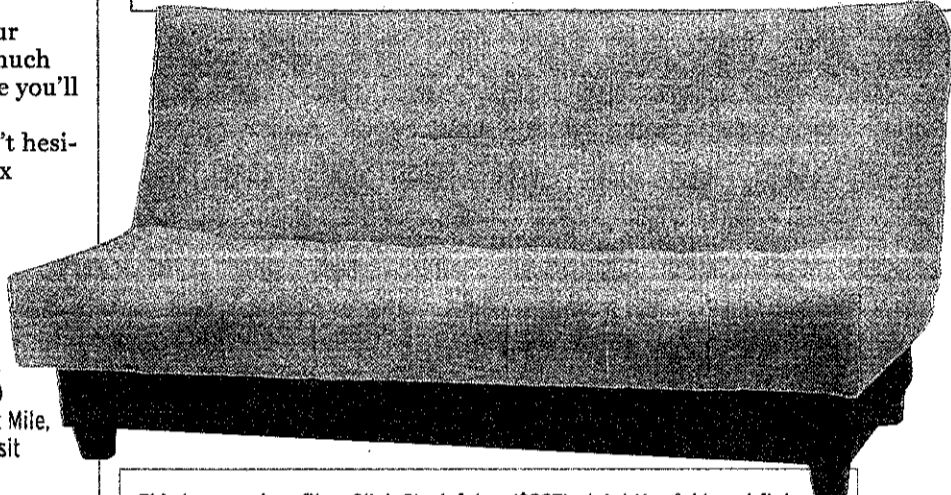
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The University Loft office (\$899) at Art Van is a twin bed with a desk top. It is shown here in the dark wood Mission style. The moveable file cabinets are \$249 each, the upholstered desk chair is \$149.

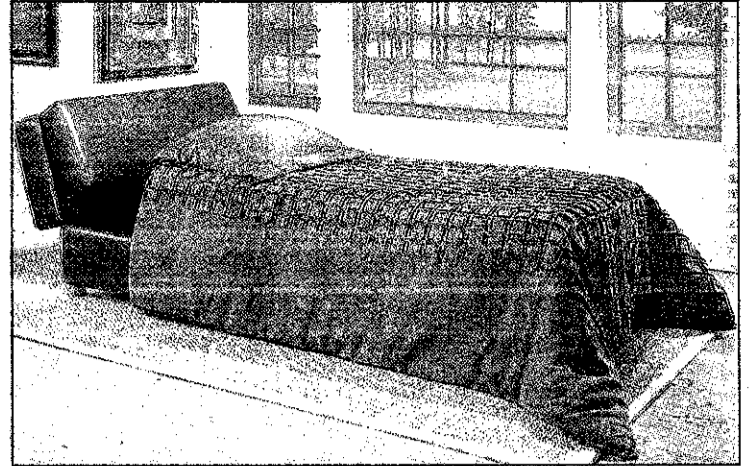
How to furnish your dorm room or apartment

- Cover the floor with a large area rug. This will be more comfortable and warmer than tile. Choose a rug with a pattern or flecks to disguise stains or soil.
- Look for easy-to-assemble furniture, which is less trouble to haul up stairs.
- Avoid back problems by exchanging your dorm chair for a comfortable, ergonomic office chair.
- Remember the essential pieces: a comfortable bed, a dresser for clothes, a storage or shelving unit, a desk with an ergonomic chair, a lamp, and a cozy reading chair, futon or sofa.

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From there, Sancerre, with its mineral accents, is a delightful white. Violet-scented Chinon (She-naw), and raspberry-perfumed Bourgueil (Boor-goy) aren't red wines in the

Ray & Eleanor Heald

foreground for most American wine lovers. But they should be, because they're not only unique, but modestly priced.

WHITE LOIRE WINES

On a Loire wine label, Vin de Pays du Jardin de la France is an indication that the wine comes from the Loire region but not a specific appellation and they're allowed to carry the grape name.

Two value examples to try are: 2004 Destinea Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays du Jardin de la France (\$8) and 2003 Destinea Cabernet Franc, Vin de Pays du Jardin de la France (\$9). If you've wondered what pure cabernet franc smells and tastes like, this wine is your palate educator. Serve it slightly chilled in summer.

Wines labeled with the origin Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé, Quincy, Menetou-Salon and Reuilly are made 100 percent from sauvignon blanc.

Olivier Rivain of Joseph Mellot, a producer in Sancerre, said, "Quincy is the birthplace of sauvignon blanc and it's the oldest appellation in the Loire Valley."

Try these sauvignons with goat cheese, salads and grilled fish: 2004 Domaine des Rouesses Quincy \$15 (crisp and elegant); 2003 Joseph Mellot Reuilly "Les Millets" \$14 (vineyard lies only a little more than a mile from Quincy and illustrates the difference origin makes in a wine that comes across with pear-like fruit, charmed by flinty notes).

The 2004 Joseph Mellot

Menetou-Salon \$17 (crustacean shells from eons past found in the soil offer unique flavors); 2003 Joseph Mellot Sancerre "Le Chatellenie" \$20 (vineyard has limestone that offers mineral quality enhancing the wine's natural fruit); and 2003 Joseph Mellot Pouilly-Fumé "Le Troncsec" \$20 (floral, slightly flinty and overall lovely).

RED LOIRE WINES

Saumur Champigny, Chinon, Bourgueil and St. Nicolas de Bourgueil showcase the beauty of cabernet franc, a grape variety that elsewhere in the wine world is generally used as a blending varietal.

Illustrating the excellence of cabernet franc from the Loire as a medium-bodied red wine for summer drinking pleasure are:

2004 Joseph Mellot Bourgueil "Le Fretval" \$12 (with white pepper notes over raspberry-like fruit); 2004 Joseph Mellot Chinon "Les Morinieres" \$12 (mineral notes from limestone soil); 2004 Joseph Mellot Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil "Le Moulingenet" \$14 (fruit laden with cigar box and white chocolate accents); and 2003 Joseph Mellot Saumur Champigny "Le Boisclair" \$14 (complex orchestration of cabernet franc).

MUSCADET

No introduction to the wines of the Loire Valley is complete without including Muscadet from the Loire's Atlantic coast.

They are made from the melon de Bourgogne grape and well chilled make a splendid accompaniment to grilled fish, seafood salads and crab dishes.

Muscadet has two styles, sur lie (rounder and fuller mouthfeel) or not (crisp and more tart).

If possible, try the following side-by-side to interpret the difference for yourself: 2005 Domaine de La Louvretie Amphibolite Muscadet \$10 (crisp, pear and white peach accents); and 2005 Chateau de La Cariziere Muscadet Sevre et Maine sur Lie \$11 (an outstanding, delicious wine at this price, grown by organic vineyard practices).

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

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Drink well-chilled, dry and crisp Rosé wines for mid-summer treats. With their bright strawberry, raspberry and cranberry fruit aromas and flavors, they match salmon, sushi, grilled sausages, roast chicken, Mediterranean tapas, Caesar salad, grilled seafood, spicy Thai and savory barbecues perfectly. Try these and you'll be tickled pink!

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From France: 2005 Rosé des Karantes \$10, 2005 Jaboulet Cotes du Rhone Parallele 45 Rosé, 2005 Red Bicyclette \$11 and 2005 Perrin Cotes du Rhone Rosé Reserve \$11.50. For the ultimate in pink bubbles, Piper-Heidsieck Rosé Champagne \$45 and 1998 Pol Roger Brut Rosé \$92.

From Italy: 2005 Folanari Pink Pinot Grigio \$8 (off-dry).

From Spain: 2005 Marques de Caceras, Rioja \$8.50 and 2005 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado \$12.

From California: 2005 Babcock Big Fat Pink Shiraz \$15, 2005 Kenwood Pinot Noir Rosé \$15, 2005 Valley of the Moon Rosato di Sangiovese \$16, 2005 Rosenblum \$18 (blend of gamay and grenache) and 2005 Tablas Creek \$27 (big and vinous).

The following restaurants have a special Think Pink card featuring Rosé wines: White Horse Inn, Metamora; Bombay Grille, Farmington Hills; Plymouth Crossing, Plymouth; Giulio's Cucina Italiana, Livonia; The Lord Fox, Ann Arbor; and The Pickle Barrel Inn, Willis.

If a retailer doesn't stock a specific domestic wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Benefit dinner

Some of the country's most celebrated chefs will gather at Tribute restaurant Monday, July 31, to cook a one-of-a-kind dinner to benefit childhood hunger, as part of Share Our Strength.

Dinner tickets are \$250 per person, which are all-inclusive and tax-deductible. For reservations, call Tribute at (248) 848-9393. Tribute is at 31425 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Participating chefs will include Don Yamauchi and Eric Voigt of Tribute in Farmington Hills, Jimmy Schmidt of the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit, Michael Laiskonis of Le Bernardin in New York, Shawn McLain of Spring in Chicago, Wally Joe of Wally Joe in Memphis, Michael Gaspard of Pappas Brothers Steakhouse in Houston, and Tara Lane of Blackbird in Chicago. This is a prelude event to Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation Detroit set for Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Diamond Center at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. For more information on this event, call (877) 26-TASTE, or visit www.tasteofthenation.org.

Grapevine

Register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

Gluten Free Dinner

Fried artichokes, penne with fresh tomato basil sauce, mixed field greens with white balsamic vinaigrette, steak Siciliano, Monday, Aug. 7, \$23, Giulios, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 427-9500.

Vintage Wine Tasting

Viewpoint Estate Winery, 151 County Road 50 East, Harrow, Ontario, hosts Southwestern Ontario Vintners Association 2006 Vintners Wine Tasting, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 12, tickets \$50, available at SWOVA wineries, visit www.vintagetesting.com.

Cooking classes

The Community House offers the following culinary classes to the public this summer. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Gluten Free Baking

Students will learn the secrets behind favorite desserts using different flour combinations. Students will sample baked goods and take

home recipes. Class scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, \$30, instructed by Julie Jurich, who has worked in the food and beverage industry for more than 10 years specializing in Eastern European, Italian and Mediterranean cuisines.

Fresh Italian

Learn how to prepare a typical Italian summer evening meal that is rich in flavor, color and freshness: fresh pasta with peperonata (red and yellow pepper sauce); pan roasted chicken with rosemary, garlic and white wine; pomodoro e basilico (tomato and basil salad); macedonia ai frutti di bosco (berry fruit salad) with lemon sorbet. Students will sample and receive recipes.

Instructor Giovanna Cappi was born and raised in Italy. Class scheduled Italy 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, \$24, \$6 materials fee paid to the instructor.

Sushi

Learn how to make fancy sushi, like a California roll, salmon roll, cucumber roll, cucumber and avocado roll and veggie tempura. Take home samples. 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 Hills. Class scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, \$29.

Time To Cook?

Learn a system that will teach you how you can prepare a month's worth of meals in one day, a process that will allow you quicker time in the kitchen, a way to organize your meal plans that will yield lower grocery bills, and less stress and less time in the kitchen.

Instructor Lynn Jarrett, coach, speaker and author, is a mother of three girls who decided after her second child to end the stress of meal planning. Her class draws men and women together to identify and meet the needs of their growing families. Class meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, \$25.

Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar, Italian Style

Tantalize your senses and learn step by step tasting techniques of the flavors and aromas of various olive oils and balsamic vinegars from Italy. Instructor Dawn Bause will cook up some sample dishes using these "essential ingredients for preparing great food." You will sample and take home recipes and a list of your favorite oils and vinegars. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Class is scheduled 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, \$29, \$6 materials fee payable to instructor.

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BY DANA JACOBI

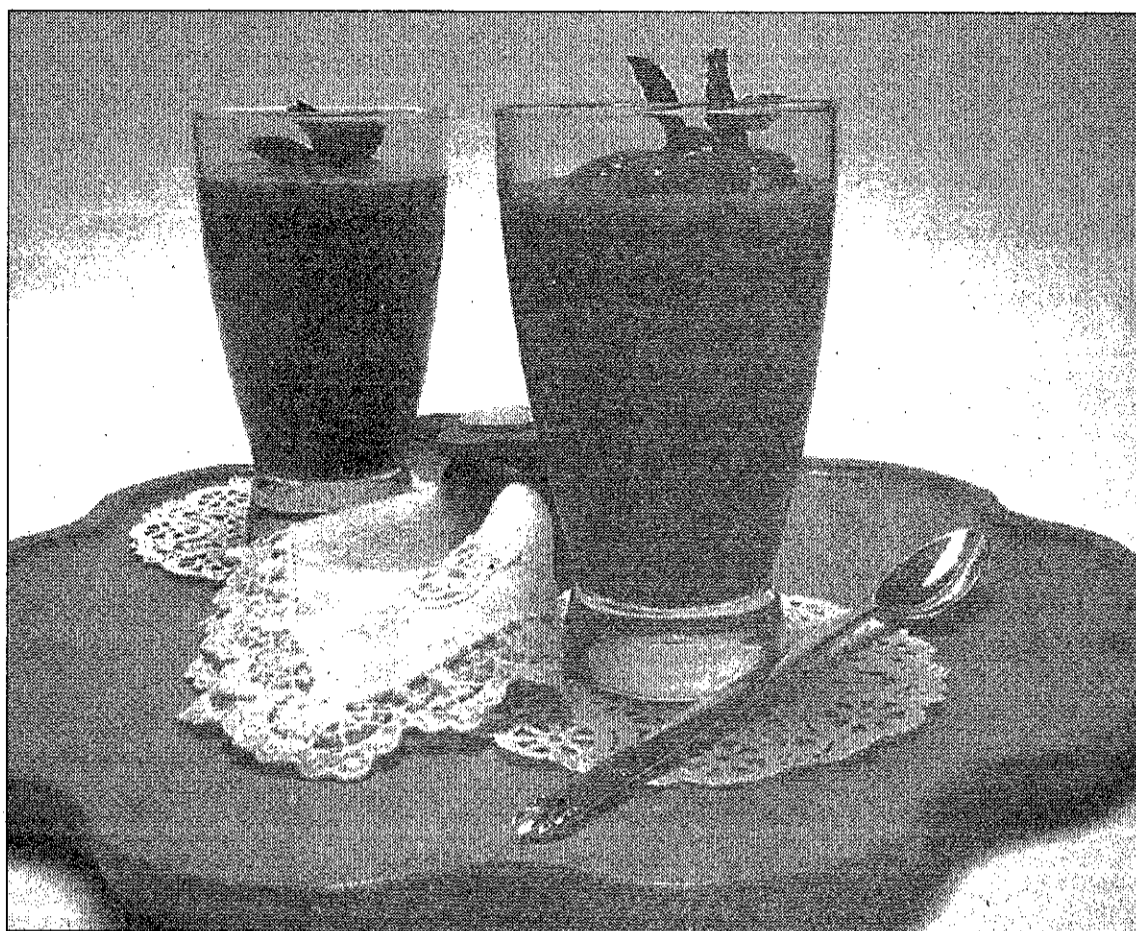
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I pay careful attention to what I eat in order to avoid gaining back weight I lost five years ago. To do this enjoyably, I watch chefs. Working with them, I have learned useful tricks for improving the flavor of dishes, from first courses to dessert, so they are both healthy food choices and pleasurable treats.

Chefs often steam vegetables, then finish them in a sauté pan with melted butter. This is a great technique as long as you are carefully sparing with the amount of butter used. One or two spoonfuls are enough to make chopped broccoli, Brussels sprouts, or kale more appealing. Another flavorful chef trick for veggies is braising them in reduced-sodium chicken broth. Yet another is sprinkling vegetables with grated or thinly-sliced citrus zest. For a real kick, try orange zest on kale, a combination I learned from a chef working in a Vermont restaurant. It adds zero calories but lots of flavor.

Have you noticed how chefs often add legumes to a dish? One of the best examples I have enjoyed is black beans tossed on a spinach salad, topped with thin nectarine slices and dressed with a balsamic vinaigrette.

At Copia, the great food and wine center in Napa, California, I learned about serving grilled salmon or halibut



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on a bed of the plump, little, dark green lentils sometimes called French or le Pay lentils. Doing this at home makes a simply-prepared fish look and taste like an elegant restaurant dish.

For dessert these days, pastry chefs have made creative fruit drinks and frozen creations quite the fashion. Blueberry Watermelon Freeze is one example. Inspired by Italian ices, this slushy, retro creation is so thick you can eat it from a spoon or sip it from a tall, frosted glass through a fat straw as it gradually melts.

This blueberry watermelon freeze is so thick you can eat it from a spoon or sip it from a tall, frosted glass as it melts.

BLUEBERRY WATERMELON FREEZE

1 cup peeled and seedless red watermelon cut in 1/2-inch cubes*
 1/4 cup frozen blueberries
 2 teaspoons finely-chopped fresh ginger
 1/4 cup apple juice concentrate
 1 tablespoon lime juice
 Fresh mint, for garnish, optional

down the sides of the blender two or three times. Pour it into a wide glass, and serve, accompanied by a spoon.

Makes 1 serving. * Freeze peeled, cut-up watermelon in a resealable plastic bag. Per serving: 211 calories, less than 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 53 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 20 mg. sodium. Dana Jacobi is author of The Joy of Soy and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

In a blender, combine the frozen melon, berries, ginger, juice concentrate, and lime juice. Add 1/4 cup water. Blend until it is icy and fine-textured, stopping to scrap

Every cook has a cole slaw recipe.

Some are mayonnaise based, others use oil and vinegar. They're made with chopped onion, celery, peppers, pickles, herbs, bacon, or other ingredients. But they all include cabbage. That, of course, can be green or red.

Cabbage is the ancestor of many of its more contemporary relatives, like Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. The word "cabbage" comes from the French word caboche, a colloquial word for "head." Cole slaw comes from the Dutch koolsla, meaning "cool cabbage."

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all prized cabbage as a healthful food, and the modern world has the same opinion. Cabbage is one of nature's most nutritious vegetables.

Cabbage, however, is not necessarily a favorite with everyone. (Gas is sometimes one complaint that is heard.) And, since most cole slaws call for cabbage, an interesting change-of-pace can be achieved by

using a combination of red, yellow and orange bell peppers.

They makes an unique and festive-looking salad, and their mild, slightly sweet taste is usually agreeable to one and all.

Bell peppers provide 14 times as much beta-carotene as the less-ripe green variety. They are also rich in vitamins A and C. Although there are varying degrees of certain nutrients and phytochemicals, depending on their color, they all are a good source of many health-protective substances.

Bell peppers are a good source of phenols, especially coumarins and terpenes, phytochemicals that help protect against cancer. And, in one study, red bell peppers were found to be especially high in anti-cancer antioxidants that target one type of free radical.

No summer picnic is complete without some type of slaw, but that doesn't mean it has to be predictable. In the following recipe, the colorful bell peppers offer a refreshing change and brighten up any summer outing.

FIESTA SLAW

5 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 3 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise
 5 cloves garlic, finely minced
 2 teaspoons canned chipotle chilies, rinsed, drained and chopped
 1 tablespoon honey
 1 large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
 1 large green bell pepper, cut into thin
 1 large yellow bell pepper, cut into thin strips
 12 ounces jicama, peeled, cut into thin strips
 1/3 cup (packed) fresh cilantro leaves, minced
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Purée first 5 ingredients in a blender or food processor until dressing is smooth.

Place peppers, jicama and cilantro in a large bowl. Add dressing and toss to mix and coat well. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate until the vegetables soften a little but remain crunchy. (About 4 hours.)

Serve at room temperature.

Makes 10 servings. Per serving: 42 calories, less than 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 9 g. carbohydrate, less than 1 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 42 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Web site is www.aicr.org.

Chopped steak features Asian flavor

ASIAN CHOPPED STEAK WITH WASABI-MAYO SLAW

(Start to finish 25 minutes)

For the wasabi-mayo slaw:

1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
 1-1/2 teaspoons wasabi powder
 3 cups packaged coleslaw mix
 1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper strips

For the chopped steak:

1 pound ground beef (95 percent lean)
 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
 1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce (for basting)
 4 large romaine or Boston lettuce leaves

QUICK RECIPE

Combine ground beef, 1 table-spoon soy sauce and garlic in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Gently shape into four 1/2-inch-thick oval patties. Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes to medium (160 degrees Fahrenheit) doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color; turning occasionally and basting with 3 tablespoons soy sauce.

Place burgers in lettuce leaves; top evenly with Wasabi-Mayo Slaw.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 217 cal., 9 g fat (3 g saturated), 65 mg chol., 809 mg sodium, 10 g carbo., 1.9 g fiber, 24 g pro.

Recipe developed for AP by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association on behalf of The Beef Checkoff.

To make the Wasabi-Mayo Slaw, mix together mayonnaise and wasabi powder in small bowl until blended. Combine coleslaw mix, pepper strips and onions in large bowl. Add mayonnaise mixture; toss to coat slaw evenly. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

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Local designers 'Make It Work'

By Wensdy White

As *Project Runway Season 3* heats up on Bravo, Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak is hosting a hometown version of the big-city reality show.



Toby Haberman

The "Make It Work Fashion Challenge" invited local designers to compete for prizes ranging from a Bernina Sewing Machine to a personal critique by *Project Runway* mentor Tim Gunn of Parsons The New School of Design. Gunn is known for telling *Project Runway* contestants to "make it work" as they struggle to finish their design challenge on *Project Runway*.

Sixty-five designers submitted sketches and garments to "Make It Work," and were narrowed down to 10 finalists, who gathered July 15 at Haberman Fabrics for their "Final Challenge." Owner Toby Haberman gave each contestant \$100 gift certificates to spend on supplies to create

"MAKE IT WORK" RUNWAY COMPETITION

When: 7 p.m. Aug. 1
Where: Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak
 Ten finalists will show final challenge garments and compete for prizes at this benefit for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The evening will feature a Q&A with contestants and judges, including Kara Janx of *Project Runway* Season 2; Susan Howes, fashion editor for HOUR; and Ken Dewey, Director of the 5th Avenue Club at Saks Fifth Avenue. The audience may also bid on a trip to *Project Runway* Season 3's finale at Olympus Fashion Week in NYC, auctioned live by host Jon Jordan, style editor for WDIV LOCAL-4.
Tickets: \$20, only available in advance at the store or through www.habermanfabrics.com.



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tique the winner's portfolio. He won't be here — he can't make it because they're going to be filming at the time of our event, but we're going to mail it to him and he's going to give his professional, highly critical review of the book. This is not something he's done before, and according to Parsons, he has no intention of doing something like this again.

What does "Make It Work" mean to you?

It's learn how to handle your design challenges, continue to express your designs and show them and build your career. Seek out any opportunity you can and run with it — make it work.

What do you hope people learn from your contest?

Something they promote on *Project Runway* and we see every day at Haberman Fabrics is that people say they want to be a designer, but they can't put the design and fabric together. You don't know how everything is going to drape by drawing a pretty garment. If you have no experience in garment construction you really can't come up with a great design. You just don't have it.

their last garment.

The finalists will present their work during a public runway show on Aug. 1. PINK caught up with Toby in anticipation of the exciting event.

How did the idea for 'Make It Work' come about?

Every day in this store we see very talented people, whether they are home sewers or professional designers. Many are looking for recognition and a place to show their designs. I like to be supportive of them. And, of course, at the store we

love *Project Runway* on Bravo. They have such a wonderful format that I thought it would be great fun to have a competition in that style right here at the store.

Is Project Runway involved?

They offered to help us with one of our judges, Kara Janx. And Tim Gunn from the show offered to be one of the amazing prizes that we're able to offer an emerging designer.

What will Tim Gunn do?

He is going to actually cri-

list

Fashion on Campus Martius

Get ready for some stylish fun as Lamborghini of Troy and The Ambassador magazine host "Fashion on Campus Martius," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. The second-annual runway show will feature fashion from Studio Couture, Vera Japie, the Pure Detroit Design Lab and Exclusive Styles. The Lamborghini models will also show collections from House of Dereon and Ryan Kenny, and jewelry by Denise Illich. Tickets, \$100, benefit The Detroit 300 Conservancy, and include entry to after-parties at Grand Central Lounge and Elysium before 11:30 p.m. Call (313) 477-3578.

Dress for the Cure

See the latest styles from Parisian, and contribute to a good cause by attending the "Dress for the Cure Fashion Show," 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at the Rochester High School Auditorium (doors at 7 p.m.). The semi-formal evening, organized by

fashionista and RHS senior-to-be Lauren Thomasson, includes prize drawings, a silent auction and bake sale. Tickets, \$7, benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. To reserve your seat, call Lauren at (248) 495-2760 or e-mail dressforthecuretickets@yahoo.com.

Carnival Kid Fest!

Get a jump on back-to-school shopping at Carnival Kid Fest, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at Parisian Laurel Park Place. Enjoy children's fashion shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., light refreshments, a character guest, face painting, a bean bag toss and register-to-wins with the drawings at 1 p.m. Call (734) 953-7500.

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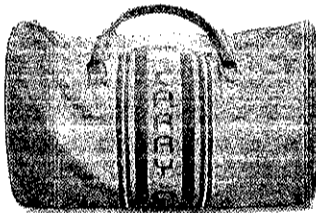
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