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Post-school planning

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park presents "Post High School Planning-Explore Your Future'' at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at Plymouth High School.

The program is designed to provide juniors and their parents with information to prepare them for senior year and post-high school planning. However, students at all grade levels are welcome to attend.

"There are many important decisions that need to be made during the senior year," said Jan Kavulich, Plymouth counselor

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John Ward of Canton fills up his 1994 Chevy truck. He pumps only \$10 at a time.

Sticker shock

Gas prices fuel mixed bag of responses from Canton motorists

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Contractor Vince Bove of Fenton doesn't know exactly how much it costs to fill his 2003 Ford F-250 pickup with gasoline.

He was pumping gas into the big beast at the Sunoco station at Joy and Lilley roads Monday morning.

When the pump hit \$50, it shut off. "I used to be able to fill it for \$50," Bove said. "Now it must take \$55 or \$60, but I don't know for sure because the pumps shut off at \$50."

Actually, according to service station operators, that shut-off is a function of the credit card and not the pumps. It depends on how the cards are programmed.

Bove was paying \$1.79 for regular unleaded at the Sunoco station, where premium was going for \$1.97.

Bove said he puts about \$900 a month into his gas tank.

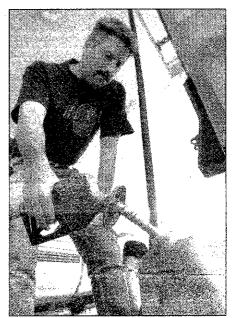
"I don't complain," he said. "There's nothing we can do about it. I drive a lot of miles. I'm on the road every day all over southeast Michigan."

With prices continuing to rise and predictions of \$2 a gallon coming by summer, Bove is philosophical.

"It just raises the cost of doing business," he said.

About a mile away at the Marathon station at Lilley and Warren, unleaded was selling for \$1.78 and premium for \$1.99.

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Brian Bileti of Canton fills up his gas container to fuel his lawnmower, a much cheaper buy than for the pickup he drives.

Bond vote set for fall

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school district residents this fall will get a chance to decide the fate of a nearly \$107 million bond issue that includes money for a new elementary school in southwest Canton.

The board Tuesday night told Supt. Jim Ryan to prepare for a bond issue that will include \$91 million for needed repairs at every school in the district, \$1 million for fixes at Central Middle School, plus approximately \$14 million for the elementary school to be constructed in Cherry Hill Village.

Because Tuesday's meeting was a workshop session, the board will vote to move forward with the bond issue at its April 27 meeting. The date for the bond issue has yet been determined; however, Ryan earlier suggested holding the election in September or October.

The \$91 million in needs was determined by a bond steering committee, which took a year studying what upgrades are needed throughout the district. Board President Judy Mardigian said it's time to make the needed renovations.

"The last time we did an overall assessment of our needs was 1996, so there's been a long time in between," she said. "The needs are going to be unavoidable. If you look at what it potentially will cost the community, it's a pretty good bang for the buck."

According to district executive director of business services Patricia Brand, the bond would cost a taxpayer with a house valued at \$235,000 approximately \$123 a year in increased taxes.

"We have the lowest interest rates we've seen in a long time," said Trustee Carol Saunders. "If we're going to do this, the time is now."

None of the board members disputed the need for a new elementary school, which is expected to be constructed on property bought by the district for \$1.2 million at Cherry Hill and Denton roads.

"I'm pleased they're going to look at an elementary school, because I believe that need exists in Canton," said Ryan. "That's where our growth is."

However, five of the seven board members felt it's not the time to add money to the bond for construction of a new middle school in Canton.

"Hopefully, by giving this information earlier, students will be better prepared to make decisions for their future."

Keynote speaker is Andrew Wright, senior assistant director, Eastern Michigan University, who will talk about "The Collection Selection Process." Elaine Malafouris, a financial aid advisor from Schoolcraft College, offers a mini-seminar on financial aid.

Students will be able to browse, receive information and speak with people from colleges, trade schools and the military.

LaJoy announces his bid for another state term

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Surrounded by friends and family, state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) announced Monday night that he'll seek re-election to the 21st District House seat in November.

"Helping people is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job," he said. "And I want to continue to work hard to make western Wayne County a better place to live." LaJoy, who is in his first

term in the Michigan House, was introduced by his son Chris while son Todd and wife Jean looked on.



State Rep. Phil LaJoy of Canton

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) was in the small audience, along with other

Canton officials and friends. LaJoy was elected to the post in 2002, filling the seat left open by Patterson when he was elected to the Senate.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be a state representative," he said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed helping residents and want to continue to work hard to meet our area's needs."

Citing his accomplishments over the last year and three months, LaJoy pointed to legislation he sponsored in a jobs package that protects and creates manufacturing jobs. His bill, which has been signed by the governor, gives high school students easier

access to skilled trade apprenticeship programs.

"Improving our economy and creating jobs have got to be two of our main priorities in Lansing," he said. "The Legislature must continue to work in a concerted effort to help drive Michigan's economic recovery."

LaJoy, who spent years operating his own human resources company, served three terms on the Canton Board of Trustees before being elected to the House.

The 21st District includes Van Buren Township, the city of Belleville and all of Canton except for a narrow strip east of I-275.

"I'm very concerned about the economy," said Mardigian. "I want to ... look at as many possibilities and educational opportunities as possible (for Central). I'm not sure we can do that for this bond."

Trustee Tom Wysocki believes there is immediate need for a new middle school, and with interest rates so low the district should borrow the money

"We have a good amount of support in Canton for construction of a new middle school," he said. "We have a fair amount of transportation costs moving kids from one end (of the district) to another because of the way our middle schools are lined up geographically (all in Plymouth and Plymouth Township)."

Ryan previously suggested to the board that a bond issue for improvements to Central be held sometime in the future, along with asking voters to

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Local man decided to 'put up'

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

When Ralph Shufeldt retired from the Air Force in 1977 after 20 years service, he and his wife rented an apartment in Canton.

A native of Detroit (he graduated from Cody High School), Shufeldt wanted to return to the area for his last tour of duty because his mother was ill.

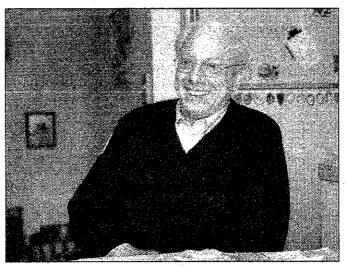
He requested an assignment as a recruiter and was assigned to the Ann Arbor area.

He and his wife, Juwan, his high school sweetheart, took the Canton apartment and became involved in Geneva Presbyterian Church.

"In the mid-'80s," he recalled, "I started making a few comments about the community and Jim Poole, who was township supervisor at the time, told me to put up or shut up."

Shufeldt agreed to put up and Poole appointed him to the board of the Nankin Transit Commission, which at that time provided bus services for seniors in the western Wayne County area that included Canton.

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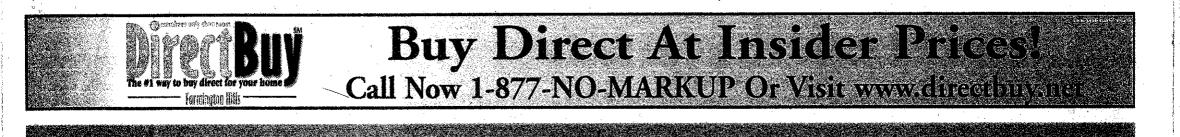


Ralph Shufeldt first got involved in Canton when former Supervisor Jim Poole reacted to his many comments.

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BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Private detention ponds

treated to prevent virus

In an effort to help prevent West Nile virus, Canton is again this year treating private detention ponds in the community.

Treatments will focus on controlling mosquito populations, according to Bill Serchak, assistant township engineer.

"It's a bacterial treatment that disperses within the pond," Serchak said. "It prevents mosquito larvae from growing to the adult stage."

Serchak said several residents have asked if spray will be used. It won't.

While the township will not treat private fish ponds or anything other than a designated detention pond, it will treat those, even if they are on residential or commercial property.

"We'll treat any detention pond in a residential area, site condos or even commercial," Serchak said. "We also have quite a few township-owned ponds that we are treating." Last year the township treat-

ed about 35 detention ponds belonging to private property owners.

For those ponds to be treated, a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality must first be completed. Also required is a waiver/hold harmless letter that can be obtained from Canton's Public Works Division.

For more information, contact public works at (734) 394-5150 or access information online at www.canton-mi.org.

Serchak said typically detention ponds are not major breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

"They tend to like shallow stagnant water," he said. "Large ponds with several feet of water or those with waves are not an ideal breeding ground."

Mosquitoes frequently breed in stagnant water less than one foot deep. Gutters, buckets, bird baths and pool covers are typical breeding grounds.

The treatment program will involve treating detention ponds once a month from May through August. An additional September treatment may be added, depending on weather conditions.

Serchak said mosquitoes haven't been a problem so far this year.

"We've had a few inquiries," he said. "Once we get a little bit of rain, we'll get more calls."

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WRAPPING UP

Thirty-three eighth graders are primed for success with their completion of the Youth Leadership Canton program. They will graduate Monday, April 26 in a ceremony at the Summit on the Park.

The students will be honored for their achievements in the past six months, which include a nature retreat, a community service day, and a public safety day. The program is designed to help the students develop their leadership and citizenship skills. Throughout the programs, students learned the value of teamwork, and an understanding of good leadership characteristics.

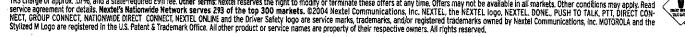
The Youth Leadership Canton program is sponsored by the Canton government, are \$35 at the door. The event is sponsored by Holiday Market and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township.

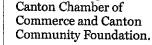
For more information, contact Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

FLOWERS GALORE

It's your choice of New Guinea impatiens or geraniums, or both. And you can get them through the Canton Historical Society, which is taking pre-paid order for 10inch hanging baskets.

Your choices are the impatiens in orange, pink, red, purple or white. Geraniums are available in salmon, pink, red or rose.





TOAST THE COMMUNITY

Benefit the Canton Youth Development Outreach Program, the Canton Community Foundation, the March of Dimes and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund by tasting wine and food 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 7 at

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill. You will have choices from among 20 wine tables with a variety of red and white wines. Beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for tasting. Hors d'oeuvres, provided by Holiday Market, entertainment and door prizes are included.

Tickets are \$30 in advance at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. At the door tickets Flowers may be picked up noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Canton Historical Museum at the corner of Canton Center and Heritage. You may also buy cash and carry flowers on May 1, as well as again at noon-4 p.m. May 8.

For more information, call the museum at (734) 397-0088 or Kay at (734) 453-9266.

LINE UP

The Canton Liberty Fest Parade Committee is taking applications for the 3rd Annual Community Parade at the Liberty Fest Saturday, June 19. This year, Canton Center Road will be closed for the parade.

For more information, contact co-chair Fred Bolden at fbolden@bcbsm.com or cochair Debbie Zevalkink at dzevalkink@canton-mi.org or at (734) 394-5188.

Contest a way to honor mom

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is partnering with Tamara Spa and Thrifty Florist to honor 10 lucky moms. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and your mom could win a day at the spa or a dozen red roses.

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Community members honored as Achievers

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Two of the Community Achievers will serve as the grand marshals for the annual parade during Liberty Fest.

"They are so wonderful," said Debbie Zevalkink, co-chair of the 3rd Annual Community Parade, of the two achievers.

Kyle Siarto and Sean Bowers were honored Sunday at the Canton Community Hours program. Their awards were presented Joel Smith, Special Olympics Area 23 director, and Terry Jobbitt, Special Olympics Area 23 assistant director.

To qualify, both were required to earn gold medals in the Michigan State Summer Special Olympics. Siarto and Bowers came home with medals from the Special Olympics World Games in Ireland. Siarto earned four bronze medals in power lifting. Bowers received three gold medals and one silver in power lifting.

Siarto was honored as "a true inspiration to the Canton Community," while Bowers was recognized for "his dedication and determination."

The Sunday program featured honorees who received **Community Supporter Awards** and Community Achiever Awards.

In addition to Siarto and

Bowers, world-class figure skaters Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto also were honored as community achievers. The ice dancers recently placed fifth in the World Ice Dancing competition, the highest rank for U.S. skaters in 14 years. They are also the current National Ice Dancing Champions. Belbin and Agosto train out of the Arctic Edge in Canton. In 1999, they were ranked as the World Junior champions. **Community Supporter** Awards were given to:

Katherine Naszradi: Honored as a "great character model for all ages," she serves on the Youth Advisory Council for Canton, and is a 2002 graduate of Youth Leadership Canton. She started A.C.T.I.V.E - All of the Community's Teens Involved in Volunteering Everyday, which connects teens with community service projects.

Katherine, high school sophomore, also has been involved in First Step, a Walk for Habitat Humanity, and a mission trip to urban Chicago to work with underprivileged children.

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill: Called a "tremendous corporate citizen," Waltonwood hosted the Relay for Life kickoff, saving the group more than \$1,000. It also offered the facility for the Annual Wine

Tasting for Charity, as well as Youth Leadership Canton Community Service Day, chamber of commerce meetings, Brownie and Girl Scout troops, homeowners associations and Canton business meetings.

Waltonwood supports the Canton Foundation Winter Ball, Relay for Life, Canton Chamber Holiday Party, Liberty Fest, Leadership Canton, Senior Safe, Sound and Secure Conference.

Barb King: Called a "true community supporter," King is known for organizing the annual Storytelling Festival for Canton Project Arts. She is a valued member of Project Arts and is always ready to help.

Bart Patterson: Considered a dedicated leader, Patterson has been a director for the Canton Chamber of Commerce for years and is the current president-elect. He has been co-chair for the Leadership Canton program for the last three years and is planning the chamber's Annual Golf Outing this year.

Patterson is a member of the Relay for Life committee and volunteers his time to do Canton This Month cable television segments.

Dr. Judi Fleischaker: She is an active member of the Canton chamber and a founding and current member of the Youth Leadership Canton Steering Committee. Fleischaker has been the cochair for Leadership Canton for three years.

Michael Simowski: He is director of the Senior Alliance and gives of his own time to volunteer for the senior community in Canton. He volunteers holiday time to the Holiday Home Delivery Meals program and has served on his homeowners association. He was recently elected to the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and serves on a number of committees. He also serves on the Leadership Canton Steering Committee and has been elected as co-chair for 2004-2005. "Mike's enthusiasm and dedication to the Canton community are very much appreciated."

Todd LaJoy: At 27, LaJoy began his community service career as an ambassador for the chamber of commerce. His now the current and youngest president of the chamber. This vear he is planning the chamber golf outing, participated on the Leadership Canton Steering Committee, served on Leadership Canton Alumni Association Wine Tasting for Charity. "Todd is a true example of an individual who is a YES person and exemplifies what a community supporter



Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto are internationally known skaters, who were honored Sunday as Community Achievers.





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Business: Fast Lane Ouick Oil Change

Address: 5881 N. Canton Center Owners: Warren Radgens, Nick Jones and Adam Davis Established: 2003 Principal products: Oil change Number of employees: 6

'There's always an owner or staff who cares about the customer.'

Owners bring customers a visible high-tech service at Fast Lane

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

If you have ever wondered what those mechanics are doing under your car hood, Fast Lane Quick Oil Change has an answer.

"They can see what we are doing on TV," said owner Warren Radgens, who shares ownership with Adam Davis and Nick Jones.

At each of the bays at Fast Lane, 5881 N. Canton Center, a movable TV looms overhead, but within view of the customer who remains in the vehicle. The customer can see

every move the staff member makes on the vehicle.

But the owners have introduced yet another quality control effort - the second check. Once the oil change is completed, the staff announces the go-ahead for a second check and that is literally what's done.

"He calls out commands from down there," Radgens said, pointing to the pit below a customer's vehicle.

Fast Lane opened in mid-September 2003, right next to Auto Lab, which is owned by Radgens. Jones and Davis worked for him next door and when Radgens decided it was

time to open a business devoted to oil changes, the two young men were his top choices.

"This place opened and we both got an opportunity," Davis said. The decision to open Fast

Lane was prompted by the high demand for oil changes by customers at Auto Lab, which is a diagnostics business.

But the three owners wanted Fast Lane to be more than just another oil change place. "Our biggest goal was to improve on all the flaws we have seen," said Jones, who with Davis has worked at a number of other oil change shops.

For the owners, complete customer satisfaction is the goal. "We service vehicles like we would our own. We take extra time on it, too," Jones said.

Radgens calls Fast Lane "the Taj Mahal of oil changes." It is spotless - the owners aim to keep it that way - and it is high-tech with the televisions and the system under which they operate. The ventilation system is massive. "There's never any fumes that build up in here," Radgens said.

Each time a new customer comes in, his or her Vehicle Identification Number is logged into the computer, from which comes up all the information on the vehicle. From that point, staff keeps a computerized accounting of what is done to the vehicle and what



Here's the crew at Fast Lane: Owner Warren Radgens, and co-owners Adam Davis and Nick Jones, as well as employees Joe Hubel and Bryon Kindernay, Allen Leszczynski and Chris Perkins.

products are used.

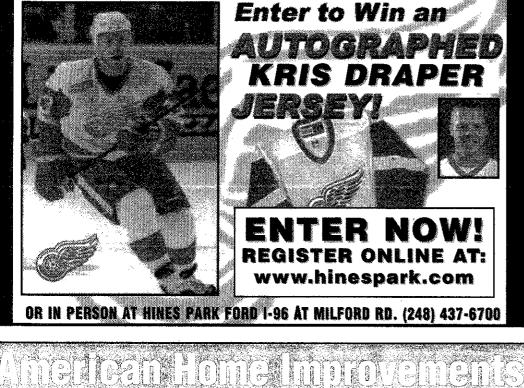
There can never be a mistake. The (initial) information comes right from the manufacturer," Radgens said.

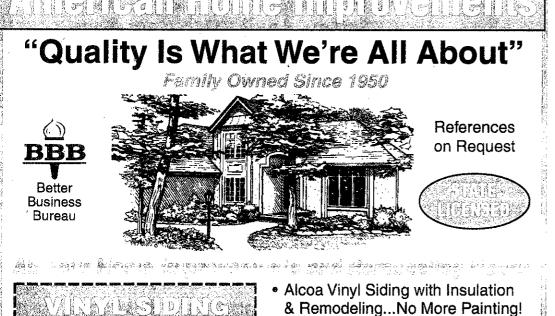
Downstairs is an open basement, with the so-called pit under the cars clean and designed to keep workers safe and able to reach all necessary tools and equipment. Used oil is kept in another section of the basement, where it is collected

and recycled by Valvoline.

Speaking of Valvoline, that's what Fast Lane uses. "We have a theory. We put in what we would put in our own vehicles," Radgens said. Adams and Davis are buoyed by customer response. Their delight comes when a spouse runs home after an oil change and brings back the other car.

"It's a great feeling when people praise us," Jones said.



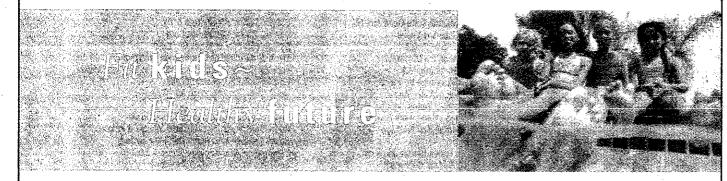






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Famie serves up tales for library friends

BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON STAFF WRITER

Chef Keith Famie - restaurateur, "Survivor" star and now author - brings tales of his adventures in and outside kitchens to a local audience next month.

Friends' organizations that support Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth district libraries will host the chef at noon May 4. The \$25 tickets for the luncheon and talk are available only at the four libraries through April 30 and will not be for sale at the door.

The fund-raiser will be at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Those attending the open-to-the-public event will be served a tossed salad, chicken cordon bleu, and strawberry sundae.

"I'm excited about it," said Northville Friends member Jeanne Storm. "I think he will be very interesting because he's such a personality. I think you'll have a wonderful afternoon."

Since library supporters initiated the series in 1987, they have hosted as many as 300 for the annual author event, Storm said. Famie's fame could draw that many again. The charismatic cook first hit the local scene when he landed the role of chef de cuisine at the former Chez Raphael in Novi.

After earning awards for creative fine dining during his tenure at that restaurant, he founded his own restaurant in 1988, Les Auteur in Royal Oak. Garnering accolades and celebrity in subsequent years, the chef in 1998 formed the multi-media entertainment company which to this day manages all aspects of his career.

kitchens in the late 1970s now is involved in television production, special appearances, product development, his adventurechef.com Web site and cookbook publications.

television program "Survivor II: The Australian



Chef Keith Famie serves one of his dishes, Boboti, to Courtney Mcgivney during a recent cooking class.

Outback," led to a show series that enabled him to travel the world in search of new cuisines and cultures. Sleeping Bear Press in 2001 published Famie's "Adventures in Cooking" cookbook, and "Yes, I Can Cook Rice and So Can You." "You Really Haven't Been There Until You've Eaten

WSDP recognized as the 'Station of the Year'

WSDP, 88.1 FM, has been designated as the High School Station of the Year by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters.

April 7 at Canton High School. It was presented in recognition of WSDP's "outstanding community service and promotion of educational radio."

To be considered for Station of the Year, member stations were required to submit a onepage summary of a particular achievement from the past year. WSDP's entry focused on the series of broadcast symposiums the station hosted. The

to meet with professional broadcasters from various careers.

This is the second consecutive year the station has been recognized as Station of the Year. WSDP has received the award eight times in 13 years.

Scott Decker, Canton soph-

Silver award for production; silver award for sports play-by-

Brian Smith, Canton senior. Silver award for aircheck; bronze for news/sportscast.

more. Gold award for production.

Bonnie Staley, Canton duction.

DEATHS

Thomas R. Ashe, Jr., 60, of Redford, died April 18. Charles L. Biddinger, 84, of Novi,

died April 17. Albert Bizer, 83, died April 15. C

Margaret M. Cronyn, 85, of Orchard Lake, died April 16.

Donald H. Feldpausch, 84, of Farmington Hills, died April 15. Marie E. Fox, 88, of Westland, died April 14.

Donald Edward Madsen Sr., 81, of Redford Township, died April 19. Marguerite T. Marville, 77, of Canton, died April 15.

Rose T. Pepka, 84, of Stuart, Fla., died April 13.

Joseph L. Randolf, 79, of Redford Township, died April 14.

April 18.

Police that someone broke into an abandoned house that she owns on Saltz Road and stole or damaged numerous items. She said the family had vacated the house two years ago because of a problem with black mold and it had been unoccupied since then, although many furnishings and possessions were left in the house. When the family checked the house between April 16 and April 19, someone had apparently broken in through the back door and stole or damaged several items. Missing were two color televisions with built-in VCRs, a video camera and a stereo and speakers. A couch, love seat, chair, end table, king-size bed and 48-inch TV were damaged or destroyed. An employee of Power Train



FOR THE RECORD

For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home section in Passages on page C9.

Products on Van Born Road said someone driving an unknown type of vehicle damaged the grass on the company's property. Police said tracks were visible on the lawn apparently traveling in a circular direction. Damage was estimated at \$1,500.



A resident of the 48000 block of Fifth Avenue reported someone destroyed his mailbox on April 20 sometime between 7 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Damaged was estimated at \$100. Door taken

A garage door was stolen from a construction site in the 3900 block of Norwich on April 14.

An employee said the \$300 door was lying on the floor of the unfinished garage. Tire taken

A resident of Carriage Cove said someone jacked up her car, which was parked on the complex parking lot, on April 20 and stole the passenger side front tire.

The vehicle was left up on the jack Cars damaged

A Canton resident said someone hit her 2004 Honda with a shopping cart while it was parked on the Target parking lot. Damage was estimated at \$500.







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SHUFELDT FROM PAGE A1

Shufeldt served on the commission from 1987-93, was selected as chairman in 1993 and held that post until 1995.

Meanwhile, in 1988, Tom Yack was elected supervisor and asked Shufeldt if he'd like to be more involved with the community. He was appointed to the board of governors of Canton Place, the senior housing facility at Sheldon and Ford roads, and served as president of the board for three years. 1

Yack then asked him if he

Mr. Curmi arriving at 7:07 p.m.

Service Aides and Dispatchers.

Mr. Curmi arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Edwards. Ayes all.

Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi absent.

by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi absent.

would like to serve on the Downtown Development Authority board, which had been dormant for about four years.

"I think everybody has a responsibility to give back to the community in some form," Shufeldt said. "So I said yes."

He served on the DDA board from 1988 until 1998, when he was selected chairman, a post he held until resigning last vear.

After 20 years in the Air Force, he retired as a master sergeant. He was an audio visual superintendent, supervisor of a photo lab, graphics lab and film library. Not yet 40 years old,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in

the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, with

Supervisor Mann read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 11-

17, 2004, as National Telecommunicator's Week, honoring Police

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Agenda for the April 13, 2004,

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded by Ms.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the April

13, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded

Mr. Curmi asked that the word "agreed" be removed from the

Workshop minutes regarding setting up the passport program. Mrs.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Planned Unit Development Option

and General Development Plan for the St. John's Complex for

approximately 175 acres that are located east of Sheldon Road and south of Five Mile for Application No. 1828/0204. Seconded by Mr.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the DPW to advertise for bids for the

sanitary sewer cleaning and internal inspection as outlined in the

Township Engineer's report; bids will be brought back to the Board for consideration of award. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Change Order No. 5 on the Contract with CTI for continued groundwater sampling, free product recovery,

hydraulic testing and miscellaneous engineering and reporting,

increasing the amount of the Contract by \$10,639.75 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by

Mrs. Massengill. AYES: Griffith, Massengill, Arnold, Edwards,

Mr. Griffith moved that April 27, 2004, be established for public

hearing on the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for the

rehabilitation of their facility located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro

West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution 04-04-13-14 in which

the Township recognizes the Flexible Spending Plan, known as the

Charter Township of Plymouth's Cafeteria Plan for Township Employees, under the Health Insurance Portability and

Massengill said she'd be happy to add that Mr. Curmi said no.

Shufeldt said he "didn't know what I wanted to do when I grew up."

He worked as a line supervisor at Ford Motor Co. until he was laid off in 1979. For a while he worked at a Radio Shack store in Canton, sold cars at North Brothers Ford for 2 1/2 years, then got into the life insurance business.

From there he moved into financial consulting and Dec. 31 of last year retired from Oppenheimer Financial Services. He was 63 years old. "I tried retirement and didn't

like it," he said. A friend who worked at Nankin Transit, which no longer serves Canton but

communities, asked him if he'd like to drive a bus, transporting seniors to wherever they needed to go. Shufeldt agreed. And the former chairman of Nankin Transit became a bus driver.

serves other western Wayne

"And I love it," he said. "There's no more stress and strain on the emotional side." Active in many areas of the

Canton community, Shufeldt takes little credit for himself. "Any success I've had in Canton I owe to a lot of people," he said. "Tom Yack, John

and Nancy Spencer, Bob Shefferly, Kathleen Salla and especially Jim Poole – he's the guy who got me started."

Accountability Act (HIPAA), making the Township a "covered entity" and a "hybrid entity"under HIPAA, with business activities that include both covered and non-covered functions, in accordance with 45 CFR 164.504. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to accept the proposed expenditures in the amounts of \$28,468.84 for the Police Department and \$25,695.00 for the Fire Department for equipment approved by the Department of Homeland Security and the provisions of the Grant for the 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes

Mr. Curmi and Mr. Edwards discussed the differences between constitutional and statutory revenue sharing, and the possible effects of eliminating or reducing the statutory portion.

Mr. Edwards said the effects would not be known until after the August primary election.

Mr. Mann, in answer to Ms. Arnold's question, stated that a study session with the Township Building Advisory Committee would be held in a week to ten days

At 7:54 p.m. Mrs. Massengill moved that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing "CSX v Plymouth Township and McLenahan". This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Acts, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, paragraph (e). Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to return to open session at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved that the Consent Agreement with CSX be approved as presented by Attorney Cronin. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk	Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township	Charter Township
of Plymouth	of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on April 13, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on April 27, 2004.

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BOND

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approve a new middle school in Canton. The district has already purchased property on Cherry Hill Road, west of Canton Center, for the building if board members decide to construct a new school.

The board did resolve at the workshop session to include \$1 million in the bond issue to address immediate repairs at Central. However, until a decision is made on what to do with the former high school, trustees decided not to add \$5.8 million for more permanent repairs and air conditioning.

GAS

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John Ward of Canton was pumping regular into his 1994 Chevrolet S-10.

"I just do 10 bucks at a time," he said. "I come back every three or four days. I think it's ridiculous."

At the same station Brian Bileti of Canton, a real estate agent, was getting gas for his lawn mower. He was driving a four-wheel drive half-ton truck with a "big V-8."

He said he drives a lot of miles and it usually takes about \$40 to fill up.

"Before we were spoiled with low gas prices," he said. "As Americans we get spoiled and we drive these big vehicles now. Unfortunately for people who use their vehicles for jobs, it's tough." But Geraldine Allen, who

A separate question on the ballot will be the renewal of the 18-mill, non-homestead tax for five years, which generates at least \$27 million a year for the district.

"That's absolutely essential to the operation of this school district," said Saunders. "Without that money, we would have to lay off tons of people."

Despite the fact many voters in the current economic tide don't want tax increases, Mardigian believes residents will support the needs of the district.

"I think if we educate the community and make our case that we really need these things, the community will step up," she said.

lives near the Marathon station, said she doesn't worry about the price.

"I don't even look at the pump," she said. "What's the point? I have to get from A to B. I've got to get my daughter to school. I have to go to work. I have to go to the doctor. There's no point in worrying about the price."

But Don Massecar, a network engineer from Canton, had a different point of view at the Mobil station and Cherry Hill and Lilley, where regular was going for \$1.83 with premium at \$1.93.

"I'm just getting enough to get me where I'm going," he said. "Probably about five or 10 bucks worth. I usually just put in enough to get me where I've got to go."

What about predictions of \$2 a gallon by summer? "I'll be doing a lot of walking," he said. "Or staying home."

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1, Supervisor

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TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING -DESCRIBED LANDS:

Mann. NAYS: Curmi. Motion carried.

Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

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OF 920.00 FEET: THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET; THENCE N.00°00'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E. TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S.00°32'02" E., A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18, T.2S, R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.00°35'21"E., 1077.81'; THENCE S.89°53'35"W., 1311.53'; THENCE N.00°24'05"W., 427.01'; THENCE N.89°47'22"W., TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) AS MONUMENTED, 442.52'; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD, N.30°21'18"E., 28.23'; THENCE S.89°51'16"W., 401.15'; THENCE S.43°26'10"W., 274.59'; THENCE S.89°51'16"W., TO A POINT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 307.41'; THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE N.00°18'09"W., TO THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 18; 817.58'; THENCE ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 N.89°45'51"E. 741.54'; THENCE S.30°27'16"W., 162.80'; THENCE S.59°42'27"E. TO A POINT OF THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) 451.50'; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD, N.30°21'18"E., TO A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 429.06'; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID EAST WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SALTZ ROAD (66.00' WIDE), N.89°45'51" E. 1367.67' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 50.2540 ACRES. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN RIDGE ROAD AND THE NORTHERLY 33.00' (SALTZ ROAD).

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Denton Road north of Cherry Hill Road.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above-described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district.

> Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Charter Township of Canton

Publish: April 15 & 22, 2004

For a period of 30 days beginning April 22, 2004, the public will be invited to comment on the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) action plan, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees after a public hearing on April 13, 2004. The action plan will be forwarded to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 2004. Any comments received during the public comment period will be added to the action plan. The action plan is as follows: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,100; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Summit Scholarship, \$1,500; Human Services Center Construction, \$275,000; Program Administration, \$85,200; Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. Allocation total: \$434,000. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194. Ex. 5194.

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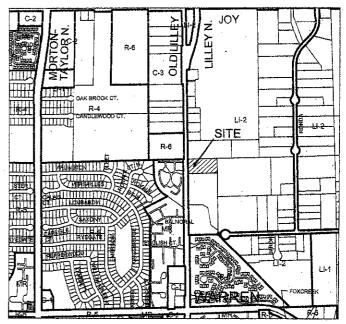
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk OE08206479

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 3, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

NITZSCHKE'S BLACK BELT ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02 B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 008 99 0001 709. Property is located east of Lilley between Joy and Warren Road.



SECTION 2

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 29, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Contest lets kids win jewelry for their mom

All metro Detroit children attending 3rd through 8th grades are invited to describe in one hundred words or less why their mother is the "Greatest Mom in the World." Murray's Jewelry is offering each child a chance to give their mom a beautiful 1/2 carat diamond heart pendant, valued at \$700 for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9.

There will be two Grand Prize Winners. One will be selected from 3rd through 5th grade, and a second from 6th through 8th grade. There will also be four runners up winners, two selected from each group. The winners will be selected by a panel of judges.

In honor of all entrants, each mom will receive a certificate honoring them as "The Greatest Mom in the World,"

ROAD WORK

road construction projects currently taking place in Canton, as well as an update on locations of resurfacing road projects, utility extensions, sidewalk programs and traffic signals.

Lotz Road paving

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return your phone and pay only for usage. place prior to paving, which will start on April 30. The road will need one week to cure after Already a customer? Stop by one of our stores today and paving. upgrade to our best network ever. Michigan Avenue (Belleville to Denton) -Construction started April 12. One lane of traffic on the out-SIGN UP WITH OUR LOCAL PLAN side lanes is permitted due to AND GET 600 ANYTIME MINUTES construction within the median. Traffic will be switched in Unlimited night & weekend minutes July to the inside lanes to allow Unlimited mobile-to-mobile minutes for completion of the outside lanes. No nationwide long distance charges MO. Beck Road will remain open. All with the AT&T Wireless GSM America Local plan from your applicable Service Area Several crossovers will be with a 2-year agreement. See below for activation fee and monthly charges . closed, however. Alternate routes are advised until construction is completed in early October. And Market States New concrete pavement will be placed for the reconstruction of Michigan Avenue. ADDED BONUS Buy one for \$4999 CANTON get one FREE. Ford Rd 1 Mile W. of I-27! \$5.50 Kids all shows 844-FILM Nokia 3100 with color screen. After \$140 in \$7.00 Students & Late Show Fri & Sat instant activation credits and a \$50 mail-in rebate 6.00 DAILY Matinees til 6pm ALL SCREENS DIGITAL STERE Sugg. retail price \$119.99 ea. Sales tax applies O No Passes Unlimited Free Drink & .25¢ Corn Refills MOVIE GUIDE CLICK 🛞 attwireless.com VISIT 🌑 any AT&T Wireless store CALL 🛞 1 800 SWITCH ME SPRING MATINEES FOR EVERYONE AT&T Wireless Stores Gift Cards now available at most AT&T Wireless stores - perfect for any occasion! DADDY DAYCARE (PG) AUBURN HILLS CANTON FAIRLANE TOWN CENTER MADISON HEIGHTS C NEW D 43241 FURD ROAD 734 981-2107 43267 Clescent Blvd 248 347 1843 3922 Baldwin Rd 248 745-3806 LAKESIDE MALL 18900 Michiga 313 253-3999 32800 John F. 248 589-2770 14600 Lakesid 586 532-2580 BIRMINGHAM DEARBORN MONROE. MI ROSEVILLE FLINT LIVONIA 34200 Woodward Ave 248 593-8579 37677 Six Mile Rid 734 462-1110 3292 Linder: Street 810 733-1770 Frepchaukin Square Mad 734 243-0533 22137 Michigati A.: 313 565-2680 31902 Gratiot 586 293-0142 BRIARWOOD MALL 814 Briarwood Circle 734 913-9257 CHEW D HURON VILLAGE 3217 Washentaw Blvd 734 973-2043 DETROIT 2660 E. Jetterson 313 259-1178 SHOWTIMES 4/23 - 4/29 OMAN ON FIRE (R) 11:30, 2:40, 6:50, 9:30 0:13 60106 0H 380 (PG-13) 2 PRINTS/2 SCREEMS 11:45, 12:20, 1:55, 2:30, 4:10, 4:40, 7:00, 7:3 SHOWTIMES 4/23 - 4/29 11:45, 12:20, 1:55, 2:30, 4:10, 4:40, 7:00, 7:30, 10, 9:45 FRI/SAT LS 11:20, 11:50 Important Information COKALL SILL, VOL. 2 (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 ELLA ENCRANTED (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10 JERSEY GIAL (PG-13) 9:15 FRI/SAT LS 11:30 The Prince and me (PG) 7:20 SCOOBY-DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED (PG) 2:15, 2:15, 4:20 WHOLE TEN YARDS (PG-13) 9:40 RI/SAT LS 11:45

30-Day Challenge: Purchase a wireless phone and activate service at an AT&T Wireless store or at attwireless com. Return undamaged phone for refund in first 30 days and pay only for prorated monthly service charges and other usage charges. Instant Activation Credits: Only available at AT&T Wireless Stores, attwineless, com and 1 800 SWITCH ME. \$50 Mail-in Rebate: Must be active for 30 days and when rebate is processed. Allow

8-10 weeks for rebate check. See rebate form for full details. Mail-in rebates not available in CT. The GSM letter mark is a trademark of the GSM Association. @2004 AT&T Wireless. All Rights Reserved.

and a \$10 Murray's Jewelry Gift Card.

The contest rules are simple:

1. Essay must be 100 words or less, handwritten, and legible 2. Include your name, age, school and grade

3. You may submit only one (1) essay

4. You may submit your essay in person or through the mail to: Murray's Jewelry-Greatest Mom in the World, 27207 Plymouth Road, Redford, MI 48239

5. Entries must be received by Monday, April 26, 2004. 6. Winners will be

announced on Tuesday, May 4. 2004 at noon.

For more information, please contact Barry Murray at (313) 533-4121 or barrym@murraysjewelry.com.

The Canton Observer's Web site, hometownlife.com, not only recorded record usage for the month of March but displayed extraordinary growth in the past month alone, according to Observer & Eccentric General Manager Peter Neill.

Iotal site hits for March were 42 million, nearly double those of a year ago.

The number of "visits," individuals who logged onto the hometownlife.com site in March, was 661,488, up nearly 8 percent from February. But the best available measure is "page views," which measures the number of pages on the site looked at by users.

Hometownlife.com registered 3,102.142 page views in March, up a whopping 33 percent from the past month.

"Hometownlife.com brings to web users the very best of HomeTown Communication Network's 40 Michigan community newspapers and 21 telephone directories," noted Dan Sutton, HomeTown Digital general manager.

Paper's Web site hits record usage

"The site includes local news from each of our various hometown newspapers, as well as searchable listings of their classified and retail advertising."

HomeTown **Communications** Network is the parent company of the Canton Observer and HomeTown Digital.

Help wanted ads showed particular growth last month on the hometownlife.com site, which at 386,645 page views showed a 33 percent gain over February.

Help wanted ads placed in

the Canton Observer are also run on the hometownlife.com site, with specially attractive job situations included in the "Hot Jobs" category.

"Putting your help wanted ad in the paper and getting the added reach through the web site is a terrific way for local employers to find capable employees at a time when the economy is finally growing again," Sutton said.

Real estate use on the site also increased substantially, with 122,692 page views in March, up 16 percent from February. The site includes listings of real estate for sale downloaded daily from the Multiple Listing Service computer files.

Additionally, the hometownlife.com site is offering a series of new products: Open houses and

properties for sale, searchable on the site by community, by agent and by broker.

A special feature, the "Map It" button, allows web users to find the exact location on a map displayed on the site.

Classified ads for garage sales that appear in the Canton Observer also appear on hometownlife.com. Clicking the "Map It" button displays the exact location of the sale site.

"I urge our customers to talk with their ad rep at their hometown paper or to call the HomeTown Digital sales staff at 1-800-989-4614. They can really help you develop a program to link your tightly focused advertising in our newspapers with the great reach our Web site provides," Sutton said.

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The following is an update on various Saltz Road paving (Canton Center to Ridge) - Construction How many bars is anticipated to begin in early June and completed by the end of September. New bituminous pavement and drainage improvements will occur for 2 do you have? miles. The road will have one lane in each direction. Project is out for bids and is anticipated to be awarded for construction in mid-May. INTRODUCING OUR BEST NETWORK EVER. (between Ford and Warren) -Wayne County is currently reviewing the bids to award the contract for construction. Project to start in the Summer 2004.The portion of the water main on the east side of Lotz Road will be relocated before the road is constructed. Double the coverage. Improved signal Lotz Road special assessment district (Michigan Avenue, south 1,500 feet) -Paving and drainage improvements began in early April. Take our 30-day challenge and see for yourself. The road is closed except for While no wireless carrier has perfect coverage everywhere, we're "local traffic" for residents and commercial. Follow the posted detour route. A temporary road will be in ATST Wireless CHEW SOMERSET COLLECTION 2800 W. Big Beaver Rc 248 614-1761 TWELVE OAKS MALL 27304-X Novi Road 248 449-9092 An additional monthly \$1.75 Regulatory Programs Fee applies to help fund our compliance with various government mandated programs which may not yet be available in your area. This is not a tax or gov't required charge. Requires qualified plan of \$39.99 or above, two-year agreement, compatible device and \$175 cancellation fee. New activations also require credit approval and \$36 activation fee. Not available for purchase or use in all areas. Portability eligibility varies. Usage is rounded up to the next full minute. Unused monthly allowances lost. Availability and reliability of service are subject to transmission limitations. All minutes available from applicable Service Area. Different rates apply when outside each applicable Service Area. Roaming, additional minute, and long distance charges apply. Various taxes, surcharges, fees and other assessments (e.g., universal connectivity charge) apply. Not available with other offers. Limited time offer. Other restrictions apply. Subject to Service Agreement and printed materials. Network and coverage: Our network includes areas we own and operate and areas owned and/or operated by other carriers. Some features work only on the portion of our network that we own and operate. Coverage is double the national GSM coverage area than was available last year; applies to availability to use service, not rates. Compatible device with 850 GSM MHz required to take full advantage of improvements. Unlimited Mobile-to-Mobile Minutes: Applies to calls placed to or received from the applicable Mobile-to-Mobile Service Area to or from another AT&T Wireless subscriber when both are on the portion of our domestic network that we own and operate and "AT&T" or "AT&T Wireless" is displayed on your phone. Night and Weekend Minutes: 9 p.m.- 5:59 a.m. Mon. - Fri: and Fri 9 p.m.- Mon. 5:59 a.m. Applicable long distance charges additional. Nationwide Long Distance: To anywhere in the 50 United States. Standard airbine charges apply.



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Enough talk, let voters decide

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Are Plymouth-Canton school district taxpayers willing to pay at least an additional \$60 per year to build a new elementary school in Canton, as well as complete myriad improvements, including air conditioning at existing schools?

That's the bottom line of any bond issue Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials put before taxpayers.

The \$112.5 million in bonds, suggested recently by Supt. Jim Ryan, would be good news for Canton. The township provides approximately 75 percent of the school district's student population, with a great percentage of those children bused to schools that can accommodate them.

Ryan also wants to put on a late September or early October ballot a request to renew the 18-mill, non-homestead millage for five years — paid by non-residential property owners. For the construction of a much-needed middle school — only one of the five middle schools is in Canton — Ryan suggests holding off for two years, following a bond issue for Central Middle School.

When it comes to money, need sometimes takes a back seat to the pocketbook, especially in tough economic times. If the growth of Canton and the demand by township parents is any indication, an additional 60 a year would likely pass — at least in Canton.

In the end, the only way to find out is to ask voters, which should be done this year.

Board Vice President Mark Slavens wants to see a separate issue on Central Middle School, also this fall. He is correct when he says "we have to look at the viability of a new middle school."

Equally important is his concern about spending more money, some \$19 million, to refurbish the declining middle school in downtown Plymouth. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack wouldn't disagree. He has been critical of the district spending additional money on the existing middle school, to which many Canton students are bused.

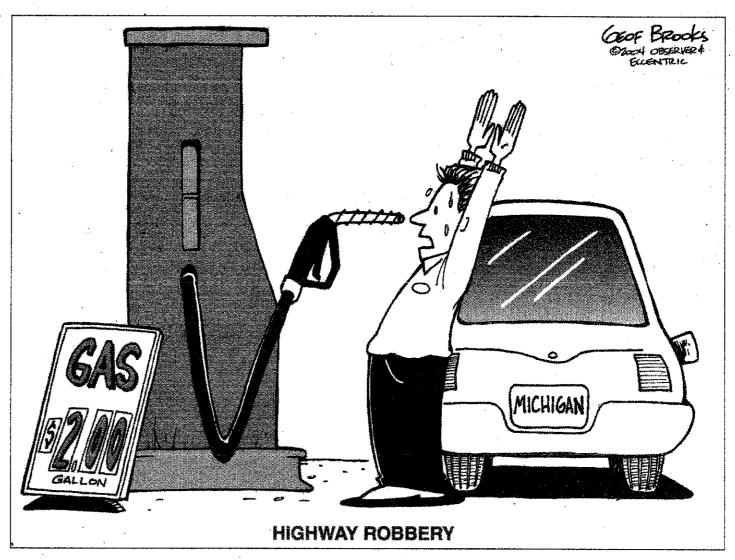
These decisions belong to voters. Plymouth-Canton is their school district and it will be their decision whether new schools are built in Canton and whether Central Middle School should be refurbished for school use or auxiliary use.

Mandatory MEAP is a necessary step

Faced with rigid requirements to prove they are doing their job, local school systems must go to great lengths to make high school students participate in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, more commonly known as MEAP. If that means requiring students to take the MEAP in order to earn a diploma, so be it.



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Take a moment

Americans love our libraries, and we show our appreciation by visiting libraries almost 1.2 billion times each year. The library is correctly perceived as a beneficial and benevolent pillar of the community, and serves as a central gathering place for the exploration and exchange of information and ideas.

Libraries are unique in providing educational, recreational and other useful materials to everyone, free of charge. In these difficult economic times, libraries are being utilized more than ever for job searches, computer classes and other resource needs. Library workers have risen to the challenge, providing personalized customer service on a daily basis to meet the diverse needs of our communities.

On Tuesday, April 20, during National Library Week, communities across the country celebrated the valuable contribution of our librarians and library support staff on the first National Library Workers Day.

LETTERS

Three girls from Discovery came to our home in Lyndon Village to support Traci and Micah. I do not know their names. However, I would like to give them praise for caring so much about a fellow student and his mother.

Other kids throughout Canton and Plymouth went out on Saturdays, Sundays and after school when they could have been at the mall shopping, the Summit shooting hoops or at home with friends watching movies. All of the students are worthy of recognition for not only raising money for Traci and Micah but also doing it with such enthusiasm and love.

Our community has so many other wonderful stories about our youth just waiting to be created. In the future, I would like to see more positive articles reflecting the good side of our teens.

Amber Glinderman

Canton

in sex with several of his 'co-stars' while on film.

Ron Jeremy is now making a living after narrowly escaping disfigurement or death from drugs, sexually transmitted diseases and the horde of deviants that gravitate towards pornography. He is showing a film of his life but you can bet any reference to child pornography, bestiality, snuff films, AIDS and the lack of teachers in our school systems will not be mentioned. They weren't even mentioned in the newspaper.

It makes one wonder why Ron Jeremy stopped working with special needs children — now that would be a story that the state police might find interesting.

Anyone planning on attending the show at The Magic Bag should consider giving their twenty dollars to a deserving charity like special education, AIDS research, child care or homeless shelters.

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Some districts — such as the South Redford School District — have recently made the MEAP mandatory for graduation. It's likely others will follow suit.

Driving these decisions are benchmarks set for Michigan public schools under accountability legislation known as Education Yes!, which in turn is linked to the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The process of evaluating school performance is today a tangled web of testing and self-reporting that's difficult for many people to digest. Michigan has begun issuing report cards to schools that gauge their performance. These report cards revolve around the MEAP.

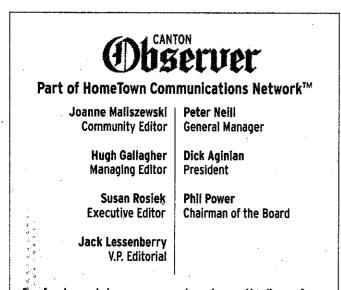
Although it's fair to question whether schools should be judged so significantly by standardized tests like the MEAP, that's the system in place and schools, it seems, are left with little choice but to make this a priority.

Our support for mandatory MEAP testing in high school stems from an Education Yes! requirement for 95 percent participation. Schools falling below that line haven't satisfied a benchmark known as "adequate yearly progress" and penalties can eventually result, regardless of whether students actually taking the test score well.

Although there are incentives for high school students to take the MEAP, such as \$2,500 for college if target scores are met, plenty of junior and seniors still opt out every year.

In fact, only three Oakland County high schools achieved AYP on the report cards issued earlier this year.

Strong-arming students into MEAP tests that are meaningless to them is a tough step, and it raises questions about whether those forced will even take the exams seriously. However, it's equally not fair for schools to be labeled failing and face consequences because a certain number of kids are exercising their right to skip the tests.



Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers. Libraries are part of the American dream — places for opportunity, education and lifelong learning — but that dream would not exist if not for the people staffing our libraries.

I encourage everyone to take a moment this week to thank library workers for the vital services they provide each and every day. Libraries work because library workers do!

Jean Tabor

library director Canton Public Library

Real 'Big Boys?'

Regarding the April 15 *Observer* article about the Ford Road Restaurant Big Boy statue, I'm sorry, I must have missed it. Is Canton Township now run by the same buffoons that inhabited township offices in the late 1970s?

Let me get this straight, we are wasting Canton Township taxpayers' money (mine) arguing in court as to whether the grievously offending statue is a sign, or art, or an icon? Perhaps we should reduce the township budget in the areas of attorneys, ordinance and zoning departments, and reassign these employees to more productive jobs like cutting the grass on playgrounds. Either that or force the township officials to appear in court wearing red and white-checked bib overalls, sticking their bellies out, so that the uninformed will know who the real "Big Boys" are.

Doug P. Tomayko

Canton

Wonderful teens

So often when teens get into trouble, the deed makes front-page coverage or TV news. Yet, youth that are doing terrific activities everyday are passed over.

Because of the situation with Traci McGuire and her son, Micah Weakland, teens are rallying together to help. Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor distributed throughout the community the family's medical and financial hardships. Micah has a brain abnormality and Traci has breast cancer.

"You can always have a write-in candidate."

- Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett

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I read with some concern a happily worded review concerning the appearance of Ron Jeremy. He is referred to as the "Clown of Porn."

The article gushes over Ron Jeremy and tells us that he has a master's degree and worked as a special education teacher in the 1970s before making it big in adult movies.

The reason I read with concern is because the local newspaper is read by children and I believe that Ron Jeremy is a poor example of correct and safe adult human behavior.

This year budgets are being cut in special education courses throughout the state and nation. This has not sparked outrage or even comprehensive reporting on the issue. The children can sense what is important to society by those things which are not talked about as much as by those things with which they are confronted with each day.

In this case it has been clearly indicated that a career of being filmed having sex with strangers is more rewarding monetarily and personally than a career working with students with special educational needs.

Have we been invited to an evening discussing Steven Hawkings and his amazing theories and science and the fact that he did all this while being unable to move under his own physical power and without being able to speak 'normally'? No — we've been invited to listen to a man who abandoned his responsibilities for a life of easy drugs and exploitive sex.

In New York City if a woman enters the 'adult industry' her life expectancy is between one and two years from the commencement of her career. In that case we can call Mr. Jeremy a success because he has outlived most of his sex partners.

Just yesterday the 'Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation' announced a shut down of California pornography movie sets because the number of HIV infections has sky rocketed among its members. Apparently there is now commercially available documentary evidence about the transfer of AIDS because an infected 'star' engaged

QUOTABLE

Write to us

My name is Bobby Barnett and I am a combat engineer in the U.S. Marines. We are stationed out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. The reason is am writing is because I have been deployed to the Middle East as of Feb. 23 for a 14-month deployment.

I was wanting to know if you could give our mailing address to organizations, schools, families, etc. so that we could receive mail or even care packages.

For some of us this is the second time coming over to the Middle East and getting mail and care packages is a morale boosters, and really lifts our spirits.

Some of the marines in our platoon are: LCpl Don Barchesky, LCpl Ryan Hampton, LCpl Jeff Hamblin, LCpl A.J. Allen, LCpl Adam Walters, LCpl Noe Deleon, LCpl Jeremy Johnson, LCpl Bobby Barnett, LCpl Mike Smee and LCpl Matias Silva.

Our mailing address is: 420 EnBgd, Bridge Alpha, 8th ESB USMC, LSA Anaconda, Iraq, APO AE 09391. Thank you for reading this letter.

Bobby Barnett

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Secretary of state has no business being in campaigns

any years ago, when President Lyndon Johnson was attempting (unsuccessfully) to recruit me for his staff, I spent the best part of a day with him in the White House. Naturally, we talked about politics from time to time.

"I don't care who votes, just so long as I get to count 'em," the president said at one point. He then launched into a detailed and expert discussion of how best to spoil paper ballot votes made with a ballpoint pen. Turns out you can smear them with a swipe of your thumbnail so as to extend the mark outside the little box, thus disqualifying the offending vote.



Phil

Power

Fast forward to the 2000 election in Florida, where Katherine Harris served as both the state's top election official (she was elected secretary of state as a Republican) and also as the co-chairwoman of the state Bush-Cheney campaign. Harris had a lot to do with the way the Florida election turned out and, hence, with who is president today.

By now, the evidence is pretty clear. Harris aggressively purged some voting rolls of vot-

ers who were likely to be Democratic, she allowed confusing "butterfly ballots" to be used in some counties and she allowed (and disallowed) some polls to stay open past closing time to accommodate lines of voters. And she was the state official who made the original rulings about the celebrated "hanging chad" on the punch card ballots. No wonder she went on to receive her reward: A safe seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from a nice Republican district.

Florida is not alone in selecting the top election official on a partisan ballot and in seeing secretaries of state involved in highly partisan roles during election season. In Michigan, Candice Miller, having been twice elected secretary of state as a Republican, also served as the co-chair of the Dole for President campaign in Michigan in 1996. While Dole went down to disaster, she went on to win her custom-designed seat in the U.S. House in 2002. Former Secretary of State Richard Austin, a Democrat, was involved in various partisan activities during his long tenure.

So it comes as no particular surprise that the current Michigan secretary of state, Terri Lynn Land, also elected as a Republican, signed on this year as co-chairwoman of the Bush-Cheney campaign in Michigan. What is surprising is that the obvious conflicts between service as the chief election official of a state and active political partisanship have been largely overlooked. They shouldn't be. Where voting and vote counting give even the appearance of having been finagled by a partisan pol, ordinary citizens are going to wonder audibly about the integrity of the ballot box.

Secretaries of state can, for example, decide which newfangled electronic voting machines to use. Some of the companies that make those machines are partisan themselves; according to the *New York Times*, the chief executive of Diebold, one of the leading manufacturers of electronic voting machines, wrote a fund-raising letter saying he was committed to President Bush's re-election. I wouldn't be all that surprised if Land (Republican) and Gov. Jennifer Granholm (Democrat) wound up with differing views about the relative merits of installing Diebold equipment in Michigan.

Part of the reason there has been no particular uproar about Land's potential conflict is that Michigan has a very different (and much better) election law than Florida, one that restricts the influence of any secretary of state in counting and recounting ballots. Going way back to the fierce fights over vote counting that regularly took place when G. Mennen Williams was being re-elected governor of Michigan by cliffhanger margins, our law is very detailed and specific about vote counting. Wherever there is a conflict, the issue goes to the Board of Canvassers; if the four-member (two Republicans, two Democrats) board is deadlocked, the matter goes to the courts.

And inside the secretary of state's office, the Bureau of Elections is responsible for conducting elections in Michigan. That board is run by Chris Thomas, a long-time (24 years, through three secretaries of state) and able career civil servant, who holds the statutory authority to supervise and manage elections. Thomas told me that through his entire career, "Every secretary of state has respected the firewall between their partisan affiliations and what I do to manage elections." So, thankfully, we've been spared the nasty mess Florida went through four years ago.

All the same, the fact that a sitting secretary of state can engage in overtly partisan activity, raise money and help manage political campaigns in Michigan represents an unseemly conflict of appearance that neither secretaries of state nor Michigan voters should want. Asked about this, Land responded that the overall integrity of the Michigan election system immunized her — and her predecessors — against such a conflict.

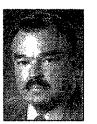
Maybe so. But at the very least, it still looks bad. The common sense solution: No state official who has anything to do with elections should be allowed to lead political campaigns or indulge in any other overtly partisan activities.

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Electric service choice gives school districts a break

t's been hard to turn on your television or listen to the radio in recent weeks without hearing DTE's multi-million-dollar campaign asking for some unspecified "fixes" to the state's electric laws.

For most viewers or listeners, the reaction has been a collective "huh?" They aren't aware of the important changes that are being slowly and responsibly implemented as part of state policies aimed at lowering Michigan's sky-high electric rates and increasing reliability of our state's electric system. But for many manufacturers, commercial businesses such as groceries and _________ service stations, and school



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districts such as mine, Michigan's 2000 electric restructuring laws have been critically important in lowering electric costs and letting us invest scarce dollars in holding onto jobs here in Michigan.

Our school district, for example, will save \$300,000 this year because

we are no longer forced to use Detroit Edison as our provider of electricity. That means we can avoid layoffs, particularly in the classroom, and provide better service to our students.

We would like to use Detroit Edison again. But the company persists in trying to charge far more than other electric companies in Michigan and around the Midwest. For instance, Detroit Edison's manufacturing rates are 40 percent higher than those charged to manufacturers by the average electric company in Indiana, 26 percent higher than the rate charged in Ohio and 21 percent higher than in Illinois.

Detroit Edison is charging families in this area 30 percent more than families pay in Benton Harbor, 20 percent more than families in Lansing and about 10 percent more than families served by Consumers Energy in nearby cities such as Jackson.

For schools and other commercial customers, the difference is even more dramatic. DTE charges nearly double what Consumers Energy charges schools in its territory. No wonder many of my fellow superintendents breathed a sigh of relief when they were able to find an alternative provider of electricity, just as they do when they are able to find a less expensive source of books, computers, buses, telephones or natural gas.

It's not surprising that DTE is unhappy about this. But instead of reacting like other companies facing competition and getting smarter about producing power, DTE is trying to change the state's law so that it can charge more and prevent customers such as schools from leaving.

That's the "fix" that DTE is talking about in its obtuse ad campaign. DTE would rather lobby the Legislature than bite the bullet and become more efficient. But if DTE is successful, all of southeast Michigan will suffer from even higher prices. DTE today has quietly asked the Michigan Public Service Commission to raise its already high rates even higher — about 8 percent higher for residential customers.

While the electric choice movement is still in its infancy, alternative providers are working out some issues. While most haven't yet offered services to residential customers, those days are likely to come soon if DTE continues to charge high rates to households. But DTE's "fix" says that residential customers will be prevented from ever being able to have a choice.

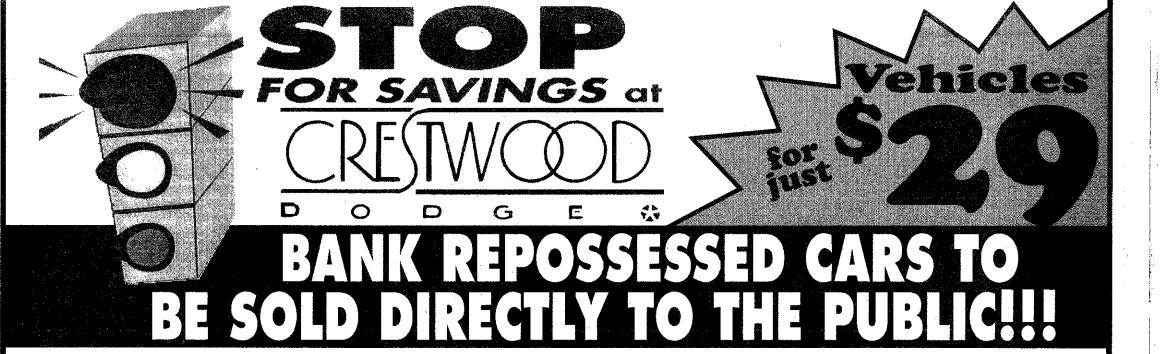
Perhaps worse, DTE's effort to prevent customers from leaving it may well create increased reliability problems. DTE cannot produce enough power from its own generating plants to meet the needs of our region during the summer. As a result, it purchases power from outside of the state, then transmits it back into Michigan.

Some competitors have reacted by building new power plants in our state, increasing reliability. But if DTE is successful in preventing schools, manufacturers and others from buying power from those plants, investors will decide not to build additional new plants that we still need. That will lead to reliability problems, including brownouts and even rolling blackouts during peak periods of electric use.

Schools in Michigan know that change can be difficult. It wasn't long ago that Michigan public schools operated as monopolies in their own "territories," and parents had few choices. But today, due in part to lobbying by businesses including DTE, the Michigan Legislature has given parents many choices, including charter schools and schools of choice programs. That has made my life more difficult as a manager, but I have to admit, it has also made educators work harder and smarter to provide our customers — the students and parents — a better education.

I say the decision should be clear. Don't fool around with an electric choice program that is giving more and more electric customers the same ability to choose a provider that parents today have in choosing a school.

Greg Baracy is superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.



GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN – Bank repossessed cars & trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload these repos to car dealers at rock bottom prices allowing dealers to resell them for retail value. But bargain hunters can take heart: This week AUTO LIQUIDATORS OF NORTH AMERICA has selected Crestwood Dodge of Garden City, Michigan to be the

official liquidation site for 228 of these incredible bargains. This Monday, April 19th – 9-9 pm

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Crestwood Dodge will have 228 bank repos, lease

returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and pass those savings on to their customers. "These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," Kenny Hall (Used Car Sales Manager at Crestwood Dodge) said. "Our Creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately – regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale than that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Kenny. "To make these bargains even easier we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and pick a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range or vehicle will be available, from luxury to

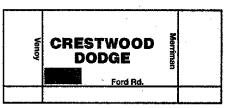
4x4's to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Kenny said. We have flown in extra sales and financial staff from three states to ensure prompt, courteous, service and the best finance terms possible. Kenny said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about everyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2,500 guarantee value and customers are encouraged to bring in their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

"The opportunity bargain hunters have been waiting for is here, at Crestwood Dodge, Mon. April 19th - Saturday, April 24th. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making the payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Kenny said.

After the Mega-Sale ends Saturday, April 24th at 4 pm we will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to (734) 421-5700. Crestwood Dodge is located at 32850 Ford Road in Garden City and again the dates and times for this event are as follows:

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"We hope to see everyone there and ready to walk away with the deal of a lifetime," said Kenny.





LOCAL NEWS

Show features classic and collectible bicycles New alert system begins

The 24th Annual Antique and Classic Bicycle Show will be Sunday, April 25, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

This one-day event will host more than 250 dealers from across the continent. At last year's show, more than 6,000 classic, vintage and collectible bicycles were on site representing nearly every major bicycle maker in the last century.

The show features a number of events to provide the public with a variety of opportunities to participate in the bicycle collecting hobby.

Last year, more than one hundred show bikes were entered into nine categories with visitors voting for their favorites. Awards are presented to the first place winners in such categories as "Best Unrestored," "Best Lady's," "Best

Motorized Bike," "Best Special Custom," "Best Early Classic" and the "Best Bike of Each Decade" 1930 through 1960.

Next is the prestigious "Classic Bike of the Year Award". This is a judged event, which focuses on some of the finest, rarest and most sought after bicycles in the bicycle collecting hobby. All of these bicycles are from private collections and are seldom seen outside of museums or auctions. The winner will be crowned "Classic Bike of the Year 2004." Many hobbyist from around the country were saddened to hear of the passing of Harry Ward. In his honor, the first place award will now be known as the "Harry Ward Jr. Memorial Award".

The special Lowriders's Show is a real treat for kids. Al Petri & Son's Bicycle Shop of Lincoln

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Anyone who thinks they may have a valuable or collectible bike can put it on the block for only \$10 and let the crowd decide its value.

Park organizes this event for some 40 customized bicycles. The Lowrider Show features the magnificent custom work of some of the most talented young artists in Southeastern Michigan. Each has been transformed from a mere two wheeled bicycle onto the latest hi-tech, custom painted, chrome plated, and upholstered object of grandeur one could imagine. Cell phones,

stereos, tape players are but a few of the conveniences that have been incorporated into their designs.

Later in the afternoon, the show features a poor man's auction. Anyone who thinks they may have a valuable or collectible bike can put it on the block for only \$10 and let the crowd decide its value. If no one exceeds the owner's asking price the bike goes back to the owner and they'll get \$5 back. The result is an appraisal from the crowd for only \$5.

Besides all the buying and selling of bicycles, there is the give away of many door prizes. The Vendor's fee for a swap space includes a free door prize ticket. Prizes will be given away each half hour. The grand prize, a collector bike (yet to be determined), will be given away separately to some lucky winner.

to find missing children

The Wayne County Sheriff's department has begun a new "A Child is Missing" program that will involve thousands of automated phone calls to homes and businesses in the area immediately surrounding the location the child was last seen, said Sheriff Warren Evans.

"Time is the most critical factor working against us when we are looking for a missing child and those first minutes can make the ultimate difference," Evans said. "Within a matter of a few minutes, we will have the ability to contact thousands of individuals who

will become our eyes and ears to help us locate the child," Evans said.

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Evans said that the recorded call will include information as to the child's last known whereabouts, as well as a description of the child and any information regarding a possible abductor, if one is believed to be involved.

In Wayne County, approximately 3,000 children are reported missing each year. The Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force, made up of Sheriff's Deputies and Detroit Police officers, has approximately 450 open cases.



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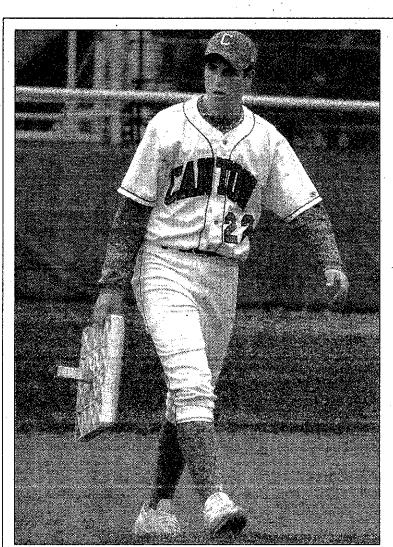
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Stealing 2nd base

Canton's Kyle Smith takes care of second base, clearing it off the field after Wednesday's game with arch-rival Salem was cancelled due to poor weather. The game has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. today at Canton.

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Madonna streak puts it atop league standings

On top. That's where winning 14 out of 15 games, including nine out of 10 against conference foes, will take you.

Madonna University's softball team made it eight-straight wins with double-header sweeps of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foes Indiana Tech Tuesday, Concordia Saturday and Siena Heights Friday. Tuesday's wins over Tech, by 6-5 and 6-2 margins, were at Madonna's home field at Livonia Ladywood High.

The wins over Concordia (4-2 and 8-0) and Siena Heights (14-7 and 5-3) were on the road. Madonna now stands at 29-11-2 overall with a WHAC-leading 12-4 mark. Tech is 13-19 overall, 9-9 in the WHAC.

In Tuesday's first game, Jamie Bobrowski singled in the game-winning run as the Crusaders scored twice in the seventh to win 6-5. Kathy Day (from Livonia Ladywood) singled and scored on an Emily Cunningham double to start the seventh.

Cunningham finished with two doubles and two runs batted in in the game, while Arin Fowler and Bobrowski each had two hits and an RBI, Fowler scoring twice. Mary Warchuck and Day also had two hits apiece.

Kelly Nilson got her 17th pitching win (she's 17-6), allowing five runs on 11 hits and two walks. Rachel Harris took the loss.

Krystal Shina (Farmington Mercy) ignited

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Madonna in the second-game win with three hits and two RBI, with Kasey DeSutter adding three hits and an RBI. Day contributed two hits, including a two-run double, and Cunningham added two hits and an RBI.

Shannon Noder was the winning pitcher (she's 9-5), working the first 5 1/3 innings and giving up two runs on seven hits and two walks. Nilson pitched the final 1 2/3 innings and was perfect, getting her first save of the season. The loss went to Heather O'Rourke.

In Saturday's 4-2 first-game win over Concordia (3-27 overall, 0-13 in the WHAC), Arin Fowler had two hits, including a run-scoring triple in the first inning, and two runs batted in, and Cunningham added two hits and an RBI. Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) also had two hits.

Nilson got the pitching win, working all nine innings and allowing two runs on six hits and two walks with six strikeouts. The loss went to Melissa Meredith.

In Saturday's 8-0 second-game victory, the Crusaders struck for four runs in both the first and second innings to make a winner out of

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, B6

Scero helps Team USA to silver medal

A long trip, to be sure — a total of 11 hours in flight, after a two-hour bus ride. But it was well worth it for Brandon Scero.

The Canton resident, currently a senior at Canton HS, was part of Team USA, which made the trip to the 2004 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 World Championships, in Minsk, Belarus.

And for just the second time, a U.S. team earned a medal — although not the gold it hoped for. On Sunday, Russia scored twice in a span of 1:06 of the third period and held off an American rally to escape with a 3-2 victory.

Team USA had to settle for the silver medal, much to the delight of all the fans in attendance, according to Scero. "It was so anti-USA," he said after his return Tuesday. "They booed us in every game. No matter who we played, they cheered against us."

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victory over Sweden April 10. "Sweden scored with about 30 seconds left," Scero said, "and the place erupted. You would have thought they won the Stanley Cup."

Not that it bothered him. "Me, personally, I get into the game more when the fans hate us," he said.

That's why Scero enjoyed such a fine series. In Team USA's six games, which resulted in a 5-1 record, he scored two goals and picked up five assists. His seven points was fourth best on the team.

Team USA scored the most (27) and allowed the second-fewest (10) goals in

"The final game (against Russia), the atmosphere ... the fans just hated us."

Crowds for the tournament were more than 4,000 per game. Team USA certainly gave them something on which to focus their ire in its meeting with the

Belarus team April 12. "We expected a much closer game,"

Scero said. "We just played unbelievably." Himself included. Going against the team whose fans showed such hatred toward them, the Americans responded with a 9-0 rout. Scero got a goal and three assists in the win.

Team USA, except for one player, is the U.S. National Development team based in Ann Arbor. Scero, who grew up playing in the Compuware program, has accepted a scholarship to play at Ohio PCA gets its 1st win ever over S'field Christian

SOFTBALL

Two runs in the second, three runs in the third and Amanda Saagman the rest of the way on the mound meant one thing to Plymouth Christian Academy's softball team

Marathon stars

Sunny and hot – the conditions couldn't have been much worse, not for those competing in the Boston Marathon Monday. But 10 athletes from the

Plymouth/Canton area did complete the race, despite near-record temperatures that reached 85 degrees.

The best local performance came from Vicki Palis, 23, from Canton. Palis finished 154th in the women's race and was 120th in her division with an official time of 3 hours, 30 minutes and 56 seconds.

Next best was Canton's Tami Bealert, 43, who placed 665th in the women's race and was 127th in her division in 3:51:23.

Among the men, Plymouth's Terry Rush, 38, had the best finish in 3:37:12.

Other local male finishers: Kevin Galvin, 51, of Plymouth (4:01:11); Tsukasa Zaha, 34, of Canton (4:07:51); Robert James, 55, of Plymouth (4:08:36); Jonathan Miller, 28, of Canton (4:25:05); and Akira Matsuda, 50, of Canton (6:18:30).

Other local female finishers were Rachel Harris, 26, of Plymouth (4:10:18) and Tanya Kroll, 26, of Plymouth (5:21:24).



An example of America's global regard was apparent in Team USA's 6-2 the tournament.

"It was definitely worth the trip," he said. "I was proud of the way I played."

It was never truly pleasant, however. "We couldn't go anywhere outside our hotel without a police escort," he said. State in the fall. "It's a good fit for me" he said "I'll

"It's a good fit for me," he said. "I'll get a chance to play."

Making a lot of Michigan and Michigan State fans unhappy with him, too.

CC stumbles, loses 3 straight

Redford Catholic Central is finding its way into a baseball slump as the Shamrocks dropped an 8-7 eight-inning loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer on Monday after losing a pair of games to Catholic League Central Division rival Birmingham Brother Rice on Saturday.

"We're still making too many mistakes," CC coach John Salter said after his team fell to 5-4. "We made three errors (Monday) and had two other balls that should have been caught. Against Rice, we made too many errors against a good club (seven in the doubleheader). We know what we've got to work on and that's better defense."

On Monday, CC came back with a three-run seventh inning to force extra innings. But the Pioneers (9-2) scratched for a run in the eighth to get the win.

Greg Marrone was almost the hero for CC as his two-out, two-run double in the seventh tied the score. He wound up going 3-for-4 for the game, while Ryan Gallagher was 3-for-5 with two RBI. Mike McDonald was 2-for-4, Mike Monterey was 2-for-5, Zach Putnam was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, Casey Keenan was 3-for-4 with two RBI and Eric Mosher was 2-for-3.

Matt Walters took the loss for CC in relief of starter Bob Henderson, while Jay Clites got the win in relief of Ryan Mosher.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks struggled to score and struggled with the gloves, losing the opener to Rice, 12-5, and the night-cap, 10-4.

Marrone took the loss for CC, giving up six earned runs in 1 1/3 innings, but three CC pitchers also combined for 12 walks, while Scott Beals got the win for Rice, holding CC to just six hits. Drew Amble did help CC with a three-run homer in the seventh inning, while Mike Monterey tripled. Cody Nolan and D.J. Lemahieu led Rice by going 2-for-5.

In the nightcap, Rice finally took the lead for good with a two-run fourth inning and broke it open with a four-run sixth.

Eric Simcox led the Shamrocks (2-2 Central Division) by going 3-for-3 with a double, while Joe Dudzinski was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Ryan Gallagher was 2for-3 with a double and a run scored. Max Kelmigian was 3for-4 with two doubles and two RBI to pace the Warriors, while Doug Pickens was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI and Nolan homered and had two RBI.

Macomb Christian 13, Agape 3: Four errors and 12 hits Tuesday by Macomb Christian doomed visiting Canton Agape Christian.

The Wolverines slipped to 1-2 overall, 0-1 in the Michigan

CC outfielder Drew Amble nearly collides with center fielder Anthony Sabo before making the catch Saturday. Amble slugged a three-run home run in the seventh inning against Brother Rice.

Independent Athletic Conference.

Kyle Miller absorbed the defeat for Agape, pitching five innings and giving up 11 runs (seven earned) on 12 hits and three walks, striking out seven.

Jared Miller had two of the Wolverines' five hits, driving in one run.

Tuesday.

A win, its first-ever over Southfield Christian, by a 5-4 margin in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game played at PCA. PCA improved to 3-2 overall, 1-0

in the MIAC. Southfield Christian is 3-1 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

"Amanda just shut them down the rest of the game," PCA coach Dan Hammar said.

Southfield Christian scored twice in the first inning to take an early lead and, after PCA battled back to knot it at 2-2 with two runs in the second, Southfield struck for two more in the top of the third to go up 4-2.

But PCA answered again with three runs in the third. Saagman, Liza Terkoski and Lindsay Pew each had a hit and an RBI, and Carissa Elenbaas collected two RBI. Sarah Shumaker and Brooke Harris also had hits for PCA.

"We were aggressive on the bases when we had to be," Hammar said. "You put the ball in play and things happen."

Saagman, who allowed two earned runs on five hits and two walks, while striking out 13, was nearly untouchable down the stretch.

She retired 12 straight batters starting at the end of the third inning until she issued a two-out walk in the seventh — the only baserunner she allowed in the last four innings.

The pitching loss went to Taylor Helms, who allowed three earned runs on five hits and three walks, striking out eight.

PCA hosts Oakland Christian in a doubleheader today.

On Monday, the Eagles broke a 2-2 deadlock with two runs in the fifth, then added three more in the sixth to defeat Detroit Country Day 7-4 in a non-league game played in Birmingham.

Saagman was the winning pitcher, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits and four walks, striking out six. The loss went to Amanda Palmer.

Saagman also had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in two runs, while Shumaker contributed two hits and two RBI and Terkoski had two hits and an RBI. The Salem tennis team gained its second tournament win of the season, scoring 18 points to capture the Essexville-Garber Invitational Saturday. Troy Athens and Saginaw Nouvel tied for second.

Gold medals for finishing first were collected by Mike Ware at No. 1 singles, Chris Treadwell at No. 2 singles, and Blake Foster and Neil Bakshi at No. 3 doubles. A secondplace silver went to Kushal Mistry at No. 4 singles, with John Schellhase and Dave Geick at No. 1 doubles and Mit Shah and Cam Loftus at No. 4 doubles earning consolation honors.

Coach Bill Nelson thought "this was a pretty strong showing considering we were missing several key players because of spring break week."

The Rocks open Western Lakes Activities Association play with dual meets against Walled Lake Western today and Livonia Franklin Friday, both at Salem.

Canton ties

Canton's soccer team pressured but could not score, eventually settling for a scoreless draw against non-league rival Ann Arbor Pioneer Mondáy at Canton. The Chiefs are 4-0-1 overall.

Brittany Cervi had 12 saves in goal for Canton. "The defense played tough," said Chiefs' coach Don Smith. "It was a back-and-forth game. Both teams had some good scoring chances but couldn't convert." Canton plays at Troy Athens Saturday.

Crusaders climb to 2nd place in WHAC

So: Here's how it stacks up numerically.

In its first five games, Madonna University's baseball team allowed just 10 runs, an average of 2.0 per game. In their eight games through Sunday, the Crusaders surrendered just 23 runs, an average of 2.88 per game.

In the 29 games in between, opponents scored 134 runs - 4.62 a game.

The figures that matter most where these numbers are concerned are found in the won/loss column: Madonna was 5-0 in the first five games, then went through an 11-18 stretch. On Saturday and Sunday the Crusaders swept double-headers from Siena Heights, beating the Saints 9-1 and 11-3 Saturday in Adrian and 6-4 and 19-8 Sunday in Livonia.

That extended their winning streak to eight-straight games, six of them against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foes, a streak that coincides with their improved runs-per-game average.

Madonna improved to 9-3 in the WHAC, which is second to Indiana Tech's 11-1. Siena Heights slipped to 6-26 overall, 4-8 in the conference.

In Sunday's first game, the Crusaders twice overcame Siena Heights' leads to gain the 6-4 triumph. Preston Picard (from Farmington HS) tripled and scored in the third inning, then slugged a gamewinning two-out, two-run home run in the sixth. Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Harrison) added three hits and a run batted in, and Ben Galus had two hits.

The pitching win went to Derek Dufrane, who improved to 5-1. He

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allowed four runs on seven hits and three walks in six innings. Kyle Fedorka got the save with one scoreless, walkless inning; he struck out two. Phil Dunn took the loss for the Saints.

In Sunday's second game, Madonna simply outslugged Siena Heights, scoring runs in every inning. Joe Greene was the Crusaders' big run-producer with a single, a double and two home runs, a two-run blast in the second and a three-run shot in the fifth; he finished with seven RBI in the game.

Picard contributed three hits with a triple and a fifth-inning solo home run, four runs scored and three RBI; Zerbo had a three-run homer in the first, finishing with two hits, three RBI and scoring four runs; and Gary Van Allen had two doubles.

The pitching win went to Doug Brooks in relief of starter Chris Behrns. Brooks allowed three runs on four hits and two walks, with six strikeouts, in 4 1/3 innings. The loss went to Jake Green.

On Saturday in Adrian, Mike Hand (North Farmington) stopped the Saints on seven hits and two walks in seven innings, giving up one run in the 9-1 opening victory. Madonna scored four runs in the first and three in the third to build an insurmountable lead, with Galus, Zerbo and Tony Kern each collecting two hits and two RBI, and Justin Fabian adding two hits and one RBI. Bobby Gearing was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, Jeff Savage

allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits and four walks, striking out eight, in seven innings to get the win in the Crusaders' 11-3 triumph. Madonna led 7-0 after five and coasted from there, getting three doubles and an RBI from Galus, and two hits and two RBI from Zerbo, Kern and Matt Loridas (Farmington/Redford Catholic Central). Greene also had two hits and an RBI and Van Allen had a single and three RBI.

The loss went to Adam Lefeve.

Streak ends

Madonna extended its winning streak to nine in a row with a first-game 4-2 victory over Tiffin (OH) University Tuesday at Tiffin's Dragon Stadium. But the Dragons struck for six runs in the first two innings of the second game and held on for a 7-4 triumph.

The split left the Crusaders with a 25-19 overall record. Tiffin is 16-23.

In the first game, Dave Nester slugged a solo home run and Van Allen got two hits, one a double, and drove in a run. Zerbo and Jason Barbeau also had two hits apiece as Dan Duffey got the pitching win, going six innings and giving up two runs (one earned) on seven hits with no walks. Fedorka earned his sixth save. The loss went to Kevin Wade.

In the second game, Adam Kline took the loss after allowing six runs (five earned) on six hits and three walks in five innings. Andrew Constantino was the winning pitcher in relief.

Zerbo had a solo homer and collected two RBI, while Van Allen got two hits (with a double) and an RBI.

Canton gets another **2nd at Elks Relays**

Bad timing, this Dearborn Elks boys track relays. Scheduled right during the Easter vacation break, when many families are out of town, leaving many teams unable to field a full team.

Canton managed, however. And Brad Waidmann was a big reason why.

For the second-straight season, the Chiefs finished second in the 10-team event to Adrian, scoring 52 points to the Maples' 67. Redford Catholic Central was third with 39.

Next was Dearborn (31), followed by Birmingham Brother Rice (21), Temperance Bedford (15) and Westland John Glenn (71/3). No one else scored more than two points.

"We scored in all but one event," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We had some good results."

Waidmann helped there. He was part of two first-place teams, one second and one third.

Waidmann teammed with Mike Lanius and Steve Paye in the high jump relay for a win (17-feet, 4-inches) and took top honors for best individual jump of the day (6-2). He also combined with Rodney Preston, Corey Stewart and Derek Reeves for a first in the shuttle high hurdles relay (1:06.9).

Chris Snider and Joe Zugaj were with Waidmann in Canton's second-place discus relay (357-9), and Snider, Lester Booker, Zugaj and Waidmann took third in the shot put relay (163-9). Snider, Booker, Zugaj and Waidmann also placed second in the non-scoring 4x100yard shot put relay (51.8)

Other scorers for the Chiefs were Jon Chapman, Rich Hensel and Derek Reeves, second in the pole vault (34-6), with Chapman's 12-6 rated as the best jump of the day; Preston, Andy Rossow and Lanius, second in the long jump (53-5); Kevin Burdette, Rossow, Dave Calille and Brandon Reeves, second in the 4x100 (45.0); Brandon Reeves. Stewart, Burdette and Preston, second in the 4x200 (1:36.9); Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Callile and Cyrus Azizi, second

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in the 4x400 (3:34.6); Nick Johnson, D'Angelo Pitts, Kevin Rakovitis and Scott Reidsma, fourth in the distance medley (12:34.3); Preston, Stewart, Pitts and Derek Reeves, fourth in the shuttle intermediate hurdle relays (1:26.0); and Scott George, Eric Zech, Dave Otting and Sam Manees, fifth in the 4x1600 (20:24.9).

Next up for Canton: Northville in a key Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Canton.

"We have a big shootout with Northville Thursday," said Richardson. "They're 2-0 (in duals) like we are."

Also last Saturday, Canton's ninth-10th graders scored 35 points at the Pinckney Pirates Relays.

Plymouth girls 3rd

Some outstanding individual performances propelled Plymouth's girls track team to a third-place finish at the Grass Lake Invitational Saturday.

Hillsdale won the 13-team event, with Sand Lake second.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Breana Wallace, Sara Mueller, Courtney Mack and Janet Hanchett turned in the Wildcats best performance, finishing first in 1:54.0. Wallace, Brittany Petty, Mack and Mueller also took second in the 4x100 relay (55.9).

In the 200, Wallace placed third (29.7) and Mueller was fourth (30.2), and in the 100 Wallace place third (13.95).

Other scorers for Plymouth were Sarah Sherwood in both the 3,200, a fourth (13:30.0), and the 1,600, a fifth (6:02.8); Jackie Beeler, fourth in the 1,600 (5:54.6); Petty, fourth in the high jump (4-foot, 8-inches); Jeanine Moise, fifth in both the shot put (32-8) and discus (82-10); and Karen Okolo, Megan Early, Mack and Hanchett, fifth in the 4x400 relay (4:39.8).

On Thursday, Plymouth will host Livonia Franklin in its firstever official varsity dual meet in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 AND CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 174.11 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 280.02 FEET; THENCE S.89°58'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 177.63 FEET; THENCE ALONG A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3162.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°30'29" (THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS S.00°16'32"W. 28.04 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 28.04 FEET; THENCE S.00°01'18" W. A DISTANCE OF 251.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 49,228 SQUARE FEET OR 1.1301 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

PARCEL 3 PARCEL "D" (MEDICAL PARCEL)

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP. WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.89°58'42"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 794.83 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, ALONG A LINE 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLÉL TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 AND CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 293.06 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT **IMPROVEMENT BY** THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

PARCEL 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION PHASE 2 EXCLUDING-GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2.S. R,8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.00°35'21"W.,60.00'; THENCE N.89°58'42" W., 59.99' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES, N.89°58' 42" W., A DISTANCE OF 281.51 FEET; AND S.00°00'00" W., A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET ; AND N.89°58'42" W., A DISTANCE OF 452.69 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET; THENCE N. 26°55'56" E., A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'02"E., A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET; THENCE N.26°55'55"E., A DISTANCE OF 86.81 FEET: THENCE N.63°04'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.30°58'50" W., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET; THENCE N.59°01'10" W., A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET; THENCE N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.89°30'55: E., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3.107.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57'26". A DISTANCE OF 51.92 FEET: THENCE N.01°26'32" E. A DISTANCE OF 137.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.01°38'44" W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4,045.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01'39", A DISTANCE OF 1.95 FEET; THENCE N.88°22'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 11.34 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12'48"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178.74 FEET; THENCE N.00°56'09"W., A DISTANCE OF 60.62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,308.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56'18"; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.32 FEET; THENCE N.08°00'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.68 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 89.50 FEET; THENCE S.89°14'13"E., A DISTANCE OF 388.06 FEET; THENCE S.81°05'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 315.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59'32"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60.54 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23'19"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC, A DISTANCE OF 67.58 FEET; THENCE N.81°30'31'E., A DISTANCE OF 57.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57'21"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66.42 FEET; THENCE N.56°33'10" E., TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 34.09 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120'WIDE), S. 33°26'50"E., A DISTANCE OF 84.71 FEET; THENCE S.56°32'13"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.80 FEET; THENCE S.05°00'01" W., A DISTANCE OF 318.63 FEET, THENCE N.90°00'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 157.70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03'44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET; THENCE S.11°03'44"E., A DISTANCE OF 35.61 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.76°09'37"W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 920.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET; THENCE N.00°00'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S.00°32'02" E., A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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PARCEL 2

RAINBOW RASCALS (NET OF CHERRY HILL 50 FT R.O.W.)

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T.2S., R.8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.89°58'42"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 1,142.89 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, ALONG A LINE 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND

OF 251.96 FEET THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3,107.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°27'47" (THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N.00°15'11"E., 25.12 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 25.12 FEET; THENCE S.89°58'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET; THENCE S.59°01'10"E., A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET; THENCE N.30°58'50"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET; THENCE S.63°04'05"E., A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.26°55'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 36.81 FEET; THENCE N.89°59'03"W., A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET; THENCE S.26°55'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET; THENCE S.00°01'18"W., A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.12 ACRES.

PARCEL 4

PARCEL 3 (COLEMAN TRUST) REMAINDER PARCEL

PART OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 18 N.00°07'46"W., 485.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 00°07' 46" W., 756.14'; THENCE, S.89°01'50"E., TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 2546.77'; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.00°18'09"E., 682.60'; THENCE, S.89°38'12"W., 165.00'; THENCE S.00°18'09"E., TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (66.00' WIDE) ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 499.29'; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18, 589'38'12" W., 7.50'; THENCE N.00°18'09"W., 198.00'; THENCE S.89'38'12"W., 302.50'; THENCE S.00'18'09"E., TO A POINT ON THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18, 198.00'; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.89°38'12"W., 1328.89'; THENCE, N.00°21'48""W., 485.00'; THENCE S.89°38'12"W., 744.12'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 59.3067 ACRES SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE SOUTHERLY 33.00' (CHERRY HILL ROAD) AND THE WESTERLY 33.00' (NAPIER ROAD).

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Cherry Hill Road from Ridge to Denton.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above-described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2004 at 7:00, o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district.

> Terry G. Bennett, ClerkCharter Township of Canton

> > OE08204028

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734-453-3869 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 4/23/04 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI a public auction of the

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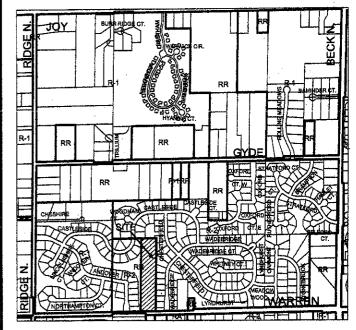
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 17, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RUEHR REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 019 99 0020 000 FROM TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY **RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE. Property is located** north of Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads.



SECTION 5

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 13, 2004. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - April 13, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo. Members Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher, and Captain Wilson Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported bychgatter to approve the agenda as amended with the deletion of item G-26, Sale of Property and the addition of C-9, Vacation of easement. Motion carried. unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Board Minutes of March 30, 2004. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for April 13, 2004

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General Fund	101	\$ 598,556.01
Fire Fund	206	129,983.80
Police Fund	207	166,674,65
Summit Operating	208	61,077.03
Street Lighting	219	16,102.71
Cable TV Fund	30	2,818.08
Public Improvement	245	625.00
E-911 Utility	261	1,208.06
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	4,164.57
Federal Grants Fund	274	1,210.59
Auto Theft	289	437.79
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	73,273.47
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	100,933.10
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	1,110.00
Golf Fund	584	11,095.85
Water & Sewer Fund	592	170,916.23
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,360,00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	25,439.55
Total - All Funds		1.371.986.49
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Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo provided the Board with articles about Detroit

PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. Public Hearing and approval of FY 2004 CDBG Program. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.to hear comment on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously. No public comment. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the recommendations of the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council for the FY 2004 block grant program; and further approve the forwarding of said recommendations to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY 2004 CDBG Final Statement. The particulars of the FY 2004 Final Statement are as follows:

First Step	\$ 36,000.00
Growth Works	8,800.00
Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services	10,100.00
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	1,500.00
Volunteer Coordinator	6,500.00
Summit Scholarship	1,500.00
Human Services Ctr. Construction Reimbursement	275,000.00
Program Administrator	85,200.00
Housing Rehabilitation	9,400.00

\$434,000.00 Motion carried unanimously. Total CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Second Reading Amending the Noxious Weeds Ordinance, Chapter 34, Article III, Section 34-66 (03-2004) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the amended Noxious Weeds Ordinance Sec. 34-66 to become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Sec. 34-66. Duty to remove.

It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds described in Section 34-66 prior to May1, June 1, July 1, August 1 and September 1 in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent such noxious weeds from going to seed.

Item 2. Second Reading, Amendment (04-2004) Human Relations Commission, Chapter 2, Article IV, Commissions and Authorities, Division 2 Human Relations Commission, Section 2-151 Purpose, and Section 2-152 Definitions (Clerk) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to publish for Second Reading of the Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Division 2, Human Relations Commission, Sections 2-151 Purpose and Secti Publication and effective date on April 22, 2004. Motion carried unanimously Chapter 2 Administration Article IV. Boards, Commissions and Authorities Division 2. Human Relations Commission Sec. 2-151. Purpose. The purpose of this division is the creation of a commission which performs educational, counseling and advisory roles in the areas of cultural and ethnic diversity; to encourage harmonious relationships between individuals and groups of individuals; to discourage prejudice and discrimination against any individual or group because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry, for it is hereby found that such prejudice and discrimination is inimical to democracy and the public welfare; and to discourage discriminatory employment practices and policies based upon race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry. (Ord. No. 146, §§ 1, 10-20-2000)

regular meeting held on the 13th day of April 2004 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Dated: April 14th, 2004 Charter Township of Canton

Community Policing Grant Application. (ACSD) Item 4. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize submission of a grant application to the Office of Drug Control Policy for \$35,046 (Acct. #207-000-505-1000) for Year Three of assignment of a police officer to Wagon Wheel, College park and Holiday Estates mobile home parks, and further authorize a 50 percent match of \$35,046 towards the grant award, for a project total of \$70,092. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. Authorization of Application Submission for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$18,018 for Firefighter anti-terrorism training; and further authorize a 30 percent match of \$7,722 towards the grant award for a project total of \$25,740 (funds will be receipted to Fire Fund Federal Grants-Emergency revenue account #206-000-529-0000; training program costs will be charged to Fire

Fund Training account #206-336-951-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Application for Special License for Sale of Beer Item 6. and Wine Only for Consumption on the Premises for a Leadership Canton Alumni Event. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to make application to the State of Michigan, Liquor Control Commission for Special License for the Sale of Beer and Wine Consumption on the premises. I further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the application. The event will be held at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill on May 7, 2004, in cooperation with Holiday Market to benefit the Leadership Canton

Scholarship Fund, Canton Community Foundation and Canton Youth Development Outreach Program. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. Resolution Honoring Canton and Salem High School Graduates. (SUPV.) Motion by Bennett, **Resolution Honoring Canton and** supported by Burdziak to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR CANTON AND SALEM

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

graduates of Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Whereas, High Schools have devoted four years to study; and

the young people who graduate from our high school Whereas, will face more challenging tasks and greater rewards in future endeavors; and

Whereas. many graduates of our local high schools have gone on to represent the community in outstanding fashion by achieving further successes: and

this year's outstanding group of graduates seems Whereas. destined to produce similar successes; and

the community as a whole is tremendously proud of Whereas, all who have worked hard to earn their well-deserved diplomas; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby extend formal congratulations to all 2004 high school graduates from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby declare June 6, 2004 as a Special Day of Recognition for 2004 graduates.

AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None Resolution declared adopted

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Motion carried April 13, 2004 unanimously. Item 8. **Reappointment** of Downtown Development Authority Board Member Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to reappoint Greg Green to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors for a term of four (4) years, to expire February 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. Consider Authorizing the Township Clerk to sign a Petition for Vacation of an existing 20' alley adjacent to a Township Owned Parcel in the undeveloped McIntyre Gardens Subdivision. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the petition supporting the vacation of the alley behind Lot 871 in McIntyre Gardens Subdivision as described. Motion carried unanimously

CANTON TOWNSHIP Alley Vacation North of Crescent Avenue All of that portion of the alley, 20 feet wide, as dedicated to the use of the public, adjoining lots 853 through 893 along the East line of said alley, and adjoining Lots 714 through 731 along the West line of said alley, inclusive, in MCINTYRE GARDENS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, lying South of Saltz Rd. (Platted as Marquette Ave. 86 feet wide) and West of Morton-Taylor Rd., being a part of the SE 1/4 of Sec 15, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Twp, Wayne County, Michigan, recorded in Liber 61 of Plats on Page 74, Wayne County Records.

CANTON TOWNSHIP Alley Vacation East of Williard Boulevard All of that portion of the alley, 20 feet wide, as dedicated to the use of the public, adjoining lots 710 through 714 along the North line of said alley, and adjoining Lots 715 along the South line of said alley, inclusive, in MCINTYRE GARDENS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, lying South of Saltz Rd. (Platted as Marquette Ave. 86 feet wide) and West of Morton-Taylor Rd., being a part of SE 1/4 of Sec. 15, T.2S., R.SE., Canton Twp, Wayne Co., Michigan, recorded in Liber 61 of Canton Twp. Wayne Co.,

Ridge to Denton. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt Resolution No. 1 for the Cherry Hill Road Paving and Drainage SAD 2004-1, with the Public Hearing date set for April 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

(Cherry Hill Road Paving and Drainage SAD No. 2004-1) Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regularly meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in said Township on April 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Bennett and supported by member Kirchgatter:

the Township Board of the Charter Township of WHEREAS. Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, as tentatively declared its intention to undertake certain public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements attached hereto in the special assessment district described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

the Township Board has caused to be prepared by WHEREAS. registered engineers plans showing the public improvements and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost hereof; and

WHEREAS, the same have been received by the Township Board; and

the Township Board desires to proceed further with WHEREAS, the public improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans showing the public improvements and the location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination. 2. The Township board tentatively declares its intention to made the aforesaid improvements.

3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto. 4. The Township Board shall meet at the Summit on the Park in the Township on April 27, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the proposed public improvements or the special assessment district. 5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to Saad hearing in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first-class mail to all record owners of or persons in interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the last township tax assessment records of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.

6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT **IMPROVEMENT BY THE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

PARCEL 1 LEGAL DESCRIPTION PHASE 2 EXCLUDING GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2.S., R,8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN; N.00°35'21"W.,60.00'; THENCE N.89°58' THENCE

42" W., 59.99' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES, N.89°58' 42" W., A DISTANCE OF 281.51 FEET; AND S.00°00'00" W., A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; AND N.89°58'42" W., A DISTANCE OF 452.69 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18°E., A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET; THENCE N. 26°55'56" E., A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'02"E., A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET; THENCE N.26°55'55"E., A DISTANCE OF 86.81 FEET: THENCE N.63°04'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.30°58'50" W., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET, THENCE N.59°01'10" W., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET, THENCE N.59°01'10" W., A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET, THENCE N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.89°30'55: E., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3,107.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57'26", A DISTANCE OF 51.92 FEET; THENCE N.01°26'32" E. A DISTANCE OF 137.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.01°38'44" W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4,045.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01'39", A DISTANCE OF 1.95 FEET; THENCE N.88°22'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 11.34 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12'48"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178.74 FEET; THENCE N.00°56'09"W., A DISTANCE OF 60.62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,308.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56'18"; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.32 FEET; THENCE N.08°00'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.68 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 89.50 FEET; THENCE S.89°14'13"E., A DISTANCE OF 388.06 FEET; THENCE S.81°05'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 315.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59'32"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60.54 FEET TO A POINT OF **REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50** FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23'19"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC, A DISTANCE OF 67.58 FEET; THENCE N.81°30'31'E., A DISTANCE OF 57.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57'21"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66.42 FEET; THENCE N.56°33'10" E., TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 34.09 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120'WIDE), S. 33°26'50"E., A DISTANCE OF 84.71 FEET; THENCE S.56°32'13"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.80 FEET; THENCE S.05°00'01" W., A DISTANCE OF 318.63 FEET; THENCE N.90°00'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 157.70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03'44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET; THENCE S.11°03'44"E., A DISTANCE OF 35.61 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.76°09'37"W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 920.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET; THENCE N.00°00'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S.00°32'02" E., A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. PARCEL 2

Sec. 2-152 Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Commission means the human relations commission.

Discrimination means any difference in treatment based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or ancestry, and shall include segregation, except that it shall not be discrimination for any religious or denominational institution or association composed of persons with a common ancestral origin to devote its facilities, exclusively or primarily, to or for its own membership or give preference to such members or to make such selection as is calculated by such institution to promote the principles for which it is established or maintained.

Religious or denominational institution means an institution which is operated for religious purposes or is operated, supervised or controlled by a religious or denominational organization. Unfair employment practice means discriminatory employment practices and policies as defined and prescribed in Public Act No. 453 of 1976 (MCL 37.2101 et seq.). (Ord. No. 146, §§ 2, 10-10-2000) Cross references: Definitions generally, §§ 1-2. Item 3. Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. Proclamation: Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following resolution declaring April "Parkinson's Awareness" Month in the Charter Township of Canton.. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS. Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease with no known cause, affecting approximately 35,000 people in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Diverse symptoms mark Parkinson's disease including rigidity, slowness of movement, poor balance and tremors, leading to impaired abilities: and.

WHEREAS, Effective control of Parkinson's disease can be achieved through medication and/ or surgery in addition to education and rehabilitation programs for long periods of time; however, this disease cannot be cured at this time; and,

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease disrupts and limits the lives of those who suffer from it as well as their loved ones; and,

WHEREAS, Enormous emotional, psychological and physical toll are taken on those with the disease, with similar tolls taken on caregivers, families and friends of the patients of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is a center for groundbreaking research and new treatments for Parkinson's disease, with major centers for movement disorders in treating persons with Parkinson's disease; and.

WHEREAS, Michigan has for over 20 years, established programs through largely volunteer efforts to provide education and support for people with the disease, their families and healthcare professionals; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Canton, Board of Trustees, does hereby proclaim April 2004 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Plats on Page 74, Wayne County Records.

Consider Special Land GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Use Request for Canton 7 Cinemas. (MSD) Motion by Bennett. supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Special Use for Canton Cinema 7 Theater

the Project Sponsor, Mr. William McMannis, has WHEREAS. requested special use approval for Canton Cinema 7 Theater to be located on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads. identified as EDP # 057-99-0001-007; and,

the Planning Commission found the proposed WHEREAS. special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. William McMannis, to conduct the special use for the proposed Canton Cinema 7 Theater subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all Consider other regulations of the Township. Item 2. Preliminary Site plan for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD

OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Site Plan for

River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Steve Chisek, has requested preliminary site plan approval for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Napier Roads, identified as part of tax EDP #074-99-0010-706; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Steve Chisek, to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 3. Authorize Award of Bid for the Spring 2004 Beck Road Tree Planting Program. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the award of bid for tree planting and watering for the Beck Road Tree Planting to Horizon Lawn Maintenance, Inc. for a total of \$84,640.00, acct. # 101-285-970-0000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. Consider the Waiver of Water/Sewer Fees for those Properties that Deeded Property to the Township along Cherry Hill Road. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the waiver of water and sewer front footage fees and connection charges in exchange for the deeding of property to the Township for the purpose of installing the sanitary sewer line along Cherry Hill Road on the parcels indicated in Schedule A and to authorize the waiver of sanitary sewer front footage fees for the parcels indicated in Schedule B and further to transfer \$10,200.00 from the Capital Projects Road Paving fund to the Water and Sewer Fund as reimbursement for the waiver of sanitary sewer front footage fees for the parcels indicated in Schedule B. Motion carried unanimously. SCHEDULE A: 072-99-0021-000, Mikedis. 072-99-0020-000, Midedis, 072-99-0018-000, Sawyer, 071-99-0005-000, Pondell. SCHEDULE B: 078-99-0005-002, Blanchard, 078-99-0000-703. Lewis, 078-99-0009-702, Brewer. Item 5. Consider Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution No. 1, Tentatively Setting up a Special Assessment District (SAD) for Cherry Hill Road Paving and Drainage SAD 2004-1 from

RAINBOW RASCALS (NET OF CHERRY HILL 50 FT R.O.W.) PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T.2S., R.8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: THENCE N.89°58'42"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 1,142.89 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, ALONG A LINE 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 AND CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 174.11 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 280.02 FEET; THENCE S.89°58'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 177.63 FEET; THENCE ALONG A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3162.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°30'29" (THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS S.00°16'32"W., 28.04 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 28.04 FEET; THENCE S.00°01'18" W., A DISTANCE OF 251.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 49,228 SQUARE FEET OR 1.1301 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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PARCEL "D" (MEDICAL PARCEL)

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.89°58'42"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 794,83 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE, ALONG A LINE 50.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18 AND CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, N.89°58'42"W. A DISTANCE OF 293.06 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 251.96 FEET THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 3,107.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°27'47" (THE CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARS N.00°15'11"E.. 25.12 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 25.12 FEET; THENCE S.89°58'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET; THENCE S.59°01'10"E., A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET; THENCE N.30°58'50"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET; THENCE S.63°04'05"E., A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.26°55'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 36.81 FEET; THENCE N.89°59'03"W., A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET; THENCE S.26°55'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET; THENCE S.00°01'18"W., A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.12 ACRES. PARCEL 4

PARCEL 3 (COLEMAN TRUST) **REMAINDER PARCEL**

PART OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E. CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 18 N.0°07'46"W. 485.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 00°07' 46" W., 756.14'; THENCE, S.89°01'50"E., TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 2546.77'; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.00°18'09"E., 682.60'; THENCE, S.89°38'12"W., 165.00'; THENCE S.00°18'09"E., TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (66.00' WIDE) ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 499.29'; THENCE ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18, S.89°38'12" W., 7.50'; THENCE N.00°18'09"W., 198.00'; THENCE S.89°38'12"W., 302.50'; THENCE S.00°18'09"E., TO A POINT ON THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18, 198.00'; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.89°38'12"W., 1328.89'; THENCE, N.00°21'48"@W., 485.00'; THENCE S.89°38'12"W., 744.12'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 59.3067 ACRES SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE SOUTHERLY 33.00' (CHERRY HILL ROAD) AND THE WESTERLY 33.00' (NAPIER ROAD).

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Cherry Hill Road from Ridge to Denton.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above-described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet

on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2004 at 7:00, o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district. 7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 13, 2004 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk

Item 6. Consider Adoption of Special Assessment Resolution No. 1 Tentatively Setting up a Special Assessment District (SAD) for Denton Road Paving and Drainage SAD 2004-2 North of Cherry Hill Road. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt Resolution No. 1 for the Denton Road Paving and Drainage SAD 2004-02, with Public Hearing set for April 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES, N.89°58' 42" W., A DISTANCE OF 281.51 FEET; AND S.00°00'00" W., A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET ; AND N.89°58'42" W., A DISTANCE OF 452.69 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET; THENCE N. 26°55'56" E., A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'02"E., A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET; THENCE N.26°55'55"E., A DISTANCE OF 86.81 FEET: THENCE N.63°04'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.30°58'50" W., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET; THENCE N.59°01'10" W., A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET; THENCE N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.89°30'55: E., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3,107.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57'26", A DISTANCE OF 51.92 FEET; THENCE N.01°26'32" E. A DISTANCE OF 137.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.01°38'44" W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4,045.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01'39", A DISTANCE OF 1.95 FEET; THENCE N.88°22'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 11.34 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12'48"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178.74 FEET; THENCE N.00°56'09"W, A DISTANCE OF 60.62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,308.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56'18"; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.32 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.32 FEET; THENCE N.08°00'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.68 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 89.50 FEET; THENCE S.89°14'13"E., A DISTANCE OF 388.06 FEET; THENCE S.81°05'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 315.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59'32"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60.54 FEET TO A POINT OF **REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50** FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23'19"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC, A DISTANCE OF 67.58 FEET; THENCE N.81°30'31'E., A DISTANCE OF 57.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57'21"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66.42 FEET; THENCE N.56°33'10" E., TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 34.09 FEET: THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120'WIDE), S. 33°26'50"E., A DISTANCE OF 84.71 FEET; THENCE S.56°32'13"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.80 FEET; THENCE S.05°00'01" W., A DISTANCE OF 318.63 FEET; THENCE N.90°00'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 157.70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03'44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET; THENCE S.11°03'44"E., A DISTANCE OF 35.61 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.76°09'37"W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 920.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14º05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET; THENCE N.00°00'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S.00°32'02" E., A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN

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PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18, T.2S R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.00°35'21"E., 1077.81'; THENCE S.89°53'35"W., 1311.53'; THENCE N.00°24'05"W., 427.01'; THENCE N.89°47'22"W., TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) AS MONUMENTED, 442.52'; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD, N.30°21'18"E., 28.23'; THENCE S.89°51'16"W., 401.15'; THENCE S.43°26'10"W., 274.59'; THENCE S.89°51'16"W. TO A POINT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 307.41'; THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE N.00°18'09"W., TO THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 18; 817.58'; THENCE ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 N.89°45'51"E. 741.54'; THENCE S.30°27'16"W., 162.80'; THENCE S.59°42'27"E. TO A POINT OF THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) 451.50'; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD. N.30°21'18"E., TO A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF

24 square feet in area or six fee in height and shall not be located closer than ten feet to any property line. (Ord. No. 120 (F), as amended § 8, 11-12-2002) (4) Automated Teller Machine. The total square footage allowed for signs on the ATM machine shall be determined by multiplying one (1) square foot by the linear footage of the length of the machine. Automated teller machine signs are not required to be individual channel letters.

Sec. 102-35 Signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts. (9) Township governmental property. A change-able copy sign/reader board may be installed in addition to what is otherwise permissible within this section. This provisions is not applicable to size and location requirements. (Ord. No. 120(F), as amended, § 9, 11-12-2002) (10) Automated Teller Machine. The total square footage allowed for signs on an ATM machine shall be determined by multiplying one (1) square foot by the linear footage of the length of the machine. Automated teller machine signs are not required to be individual channel letters.

Sec. 102-36 Signs permitted in agricultural, rural residential and rural estate districts. The Sign Ordinance was last amended on November 12, 2002 and became effective on November 21, 2002. The current language does not address sign requirements for automated teller machines. This amendment is needed to require permits for any signs placed on the machines. The second reading will be April 27, 2004, with publication and effective date of May 6, 2004.Item 8. First Reading Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Division 3. **Canton Council for Community** Excellence, Section 2-182. Membership (Ordinance No. 153). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish the First Reading of the amendment to the Council for Community Excellence Ordinance and publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 2004. The Second Reading of the amendment will be on April 27, 2004 with publication and effective date of May 6, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES; DIVISION 3. CANTÓN COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE, SECTION 2-182. MEMBERSHIP The Council for Community Excellence shall consist of not less than nine (9) members appointed by the Township Supervisor with the approval of the Township Board. A council member's term of office shall be fore three (3) years, except that four (4) of the members appointed to the first council shall serve for a term of one year, four (4) members shall serve for a term of two (2) years and three members shall serve for a term of three years. The terms of office shall expire December 31, provided that a member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed to replace the member. Item 9.

Approval to Pay Membership Fee in the Assembly of Rouge (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Communities. Kirchgatter to authorize payment of the membership fee, in an amount of \$25,697 (acct. # 101-445-805-0000), to the Wayne county Department of Environment (custodian) for the 2004 membership of the Assembly of Rouge Communities. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. Consider Increasing Fleet Services' Blanket Purchase Order #44148, B & F Auto Supply, Inc. (NAPA). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize an increase for blanket purchase order #44148, B & F Auto Supply, Inc. up to \$20,000.00 (accounts #592-000-110-1000, 592-000-110-3000, 592-000-110-6000, and 592-000-110-7000) as necessary. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. Approval of the 2004 Municipal Services Department Capital Improvement Program. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the 2004 Capital Improvement Program as presented for the Municipal Services Department; and further, that the staff present the necessary formal budget amendments to the Board at a later Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. Approve date. Purchase of Avid Digital Video Workstation for Cable Studio. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of the AVID DIGITAL VIDEO WORKSTATION, including the Avid Media Composer, Apple PowerMac G5, Mitsubishi monitors, Avid rs73/320 73GB Media Drives, 512 MB ram upgrade, from Roscoe Corp. in the amount of \$34,063 (account # 230-350-977-0000.) Motion carried unanimously. Item 13. Approval to Purchase one Defibrillator/Monitor from Medtronic Physio-Control Corp., Redmond, WA and Waive the Bidding Process. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of one (1) LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitor with accessories for the cost of \$13,709.40 (acct. # 206-336-977-0000.) Further, the Canton Board of Trustees waives the bidding process awarding this purchase to Medtronic Physio-Control Corp., Redmond, WA, as they are the sole source to obtain the LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitor series. . Motion carried unanimously. Item 14. Request to Purchase 2004 Ford F-250 Pickup. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a 2004 Ford F-250 Pickup 4x4, Crew Cab, Short Box 6.5 ft in the amount of \$26,943.00 (account #206-336-977-0000) to be purchased under the Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing Program; Macomb County Bid #34-02. Motion carried unanimously. Item 15. Approval for Honor Guard and Escort Officer to Attend Activities During National Police Week in Washington D.C. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Canton Honor Guard and Escort Officer attending the events in Washington, D.C. during National Police Week and the 23rd National Peace Officers' Memorial Service in recognition of Canton's fallen officer, Gordon Lewis Stevens. The cost not to exceed \$3,000 (acct. # 207-301-951-0000.) Motion carried unanimously. Item 16. Purchase of Carpet Sweeper. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of a battery powered Radius carpet sweeper from Lower Huron Supply Company in the amount of \$2,735 (account # 402-302-975-0000.) Motion carried unanimously. Item 17. Purchase of Floor Scrubber. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of an Eagle Power battery operated floor scrubber from B & R Janitorial Supply Company in the amount of \$4,300 (account # 402-302-975-0000.) Motion carried unanimously. Item 18. Authorize Township Clerk and Supervisor to Execute Deeds Granting Right-of-Way to Wayne County for Cherry Hill Road. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the deeds granting right-of-way along Cherry Hill Road to Wayne. Motion carried unanimously. Item 19. Award Bid for Rental of Tents, Tables and Chairs for 2004 Canton Leisure Services Events. (LSD) Motion by Bennett. supported by McLaughlin to award the bids for tents, table, and chairs for the 2004 Liberty Fest to American Rental, Inc., 4901 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906, in an amount not to exceed \$8,339.00 (account #101-691-940-0000.) I also move to award the bid for tents, table and chairs for the 2004 Special Events to Canton Canopies, 8559 Ronda Drive, Canton, MI 48187, in an amount not to exceed \$4,052.50 (account # 101-691-940-0000.) Motion carried unanimously. Item 20. Waive Bid Procedure and Award Contract for the 2004 Canton Liberty Fest Attractions. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to waive the bid procedure and award the contract for the 2004 Canton Liberty Fest Kids Attractions to Galactic Transit Authority, Inc. 9874 Ford Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, in the amount not to exceed \$6,900 (account # 101-691-742-4000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 21. Request to Award Bid for Staff and Program Apparel. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for staff shirts to Sportswear Specialities, 8201 Ronda Drive, Canton, MI 48187, in an amount not to exceed \$19,497.75 (acct. # 101-755-740-0000, 101-270-722-0000, 101-672-722-000, 208-757-722-1000, 208-757-722-2000, 101-691-741-0000, 101-691-742-1000, 101-691-742-2000, 101-691-742-3000, 101-691-742-4000.) Motion carried unanimously. Item 22. Approve Extension to Contract with Diamond Ventures, L.L.C. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve to extend the existing contract with Diamond Ventures, L.L.C. until June 1, 2004, Motion carried unanimously. Item 23. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Cultural Activities. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to approve the agreement between the County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Canton for cultural activities.. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Shefferly Motion carried. Item 24. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Therapeutic Recreation Activities. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to approve the agreement between the County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Canton for Therapeutic Recreation programs and transportation services. Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Shefferly Motion carried. Item 25. First Reading, Addition of Article VI to Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Canton, Automotive Service Stations Ordinance No. 163. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for first reading Ordinance No. 163, Addition of Article VI to Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Canton, Automotive Services Stations with publication on April 22, 2004. The second reading of the Addition of Article VI to Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Canton, Automotive Service Stations Ordinance No. 163 will be on April 27, 2004 with publication and effective date on May 6, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to table Ordinance No. 163, Addition of Article VI to Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Canton, Automotive Service Stations with publication on April 22, 2004. Motion carried

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

(Denton Road Paving and Drainage SAD No. 2004-2)

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in said Township on April 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, PRESENT: Members: McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Shefferly.

- WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, has tentatively declared its intention to undertake certain public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements attached hereto the special assessment district described in Exhibit A Attached hereto; and
- WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by registered engineers plans showing the public improvements and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof; and
- the same have been received by the Township Board; WHEREAS, and
- the Township Board desires to proceed further with WHEREAS, the public improvements; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The plans showing the public improvements and the location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination.
- The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the aforesaid improvements.
- 3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto.
- The Township Board shall meet at the Summit on the Park in 4. the Township on April 27, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the proposed public improvements or the special assessment district.
- The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such 5. hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least 10 (ten) days before the time of hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first-class mail to all record owners of or persons in interest in property in the special assessment district as the last township tax assessment records of the Township at least 10 (ten) full days before the date of said hearing.
- Said notice shall be in substantially the following form: 6. NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT **IMPROVEMENT BY THE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING -DESCRIBED LANDS: PARCEL 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PHASE 2 EXCLUDING GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E. CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2.S., R,8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.00°35'21"W.,60.00'; THENCE N.89°58' 42" W., 59.99' TO THE

8.1 - 8.1.1. A.1.1.

SAID SECTION 18, 429.06'; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SALTZ ROAD (66.00' WIDE), N.89°45'51" E., 1367.67' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 50.2540 ACRES. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN RIDGE ROAD AND THE NORTHERLY 33.00' (SALTZ ROAD).

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Denton Road north of Cherry Hill Road.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above-described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk, Charter Township of Canton Publish: 4/15/ 2004 4/22/2004

7. All resolutions and parts of resolution insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Members, Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo

NAYS: RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk

Item 7. First Reading Amending Chapter 102, Signs - Re: ATM Signs. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to

introduce the first reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinance. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to table the First Reading of the Sign Ordinance for publication in the Canton Observer on April 22, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Chapter 102 SIGNS*

Article 1. In General Sec. 102-1 Definitions. 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. Automated Teller Machine, a computerized electronic machine that performs basic banking functions (as handling check deposits or issuing cash withdrawals)- called also automatic teller, automatic teller machine. 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. Article 2. Zoning District Restrictions Sec. 102-34 Signs permitted in office, mid-rise development and high-rise development districts. 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

unanimously.

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Salmon season is heating up with tournament on tap

The recent influx of spring-like temperatures has had a positive impact on fishing.

Reports are filtering in from anglers fishing local lakes in Oakland and Wayne counties that crappies and bluegills are hitting in the shallows on many lakes. Suckers and steelhead are attracting angler interest on the Clinton River and a pretty good steelhead bite is also being reported from the Huron River at Flat Rock.

There have even been reports of limited numbers of smelt trickling into Port Huron, which is welcomed news - especially since smelt runs seem to have disappeared in recent years. With smelt arriving at Port Huron, so are the salmon.

Rob Helzer, of the Bluewater Sportfishing Association, reports that the early salmon bite on Lake Huron has been very good. On a trip earlier this week Helzer's boat landed 13 fish.

"Three of them were lakers, so we had to throw them back because the season is not open on Lake Huron," he said, "but overall it has been pretty good so far."

The Bluewater Sportfishing Association (BSA) is sponsoring the Salmon Stakes Fishing Tournament this year, which is slated for April 24.

The tournament, which was

ACTIVITIES

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the

third Tuesday of each month in Rochester.

Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters

Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for

Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third

Wednesday of every month at the Drayton

Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton

Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the

club's web site at http://go.to/ocsa for

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

and non-boaters.

more information.

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SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing

Outdoor insights Bill Parker

started by Chuck Muer and Al Tyrell more than 20 years ago and has been based at the River Crab Restaurant in St. Clair, was nearly cancelled this year, until the BSA stepped in.

"Since the River Crab Restaurant was sold they (new owners) have been scaling back," Helzer said. "Then the (Bluewater Mental Health) clinic decided not to be involved this year so Landrys (the new owner) dropped out, too. We didn't want to lose the date, and it started out as a club tournament, so we (BSA) decided to keep it going."

The tournament format will be the same as in past years, the only difference will be the weigh-in site and the beneficiary.

Cash prizes of \$500 will be presented to the anglers who catch the biggest chinook, coho, brown trout, steelhead and lake trout (lake trout season is only open in the St. Clair River).

If the winning angler is a member of a fishing club entered in the

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-

tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m.

the fourth Tuesday of every month at the

Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in #

Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30

p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at

the Livonia senior center located on the

southeast corner of Farmington and Five

Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for

Taylor. For more information, call Ron

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

to riverrat122@home.com

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

tournament that club will also

In addition, the skipper with the highest total weight will also win.

Money is raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets. (Anglers must also register after purchasing a ticket.)

Raffle prizes include two nights lodging at the St. Clair Inn plus dinner for two; a half-day salmon charter; 18 holes of golf for four with carts at Fore Lakes Golf Course; and dinner for four at The Voyageur Restaurant - home base and weigh-in site for the tournament.

In addition, the ticket stub is good for half-off the second dinner with the purchase of two dinners at the Voyageur.

"The money we raise will be put into a fund to build a fish cleaning station in the St. Clair Boat Harbor," Helzer said.

For tickets and more information, call the Voyager at (810) 329-4101.

POSTER CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students with a knack for art and an awareness about the Great Lakes should consider entering a poster contest called "Help Protect Your Waters and Stop Aquatic

Hitchhikers."

The contest is sponsored by the Office of the Great Lakes as a way for students to demonstrate their knowledge of Great Lakes aquatic invasive species.

Students should design a poster to convey a message about how to keep aquatic invasive species from spreading to new lakes and rivers.

Posters must be 11x17 inches, color or black and white. Pencil, colored pencil, watecolor, pen and ink and acrylic paint are all permissible for use.

Deadline for entry is May 3. Contact Emily Finnell at (517) 241-7927 or by email at finnelle@michigan.gov for more information. The winning entry will be signed by the governor as the official poster of Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week, June 7-13. It will reproduced and distributed statewide. The winner will also have an opportunity to participate in an episode of MUCC's Michigan-Out-Of-Doors TV program.

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

mation, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com. The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the

Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information. **CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS**

'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National-

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP RASERALL Thursday, April 22 Canton at Northville, 3:30 p.m. Churchill at Harrison, 4 n.m. Agape Christian at Baptist Park, Churchill at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, Stevenson at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Wayne at Salem, 3:30 p.m. Salem at Canton, 4 p.m. Friday, April 23 Ypsilanti April Showers Relays, 9 a.m. Northville at Canton, 4 p.m. Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, 9:15 a.m. W. Bloomfield Invitational, 9:30 a.m. W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at Salem, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

(all double-headers)

Novi at Salem (DH) TBD

Garden City at Wayne, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 22

A.A. Huron at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.

Ladywood at H.W. Regina, 4 p.m.

Macomb Christian at Huron Valley,

4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.

Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Harper Woods,

4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

(all double-headers unless noted)

Canton at Chelsea Invitational, 8 a.m.

Frankfin at Richmond Tourney, 10 a.m.

Farmington at Salem (DH), 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 22 Redford CC at P.H. Northern, 4 p.m. Churchill at Berkley, 4 p.m. Friday, April 23 Canton at Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m. Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m. Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m. Luth, Westland at Annapolis, 11 a.m. H.W. Notre Dame at Redford CC. 11 a.m. Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m. Franklin at Birm, Groves, 11 a.m. Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24

Canton Varsity Tournament, 8 a.m. A.A. Pioneer Tournament, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF Thursday, April 22 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Friday, April 23 Canton at Hartland Tournament, 9 a.m. Brighton Inv. at Oak Pointe, 9:30 a.m. Churchill at Northville (Hills), 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Salem (Hilltop), 3 p.m.

Stevenson at Plymouth, 3 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Northern, 3 p.m.

PREP LACROSSE Thursday, April 22 Country Day at Redford CC, 5 p.m. Friday, April 23 Ladywood at Waterford, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 1 p.m. Ladywood at Farmington, 2:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers) Saturday, April 24 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Friday, April 23 Shawnee St. (Ohio) at Madonna, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25 Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATIONS ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. _163_

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more information.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE DISPENSING AND HANDLING OF GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE FUELS WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; TO PROVIDE FOR SELF-SERVICE FUEL DISPENSING PUMPS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR SELF-SERVICE STATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF AND PERMITTING OF SELF-SERVICE STATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR WARNING NOTICES ON PUMPS; AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROVISIONS; AND TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more infor-

service station should be issued to the applicant.

be determined by resolution of the Township Board.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road,

The recently organized Clinton River Bass Federation.

> The attendant-served island shall be open for service during the hours the gasoline station is open to the public.

Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Salem at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, 9:15 a.m.

W. Bloomfield Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Section 18-312. Warning Notice on Self-Service Fuel Dispenser.

Each fuel dispenser which does not meet the requirements of the State of Michigan for a self-service dispenser must have a warning notice posted on both sides of the pump station, in at least one (1) inch high letters, that "It shall be unlawful for any person operate this device other than the owner, agent, employee, or attendant of the gasoline station.

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

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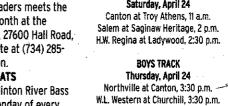
GIRLS TRACK Thursday, April 22

Saturday, April 24

BOYS TENNIS

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Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m. **GIRLS SOCCER** Thursday, April 22 Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m. Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Salem at Royal Oak Kimball, 7 p.m. Friday, April 23 Garden City at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m. N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. Franklin at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 Canton at Troy Athens, 11 a.m.



receive \$500. \$500.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

ADDITION OF ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 18 SECTION 1. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON.

Chapter 18, Article VI is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan to read as follows:

Section 18-301. Definitions.

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

Attendant-Served Dispenser means a dispensing device (commonly called a "pump") used to dispense flammable liquids from fixed equipment into the fuel tanks of vehicles or internal combustion engines, which meets state and local criteria for said fuel-dispensing device and which is operated by the owner, agent, employee or attendant of the gasoline station.

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 there-of, to be purchased.

Self-Service Dispenser means a dispensing device (commonly called a "pump") used to dispense flammable liquids from fixed equipment into the fuel tanks of vehicles or internal combustion engines, which meets state and local criteria for said self-service device and which is operated by a person who is not the owner, employee, agent or attendant of the gasoline station.

Self-Service Gasoline Station means any gasoline station offering to the public the sale of gasoline and other motor fuels from a selfservice dispenser.

Permit Officer shall be the Chief Building Official of the Township.

Section 18-302. Self-Service Island Allowed; Notice of Attendant-Served Island.

Gasoline stations may provide for self-service dispensers, provided, however, that at least one island which upon request is attendant served. The attendant service island shall provide unleaded and leaded gasoline and all other grades of fuel normally provided at that station to the public. Each gasoline station which provides a "selfserve" fuel dispenser shall clearly designate whether each island is "attendant-served" or "self-serve"by posting a sign at the island stating the same with letters six (6) inches in height.

Section 18-303 Permit Required for Self-Service Stations and Fees.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a self-serve gas station to sell flammable liquids to the public unless said station has received a valid permit to operate the same from the Township.

(b) The Permit Officer is hereby authorized to issue a permit to operate a self-serve station upon application as provided herein. Before the Permit Officer may issue any permit, the applicant shall file an application on forms furnished for such purposes and the Fire Chief and Building Official or their designated representative shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the proposed selfserve station complies with all applicable State of Michigan statutes and Flammable Liquid Regulations and Canton Township Fire Code,

The Permit Officer shall not renew a permit issued pursuant to this ordinance until the Fire Chief and the Building Official or their designated representative have inspected the premises and certified to the Permit Officer that the flammable liquid regulations and Canton Township Fire and Building Codes and other applicable ordinances have been complied with.

Building Code and other applicable ordinances. After completion of

such investigation, the Fire Chief and Building Official or their

designated representative shall certify to the Permit Officer their

finds and recommendations as to whether a permit to operate a self-

(c) There shall furnished to each permittee under this section a

certificate as to for, and style as the Permit Officer shall provide,

which shall be displayed on the premises when the permittee is

engaged in such operations. The permit fees shall, from time to time,

Section 18-305 Permit Revocation.

Section 18-304. Permit Renewal.

The Permit Officer may suspend or revoke said permit upon a showing that said permittee is in violation of applicable local ordinances, State laws and rules and regulations thereto. The Permittee may appeal the Permit Officer's decision within ten (10) days, to the Township Board, which shall decide the matter by majority vote.

Section 18-306 Permit Expiration.

All permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall expire on the 31st of December of each year. A fee, as established by resolution of the Township Board, shall be required prior to the issuance of a renewal permit.

Section 18-307. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Rules on Storage and Handling of Flammable and **Combustible Liquids.**

Self-service stations shall comply with Rules 29.5101-29.5341 of the Michigan Administrative Code, which are hereby adopted by reference.

Section 18-308. Self-Service Plan Approval Required.

Every person, firm or corporation who intends to construct, reconstruct, convert or alter any service station to provide a selfservice station shall submit plans of such proposed station to the Township for approval where required by the Zoning Ordinance or other applicable law.

Section 18-309 Self-Service Stations Allowed in Proper Zoning District.

No self-serve station shall be operated or maintained, except in districts allowing gasoline service stations.

Section 18-310 Dispensing of Motor Fuels.

(a) There shall be a canopy covering any island containing a selfservice pump sufficient to protect any self-service customer using said pumps from weather elements.

(b) There shall be a facility to provide air pressure for inflation of tires of customers available to customers during the hours that the station is operating. Irrespective of weather conditions, the air inflation service must be available during all months.

(c) There shall be available to all customers on each island materials for the cleaning of windows, including, but not limited to, a squeegee, cleaner fluid, and paper toweling.

(d) There shall be available to all members of the public a toilet and washroom during the hours that the self-service stations is operating.

(e) Self-service stations shall display a sign or signs that contain a separate price for each type of motor fuel sold at the station. Prices shall be in numbers six (6) inches in height. Such a sign shall be easily viewed by the public, located on the gas island and shall otherwise comply with the Sign Ordinance.

Section 18-311. Hours of Attendant-Served Operation.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY,

In the event any phrase, clause, sentence, or section of this ordinance is declared illegal or invalid in any final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of this ordinance shall be deemed to have been adopted and shall continue in full force and effect without such illegal or invalid provision.

SECTION 4.	VIOLATIONS;	MISDEMEANOR;
PENALTIES.		

Any person, firm, or corporation or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and jail time of not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. Every act or violation and every day upon which such violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION: NONAPPLICABILITY: APPEALS,

This ordinance shall be liberally construed in such a manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this ordinance 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, except where the inconsistency or conflict is with the Zoning Ordinance, wherein the Zoning Ordinance shall control and prevail.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

This ordinance was deleted in review of the Township Attorney's assuming the licensing was included in the Fire code. However, upon review of the Building Department and Fire Prevention, it was decided that this ordinance is necessary and should be included in Chapter 18. The inspection requirements of the self serve gas stations are necessary for both the safety and convenient operation of the business for the public. OTHER: Director Durack stated the Study Session for April 20, 2004 will be MMR Claims update, with closed session from 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. open meeting following. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn. Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Hickory Creek Ladies Golf League, which plays on Thursday mornings throughout the summer, is looking for new members in the

Plymouth/Canton area. The nine-hole league is played at Hickory Creek Golf Course, which is located at Ford Road and Napier Road in Canton.

League members tee off every Thursday at 8 a.m. beginning May 6. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941.

WALKING CLUB

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or

SOFTBALL FROM PAGE BI

Noder, who gave up three hits and one walk in pitching five scoreless innings. Cunningham led the

onslaught with three hits, an RBI and two runs scored; Kasey DeSutter (Oakland CC) added two hits, as Madonna took full advantage of four Concordia errors. Marisa Otter took the loss, giving up eight runs (three earned) in $1 \frac{1}{3}$ innings

In Friday's first game against Siena Heights (14-20 overall, 8-8 in the WHAC), Madonna scored five runs in the first three innings, then withstood a seventh-inning Saints' rally to earn a 5-3 triumph. Nilson,

they can blaze their own trail. There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m.; the evening start time is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course. Tee time start is 5:29 p.m. The cost is \$450. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an adult co-ed kickball league starting Friday, May 14 (minimum 15 games).

The entry fee is \$240 per

team (umpire fees extra). There will be double-headers. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

BADMINTON EQUIPMENT

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering any level school badminton program free used feathered badminton shuttlecocks. For more information, call

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

(248) 449 - 9947.

The Motor City Cobras 11and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series. For more information, please

call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904 The Canton Mustangs U12

travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The

Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

■ The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series. For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

The 11-and-under Michigan Wolves, a travel baseball team based in Livonia, is seeking players to fill out their roster for the 2004 season. To be eligible, your birthday must be after July 31, 1992.

For more information about tryout dates, call Scott Linser at (734) 422-4576 or Dave Seger at (734) 422-7741.

The Dearborn Heights

Knights, an 11-and-under travel baseball team affiliated with American Amateur Baseball Congress, is scheduling open tryouts for the 2004 season. For more information, call Rich Grucz at 1-800-949-9834.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Thunderbird Softball Inc. (TSI) will be registering and holding tryouts for all area girls interested in playing fastpitch softball, ages eight and under through 19 and over. Openings are available in both the recreation leagues (which guarantee playing time) and for the more competitive travel and tournament teams.

Please call coach Bruce at (734) 981-1796 or email at: playfastpitch@hotmail.com for tryout locations and times and to register at the Canton Softball Center.

Tryout applications are also available on our Web page thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com. The Thunderbirds are not affiliated with the CCJBSA or its subsidiary, Pride Fastpitch.

BADMINTON TOURNEY

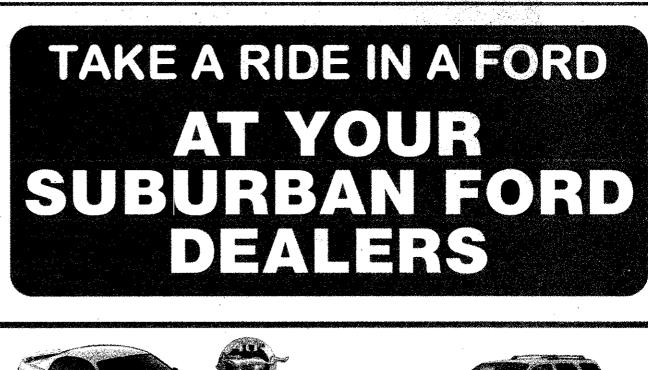
Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its third annual Midwest Stephen Race Badminton Tournament, Friday through Sunday, May 7-9, at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

Race was a player who was instrumental in building badminton popularity in the midwest.

Last year, 110 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ontario.

Tournament officials expect 120 participants for the 2004 tourney including 2000 Olympic gold medal winner Tony Gunawan.

For more information, call Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.





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Public Notice County Taxpayers 2001 Unpaid Property Tax Deadline Extended to April 20, 2004 A request by Wayne County Treasurer, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, to Wayne Circuit Court to extend the deadline date for payment of delinquent 2001 Wayne County real property taxes from the statutory prescribed date of March 31, 2004, has been granted. The new date is April 30, 2004 for taxpayers to either pay their taxes or file an application for financial hardship. Anyone who has delinquent taxes, questions or concerns are encouraged to contact our office as soon as possible for assistance. = Raymond J. Wojtowicz -(313) 224-5990 Wayne County Treasurer 400 Monroe St. Ste. 530, Detroit, Michigan 48226 www.treasurer.waynecounty.com iblish: 4-4-04, 4-08-04, 4-11-04, 4-15-04, 4-18,04, 4-22-04, 4-25-04, 4-29-04

Advanced Technology Academy

who pitched six innings and surrendered three runs (one earned) on nine hits and two walks with two strikeouts, got the win; Natalie Waelchli took the loss.

Cunningham tripled in two runs in the first inning and ended up scoring twice in the game.





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Public Notice

The 2004-2005 Open Enrollment Period for the Advanced Technology Academy begins on Saturday, April 17th, 2004 and ends on Monday, May 17, 2004.

The Advanced Technology Academy is accepting applications for grades 9-12. The projected number of students in the 2004-2005 school year is 450 students with up to 125 students in each grade level.

All ATA students planning to return for the 2004-2005 school year must notify the school in writing no later than Monday, May 17, 2004.

Information concerning the academy may be found on our website: Advanced Technology Academy.org.

A lottery will be used if the number of applicants exceeds the available openings

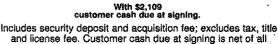
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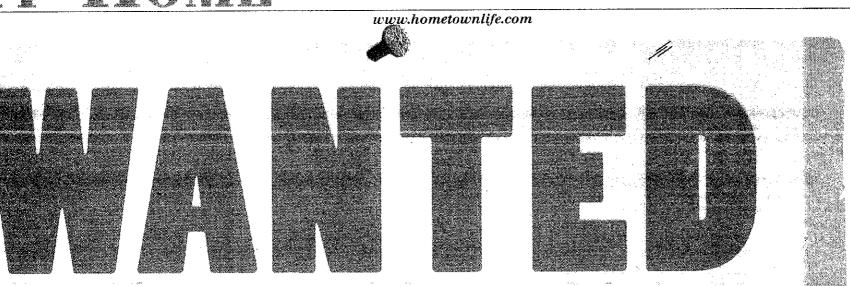
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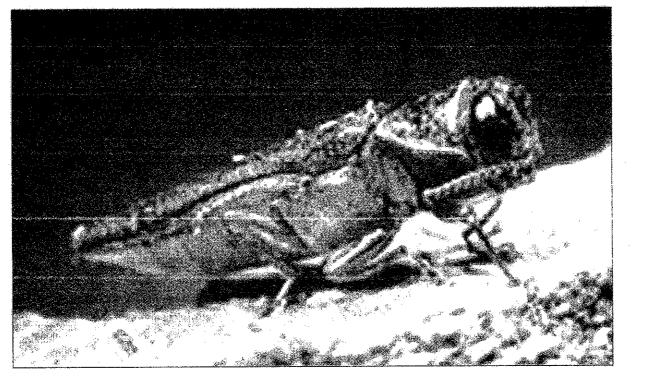
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(*) Thursday, April 22, 2004

APPLIANCE DOCTOR – Tale of freezer woes.







Emerald ash borer

Homeowners must weigh cost of removal or ongoing treatment

Homeowners who want to battle the emerald ash borer should start right now.

They should begin feeding insecticide through the soil and into the roots of their damaged trees this month in order to stop infestation this summer, according to an entomologist from Michig

remove the trees. "Homeowners in the

Observer

infested area must now make a difficult choice: Treat their ash trees each year with insecticide or let them succumb to attack and eventually pay for their removal." said David Smitley, entomologist with Michigan State University. "Those choosing to protect one or more ash trees can either hire a professional arborist or apply the insecticide themselves. Now until the end of April is the best time for homeowners to treat ash trees against the

lion ash trees in southeastern Michigan. Michigan is home to an estimated 700 million ash trees.

The borer burrows under bark and damages a tree's vascular system.

This year is the third year the trees have been treated, and with each season of

EMERALD ASH BORER

The emerald ash borer belongs to an insect group known as metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark metallic green and 1/2 inch in length and 1/16 inch wide. They are present from mid-May until late July, Larvae are creamy white in color and are found under the bark.

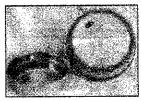
The borer's host range is limited to species of ash trees udentified by their distinctive leaves, which are located directly across from each other on the leaf stem, and bark).

In Michigan, most ash trees are white, black or green. Emerald ash borer does not attack mountain ash, which is not related to white, black, or green ash



'No-slide' bowl

When it comes to feeding pets, many owners prefer stainless steel bowls, because of their appearance and hygienic advantages. Unfortunately, these polished metal bowls have also had a downside - or



"down slide."

When an exuberant pet goes overboard and rams his stainless steel dinner bowl to dig out a morsel of food, the bowl slides across the floor like a shiny hockey puck, frustrating the dog and causing a mess in the house.

Now OurPet's has introduced the Dura Pet Bowl, a stainless steel food and water bowl with a permanently bonded rubber rim around the base. This rubber puts the brakes on errant bowls, stopping them from sliding away from pets.

Available in two sizes, the gleaming, heavyduty, polished Dura Pet Bowl is shaped to avoid tipping and spilling and it's dishwasher safe. While ceramic bowls are easily chipped or broken, and plastic dishes need to be discarded after a few months, the Dura Pet Bowl will last a lifetime.

The Dura Pet Bowl is available in six sizes ranging from 0.75 pints to 4.5 quarts. Suggested retail prices range from \$4.99 to \$16.99. For more information about the Dura Pet Bowl, contact OurPet's at (800) 565-2695, or visit OurPet's Web site at www.ourpets.com

State University.

And that's only if the homeowners aren't too late. Otherwise, they may be better off just removing the diseased tree.

Researchers are optimistic about the insecticide's success in killing the borer's larva, but the fact that the treatment must continue season after season to be effective continues to be a drawback for homeowners. Some homeowners have chosen to

pest themselves." Discovered in North America in the Detroit area in June 2002, the emerald ash borer, an invasive metallic green beetle from Asia, has killed more than 5 milstudy researchers can better grasp what works and what doesn't in terms of the bug. There are two types of trunk injections and one soil injection.

If the tree has less than 10 percent infestation, there is an "excellent chance" of the tree's survival with treatment, according to Mike Barger, president of Mike's Tree Surgeons of Troy.

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trees. Usually the borers' presence goes undetected until the trees show symptoms of infestation - typically the upper third of a tree will die back first, followed by the rest the next year. A large number of shoots or sprouts often arise from these trees below the dead portions of the trunk. The adult beetles typically make a D-shaped exit hole when they emerge. Trees often respond to the tarval feeding by creating tissue that causes vertical splits in the bark. Distinct S-shaped tunnels may also be apparent under the bark.

Source: Michigan Department of Agriculture

New location

Frank and Nancy Boos announce the location of their new appraisal and auction facilities in the Antiques Centre of Troy, 2830 W. Maple at Coolidge, one mile south of the Somerset **Collection. The Antiques** Centre currently has 12 dealers in antiques and the decorative arts.

The Gallery will be in Suite 104, next to the **Judy Frankel Antiques** Gallery.

In addition to appraisals being conducted at the new site, there will be some retail sales of higher-end fine art and decorative arts. The Gallery will also buy individual items, collections or estates and conduct onsite auctions and house sales.

At this time, the Gallery is taking consignments and will be conducting two or three auctions a year in a nearby facility. The implementation of a permanent facility is in the planning stages.

Hours will be by appointment 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Other arrangements may be made if those hours aren't convenient. The present location at 420 **Enterprise Court in** Bloomfield Hills will be open until Wednesday, April 28. After Monday, May 3, call (248) 643-1900 for more information and appointments.

Residents should do homework before planting flow water away from the flood-

Any homeowner who wishes to replace trees should do their homework about the trees, advises Mike Barger, owner of Mike's Tree Surgeons in Troy.

Barger said homeowners should avoid planting too many of the same trees or creating a monoculture. Since there are so many ash trees, the emerald ash borer infestation spread easily throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

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Choose trees that grow well in the respective soils at your home. Oak trees do not grow well in clay soils, Barger said.

Honey locust, hackberry and Turkish filbert do well in clay soil, Barger said. An aristocrat pear will grow quickly and is "good for wildlife," Barger said. Armstrong red maple, crim-

son king maple (which has purple leaves) and the locust are all quick growing, Barger said.

Barger added that the quicker-growing trees often are the most brittle and don't stand up well to stormy weather. "The more brittle the plant, the more likely it will fall apart in a storm," Barger said.

You want to allow adequate growing space for the tree. Check the weather, too.

"You should look at what is 'zone hardy' and what grows best in that type of weather climate someplace else," Barger said. When planting the trees, gar-

deners should allow for a hole two or three times the size of the root ball.

"Loosen the soil up with a little bit of compost and allow for some air space and organic material," Barger said.

If the tree sits in heavy clay and drainage is poor for the tree, a trench may be dug to

should be removed. Backfill the hole with an organic base mixed PLEASE SEE PLANTING, C2

ed area.

Sometimes loose soil rolls up

should be removed to where the

root flare is visible on top of the

root crown. Burlap or wire bas-

kets surrounding the root ball

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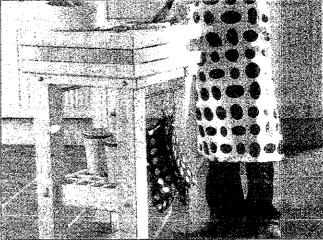
covers the root ball. That soil



Chef's helpers

Ever notice how TV chefs have everything they need and it's all right there? These trollevs will lend a helping hand and add to the convenience in preparing the next meal at vour house.

This Flytta kitchen trolley (left), designed by Nicholai Whig Hansen, is made of stainless steel with a chopping board in oiled solid birch and it has two lockable castors. It lists for \$129. The Groland butcher's block trolley. designed by Mikael Warnhammar, is made of untreated solid birch and stainless steel. That trolley retails for \$159. Both require assembly. For more items and information, visit IKEA at www.IKEA.com



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Homeowners can make a quick check for the disease by looking up in the tree's canopy, Barger said. "The tree will have light-colored spots, almost white, on the bark," Barger said.

Should homeowners want to begin the trunk injection of imidacloprid, they should make sure the tree has leaves growing, Barger said. "You need to have leaves to make sure there's sap flowing," Barger said. That means the application should begin between mid-May to early June through Sept. 15, Barger said

"The drawback with the trunk application is that it is important to have vascular flow," Barger said.

The soil injections allow the insecticide to enter the tree through the tree's root system and target the bug's larvae. That takes six to eight weeks to occur, Barger said.

Since life cycles of the borer vary and they develop at different times, insecticide applications are important to keep up, Barger said. Male adults live 10-20 days, while females live 14-30 days.

Sprays can be used, but are more effective when used on smaller trees, Barger said

"We're very cautious of the treatment," he said. "Because you have to coat the tree (with the spray), you get more insecticide in the air and on the ground. We want to be using the most environmentally friendly methods."

REMOVAL GOES ON

Between 1,500 and 2,000 ash trees were removed last vear in Livonia, according to Chris Bargoff, forestry foreman for the city. These trees were located on public property, between the sidewalk and the curb and in parks.

Bargoff estimated that about 1,000 more ash trees are expected to be removed between May and September. The most infected trees will be removed first, because they represent safety and health concerns.

Livonia chose to remove these trees rather than treat them. "It would be cost-prohibitive," Bargoff said. Costs range at about \$1,000 a year for treatment of a large tree, with a range of a 25- to 30inch wide trunk. Treatments must continue every year, and these only work when the disease is caught early. The city paid for the removal

and will pay for replanting, as long as funds are available. The tree locations must follow the city's ordinances on distance between the tree, fire hydrant, sewers and driveways, which means they may not be permitted in the former locations of ash trees.

Ash trees represented about 8 percent of those total trees. Residents are being discouraged from planting maples. "We already have about 60 percent (of all trees) that are maples, and that's about 40 percent too many," Bargoff said. The emerald ash borer destroys the ash trees, and if a similar bug or infestation destroyed the maple, that would devastate the city's tree stock.

Trees on private property are left to the homeowner.

DO IT YOURSELF

Bayer Advanced Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control is the only systemic product on the market that is easy for homeowners to use, Smitley said.

Other products must be injected into the trunk or sprayed on, and for large trees these types of applications are best done by certified applicators, such as tree care companies

Smitley said other options for protecting ash trees include hiring an arborist to inject ash tree trunks in late May or spraying the trunk and foliage with insecticide in early June and again in early July.

Smitley says homeowners should make sure they are purchasing the correct product -look for the words "Tree and Shrub" in large print on the label and imidacloprid as the active ingredient.

"Many will want to use this product because it is the only one that can be mixed in a bucket of water and drenched around the base of your ash trees," he said. "In research tests last year, this insecticide (imidacloprid) protected ash trees from borers at four of five sites when it was injected into the soil or drenched around the base of ash trees in mid- to late April. Bayer Tree and Shrub Insect Control comes in a 32-ounce, blue plastic container that costs about \$20."

Applying the product by the end of April will allow plenty of time for the insecticide to be absorbed by the roots and moved up into the tree. Smitley said.

"Though we know this product works for healthy trees, we do not know (if it works) when ash trees have been too damaged or infested for treatment," he said. "Trees with many dead branches and extensive dieback last summer and fall may not benefit from treatment."

THE BATTLE CONTINUES

Barger wants homeowners to know that all is not lost in the battle against the devastating bug, which is expected to cost homeowners thousands of dollars in tree removal.

"We're trying to get through to people that there is hope if you're willing to take a chance," Barger said. "If you give up now, then we won't know if the treatment is working. We will know next season how well we're doing.

"We have trees that we've been treating that are still alive, while there are other local ones that are dead, so something's working."

Bargoff said the treatments are effective in early stages of the disease.

"I think the people are working really hard on (the ash borer problem)," Bargoff said. "Researchers at MSU are looking at it, a lot of private companies are trying different things to see what works.

"The state is getting a lot better handle on the problem."

But he also acknowledged the borer has spread to other parts of the state, as far away as Berrien County in the southwest corner of the state. "It's gone quite a ways," he said.

TREE REPLACEMENT LIST

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Winter King Hawthorn

Autumn Gold Maidenhair

Magyar Maidenhair Tree

Saratoga Maidenhair Tree

Princeton Sentry Maidenhair

Hardy Rubber Tree

Imperial Thornless

Skyline Honeylocust

Kentucky Coffee Tree

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Snowdrift Crabapple

American Hophornbeam

Accolade Flowering Cherry

Columnar Sargent Rancho

Kwanzan Flowering Cherry

Autumn Blaze Callery Pear

Canada Red Common

Aristocrat Callery Pear

Red Spire Callery Pear

Korean Sun Pea Pear

Swamp White Oak

Northern Pin Oak

Mountain Silverbell

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Dawn Redwood

Black Tupelo

Amur Corktree

Flowering Cherry

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White Oak

Scarlet Oak

Gambel Oak

Shingle Oak

Chinkapin Oak

Sentry Linden

Accolade Elm

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Redmond Linden

Greenspire Linden

Sterling Silver Linden

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Chinese (Lacebark) Elm

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Chris Bargoff, forestry fore-

man with the city of Livonia,

said residents in that commu-

nity can call (734) 466-2655 to

get a list of suggested replace-

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hackberry and golden raintree.

a tree list from the Michigan

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Homeowners also can check

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Sawtooth Oak

Corktree

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Tulip Tree

Here is a list of trees homeowners may want to consider to replace diseased ash trees, courtesy of the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association. For more information, check with your local nursery or read tree catalogs: Trident Maple Hedge Maple

Armstrong Freeman Maple Autumn Blaze Freeman Maple **Celebration Freeman Maple** Marmo Freeman Maple State Street Maple

Emerald Queen Norway Maple **Emerald Luster Maple** Superform Norway Maple Autumn Flame Red Maple

Autumn Radiance Red Maple Karpick Red Maple Northwood Red Maple Green Mountain Sugar Maple **Tatarian Maple** Pattern Perfect Tatarian Maple

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with the existing soil. Roots that do not grow deeply into the earth will be more susceptible to damage due to weather changes, as the roots are closer to the surface and subject to more heat, dryness or frigid temperature variations than a more deeply rooted tree.

"The key to tree survivability

chart.)

SEMINARS Workshop

"After the Ash - Selecting and Planting Native Trees for Biodiversity and Water Quality" is an outdoor workshop and tree tour 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 26, at the office of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, 3910 W. Webster, Royal Oak. The seminar is free, but registration requested. Call (248) 288-5150 or LFDean@aol.com. Homeowners who want more information can visit www.emeraldashborer.info. Wayne County residents also can visit the Michigan State University Extension Wayne County Web site at www.msue.msu.edu/wayne/horticulture/index.html or contact their local communities. Oakland County residents can visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland/index.htm I or contact their local communities. Homeowners should contact their local community or local nurseries for information on suggested replacement trees or where to dispose diseased ash trees.

Tree sale

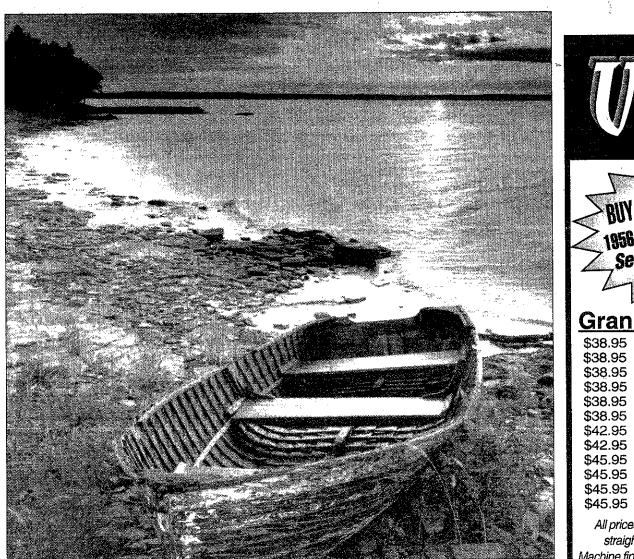
Homeowners in Wayne and Oakland counties who wish to purchase trees and benefit a good cause can check for trees at Global ReLeaf of Michigan's-14th annual Tree Sale Saturday. Fifteen varieties of trees will be sold. The organization has sold some of the trees through orders, but some may be leftover for homeowners to purchase. Trees are bare-root, 3 to 6 feet in height depending on species. Trees are \$26 each, or six or more are. \$21 each. Hydrangea shrubs are \$15 each, and three or more are \$13 each. Trees offered are sugar maple, red maple, greenspire linden, pagoda dogwood, whitespire birch, redbud, Japanese tree lilac, aristocrat pear and serviceberry. Also available are white and red flowering crabapple trees, honeycrisp. apple, freedom apple and stella cherry.

Trees on Saturday will be at the city of Livonia Department of Public Works yard, 12973 Farmington Road; Mike Tree Surgeons, 249 Park in Troy; Springfield Oaks Park, 12450 Andersonville Road in Davisburg; and Friendship Park-Porritt Barn at Orion Township Parks & Recreation, corner of Baldwin and Clarkston roads in Lake Orion. Global ReLeaf of Michigan is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to planting trees across Michigan, GRM works with communities, civic organizations and schools on a 50/50 cost sharing basis to plant trees on public property.

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RELAX YOUR body and mind with one of the many styles of yoga.

(MS) — Jaime Blanda works long hours as an accountant in New York City. Instead of vegging out in front of the tube or wolfing down a pint of ice cream to release stress, she turns

to yoga.

"It's an opportunity to unwind and indulge your body and mind simultaneously," Blanda says.

Young and old, male and female, yoga has become the "it" workout. It makes sense - this physical and spiritual workout exercises the body, clears the mind and controls stress. Some styles of yoga focus on holding postures for a long time and others link postures into one flow. Regardless, all styles combine physical postures called "asanas," breathing exercises called "pranayamas," and meditation to promote a calm mind and strong body.

Christina Hartman of Washington, D.C., has a stressful job at a nonprofit agency. But, she finds that yoga relaxes her, even after the craziest of days. "Doing yoga with a group of people lets me feed off the positive

Reduce Stress and Go Gaga Over Yoga

energy of others," Hartman says. "The effects of that are amazing — I feel so open and lifted inside and out."

It's easy to get started. Take a yoga class at your local gym or yoga center. When choosing a class, observe it and speak to the instructor. Make sure you like the teacher, the class fits your personality and it's a classroom that you can get comfortable in. Once you've chosen one, give it a dry run before committing since being a spectator is different than actually participating in the class.

Get gaga over yoga by educating yourself on its different styles. Hatha yoga is a general term referring to all the styles of yoga; each style has a different name and emphasis. Styles vary in their focus on body alignment, breathing rituals and breathing coordination with postures. The style you choose depends on your psychological needs and physical abilities.

Ananda — A classical and gentle style that seeks to awaken, experience and control the energies, ananda emphasize breathing and deep relaxation. Those energies are then used to harmonize the body, mind and emotions.

Anusara — This yoga is spiritually inspiring, but grounded in a knowledge of outer and inner body alignment.

Ashtanga — This athletic and intense style has participants jump from one posture to another to build strength, flexibility and stamina.

Bikrams — Show how much you can sweat in this style. The heat is turned up to 90 to 100 F to help soften muscles and ligaments. More than 25 asanas are done twice, making for an intense workout.

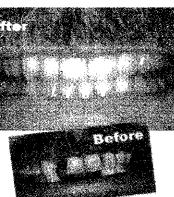
Integral — This style combines postures, breath control, prayer, chanting and meditation into a single approach. It's a series of gentle postures followed by deep relaxation, a breathing sequence and ending with meditation. Iyengar — Standing is so simple but requires more concentration than you think; it's harder than you may imagine to keep your body on top of your legs. This style emphasizes proper alignment of the spine and placement of the hips and feet and focusing on the individual needs and physical limits of each person.

Kripalu — Focus on breathing, alignment and coordinating the two with this "yoga of consciousness." Each style features different intensities of the poses, ranging from gentle to moderate to vigorous.

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movement and meditation. It seeks to unify mind and body as students attain a higher sense of consciousness.

Power — This vigorous and athletic style seeks to build energy from its demanding poses.

Sivananda — This style starts with a forceful beginning and offers an overall moderate workout. It follows a set structure of pranayama, classic asanas and relaxations.

Svaroopa Yoga — Learn different ways of doing familiar poses by beginning at the tailbone and progressing through each spinal area, promoting healing and transformation of the body and mind.

Viniyoga — The name literally means "an organized course of yoga." Postures are customized to the physical needs and limits of these student. Seeking to offer a deep respect to the individual and his body, postures focus on the spine and breathing.

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Want to Control Weight and Aging Safely? Green Tea Boasts Beauty and Health Benefits

(MS) - To spot one ofthe hottest health and beauty products around, look no further than green tea.

"People are discovering that green tea provides wonderful beauty benefits," says Carmen Lee, president of TotalTea.com, America's leading green tea company. "A few cups every day can actually make people look better and feel younger."

Green tea is not only tasty but has incredible medicinal properties as well. Since ancient times, Asian cultures have relied upon green tea to cure health problems. Now, studies are proving that green tea's antioxidants can treat migraines, menstrual cramps, poor digestion, stress, high cholesterol and even result in weight loss. According to recent scientific research, drinking green tea can can also reduce the risk of stroke, certain cancers and heart disease.

A GROWING TREND

The green tea industry is flourishing, thanks in part to green tea's newfound popularity and rising consumer interest. "We have been in the tea business for years, but recently, we've seen a surge of interest from people who want to gain the health benefits of drinking green tea," adds Lee.

The Tea Council of the USA, which functions as the educational arm for the



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tea industry, reports that since 1990, total tea sales have grown from \$1.8 billion to an estimated \$5 billion in 2000.

WEIGHING BENEFITS

Like many other plant foods, green tea has caught the attention of scientists because it has shown promise in reducing the risk of stroke and certain cancers, including prostate cancer, and heart disease.

"Consuming several cups of green tea on a daily basis prevents wrinkles and speeds metabolism, helping people lose weight," says Lee.

Much of the research has focused on two antioxidant nutrients found in green and herbal tea catechins and flavonoids. Researchers from the USDA recently reported that in laboratory tests. green tea produced greater antioxidant activity than 22 commonly consumed fruits and vegetables. Antioxidants help reduce

the formation of harmful substances in the body

that may contribute to aging, cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Green tea is also a good source of fluoride, which can help strengthen tooth enamel. In countries where tea drinking is common, such as the United Kingdom, tea can contribute substantially to total fluoride intake. "It's also important to consider green tea's impact on weight management," says Lee. "Green tea is a natural, healthy way to speed up the body's metabolism. TotalTea.com has all the green tea and herbal tea products you need to maintain a healthy regimen of daily tea drinking."

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Get the Skinny on **Saturated Fats**

(MS) - In our world offast foods and hurried lifestyles, making healthy food choices isn't always easy - not only because oftime constraints, but because of the confusion that results every time another research report or study is released, revealing conflicting information from previous years. We just aren't sure anymore what is or is not healthy to eat and why. Armed with the information we have and our sound judgment, we hope we are making some improvements in our eating habits and our overall health, in spite of all the controversy.

Now you can put an end to some of the confusion about one health-related item that's often in the news — trans fatty acids. Here's the lowdown on good fats and bad fats and how you can eliminate the bad ones from your diet.

Polyunsaturated fatty acids and monounsaturated fatty acids are the "good fats" that help lower total blood cholesterol when substituted for saturated fats, and significantly reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Polyunsaturated oils are liquid at room temperature and in the refrigerator. Monounsaturated oils are liquid at room temperature but start to solidify at refrigerator temperatures. For example, salad dressing containing olive oil turns cloudy when refrigerated, but is clear at room temperature. Both types of fats can be found in foods such as fish, olive oil, canola oil, soybean oil, avocados and walnuts, to name a few.

Saturated fats and trans fatty acids, or trans fats, are the "bad fats." They raise LDL (bad) blood cholesterol levels in the body, clog the arteries, and promote heart disease and stroke. Saturated fats are usually solid at room temperature.

Trans fats are even worse than saturated fats because they not only raise LDL (bad) cholesterol, but they also lower HDL (good) cholesterol when used instead of unsaturated fatty acids or natural oils. While these changes may increase the risk of heart disease, according to the American Heart Association, it's unclear if trans fats that occur naturally have the same effect on cholesterol and heart disease as those produced by hydrogenating vegetable oils. Saturated fats are in food items such as red meat, butter and ice cream. Trans fats are found in commercially packaged goods such as cookies and crackers, commercially fried foods like French fries, and processed foods such as margarines and vegetable shortening.

"Before the invention of trans fatty acids, we cooked food with lard, palm oil or butter, etc., which are high

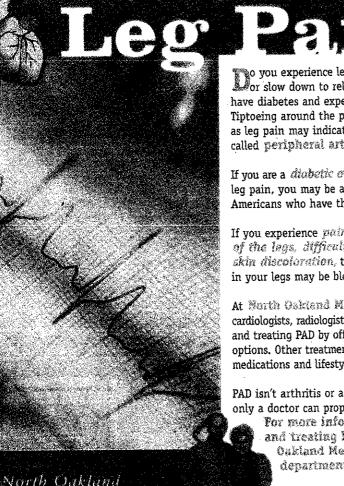


MAKING A FEW dietary changes and checking ingredient labels of the foods we eat can reduce our intake of saturated and trans fats.

in saturated fats," says Gloria Tsang, RD. "When researchers found that saturated fats increased LDL (bad) cholesterol and the risk of heart disease, man-# ufacturers started to use healthier vegetable oils in their food production." Tsang explains further. "Because liquid

vegetable oils are not stable to heat and can go rancid easily, scientists began to 'hydrogenate' them so they could withstand better in the food production process and provide a better shelf life. As a result of this hydrogenation, trans fats are formed."

We can minimize the intake of both saturated fats and trans fats by making a few dietary changes and checking the ingredient labels of the foods we eat. Luckily for us the U.S. Food and Drug. Administration requires all food manufacturers to list the amount of trans fats contained in their products on their ingredient labels by 2006. Some food companies like Kraft and Frito-Lay are already removing trans fats from some of their products, and Whole Foods Market has stopped selling foods that contain trans fats altogether. However, until all companies comply, we will have to carefully read all ingredient labels of the products we buy if we want to reduce our intake of saturated and trans fats. The FDA says we will still be able to identify if a product contains trans fatty acids if the ingredient list includes the words, "shortening," "partially hydrogenated vegetable oil," or "hydrogenated vegetable oil." Because the ingredients are listed in descending order of predominance, smaller amounts are present when the ingredient is close to the end of the list. With respect to reducing our intake of saturated and trans fats, the Canola Council of Canada offers the following dietary advice: • Reduce consumption of saturated fatty acids found in tropical oils such as palm and coconut oils, and in animal foods such as meat, lard and dairy products. • Avoid high intakes of trans fatty acids by limiting consumption of traditional commercially fried foods, stick margarines, and highfat baked products. • Substitute canola oil in home baking when a recipe calls for a solid fat (margarine, butter, lard or shortening) to be melted and then added to the recipe.



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you experience leg pain? Do you have to stop or slow down to relieve your pain? Do you have diabetes and experience these symptoms? Tiptoeing around the problem could be dangerous, as leg pain may indicate a serious health threat called peripheral arterial disease or PAD.

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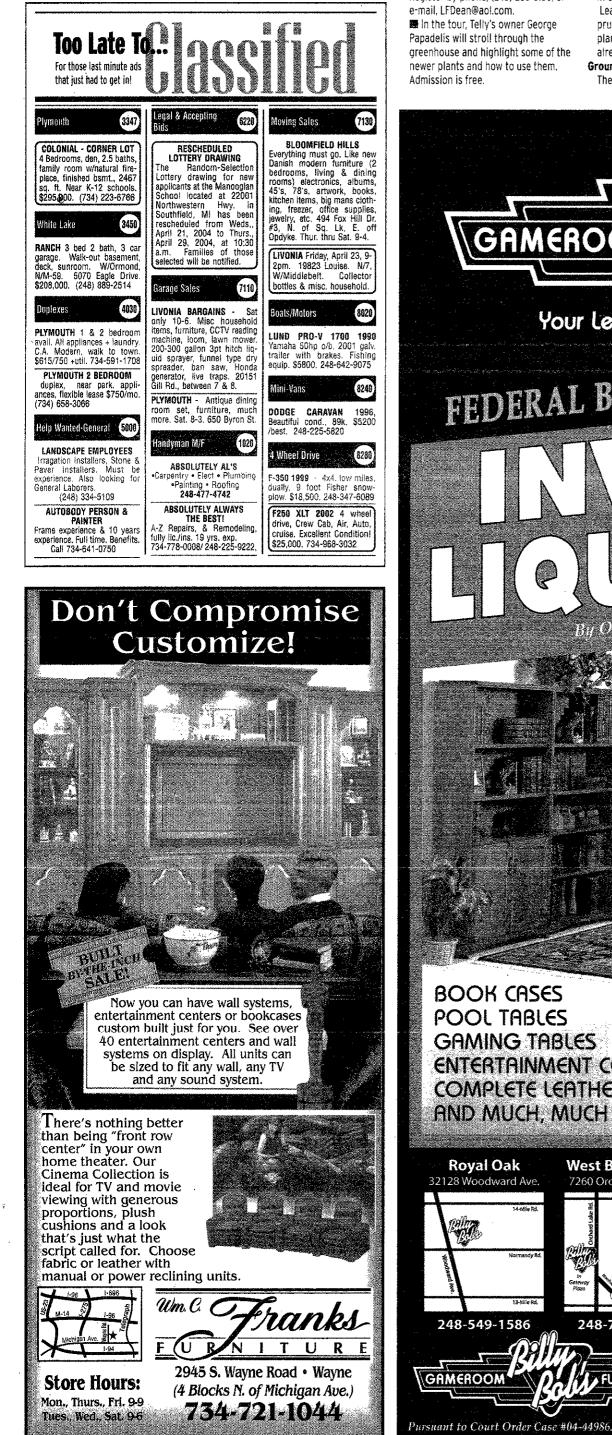
Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, April 23, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester. Columnist Nancy Szerlag will speak on Feeding Your Soil: The Secret to Great Gardenina. Nonmember donation \$5.

Reservations aren't required.

Ponds

Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will conduct a free pond opening seminar 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Call (734)





University campus.

The lecture will take place at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. Reservations are required. Admission is \$25-per person including lunch, or \$5 for the lecture only.

All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall's programs support the preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hall. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Garden demonstrations

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, has scheduled classes and other events. The offerings include Collector's Plants, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24; What a Way to Grow!, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24; Greenhouse Tour, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28; What's New for 2004, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29; Container Gardening Lecture, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1; Container Gardening Workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1; and Spring Into Roses, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Мау б.

The Collector's Plants event will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites, and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials. Join master composter volunteers for a hands-on demonstration of easy composting in What a Way to Grow!. Topics will include getting started, maintaining a nuisance-free compost pile and methods of using compost. Register by phone, (248) 288-5150, or

In What's New for 2004, George Papadelis will discuss the many new annuals and perennials that will be available for the 2004 season. Slides from the Perennial Plant Symposium, field trials and numerous conventions will be shown.

Bring your own container(s) - or buy some at Telly's - to the May 1 workshop. The free event will feature a hands-on opportunity to create beautiful combinations for patio pots, hanging baskets, window boxes and other containers. Staff will be available to help you design and plant your selections,

In the May 6 event, Susan Pioch, Telly's rosarian, will show how to properly plant and maintain roses. She will also discuss the various types of roses and the new varieties offered for 2004. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Pruning roses

The Detroit Rose Society presents a series of seminars on rose culture through the Royal Oak Continuing Education Program and Churchill Education Center. Call (248) 588-5050 or visit http://www.rosd.k12.mi.us/schools/chu rchill/springbrochure.htm for information.

The Art of Pruning Roses (7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in Room 130 at Dondero High School) will feature a discussion of pruning basics and a hands-on opportunity to prune roses in class. Learn how to protect roses after

pruning, how to prepare roses for planting and how to move roses aiready planted, Cost is \$15. **Grounds for Gardening**

The Grounds for Gardening series of

classes offered by the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will add some green to your thumb this season, covering the latest trends in horticulture. The classes are led by Nancy Szerlag, a master gardener and writer, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Activities Center. Cost is \$8. To make reservations, call (313) 884-4222. The schedule includes Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design (April 28). Hear about trade secrets from professionals in the field, and how you can use the information in your own garden. For more information about Ford House, visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Federated Garden Clubs

District 1 Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will have its spring meeting Wednesday, April 28, at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort in Southgate. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature a speaker on the environmental impact of the Detroit River area. After lunch, a floral design program will be presented. Call (734) 425-6531. **Detroit Rose Society**

The Detroit Rose Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The community center is on Ridge Road, one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward. The scheduled program will feature consulting rosarians Tom and Ellie Kressbach presenting a slide show on roses in England and Scotland. Butterfly gardening

Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will conduct a butterfly gardening seminar 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Call (734) 421-5959 for information.

Perennial exchange

The Royal Oak Garden Club will sponsor a Perennial Plant Exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais.

The center is north of 13 Mile and just south of Lexington Boulevard, east of Crooks.

Admission is free. The public may attend.

The event will be all sharing of plants and garden stories, no sales. Bring labeled plant samples if you have them, or just come and visit. For more information, e-mail RKU-DRON@YAHOO.COM or camimartin@aol.com.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, May 3, in the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

The program, See How Our Gardens Grow, will feature gardens of members. Visitors are welcome.

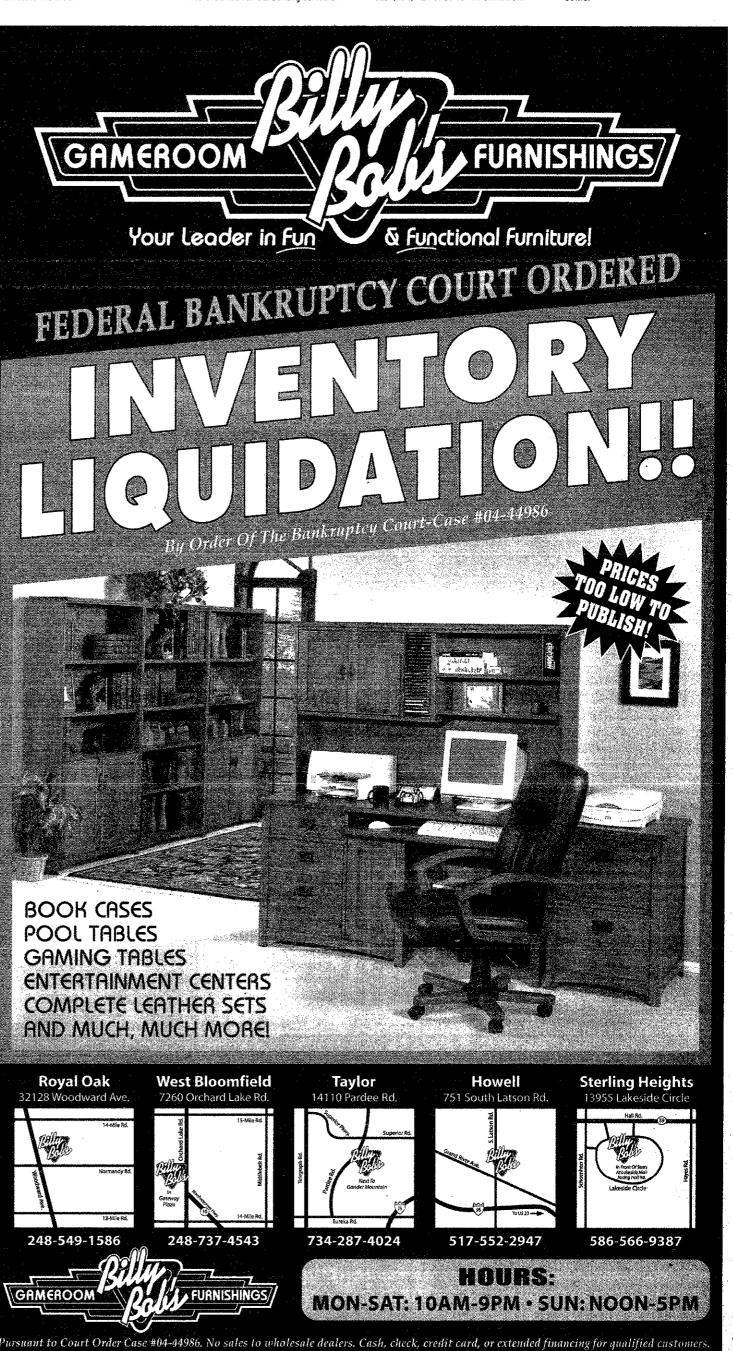
Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, on Woodward just south of Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Speaker Jim Langhammer will talk about peonies - choosing, growing and caring for them. Guest fee \$3. For more information.

call (248) 589-2286 or (248) 879-3272. Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W, 13 Mile, A program will take place 1 p.m. Guests welcome.



Troy symposium focuses on floral design

Meet fresh floral designers at meet and see local fresh floral a Flower Symposium, Tea and Tour Tuesday, May 11, at the Michigan Design Center in Troy in the Mid-America Room, Suite No. 86. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association.

From 1-3 p.m., guests will

design experts: Dean Mooney and Jackie Iwinski of Design Works Flowers in Rochester, create five exquisite and different fresh floral arrangements. Mooney and Iwinski will discuss and demonstrate the ABCs of creating stunning fresh arrangements for your next

special event or intimate gathering. Each guest's name will go into a prize drawing to win one of these beautiful display pieces.

From 3-4:30 p.m., designers will lead guided tours of four Michigan Design Center showrooms. This event is open to the

public. Tickets are \$15 in

advance, \$18 at the door. Ticket price includes the symposium, coffee, tea and sweet table assortment, a chance to win one of five fresh floral arrangements and a guided tour of four MDC showrooms.

To purchase tickets for \$15 in advance of the event, mail your check made payable to: IFDA/Michigan Chapter, 1700

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Michigan Design Center is located at 1700 Stutz Drive, which is north off Maple Road, between Crooks and Coolidge Roads, in Troy. A map of the area may be found on MDC's Web site: www.michigandesign.com.

Customer isn't satisfied with freezer

once owned an appliance business and sold products to customers. When I get an email such as the one you are about to read, I think back to how simple it was to make a

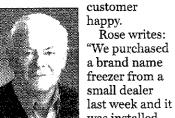
Rose writes:

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Joe

Gagnon

by using space in our neighbor's freezer.

"I called the dealer who informed me that I would have to call the manufacturer to get service. After three different numbers, three rounds of computerized answers, higher blood pressure and no human to be found, we called and were very firm.

"On Thursday, a manufacturer's service technician showed up and checked the freezer. The technician informed me that the compressor was shot on my one-weekold freezer.

"I really want this appliance replaced! I would rather have a replacement than a repair considering the fact that I didn't even have a chance to get the warranty card mailed. Can you help me?" My dear Rose, go back to the first two sentences of this column and think about how easy it would be for the manufacturer or the appliance dealer to make you a satisfied customer.



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At this point I think that both of these companies have lost your potential business for the years ahead.

You are turned off completely and I don't blame you. This freezer is brand new!

I know of only one major retailer today that is spread across the country who would have taken care of the problem by simply exchanging the freezer. I must not use this column as a commercial for any company, but I think you can figure out who I am talking about. This major retailer has a very lenient policy compared with most others and they know the importance of keeping a customer.

You have no choice but to accept repairs on the freezer and the fact that the service technician is from the factory can pretty well assure you that you should not have any further problems with the compressor. Although this complies with the legal aspect of the transaction, it still does not make you very happy.

I have spoken with appliance representatives in the past about problems which occur like yours and their replies come out the same way.

"When you purchase a car and there is a problem, they don't give you a new car."

I can't print my reply to these people because it wasn't nice. Their attitude today stems from the fact that potential income is lost in exchanges.

That may be true, but so will brand loyalty by the consumer.

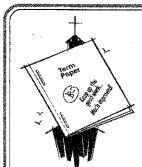
Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

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AT HOME

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Tour six kitchens in Plymouth, Northville and help fund camp

Enjoy a tour of kitchens in Northville and Plymouth at the second annual

Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit O.U.R. Camp (Opportunity, Understanding and Recreation) for Children with Special Needs.

The tour, scheduled 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, features beautiful kitchens at six homes, with tablescaping designed by local businesses. The tour and ticket price includes a luncheon at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant.

The tour is sponsored by the board of directors of O.U.R. Camp, Inc., a local summer day

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

APRIL

DivorceCare

Education and support group for those facing divorce began 7-9 p.m. Sunday, April 18 for 13 sessions, no meetings May 23 and 30, and July 4, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Street, north of University, east of Rochester Road. \$20 fee for workbook. To register or for more information, call (248) 651-9361.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 22-23, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Donations will be accepted the week of April 19. Call (734) 427-3660.

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe

An evening of relaxation and fun and live entertainment supplied by other Single Pointers 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5 admission includes games, fellowship, music, snacks and specialty coffees.

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camp in Northville for children with special needs.

Tickets are \$25 (all proceeds to go to O.U.R. Camp, Inc.) Tickets available in Northville at Genitti's, The Kitchen Witch and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. In Plymouth, tickets are available at Haven or by calling Kathy Peltier at (248) 348-7026.

The event raises money to cover the operating expenses of O.U.R. Camp; also, to provide "camperships" to needy children.

There will be a wide variety of kitchen styles to see and local businesses are participating by decorating each kitchen on the tour. Some of the partic-

ipating businesses are Designer's Choice, Haven, Southern Living at Home in Plymouth; and Center Street Design in Northville.

All proceeds from the tour will help support O.U.R. Camp; a summer day camp for any child ages 3-9, with special needs. The camp is operated by a volunteer, parent-run Board of Directors whose mission is to offer a fun-filled, appropriately-structured program at the lowest possible cost.

O.U.R. Camp, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit corporation.

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Free childcare. For more information. call (248) 374-5920.

Rummage & Bake Sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Donations are needed and may be dropped off at the church during the week of April 19-22. For more information, call Judy at (248) 476-9074.

Auction 2004

Sports items and tickets, electronics, restaurant gift certificates, children's and household item, celebrity memorabilia, gift baskets and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 25225 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 and include a Kerbys Koney Island dinner.

Proceeds fund various outreach programs locally and nationally. For more information, call (248) 477-1677.

Homemade pie sale

The fund-raiser runs 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, at the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake road, Call (248) 851-2330. By donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society for their annual Relay for Life held June 12-13. at West Bloomfield High School. The

following fund-raiser will be a May 22 pie sale.

Mom to Mom Sale

The sale is scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Need kids clothes or toys? The sale offers everything from infant to pre-teen and maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more. Admission \$1. For more information, call (734) 422-0149

Biblical Perspectives on Health

A seminar uncovering the many health practices hidden in the ancient Scriptures that are now only being confirmed by modern science 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School and Church Complex, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. This afternoon of discovery is capped by a vegetarian meal. By donation. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

Prayer Luncheon

The luncheon is scheduled for noon Monday, April 26 (doors open at 11:30 a.m.), at Livonia Sveden House, 29477 Seven Mile at Middlebelt, Livonia. Guest speaker is Sister Loretta Mellon, O.P. Cost is \$7. For reservations, call (734) 427-4371 or (734) 427-0002.

Here are some cool software packages ver the past couple

months I've accumulated some nifty software and gear, and in the interest of spring cleaning, it's time to get it out of my basement and into my column.



You've heard me espouse the Garmin iQue 3600, a Palm OS-based PDA with built-in GPS naviga-

tion. Now there's a similar

the Pocket PC camp: the Mitac

Mitac is a newcomer to the U.S. market, and the Mio 168 is an impressive first effort. It's quite similar to my beloved iQue, but with a few apprecia-

\$499, including the all-important car mount (the iQue's costs extra). It's also smaller and more pocketable, though the GPS antenna creates an obtrusive bump on the back of the unit. In short, if you're in the market for a PDA that can double as a GPS navigation system, the Mio 168 is well worth a look.

USB IS IN SYNC

Not to be confused with the Mio, the Migo

(www.4migo.com) is a USB memory drive (a.k.a. flash key) with a twist: it synchronizes with your PC, absorbing email, contacts, documents, and just about any other data you choose.

Plug it into another computer and it makes all that stuff immediately available, just as though you were working on your own computer.

The best example of this is if you have a computer at home and at work.

The Migo effectively keeps them in sync, making sure you have the most current data wherever you plug it in. Very cool.

My sole complaint is price. The 256MB Migo costs \$199.95, more than double what you'd pay for a traditional USB drive with the same capacity. Here's hoping the company releases an affordable software-only version that works with any USB drive.

BURN ON THIS DVD

Speaking of drives, I am positively in love with the Micro Solutions Backpack DVDfflRW drive (www.microsolutions.com), an external CD/DVD burner priced at

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\$199. That's the same price as comparable internal drives, yet the Backpack moves easily from one computer to another and requires about six seconds to install.

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It also comes with a commendable selection of CD/DVD authoring and editing software. However, there's a third-party suite I like much better: Nero 6 Ultra Edition (www.nero.com).

Nero 6 not only handles CD and DVD creation better than any other program I've used, it comes with genuinely useful extras like a backup utility (and you know how I feel about backups).

The boxed version sells for \$99, but you can download it instead for just \$69 - a price break I'd love to see other software companies emulate.

Mark your calendars: I'll be discussing and demonstrating PDAs at 7 p.m. May 5 at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway. Learn the secrets of PDAs! Hope to see you there.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township, has written for computer and technology magazines, and is co-author of several books on handheld computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can e-mail him at rickbroidal@excite.com.



PAUL R. MARIHUGH Age 79, April 18, 2004. Beloved husband of Dolores J. Cherished father of (Debra), Michael (Zona), Larry Patrick (Barbara) and niece-daughter Darlene DeBerry. Loving grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of 3. Also survived by his brother Keith and his sisters Karen (William) Barber and Sharon (Timothy) Bobrowski. Mr. These area florists are standing by waiting to. Marihugh was an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marines and a resident of Redford Twp. for 53 years Services were held April 21 at the Fisher assist you with your floral arrangement needs. JOYCE M. Funeral Home of Redford Twp. led by (Smith-Tomlinson) KALLOS Rev. Jon Allen of Community Baptist Age 70, of Plymouth, died April 14, 2004. She was born July 22, 1933, in Church in Garden City. Final resting place will be Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. illage and Nankin Twp., MI. She was a lifetime resident of the Plymouth community and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1951. She owned the ANNE NOWLIN Cloverdale Restaurant in Plymouth for 30 years. She was a member of Northridge Church. She loved garden-April 20, 2004, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Samuel; dear mother of Dennis (Maria), David (Shannon), and the late Samuel M. III; granding, and her home was on the Plymouth Garden Walk. She is sur-vived by her sons, James E. (Tammy) mother of Ann Marie, Bradley and Tomlinson of Highland, and Robert L Matthew; sister of the late Pauline. (Nancy) Tomlinson of Ontonagon Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funera MI; her grandsons, James E. Jr. and Christopher Donald; her sister, Marilyn Gray of South Lyon; and her Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S of (Mile) Friday 3-8pm with Rosary at 7 pm. In state Saturday 11:45 at St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison, brother, David Smith of Westland, Funeral service were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, until time of Mass at 12:15. Monday, April 19. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. **FLORENCE J. BERRY** April 18, 2004. Age 80. Longtime Detroit area florist. Beloved wife of the late Wesley L. Berry Sr. Loving mother of Lois (Tom) Bandlow, Lynn JUNE JACOBSON Of Rochester Hills, and recently Waterford, MI; age 52; Loving moth-er of Jennifer (21), Mark (22) and Lanstra, Wesley (Mia) Berry II. Dear Grandmother of Kristine, Daniel James (24); beloved wife of AI for 26 years; Daughter of Joseph and Iris Shelly, Polly, Allen, Michael, Molly, Maezes. June practiced dental hygiene in Birmingham for over 30 Aaron, Brandon, Bradley and Wesley III. Great-grandmother of 14 years, former Rochester Community Paying Preceded in death by her brother and Schools Volunteer of the Year, Trustee sisters, Eleanor, Dottie, Buddy, and and President of the Board of Education. Passed away April 17, Ranine. Sorely missed by her dog Patrick. Funeral Thursday 11AM (10AM in-state). Nardin Park United 2004, after a six-year struggle with to the cancer. A memorial celebration of Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile June's life was held Tuesday, April 20, Rd., Farmington Hills (just W. of Middlebelt Rd). Arrangement by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME. 2004, 4pm at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Dr. Ray Knudsen II officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society FRANCES WARKUP or Mercy Cranbrook Hospice Care. GRIMES Envelopes available at the Church. Age 79, of Plymouth, died April 17, 2004, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 4, 1925, in Plymouth. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident, and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1943. She worked at Terry's Bakery in Plymouth, and also as a banquet serv-May peace er for the Mayflower Hotel. She was very active in the Plymouth VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 6695, and later transferred to Post 3323. She is surbe with vived by her children, Franda L. (Thomas K. Wegmann) Grimes of Ann Arbor, Dennis L. (Donna) Grimes of Livonia, and Richard A (Sandra) Grimes of Brighton; her grandchildren, Laura (Mike) Grimes you in this Velky, Alex, Brittany, Judy, Jennifer, and Scott; five great-grandchildren; her sister, Marie (William) Warkup Bidwell; her sisters-in-law, Doris Grimes and Margaret Grimes; and time of many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence L.; her daughter, Carole Lynn Grimes; and her granddaughter, Amanda. A memorial service was held at the VFW Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, Plymouth, Monday, April 19. Private interment at Mt. Hope jorrow. Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 734-453-3333.



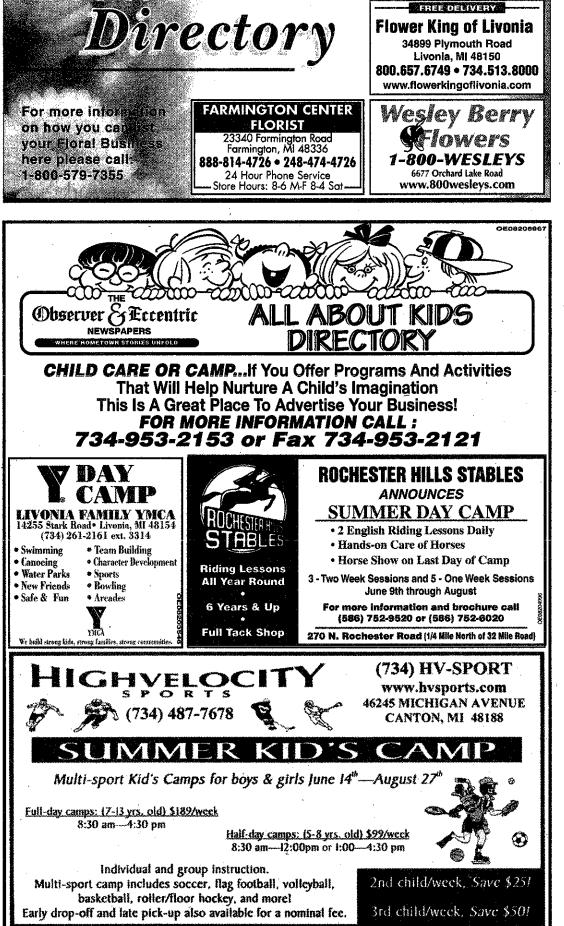


MARY ANN MCMULLEN Age 25, of Plymouth, died April 14, 2004. She was born April 21, 1978, in Livonia. She lived in Plymouth's Old Plymouth Community Schools (Starkweather Center). She was later employed with Starkweather Center as a Teacher's Assistant. She also ran her own House Cleaning business. She lived life to its fullest and was a ray of sunshine to everyone she met. She is survived by her parents, Kenneth and Linda McMullen of Plymouth; her grandparents, Norma Gould of Plymouth, and Earl and Jean Hamilton of Ft. Myers, FL; her great-grandmoth-er, Kate O. Hamilton of Ft. Myers, FL; many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and last but not least, her beloved boyfriend, Ron Sackett of Livonia. Funeral Services were held Monday, April 19, at The Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Ann Arbor, or Angela Hospice. Arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 734-453-3333. F.R.O.G. Fully Rely On God Tribute Life of Your Loved One



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HOME CALENDAR

Starting decorating

Are you overwhelmed with where to start in the process of decorating your house? A class at The Community House in Birmingham, Design 101: Getting Started!, could be just what you need.

The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at 380 S. Bates. Fee is \$23.

Bring a few photos of one room that will become your initial success. Try to capture all views of the room and any special items that you want to retain, such as furniture, art or accessories. Then collect a few pictures from magazines, books or the Internet that help explain what you'd like to achieve.

Instructor Vicki Gilbertson, an interior designer with Yamasaki Associates Inc. in Troy. will discuss space planning, use of color, furniture, acces-

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sories and design techniques to achieve your desired effect. The class will learn design concepts collectively, then discuss each person's specific project.

To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Modernism

The Michigan Modernism Exposition, a show and sale featuring examples of pieces of 20th century design, will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive, between I-696 and 10 Mile. Luminaries representing the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie, Arts and Crafts, Surrealistic and Neo-Classical schools of design will be presented. Designers will include Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Heywood Wakefield, the Stickleys and

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Salvador Dali.

Admission is \$8. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. A grand opening preview party will kick off the event 7-10 p.m. Friday. The preview will benefit ArtServe Michigan.

Preview party tickets are \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door, \$150 patron. Anyone interested in attending should call ArtServe Michigan at (248) 557-8288, Ext. 17, or e-mail tech@artservemichigan.org. For more information, visit http://search.antignet.com/m&m/. **Murais**

A class at The Community House in Birmingham, Mural Painting and installation, will instruct the artist on how to take an ambiguous idea through the stages of development, proportion and perspective to the final application techniques. The class will meet for five sessions beginning 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24. Fee is \$75. Pencils, a sketchbook and a tape measure will be needed. Bring photos and measurements of the installation area to the first class. Instructor Kim Fay has been a professional artist for 12 years. Her murals have been included in the DSO and Grosse Pointe Junior League Designers Showhouses She executed the first notable public mural painted by a woman in Eastern

mural painted by a woman in Eastern Market. Her paintings are currently represented by the TRA Art Group at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Art Van Furniture

■ Drop off new or gently used books for ages 5 to 12 at any Art Van Furniture store during April. The books will be donated to low-income elementary school children in local communities. The donations are part of Book Drive America, a national campaign to bring

much-needed books to youngsters, schools, libraries and community centers across the country. ABC's Good Morning America, WXYZ-TV

and Art Van have teamed up to bring the campaign to Michigan. ■ Thursday, April 22, is Art Van Family

Night at Dragon Tales Livel at the Fox Theatre. All seats will be offered at a discounted rate of \$12. Tickets are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster loca-

tions. ■ Meet the Kids Castle characters and get an April Showers Bring May Flowers activity sheet, while supplies last, Saturday, April 24, at some Art Van stores.

The event will take place at Art Van in Southfield (phone (248) 569-3770), Westland (phone (734) 425-9600), Novi (phone (248) 348-8922) and Shelby Township (phone (586) 566-1490) and on 14 Mile in Warren (phone

(586) 939-2100),

■ Cats and dogs from the Michigan Humane Society will be available for adoption. The Michigan Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit will be at the Art Van store at 6500 14 Mile in Warren noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

Egg decorating

The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a free workshop, Wax Resist Egg Decorating, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Learn how to design eggs to celebrate spring, using the Ukrainian method of egg decorating. Burning candles will be used.

Registration is recommended, but drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call (734) 994-8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Home decorating

The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers hands-on home decorating classes. Each class is one session, 7-9:30 p.m., and costs \$35. Call (586) 739-6319 to register.

In Slipcovers for Beginners (Tuesday, April 27), learn to make a custom-fitted slipcover for a loveseat. In No-sew Upholstery (Wednesday, April 28), reupholster a wing chair in class using all the latest products available. In No-sew Window Treatments (Tuesday, May 4), learn how to reproduce any window treatment using the latest products. Faux Finishes (Wednesday, May 5) will show how to

Chemicals

update an ugly kitchen or bath counter with such techniques as marbleizing, ragging and sponging with latex paint.

Jay Strongwater

Meet designer Jay Strongwater Wednesday, May 5, at Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy.

Strongwater's appearance is part of a special event to benefit the Women's Association of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, and to honor Matilda R. Wilson Award recipient Beverly Moore.

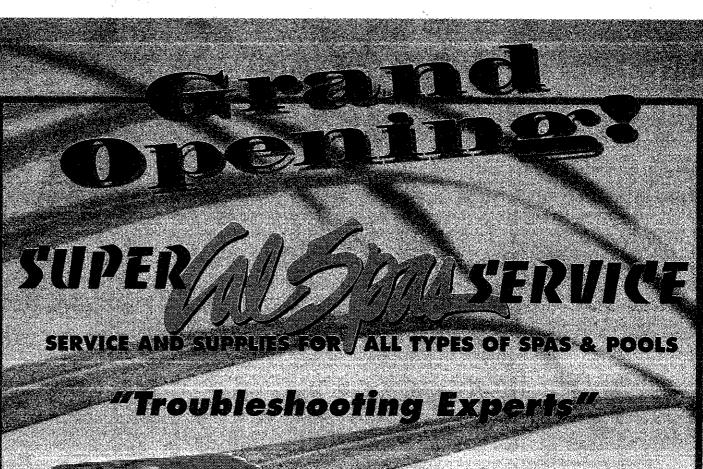
Cost is \$50 (Friend), \$100 (Patron) or \$150 (Benefactor). Strongwater will attend a Patron and Benefactor reception 11:30 a.m. in the Designer Salon. Luncheon and a presentation by Strongwater will take place at noon in Home Collections. He will personally present his collection and greet guests 1-4 p.m.

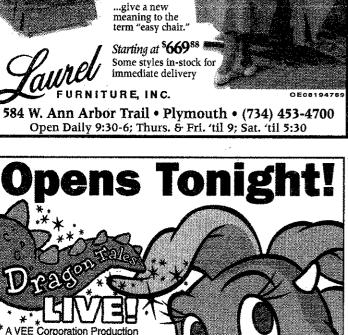
For more information, call Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan at (248) 473-1400, Ext. 12, by Wednesday, April 28.

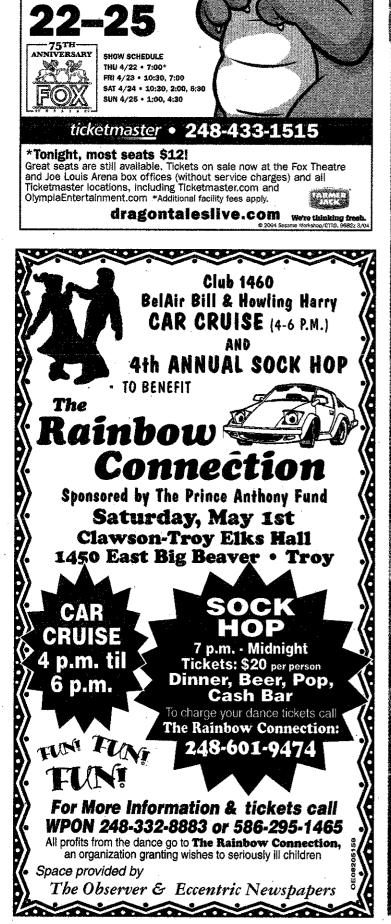
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WINNERS- OCC students win five gold medals.

Section D

ONE-POT Make easy shrimp salad.



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Here's to apples

Having a glass of apple juice with your breakfast may held to maintain brain performance, according to a new study from University of



Massachusetts Lowell. The study suggests that two to three glasses of apple juice a day may protect against oxidative damage that contributes to age-related brain disorders such as Alzheimer's disease. The study also found that apples and apple juice may affect brain health and mental sharpness throughout life.

"We have always known that apple juice tastes great and is low in fat. But now we know it's good for our memories as well," said Denise Yockey, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee. According to the study, it would require a person to drink only two or three glasses of apple juice or two apples per day to enjoy the brain-health benefits. Previous research has

Previous research has shown that apples are a rich source of antioxi-

is for asparagus

Soon Michigan's asparagus will burst from ground, the purplish-green spears sprouting

"You might get one like that once every 20 years," Bakker said. The crop generally averages between \$15 ASPARAGUS AND CHICKEN CASSEROLE 2 large chicken breasts

from farmlands.

In 2003 Michigan processors handled just under 27.5 million pounds of asparagus, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News Service. Just under 20 million pounds of asparagus were canned and 7.6 million pounds were frozen. About 1.5 million pounds of fresh asparagus were sold last year, bringing to total yield to about 29 million pounds.

Michigan ranks third in the nation in asparagus production. Most asparagus is grown in Oceana County, near Hart and Shelby north of Muskegon, but some is grown between South Haven and Benton Harbor.

A GREAT CROP

John Bakker, executive director of the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, said last year's production came from a great growing season. million-\$20 million.

Bakker expects this year's crop to be a little later than the traditional first week of May. It should be ready about mid-May.

But that's OK.

"You don't want the warm weather starting too early, and the asparagus starts to grow, then frost hits the plant," Bakker said.

"The cool spring is good for this reason — there's lesser chance of losing it to frost and if you're too early, you're competing with California and Washington."

Chris and Rob Long, owners of the Long Family Orchards & Farm in Commerce Township, grows asparagus that is sold to customers from their stand on Bogie Lake Road just north of Commerce Road in Commerce Township, south of M-

59. The Longs don't sell any asparagus

PLEASE SEE ASPARAGUS, D3

1½ pounds asparagus piece: 1 can cream of celery soup 1 bay leaf Salt and pepper

Simmer chicken with seasoning in water for 1 hour, cool. Remove chicken from bone and cut . in bite-sized pieces.

Cook the asparagus, drain. Layer the asparagus, chicken, and cream of celery soup in a casserole dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan or grated cheese. Bake in 450°F oven for 20 minutes.

QUICK HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

2 tablespoons lemon jui	се
4 egg volks	
¼ teaspoon salt	
½ cup butter	

Place first three ingredients in blender jar; blend three seconds. Turn to high speed and add melted butter in a thin, steady stream. Serve over hot, cooked asparagus spears.

Recipes courtesy of Christine and Rob Long of Commerce Township. Please see Page 2 for more recipes.

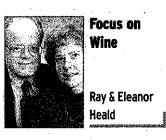
What's premium Japanese sake?

ake is a traditional Japanese brew, made from rice, a mold called koji, yeast and water. Koji converts the rice starch into fermentable sugars, which are then fermented by the yeast and filtered.

Nine different types of rice can be used to make Japanese sake, and each type offers specific flavors to the final product. The degree of rice milling plays a significant role. How sake is brewed and the water used are also parts of the equation. On top of that, there is an extensive range of styles.

According to Eijen Suzuki, nicknamed OJ, chef/owner of OJ's Sushibar in West Bloomfield, premium sake is divided into the following categories: sweet, dry and extra dry. "Ordinary sake does not have category divisions," he said.

"Premium sake is 100 percent and 15 percent alcohol.



rice and this is indicated by the words 'Junmai-shu' on the label. This sake is generally slightly more acidic, heavier in body and fuller in flavor, making it a good match with food."

If the bottle does not state Junmai, then it could be rice and other grains which make it inferior. "Cheap sake bites you," OJ said. "The good stuff smells good and is smooth. Each brand is different, so one needs to try sake just like wine to learn a preferred style." Like wine, premium sakes range between 10 and 15 percent alcohol.

MORE THAN JUNMAI

Rice type used and the production method followed lead to other words on the label of premium sakes.

Honjozo-shu means the sake contains a small amount of brewer's alcohol, which is added at the final production stage. It lightens the flavor, making it easier to drink. Added alcohol also heightens aroma.

Ginjo-shu is brewed with rice that has been polished until no more than 60 percent of the original grain size remains.

Daiginjo-shu is brewed with rice that has been milled down to at least 50 percent of the original grain size. Like Ginjo-shu, it has added brewer's alcohol. OJ recommends drinking it at room temperature to enjoy its fruity bouquet.

Genmai-shu is made from

WINE PICKS

Some wines smell and taste like they are made for spring drinking. These do:

- 2002 EXP Viognier (\$14);
- 2003 Fox Creek Verdelho (\$13);
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- 2002 Geyser Peak Reserve Chardonnay (\$24);
- 2002 Toasted Head Russian River Valley Chardonnay (\$17);

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 Wallet friendly: 2002 Canyon Road Chardonnay (\$10)
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unpolished rice and fermented with wine yeast. It's sweet and best enjoyed chilled, but OJ does not recommend it as an accompaniment to food.

Unlike other types, Nigori sake is either not separated from the white kasu (lees of the

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2

dants. According to a 2000 study at Cornell University, one apple has more cancer-fighting antioxidant capability than a 1,500 milligram dose of Vitamin C. It is believed the antioxidants maintain brain health and mental sharpness.

The recent study was sponsored through a grant by the U.S. Apple Association, of which the Michigan Apple Committee is a member, and the Apple Products Research and Education Council. More information and complete text of the study can be found on www.uml.edu/dept/Biolog y/tshea/index.htm.

New subs debut

Blimpie Subs & Salads will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a promotion of four new Sourdough Café sandwiches.

The sandwich chain will offer Golden Gate Gourmet, an Italian-herb turkey and provolone cheese sandwich with tomatoes, onions and balsamic vinaigrette; a Cable Car Club, which includes roast beef, ham, turkey and Swiss cheese, topped with tomatoes and green peppers; Fisherman's Wharf Tuna Melt features tuna with cheddar cheese, tomatoes and onions; and **Union Square Ultimate** Veggie has cucumbers, black olives, banana peppers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce and Swiss cheese with balsamic vinaigrette. Blimpie Subs and Salads has several Detroit area locations, including 30925 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills; 25247 Telegraph in Southfield, and 13820 Merriman Road in Livonia.

Asparagus board works to help farmers consequences, Bakker said.

The Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board currently is working to promote fresh asparagus through the state's Select a Taste of Michigan program.

"That's what we're trying to emphasize about our product," said John Bakker, executive director of MAAB.

"You're supporting jobs in the state of Michigan and we also took part in the Select a Taste of Michigan."

The program promotes and markets Michigan-grown products, such as cherries and asparagus.

The MAAB is working with Congress to assist the farmers

fermented rice mixture) or has

clear sake, resulting in a cloudy

the kasu added back into the

sake. It. too, is sweet, but not

as sweet as Genmai-shu and is

best drunk chilled, perhaps as

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IZAKAYA

to ensure their livelihoods aren't jeopardized. Manufacturing and white collar jobs aren't the only ones being exported to other countries, as farms have been dealing with similar problems.

Del Monte moved its asparagus processing from Washington to Peru last year, and will no longer be purchasing asparagus from Washington growers.

While that has not impacted Michigan yet, that move and other international activities concern the MAAB.

Efforts to control coca plants in Peru have led to unintended

Mile Road) in West Bloomfield (248) 553-5080, which is more like an izakaya, or sit-down sake shop, is an excellent place to try premium sakes. OJ's, like an izakava, serves traditional Japanese food.

From OJ's sake list, try Otokovama, which translates as man's mountain. It's highquality and made according to a 300-year-old tradition using subterranean stream water, freshly melted from the everpresent snow on Mount Daisetsu. It pairs well with sushi and salmon.

Also good are Bishonen or "good-looking young boy" and Suishin, meaning drunken

The Andean Trade

in Peru to grow other produce,

and give them a chance to

export produce, including

That puts a hardship on

Michigan asparagus farmers,

Today, there are 2,000

asparagus farmers in Peru,

Asparagus is a labor intensive

'The irony of it is not one of

them is a former coca farmer,"

asparagus, here, Bakker

said.

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product.

heart. Hananomai, which translates as dance of the flowers, gives you an idea about the aromatics. Hananomai "Katana" is an extra dry style.

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.

Roast spears with pine nuts Preference Act was enacted ROASTED ASPARAGUS WITH PINE to encourage coca growers NUTS

> 1 pound asparagus, cleaned with the tough ends cut off Olive oil Balsamic vinegar

Salt and pepper ½ cup pine nuts Preheat oven to 400°F. In a

large bowl, toss the asparagus with enough olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt, and pepper to coat. Spread on a sheet tray with the pine nuts and roast until asparagus becomes tender and the pine nuts are brown and toasty, about 10-15 minutes.

TORTELLINI A LA CRÉME WITH HAM

AND MUSHROOMS 2 pounds fresh or frozen cheese

tortellini 2 tablespoons butter 1 teaspoon minced garlic 1 cup sliced button mushrooms 1/2 cup asparagus tips ³/₄ cup heavy whipping cream 1/2 cup ham, thinly sliced into juli-

enne strips ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper to taste

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Cook the tortellini in salted, rapidly boiling water until they begin to float to the surface. They should still be springy to the

touch. Remove the tortellini from the water and shock them with cold water to stop the cooking process.

In a large sauté pan, melt the butter over medium heat. (If you don't have a large pan, you will need to do this in two separate batches.) Add the garlic, mushrooms, asparagus, and ham to the pan and cook until the mushrooms have released their liquid and are beginning to brown. More browning means more flavor, but the trade-off is that the garlic could burn and turn your dish bitter, so be careful!

Add the whipping cream, turn up the heat, and let the whipping cream reduce by half. Add the Parmesan and tortellini to the pan and shake, flip or stir the ingredients around to coat the pasta. Heat the tortellinis through, salt and pepper to taste, and serve immediately. Garnish with a fresh chopped herb of your choosing.

Recipes courtesy of Schuler's Fresh Recipes and Warm Memories by Chef Jonathan Schuler and his father Hans Schuler.

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

1 pound asparagus pieces 1 medium onion, chopped ¼ cup butter ¼ cup flour 1/2 teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon nutmeg (optional)

ASPARAGUS RECIPES

Cook asparagus in small amount of water. Drain, save liquid. Cook onion in butter until soft. Stir in flour and seasonings; cook and stir until pasty. Add enough milk to asparagus juice to make 1 quart. Add flour to mixture, cooking and stirring until slightly thickened. Add asparagus to milk mixture and heat. Garnish with shredded cheese or croutons. Serves 6.

ASPARAGUS QUICHE

1/2 cups grated cheese (Swiss, cheddar)

- 19-inch unbaked pie shell
- 1 pound asparagus pieces, cooked
- 3.eggs
- I can evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

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Sprinkle cheese in bottom of pie shell. Arrange asparagus over cheese.

Beat eggs slightly. Add enough milk to evaporated milk to make 2 cups.

Combine with eggs and seasoning, pour over asparagus. Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes or until inserted knife comes clean. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting into wedges. Makes 6 servings.

Recipes courtesy of Christine and Rob Long of Commerce Township.



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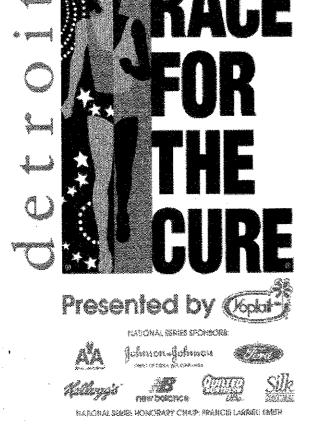
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ASPARAGUS

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commercially. All 15 acres of asparagus is dedicated to the "drive-by" customers.

The couple have grown the crop since 1990

Chris Long, who is also an Oakland County commissioner, expects this year's crop — which she described as "very good" — to

be ready in mid-May through mid June. Asparagus thrives in sandy

soil. The plant takes two years to harvest.

Long grew up in Livonia and really didn't know how to prepare fresh asparagus until she married Tom, and they grew it.

"Now I eat it every day for five weeks (of the harvest) for the last 13 years," Long said.

She tells her customers that the Long's freshly picked asparagus does not have any of the white root butt at the bottom of the stalk that you find in supermarket asparagus.

"We hand-pick it and leave the white root butt in the ground," she said. "You can eat the whole stalk, so you don't waste any of it." And the stalks are fresh, so they are tender, whether they are thick or thin. (Older thicker stalks from some markets can be tough.)

GOOD AND LOW IN FAT

Asparagus contains only about 20 calories in 5 ounces, is very low in sodium and contains folate, potassium, Vitamin A and C. "It's a great lowfat food," she said.

Long expects the recent 70 degree temperatures to help boost the stalks, but she doesn't expect it any earlier than mid-May.

If you're buying asparagus, Long suggests that you should purchase firm, crisp stalks that range in color from bright green to purpleish green in color with a closed, compact tip and a minimum of white root butt.

"You should store it in a base of water," she said. "We rinse it in cold water to remove the sand and cool it from the heat of the field. You can stand it upright in about one inch of water."

Long enjoys it cut into small 1- or 2inch pieces and steamed with butter. She gives her customers recipes for cream of asparagus soup and asparagus quiche (See related recipes.) She also enjoys asparagus sauteed in butter with Vidalia onions. "The onions are sweet and the asparagus is sweet," she said.

How long do I boil asparagus? Trim stem ends slightly and cook fresh asparagus for 5-8 minutes in boiling water for a crisp and tender result.

How long should asparagus be stir-fried?

Cut spears diagonally in 1/2-inch pieces, leaving tips whole. Stir-fry pieces in butter or hot oil, in a skillet or wok at medium high heat. Stir constantly until tender-crisp, 3-5 minutes.

How long should asparagus be microwaved?

Fresh asparagus: Microwave fresh asparagus by placing one pound in a microwavable baking dish or serving bowl. If cooking whole spears, arrange with tips in center. Add about 1/4 cup water and cover tightly. Microwave at 100 percent power for 4-7 minutes for spears, 3-5 minutes for cuts and tips. Stir or turn halfway through cooking time. Frozen asparagus: Microwave frozen asparagus in a covered microwavable baking dish with 2 tablespoons of water. Cook at 100 percent power for 4-7 minutes, stirring or rearranging once. Canned asparagus: Drain all but 1

Bakker enjoys asparagus steamed

ready to do," Bakker said.

freshly picked produce available:

tablespoon of liquid, and microwave at 100 percent power for 2-4 minutes, stirring once halfway through cooking time.

Asparagus tips

How should asparagus be stored?

Keep fresh asparagus clean, cold and covered. Trim the stem ends about 1/4 inch and wash in warm water several times. Pat dry and place in moisture-proof wrapping. Refrigerate and use within two or three days for best quality. To maintain freshness, wrap a moist paper towel around the stem ends, or stand upright in two inches of cold water. .

How should asparagus be frozen?

Wash thoroughly. Trim stems end slightly. Leave spears whole or cut in 2-inch lengths. Sort according to stalk thickness; small, medium and large. Blanch in boiling water for 1-2 minutes only.

The blanching process may also be done in the microwave. To do this, place the asparagus in a microwavable dish. Add two tablespoons of water per pound. Cook at full power for 1-2 minutes, or until bright green and still crisp. After blanching, cool immediately

in ice water. Drain well and pack in plastic freezer bags or containers, leaving no excess air space. Seal, label and freeze at 0°F. Use within eight months for best quality. Do not defrost before cooking. If asparagus becomes defrosted, cook immediately. Do not re-freeze. potassium, 3 grams of fiber, 60

What vegetables are related to asparagus?

The asparagus plant is a member of the lily family, which also includes onions, leeks and garlic.

When was asparagus first cultivated?

Asparagus was first cultivated about 2,500 years ago in Greece. The name is a Greek word, meaning stalk or shoot. The Greeks believed asparagus was a herbal medicine which, among other things, would cure toothaches and prevent bee stings. Second century physician Galen described asparadus as "cleansing and healing." Claims for medicinal benefits of asparagus persist to this day. The Romans became great lovers of asparagus, and grew it in high-walled courtyards. spring. In their conquests, they spread it to the Gauls, Germans, Britains and, from there, the rest of the world.

What are the nutritional benefits of asparadus?

A 5.3 ounce serving (approximately 5 spears) has only 20 calories, 0 fat or cholesterol, 5 milligrams of sodium, 400 milligrams of percent of the USRDA of folacin, and is an excellent source of thiamin and vitamin B6.

Where does asparagus grow?

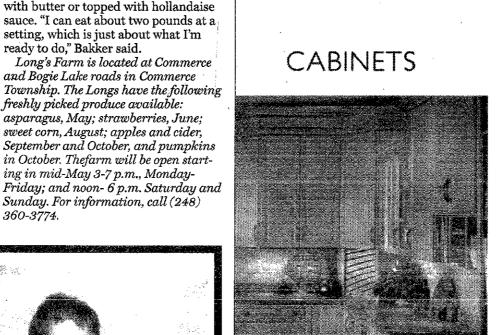
Asparagus grows best in sandy, well-drained soil. In Michigan, most of the commercial acreage is in the west central part of the state around Hart and Shelby in Oceana County, near Lake Michigan. Only the states of California and Washington produce more asparagus than Michigan.

What do I do with the fern growth after I am done harvesting asparagus?

Do not cut it down until the fall has turned all brown. The fern is what feeds the crown nutrients so that it will produce spears again in the

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OCC students win five gold medals

Students enrolled in Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute won five gold medals in the American Culinary Federation Culinary Salon April 13 at the Novi Expo Center.

"The master chef judges said they have never seen such beautiful work on student entrees," said Sue Baier, faculty member at OCC's Culinary Studies Institute.

The students are members of the garde manger (cold buffet) class taught by Chef Doug Ganhs, who also coached the team.

The students and their winning entrees are: ■ Atusko Inagaki of

Farmington Hills who presented a Pacific Rim Seafood Platter featuring Salmon and Scallop Terrine, Halibut and Asparagus Roulade and Squid with Saffron.

■ Brandon Bradney of Lake Orion who presented a Wild Boar Platter from the Bayou featuring Jack Daniels Smoked Loin with Cajun Crawfish Mouseline, BBQ Shredded Pork Roulade and a Spicy Pork & Morel Mushroom Terrine.

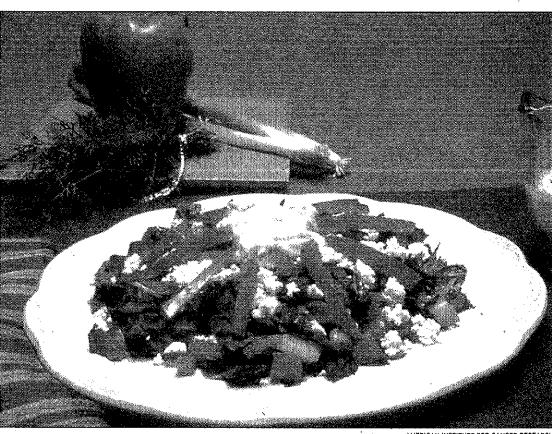
■ Lee Anne Kobylarek of Westland who presented a Midwest Rabbit Platter including Terrine of Rabbit, Smothered Rabbit Ham and a Rabbit & Carrot Roulade.

■ Danielle Monforton of Redford, who presented an American Seafood Platter featuring Shrimp Terrine, Lobster Triangle and a Salmon & Mussel Roulade.

Asa Schwartz of Birmingham who presented a Country Capon Platter including Smoked Capon Breast with Shitake Mushrooms, Spicy Leg & Thigh with Roasted Red Pepper Wrap, and a Sun Dried Tomato & Basil Galantine.

Joe Fackler, an OCC apprentice at the Loon River Cafe in Sterling Heights won a silver medal with his Michigan Wild Game Medley. OCC Culinary Studies Institute alumnus Tariq Hanna, earlier named ACF Regional Pastry Chef of the Year won a bronze medal for his entry. Hanna is the pastry chef at the Motor City Casino.

Faculty member Chef Roger Holden entered in the professional category and won a silver medal for his four-foot high sugar centerpiece, which was accidentally damaged and had to be reconstructed prior to the judging.



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Popeye was right: you should eat your spinach. It's full of iron and vitamins A and C.

Baby spinach: Fashionable and nutritional

Baby spinach is fashionable. But don't let that scare you away from it. It can be the basis of an easy, delicious, healthful side dish or main course. And it's a lot easier to clean than its gnarled, grittier adult relative.

This delicate green is often sold bagged and pre-washed. (When buying unpackaged baby or regular spinach, leaves should be washed carefully.) When buying baby spinach, look for bags with fresh-looking leaves. Avoid those with wet spots or browning leaves. To store, place the clean leaves in a plastic bag with a paper towel that will absorb leftover moisture. While the refrigerated spinach will hold for a few days, it's best to use it as quickly as possible. The Spanish - who have been growing spinach since the 8th century – brought the green to the United States. In addition to its tart taste and pretty color, spinach has become prized for its nutritional riches.

Popeye was right: you should eat your spinach. It's full of iron and vitamins A and C.

Spinach also is high in cancer-fighting phytochemicals. Two, lutein and zeaxanthin, are believed to promote eye health as well. Lutein concentrates in the retina and the lens where it helps reduce the risk for SPINACH, RED BELL PEPPER AND FETA CHEESE SALAD WITH YOGURT DRESSING

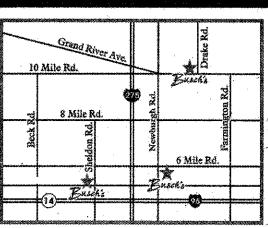
 ¹/₂ cup non-fat plain yogurt
 1 teaspoon honey
 2 tablespoons finely chopped dill
 Freshly ground black pepper
 1 bag (5 ounces) baby spinach, coarsely chopped (about 4



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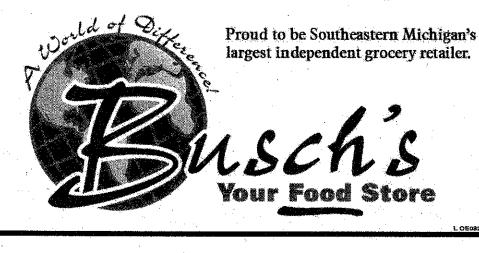
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Spinach is also a good source of folate, a B vitamin that seems to lower the risk of some forms of cancer,

Research has identified spinach as among the foods highest in antioxidant activity and the ability to block cancer cell growth.

A bag of baby spinach, a red bell pepper and feta cheese in a yogurt dressing make a colorful, healthful salad that can be a good – and fashionable – lunch or an easy light dinner. cups) 1 large red bell pepper, diced (about 1 cup)

1 stalk celery, trimmed and diced (about 1 cup)

¼ cup thinly-sliced green onions (scallions)

1 ounce feta cheese, drained and rinsed, crumbled (about¹/₄ cup)

In large bowl, combine yogurt, honey, dill, and black pepper; stir to blend. Add spinach, red pepper, celery and green onions; toss to coat. Sprinkle with feta and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 40 calories, 1 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 6 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 89 mg. sodium.

Lemon caper sauce tops halibut nicely

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh and simple is a theme that can make any meal taste like spring, even if the weather's still frightful.

Using fresh ingredients also often involves speedy cooking, just enough to present the good flavor at its best, as with the following easy recipes for a halibut and spinach supper.

A "simple meals" feature by food writer Maria Helm Sinskey in the April issue of Organic Style includes these recipes, advice about other family-friendly menus – and a comment on letting family help out in the kitchen: If her two daughters have helped make a dish, she says, "they eat it with gusto."

Halibut is now available from Alaska almost yearround. "If you can't find it, try Atlantic cod instead," Sinskey says. Bags of prewashed baby spinach are handy for fast side dishes and salads.

She prepares the same dinner for everyone in her house, "with a few slight adjustments" that transform PG-rated meals into fare for the G audience." For example, she says, crispy pieces of halibut – her version of fish sticks – are offered to picky palates before she drizzles on the lemoncaper sauce.

HALIBUT WITH LEMON-CAPER SAUCE

- 1½ pounds halibut fillets, cut into 8 pieces Sea salt and freshly ground pep-
- per
- ¹/₂ cup all-purpose flour 4 to 6 tablespoons extra-virgin
- olive oil 2 tablespoons chopped shallots
- 2 tablespoons chopped shallots ¼ cup small capers, rinsed and
- drained 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter 1 tablespoon chopped flat-leaf
- parsley

Season halibut well on both sides with salt and pepper. Place flour in a pie plate. Place 2 tablespoons oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Dip four pieces of fish in flour and place in hot skillet. Cook, turning once, until fish is opaque and the edges are golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a warm platter. Add more oil to skillet, if necessary, and repeat with remaining fish.

After fish is cooked, add remaining 2 tablespoons oil, shallots and capers to skillet. Saute 1 minute, until shallots are golden. Add lemon juice and zest, and bring to a boil. Simmer 1 minute; add¼ teaspoon salt and a pinch of pepper. Remove from heat and swirl in butter and parsley. Spoon over fish and serve. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

SPINACH IN BROWN BUTTER

3 tablespoons unsalted butter 1 pound baby spinach Sea salt and freshly ground pepper

Heat butter in large saucepan over medium-high heat until it turns golden-brown, about 1 minute. Remove from heat, add spinach, and toss with tongs to coat.

Return pan to heat and cook 2 minutes, tossing constantly, until spinach is just limp but still bright green.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve as a side dish or as a bed for the halibut. Makes 4 to 6 servings. www.hometownlife.com

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Learn about Sushi and Stir Fry at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the commissary kitchen of Pronto! at 4343 Normandy Court (one block east of Coolidge, just north of 13 1/2 Mile Road in Royal Oak. Other classes include Cinco de Mayo, May 5; Sweet Delights, May 12; Dinner Party for 4, May 19; and Great American Classics, May 26.





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alerts parents and teachers:

Other classes are Picnic Foods, June 2, and Hot off the Grill, June 9. Class fee is \$25 per person. Register by calling Prontol at (248) 549-1519 ext.0.

Provence Cookbook

Patricia Wells, author of seven French cookbooks and champion of simple French cooking, will sign copies of her new cookbook The Provence Cookbook at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Borders, 34300 Woodward, in Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for information.

Meet Greg Zotos

Gregory Zotos, an instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and a Livonia resident, will sign copies of his debut cookbook, Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes, at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Borders, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, in the Novi Town Center. The cookbook contains a collection of traditional Greek recipes. With easy to follow instructions and recipes that are short and to the point, this cookbook will enable you to prepare your favorite Greek dishes and tailor them to your liking. For information, call (248) 347-0780. Mix cheese and pasta for quick meal

With more than 150 different sizes, shapes and flavors currently produced in the United States, it's easy to see why pasta takes center stage in so many American meals.

Pasta is a busy cook's best friend. Not only does it cook quickly, you don't need any special equipment or skills other than the right pot and a working stove.

Pasta also is nutritious, inexpensive and satisfying, providing a lowfat energy source rich in carbo-

hydrates, B vitamins like folic acid and some protein.

This is all good news for busy Americans who struggle to find time to prepare wholesome meals they can enjoy as a family.

In the time it takes the pasta to cook to perfection, you can whip up a divine sauce that's just as easy to prepare and makes the meal extra special.

A fresh simple sauce filled with a variety of delicious vegetables and a tad of hearthealthy olive oil is a great choice - similar to the sauce featured in Italian Pasta and Veggie Skillet. This recipe not only works well as the centerpiece of a well-balanced meal (it's filled with foods from three groups of the Food Guide Pyramid), the sauce complements the pasta beautifully, so that a little sauce will go a long way. Visit sargento.com for a multitude of mouth-watering recipes that combine delicious, all natural Sargento cheese with every type of noodle for dishes that will please pasta and cheese fans of all ages.

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8 ounces mostaccioli, rotini or penne pasta 2 teaspoons olive oll 1 large onion, chopped ½ teaspoon sugar 1 yellow or green bell pepper,

diced 2 cups (8 ounces) sliced mushrooms

3 cloves garlic, minced 1 jar (26 ounces) tomato basil pasta sauce

1 cup (4 ounces) light mozzarella shredded cheese

¼ cup chopped basil or Italian parsley

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle sugar over onion; continue cooking until onion is caramelized and golden, about 5 minutes. Add bell pepper, mushrooms and garlic; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in pasta sauce; simmer 5 minutes. Add drained pasta to skillet, tossing to coat. Transfer to serving plates; top with cheese and basil, and serve. Serves 4.





By: Kavitha Ponduri, MD, internist

We are at war with our health. Often times, when we think of war, we think of the military, not our bodies. But that's where the "home front" is. The fact is, we

those factors determine which of the two types a person could have.

Type 1 diabetes, is usually diagnosed in the first 12 years of a person's life. This form is genetical; meaning your genetic make-up dictates the patient's predisposition of the disease. With Type 1, the patient is insulin dependent, which is when the body doesn't betes is Type 2, or adult onset diabetes, which is preventable. Ways of preventing diabetes may sound simple, yet can be difficult, because the patient must make lifestyle changes in regards to their diet and exercise.

When looking to change your diet, consulting a physician is the best way to ensure the right nutritional Nutrition is not the only weapon that can help prevent diabetes. Moving away from a sedentary lifestyle can help as well. Exercising – brisk walking for 20 minutes, three times a week – will do wonders.

Dr. Kavitha Ponduri is board certified in internal medicine at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She has been practicing at Annapolis and in the western Wayne community for more than six years. She received her training at Henry Ford Hospital and Wayne State University.

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are at risk of losing that battle, and that's where physicians come in.

One of the philosophies of an internist is helping patients know the risk factors for disease as well as prevention and treatment. One of the most common diseases, diabetes, affects more than 18 million Americans. Over 90 percent of those cases could be prevented. People have various risk factors for diabetes, and depending on produce the right amount of insulin to function properly.

Warning signs of Type 1 diabetes include extreme thirst and failure to gain weight. Blood tests and urine samples are used to diagnose Type 1 diabetes. If there is excess protein in the urine, the patient could have diabetes that later will lead to kidney disease.

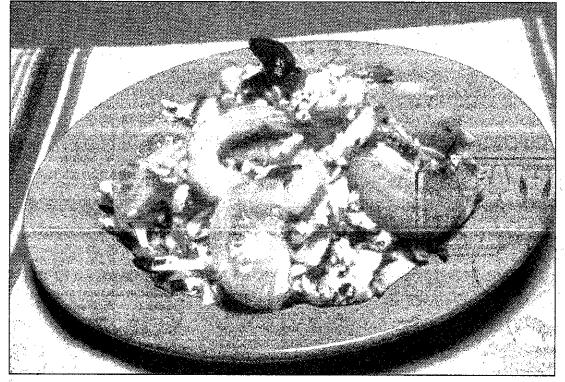
The most common form of dia-

mix for you. Because people are different, I work closely with the dietary department at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and the patient to come up with the best dietary plan for their needs. Generally speaking, there are items that can be deleted out of the diet for preventive measures. These items include concentrated carbohydrates found in pop, candy, etc.

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This kind of meal-in-one is consistent with the American Institute of Cancer Research's New American Plate program, which emphasizes the kinds of foods that can significantly reduce disease risk. The free brochure called The New American Plate: One-Pot Meals also explains how to enjoy foods in sensible portions.

At the center of the New American Plate is a variety of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans. These plant-based foods are rich in substances that promote good health and help protect against many types of cancer. They are also naturally low in calories. Plantbased foods offer larger, more satisfying meals – all for fewer calories than you'll find in a typical American dinner.

The New American Plate program is based on recommendations from a landmark report that estimates that 30 to 40 percent of all cancers could be prevented by changing the way we eat and exercise. These simple changes are the best advice science currently offers for reducing cancer risk.

The following recipe for a lemon-lime shrimp salad is a good way to serve up the New American Plate for yourself. To save time, check your supermarket produce section for pre-shredded cabbage. Substitute a 15-ounce can of chickpeas for the shrimp, if desired, for a vegetarian dish.

You can read or order a free single copy of the One-Pot Meals brochure online at www.aicr.org. You can also order a free copy of the brochure by calling 1-800-843-8114 ext. 451, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

LEMON-LIME SHRIMP SALAD

1 garlic clove 3 tablespoons lemon juice 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes Pinch of white pepper 1 pound medium peeled shrimp 1 head cabbage, grated 1 carrot, grated 1 cup chopped watercress ½ cup lime juice 3 tablespoons honey 2 ripe red tomatoes, guartered 2 tablespoons chopped fresh

2 tablespoons roasted, chopped peanuts

basil

In blender, combine garlic clove, lemon juice, hoisin sauce, red pepper flakes and white pepper. Purée until smooth. In large container, mix shrimp and sauce; marinate for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in large salad bowl, mix together cabbage, carrot and watercress. In small bowl, mix together lime juice and honey. Toss into salad. In nonstick pan, cook shrimp with marinade for 2-3 minutes, until shrimp turns pink. Mound shrimp in middle of salad and place quartered tomatoes around edges of bowl. Garnish with basil and peanuts.

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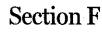
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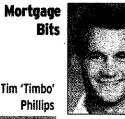
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No credit, no problem for the young

like FHA mortgages for my clients who have "bruised" credit because these buyers can purchase a lot of home with as little as 3 percent of their own funds. But what about buyers who have no credit at all?

Well, in the mortgage business, "no credit" is generally better than "bad credit." Here are a few simple ways I have found to get young borrowers with no established credit into starter homes with relatively small down payments.

FISCALLY RELIABLE

Lenders want to loan money to buyers who have proven that they are fiscally reliable. Credit scores are the benchmark for helping them make that determination. However, in lieu of scores, buyers may also provide their loan officer other "nontraditional" proof of their ability to pay their bills on time. Sources of this evidence may come from paid insurance premiums, medical bills, utilities, rentals, and even subscriptions.

Mortgage loan officers, in turn, send that information to a credit bureau to review for inclusion into the borrowers' credit report. Though these items normally do not provide a sufficient basis for a credit score, they do establish the payment track record that will hopefully allow the mortgage process to continue.

BORROW

Another easy way to get credit is to "borrow" it from

Robert M. Meisner

Seek legal advice about developer

Our association board has been attempting to resolve its issues with the developer for a year or two without success. The board is putting the matter to a vote of the co-owners to decide what to do. Do you think this is a good idea?

Depending upon the documents, it may be required under the documents for a vote of the co-owners in order to commence legal proceedings. But if the documents do not require a vote of the co-owners, or if the provision of the documents requiring coowner votes is opined by your attorney to be unenforceable, the association board should proceed to pursue the developer without a vote of the co-owners as it is incumbent upon the board of directors to run the affairs of the association including the commencement of legal proceedings if the board, in its best business judgment, believes it to be appropriate. The board should confer with its legal counsel in order to review its legal options.

Our board refuses to pursue certain delinquent co-owners at the condominium. For some, they put a lien on but rarely do they start any type of legal proceeding. We have a serious delinquency problem. What do you suggest?

The board should recognize that it has a legal obligation under condominium and



is harder when you own property

> BY NORMAN PRADY CORRESPONDENT

Fifty ways to leave your lover? Well, maybe no one in Paul Simon's song was named on the mortgage. "Just drop off the key, Lee," Simon sang. Sounds good, but it might not work.

No, it's not so easy to leave if you bought a house together. Remember doing that? You were a storybookdreamy couple then. Your days were 'They're going to have different wants and needs. If I were asking one and then the second one, we could get two different lists.'

Nancy Austin knows this part of the problem.

"They could be looking for different things," said Austin, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth.

"They're going to have different wants and needs. If I were asking one and then the second one, we could get two different lists.

"After we saw a couple of houses, I'd tell them they have to make out a list together, first listing needs and then wants.

corporate law to pursue the collection of delinquent assessments in a reasonable and timely fashion. The Condominium Act in Michigan provides adequate remedies to the association for recouping its assessments, interest, late charges, and attorney fees and costs. There is no excuse for the board not pursuing that avenue of recourse except in rare circumstances. The board members should be apprised of their legal and fiduciary responsibilities and, if necessary, removed from office if they do not choose to discharge them.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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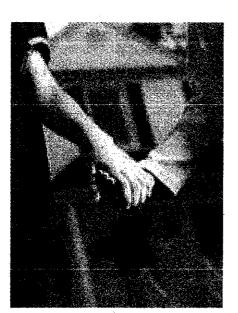
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But life turned rocky and now you could be less Paul Simon and more Neil Sedaka: "Breaking up is hard to do."

Apparently, according to real estate attorney Bruce Hartrick, ending a relationship can be hard to do if there's a house involved.

DIVIDING ASSETS

"The biggest problem," said Hartrick, of Hartrick & Chapman, Troy, "is how to divide" the assets. How to divide the profit" from sale of the property. How each person gets "credit for improvements." And more. "I've had cases involv-



ing men and women living together and same-sex relationships. They all had the same problems. It doesn't seem to make a difference what the relationship is."

Realtor, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth

Nancy Austin

It could be that a parent leaves a cottage to four kids. Some of the kids might believe they're paying more than their share of expenses. And there can be disagreement over improvements, and selling price.

"There could be disagreement over how the cottage is used," said Hartrick. "Or the condition of the place after use."

He tells of a situation where a person deeded a house to himself and his son and daughter as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, the idea being that the kids would own the property when the parent died. The plan, Hartrick said, "was a terrible substitute for a will."

As it turned out, mom died and brother and sister agreed to sell the house. They accepted an offer and signed a purchase agreement. But before the closing, the sister died and the title company paid all the money to the surviving brother.

"Attorneys for sister's interest are suing," Hartrick said, for a share of the house money. "But there's no clear answer in Michigan law," he said, as to when survivorship rights terminate in the course of a property transaction.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

An answer you ought to have when you and your lover or friends or cousins or mom set out to buy a house together is what kind of house you want to buy. "I work with many unmarried couples buying a house together and that's where a lot of problems will precipitate. A lot of times it will create a certain amount of stress between them. Stress is innate in house-hunting. That's where their differences come out. Could be a little power struggle.

"I say, T've shown you nine houses and they've been what you told me you wanted. Something is going on here that I'm not aware of. You have to talk about this and decide what it is that's not happening for you.""

House hunting can make a couple break up, said Austin. "A house is a major event that can crystallize other uncertainties," she said.

On the other hand, financing can be less uncertain, according to Dennis P. Dickstein.

"When you get two people unrelated by marriage or family, you wind up with two primary household incomes instead of one," said Dickstein, vice president and associate broker, Real Estate One, Farmington Hills.

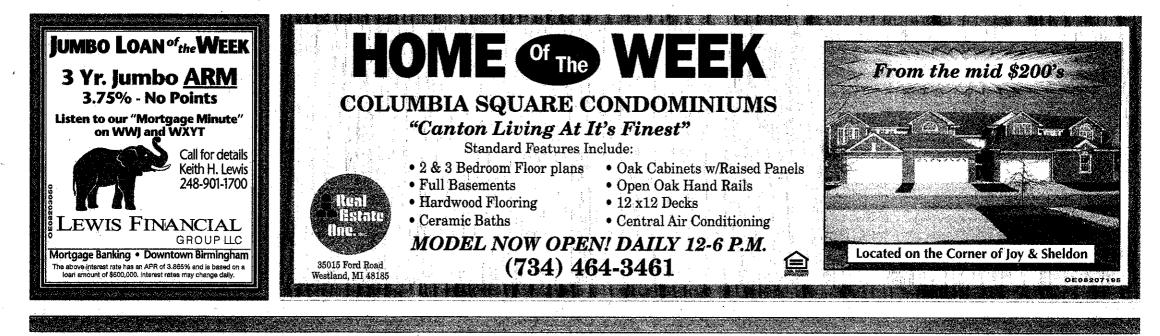
Yes, said Jack Brown, executive vice president in the Standard Federal Bank mortgage department. The relationship "makes no difference to us. The only thing that matters is that they are going to occupy the house. We can use both of their incomes to qualify them."

If you buy a house with someone you share responsibility. So if something happens to one of you, the other will continue to own the property and be obligated to pay the mortgage. another person. Young buyers often get a parent, grandparent or other family member to co-sign on a home loan. Although this adds another dimension of calculations with respect to income, debt, and credit, it has historically been a safe, effective way to secure a first mortgage.

Depending on the lender, being able to put up a meaningful down payment of their own may be all that's required for the lender to give leniency on the lack-ofcredit issue. A 10-percent down payment relieves lenders of some of the anxiety of lending mortgage money to an otherwise unknown credit user.

If you are young and do not have bad credit, you should not hold back on exploring your mortgage options. You may be able to start building equity in a home of your own much sooner than you once might have imagined.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy™ archives at www.PhillipsH0.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



REAL ESTATE

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Neighbor bids \$1.85 million to save farm and vineyard

(AP) - The 100-yearold Grape View Farm and its popular "U-Pick" vineyard west of a Chicago suburb are safe from housing developers, thanks to an elderly neighbor with very deep pockets.

Robert LeRoy, 80, who farms and raises horses on 77 acres next to the farm and vineyard submitted the high bid Saturday at the auction for the 15-acre tract once owned by his late neighbor, Florence Mae Jones.

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LeRoy said he had intended to pay only \$1.5 million for the property, but he raised his bid to \$1.85 million dollars because he was dead set against seeing the farm and vineyard sold to a developer and carved up

into a subdivision. "My (auction) rival is rather upset," LeRoy said. "But I didn't want anybody to build any kind of homes right next to us." He also said Jones

would not have wanted the property developed. LeRoy said that after he bought some of the property from her two

years ago, Jones wrote

him a letter reading, in part: "I pray that together we can preserve some of the heritage we worked so hard to establish."

Jones, who was a childless widow, died last August. The farm had been in her family for a century. Her grandfather planted the vineyard in 1924 and later opened it to customers who wanted to pick their own grapes. LeRoy also said he

would allow the property's caretakers, Mark and Sue Zerkel, remain there and continue to run the "U-Pick" operation. The Zerkels have lived on the farm for the past decade. "I told them months ago, 'Don't you worry,

because I'm going to buy it and you won't have to

go anywhere," LeRov said. "They're going to stay, and it's going to stay just as it is."

The property, which is a rapidly developing area and only a mile off Interstate 90, drew intense interest from real estate and construction companies when it went on the market recently.



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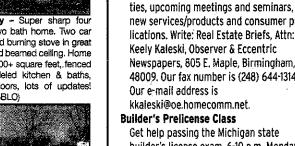
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Building a new home

"Building a New Home, Without Losing Your Mind" 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, presented by Colorworks Studio. Topics include - what to look for in a builder, how to negotiate an effective purchase agreement, reviewing your blueprint, making construction choic-

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es and selections, developing a master plan for layout and furnishings, troubleshooting with project management, final inspections and walk-throughs. Guests will have the opportunity to bring blueprints and discuss their project one on one with the studio design staff. The fee is \$20 per person or \$25 per couple, with advance registration required. Colorworks is a full service interior design studio and a winner of HGTV's Designer's Challenge. They are at 7001 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7540 for reservations or e-mail

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Hosted by Deborah Johnson of RE/MAX New Trend with Atlantis Mortgage 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 38275 12 Mile Road, Suite 101, Farmington Hills. Learn about preapproval, inspections, home warranty and more. No charge. Call (248) 553-4448 to register.

Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner, of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course, Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesdays, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Sponsored by Oakland Community College, the cost is \$95 per attendee. For more information, call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, P.C. at (248) 644-4433.

For sale by owner class

Presented by Matt Kenkel, associate broker, ERA Alliance Realty, Farmington Hills, 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield, Course topics include setting your price, target marketing, effective promotion, "asking" for a purchase agreement, title companies, closing costs and more. Each participant will receive a detailed 20-page marketing auidebook. Fee \$30, ages to the Community Education Department. Call (248) 539-2290 to register and for directions.

Construction lien law

The Building Industry of Association of Southeastern Michigan will present an update of the Michigan Construction Lien Law 8:30 to noon Thursday, April 29, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Registration, including continental-breakfast and materials, \$50 for BIA members, \$75 for guests/nonmembers. Call (248) 862-1017.

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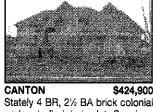
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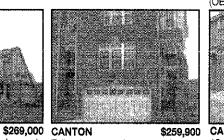
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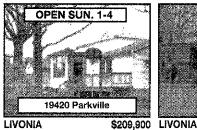
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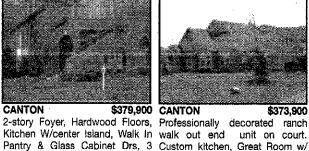
2.4 Acres In NW Livonia, Country Mint Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Brick Unique 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Ranch In Must see this 4 bedroom, 2 bath Mint 3 Bdrm, 2 Full Bath Brick with hot tub. Hardwood floors, 21/2 Area. Remodeled Kitchen W/oak car garage with bonus room on 1/ Cabinets. FR-like Fin Bsmt W/full 2 acre. (OESLY20PAR) 888-870- Bath & Office. 1.5 Car Garage. Private Bsmt. 1-car Carport + 2 1 Yr H.w. (OEL01ARD) 888-870- Assigned Prkg 9105

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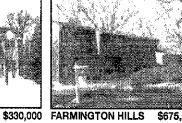
\$124,900 FARMINGTON 3 Br Colonial W/FR. Large LR W/ Zoned M-1, 9.13 Acres With 4.38 Designed fireplace. Hardwoods T/o. Acre Net, All Utilities At Street, Spectacula Buver To Sign Acr. 1-Year Home sac. All M&d A (OEN40LON) 888-Warranty, Corporate Addendums, 870-9123 (OEL51VAU) 888-870-9105

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\$167,900 Specatular 5 bdrm home. This New contruction by Bill White! Perfect location w/3BR, 1.1BA Luxurious! Upscale setting for this New construction on small lake w/ Glamour abounds home has more than enough Ranch with great open floor plan popular Lakewood Park condo in executive colonial. Over 3800 sq. stonecast FP, cherry cabinets, immaculate Ridgewood Hills cape Cod style backing to woods. room. Unfinished LL, offers large and great iot with family su. Still private wooded setting. Lg Liv Rm ft. on 3/4 acre. Cherry & granite granite countertops. Custom cod, Curb appeal greets you, then Gourmet kitchen. First floor area for rec room. Upper level has time to customize. Call Listing & formal Din Rm. Master w/ kitchen, huge master suite, 3 full & moldings & trim. Brazilian impeccable living room, dining area & large agent for details. (OESLY31POS) oversized closet. Kit-Fam Rm 3 half baths, 4 bedrooms, 4 car hardwood floors. Ceramic BA & welcomes you. Expansive partly Full walkout bsmt w/roughed-in overlocks deck & wooded yard. garage. (OEP19VIL) 888-870-9127



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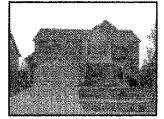
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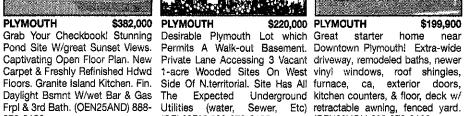
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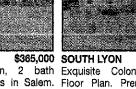
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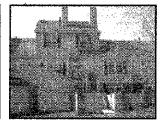


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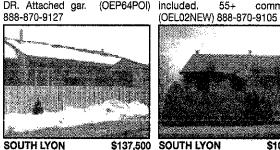
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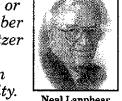
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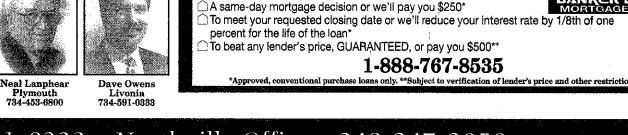
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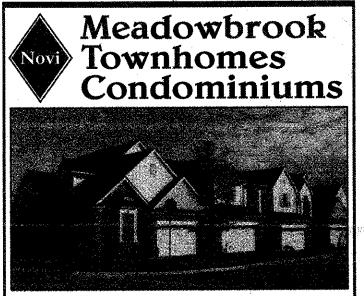
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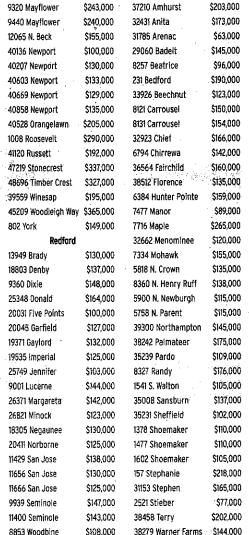
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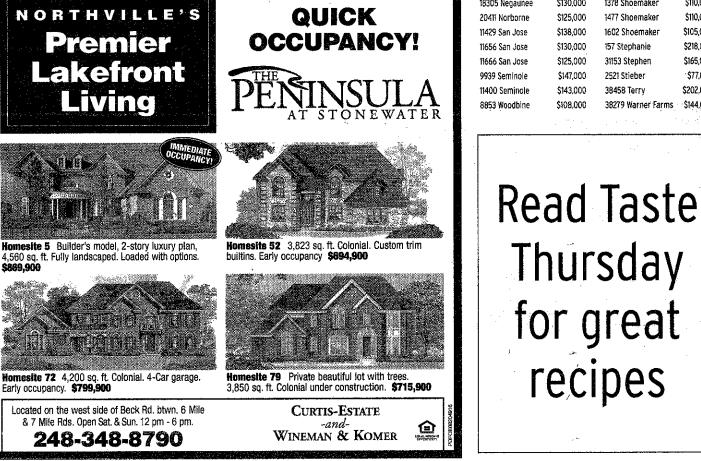
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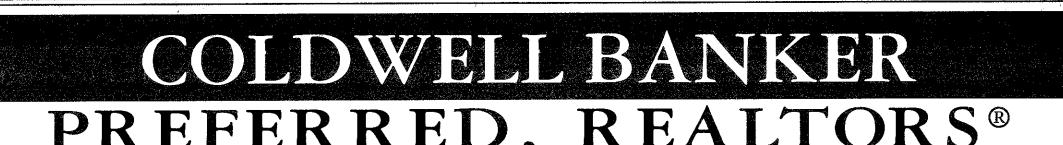
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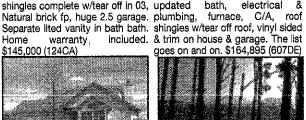


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OPEN HOUSE 1:30-4 PM \$383,803 erichton area

3635 Trails End 3 BRs, 2.5 baths. This home inside is tabulous. Great room w/high ceiling, lots of windows & fireplace, beau-tiful maple kitchen, hardwood floors, walkout base-ment. Plus a 7 car detached garage w/heated floor and much more. MLS# 24026043.

Hostess: Linda Wilkinson, Ext. 248

open nouse 1-3 pr

4514 Willow View Ct. Spacious 2 br, 2 bath ranch condo, full bsmt., 2 car attached garage, C/A, immediate occu-pancy. Grand River to Latson, N 1/4 mile to Aster, E to Willow View. MLS# 23129811

Hostess: Fran Heinig, Ext. 218

open house 1-3 ph

4681 N. Latson Rd.

Almost new 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3200 sq, ft, of liv-ing space. Professionally finished walkout lower level. Back deck overlooks stream.

Sits on over an acre. Howell Schools. M-59 to N. Latson Rd. between Curdy & Clyde.

Host: David K. Miller, Ext. 247

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Bess Alangrove Way
 Bess Alangrove Way
 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, M-38 West to Main entrance to Putnam Meadows
 X Timoter Trace Golf Course. Ready for immediate occupancy - 8th
 farway - 1133 bours room, 3 car garage, 1st floor laundry & more.
 More floor plans available to see. MLS# 24007457.

Hosts: Joe Darwish/Joe Perri 248-789-5338

open house 24 pz

918 Gray Fox 4 BRs, 2.5 BA. Top quality new farm house style home. Great location in one of Howells finest subs. Only minutes to 96. 96 to south on D19 to west on Sexton to south in Wolf Ridge Sub. turn the st determine

left at stop sign. Hostess: Diane Heinig, Ext. 218

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OPEN NOUSE 11 AM-3 PM BRIGHTON AREA \$452.000 9251 Roger Scott Trail

4 BRs, 2.5 baths. Exit 55 off US 23 go East 1 mile to see this gorgeous Cape Cod. 3000 sq. ft., premium finishes, pick

out your carpet and move in. Hosts: Gary Girard/Leon Scott, Ext. 381



open house 1-4:30 PM HOWELL AREA \$194,300

1315 Eimhurst Grand River to Hughes North to Elmhurst West. Move in condition - 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with lake access to all sports Lake Chemung with dock. Cell #586-942-5273. MLS# 24026009. Host: Ron Laroche, Ext. 257



open House 1-3 PM FOWLERVILLE AREA 50 5011 N. Fowlerville Rd. 3219.000

3 BRs, 2 baths. 1650 sq. ft. ranch with walk-out basement on 2+ acres. Gorgeous inside - open floor plan, cathedral ceilings - gas fireplace in living room, hardwood in kitchen, foyer, dining room. MLS# 24023156.



OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM PINCKNEY AREA

334 Unadilla 3 BRs, 1 bath. Charming turn of the Century home. Walk to downtown. Beautiful original woodwork. New garage, country kitchen. 2100 sg. ft. at a great price. M-38 West to D-19, North to Unadilla, Left on Unaville U.G. 2007;19, North to Unadilla, Left on Unadilla, MLS# 24037172.







8221,900

Host: Dennis Strasser, Ext. 337



OPEN HOUSE 12-2:30 PM NOWELL ARCA

2701 Turnberry 4 BRs, 2.5 baths. 1810 sq.ft. of immaculate home. Part finished lower level with family room. Wonderful master. Huge fenced yard and no house directly behind! AC, Prof. landscaped, Extensive deck and patio. Hostess: Linda Strang, Ext. 252



OPEN NOUSE 1.4 PM BRICHTON AREA \$265.000

2657 Kathleen 4 BRs, 2.5 baths. One of Brighton's finest estab-lished sub w/beautiful lots. Spacious rooms, master suite w/private bath. Family room w/fireplace, door-wall to back deck with privacy and wooded views. Hilton Rd. to Hunter to N. Christine to L on Kathleen.

Hostess: Lorl Ross, Ext. 232

OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM HOWELL ANEA \$309,700

220 Summer Shade 4 BRs, 2.5 baths. Country sub with city water, sewer, sidewalks & street lights. 3 miles to 196. Hardwood foyer, nook & island kitchen. Quick occupancy. I-96 to Pinckney Rd, N. to Mason, L on Mason to Maple Farms Sub on left. MLS# 24024292. Hostess: Marcla Gelse, Ext. 246



OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM FOWLERVILLE AREA SI 5005 N. Fowlerville Rd. \$154,000

11665 Glen Mary Drive 3 BRs, 2 baths. Newly listed Country ranch on 3/4 acre lot with cathedral ceilings, A/C, appli-ances & neutral decor. Take Fowlerville to East 2 BRs, 1 bath. Cute starter home on 1.7 acres. 1 car garage and basement, 24x24 barn across from Fowlerville Schools. Home warranty included. N. Fowlerville Rd. Corner on Lovejoy 1.5 miles to Glen Mary Drive. Other lots from \$135,900. MLS# 24038764

Hostess: Karl Corser, Ext, 688



erior & landscaped. MLS# 23052785 Hostesses: Elaine Hawkins

166 Unadilia 3 BRs, 2 baths. Great starter home in the Village of Pinckney. Countiess updates, across from playground. Come & seell! M-36 or D-19 to Unadilia St. W of Howeli St. MLS# dagagad 24026724 Host: Tim Sinclair, Ext. 293



HOWELL AREA \$229,900 122 Victoria 2 BRs, 2 baths. South M-59 and west of

Michigan Ave. Host/Hostess: Art Loveland/

Connie Pikkarainen, Ext. 255/352



OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PH \$434,000 Howell Area

226 N. Truhn

Hostess: Cynthia Zimmerman, 810-923-5230

226 N. Truinn 6 BRs, 4.5 baths. Sprawling country ranch on over 5 acres with mother in law suite in walkout lower level. East x-way access! i96 to Burkhart Rd. South to Mason, West to Truhn, turn North on Truhn to

OPEN NOUSE 2-5 PM HOWELL AREA \$345.800

4332 Sundance Circle 4 BRs, 2.5 baths. Spectacular trim package in the 2700 sq. ft. 'new' Colonial. Already landscaped with sprinker & deck, Ploneer cabinets, Andersen windows, daylight basement, crown moldings, ceramic & hardwood floors, 3.5 car garagel S on D-19, W on Coon Lk Rd 1/2 mile. Host: Jeffrey Stamm, Ext. 225



NAMBURG AREA \$289.900 11446 Tall Shadows

Lakes & Rec area - immediate occupancy. 4 BR, 2.5 baths - fp in great room -CA, deck, treed court. M-36 to McGregor S. to Shehan, E 1/2 mile to Tall Shadows MLS# 24017951. Hostess: Nancy Hubbell, Ext. 217



LIVONIA AREA

LIVONIA AREA 34117 6 Mile Rd. 3 BRs. 2 baths. Very well maintained home! Must see! Quiet locale. Very beau-tiful yard. 275 to 6 Mile Rd - go east. Cross Newburgh - cross Wayne Rd. Home on right at light on Whitby Street. Host: Joe C., Ext. 322



OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$219.900

425 Lillyview Ct 2 BRs, 2 baths. Perfect condo w/\$10,000 view of senic Lake George. Two master bedrooms. Grand River N on Latson 1/2 mile right on Aster left onto Lillyview Ct. MLS# 23080694. Host: Ray Tisch, Ext. 382



HOWELL AREA 1900 Marjorie

4 BRs, 2 baths. Wow! Charming home w/over 2300 sq. ft. of ivong scace. This home sits on 3.6 beautifully treed acres. This home has an wo bsmt whots of daylight windows, ig kit, w/snack bar & doorwall that leads you to the swimming pool, extra ig 2.5 car gar., C/A & more' Coen Lk Rd W to Dutcher Rd N to left on Deacon Hill to right on Magorie Hostess: Janene Spencer, Ext. 633



open house 2.5 pr HOWELL ÀPEA

1927 Sundance Ridge 4 BRs, 3 baths. Wonderful ranch with over 3200 sq. ft. Incl. a finished w/o basement. Appliances and landscaping already in with sprinkler 3 car garage, hardwood floors, stone fireplace. U-19 S to Coon Lk Rd, go W 1/2 mile. MLS# 23045395 Host: Jeffrey Stamm, Ext. 225



OPEN NOUSE 1-4 Ph PINCKNEY AREA 8079 Pettysville Rd.

New construction, ready for occupancy! 1876 sc. ft 3 BRs. 2.5 BA. 16x12 bonus rm, FF laundry, gas FP in GR. Open fir plan, maintenance free, backs to private wooded lot. Daylight windows in LL 9 ceiling, prepped for 3rd BA. Lg. covered porch, convenient location, close to Brighton. Sprinkler sys. & sod in, asphall drive, plus tg. deck. Hostess: Nancy Welka (810) 844-2211



OPEN HOUSE 15-3 P BRIGHTON AREA

8055 Pettysville 3 BRs, 2.5 baths. Brand new custom build -ready to go with loads of upgrades. MLS# 24014472

Host: Michael Morgan, Ext. 362



OPEN NOUSE 1-4 27 FOWLERVILLE AREA 725 Village BRs, 2 baths, East of Fowler South of Grand River Hostest: Anajanette Terry, Ext. 392



914 Sheldon Road 3 BRs, 2 baths. Priced to sell! Open floor plan, hardwood floors, fireplace, cedar clos-et and much more. All appliances included. One year home warranty. Sheldon Road South of Ann Arbor Road! MLS# 24008943. Host: Dennis Swaney, Ext. 398

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Donna O'Hara, Ext. 250/270



OPEN HOUSE 1-9 Ph PINCKNEY AREA \$169,900 PINCKNEY AREA 2226 Spartans Tr. 2 BRs, 1.5 baths. M-36 W. to McGregor intersection









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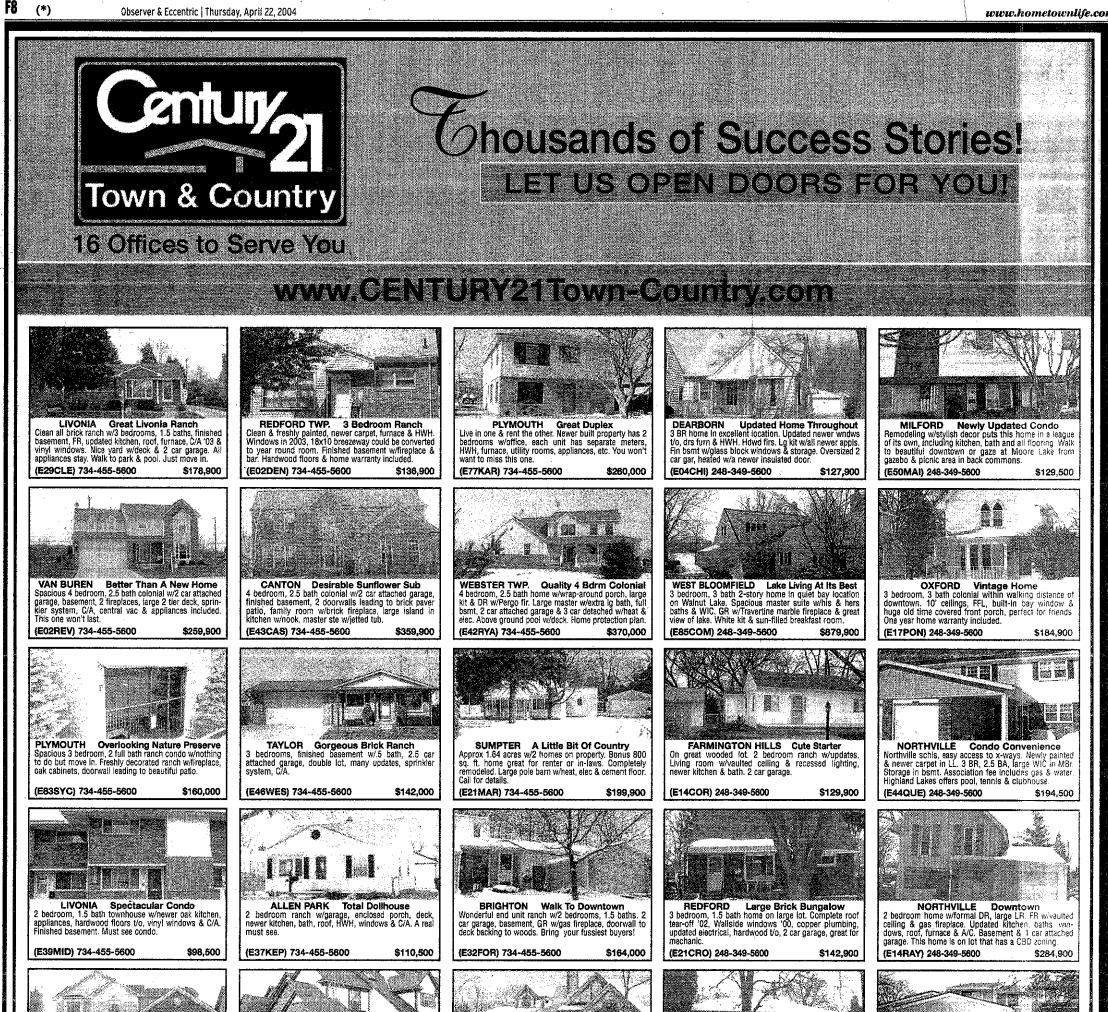
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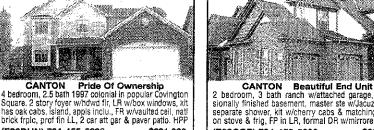
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DEARBORN HGTS. Wooded End Unit Ranch Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo w/2 car attached garage, part finished bsmt, great room w/fireplace, breakfast area overlooking deck. All in wooded

REDFORD Great Value 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch. 2 car garage, finished basement. Roof, siding-garage & house, newer win-dows, copper plumbing, 100 amp service, humidifier '02 & A/C '01. Newer vanity. All appls stay. Home warr.





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\$673,000 UNIQUE CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL ON 3.4 ACRE Spacious 2797 SF farmhouse style 3 BR, 3.5 bath home w/gourmet kit, 9' ceilings on 1st level & red oak floors. Home sits back 400' from road! A real jewell (24034806)

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PLYMOUTH \$435,000 LIKE A FINE WINE this home has improved each year since it was built. You'll love the woodwork ceilings & the ambiance of fine living. Upper flat w/separate entrance can be rented out. (23S353)

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NORTHVILLE \$432,900 PERFECT LOCATION Stunning & beautifully cared for. 3 BR cape code 1st floor bedroom, 2/2 baths, w/o fin bsmt, fireplace, 2 car garage,ct location. Move in condition. (56WHI2)



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NORTHVILLE \$399.700 OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE LOCATION! Spacious 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial w/3252 SFI Fam rm w/fieldstone FP, formal DR w/hdwd fl. Island kit w/wi pantry. Beautiful private yard w/ingr pool. Fin bsmt & morel (44RAV2)

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PLYMOUTH \$359,900 **GREAT CURB APPEAL 4BRs. 3 1/2 baths with** Pergo, new paint, French doors, crown molding in den, bay window, wood trim. Fin bsmt, drywall, 1st floor laundry. Gazebo, deck, pergenuic (2005) perennials. (R956)

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HOMEI Outstanding Aspen II home has 2400 SF, 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, open fir plan w/lovely kit w/ contour island & two staircases for convenience. Raised brick patio for relaxing! (24033669)

TOTALLY RENOVATED RANCH 3 BRs, 2 baths,

everything replaced. Quality workmanship thru-out. You'li be sure to appreciate the fenced in Ig lot w/2.5 car gar with loft. (L10685)

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LIVONIA



\$337,900

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\$249.900





EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION Beautiful home on Ig cul-de-sac. Great rm w/cath ceiling & gas fireplace. 2nd floor loft, 2 BRs & full bath. 1st fir master ste.Prof finished bsmt. Many upgrades. (25AIR2)



NOV \$348.500

GREAT HOME CLOSE TO SCHOOLS. Charming home w/updated kit & brkfst area, formal LR & DR, FR w/FP & built-in bookcases, fin bsmt w/lots of storage & full bath. 4 seasons sunroom. (60MAN2)



FARMINGTON HILLS \$339.900 2000 BUILT HOME sits on 1.25 acres. 2000 SF, custom tile in foyer & kitchen, neutral decor. Part of lot is wooded with stream. (M29551)







WEST BLOOMFIELD \$249,900 TIME TO LIVE IT UP! What more could you ask for? Remodeled home on a large lot, across from an all sports lake. This is a great home at a fantastic price. (23G2400)

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YPSILANTI \$238.900 **BETTER THAN NEW!** Upgrades & extras Professional landscaping, deeper bsmt. exto hdwd firs, C/A, upgraded conts. Sitting rm or 4th BR. Kit appl's included. Move right int (23H7629)



DEARBORN HEIGHTS VERY CLEAN & SPACIOUS TRI-LEVEL Desirable area, 2400 SF, 4 BR, poss 5th BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car direct access gar, FP, wet bar, ig covered patio & 1 yr warranty finishes off this well priced corner lot. (J715)





NORTHVILLE

LIVONIA \$239,900 **EXAMPLE 1 \$239,900 HERE'S THAT NEWER RANCH** you've been looking for. 3 BRs, 2 BAs, GR w/cath ceil, FP, & wet bar, mstr w/full BA, cath ceil, formal DR, Ig kit, huge part fin bsmt, 2 car att gar & more. (O28277)



NORTHVILLE \$264,900 NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner 4 bedroom Northville beautyl Quality updates have been maintained. Two baths, cozy fireplace, home office and a lovely private yard. (32LAN2)

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NOV \$239,900 NOVI RANCH. Charming 3 BR,3.25 bath ranch w/custom Amish kitchen & oak cabinets. Fieldstone FP in hearth dining area. Finished lower level. 3 car garage. (24035230)









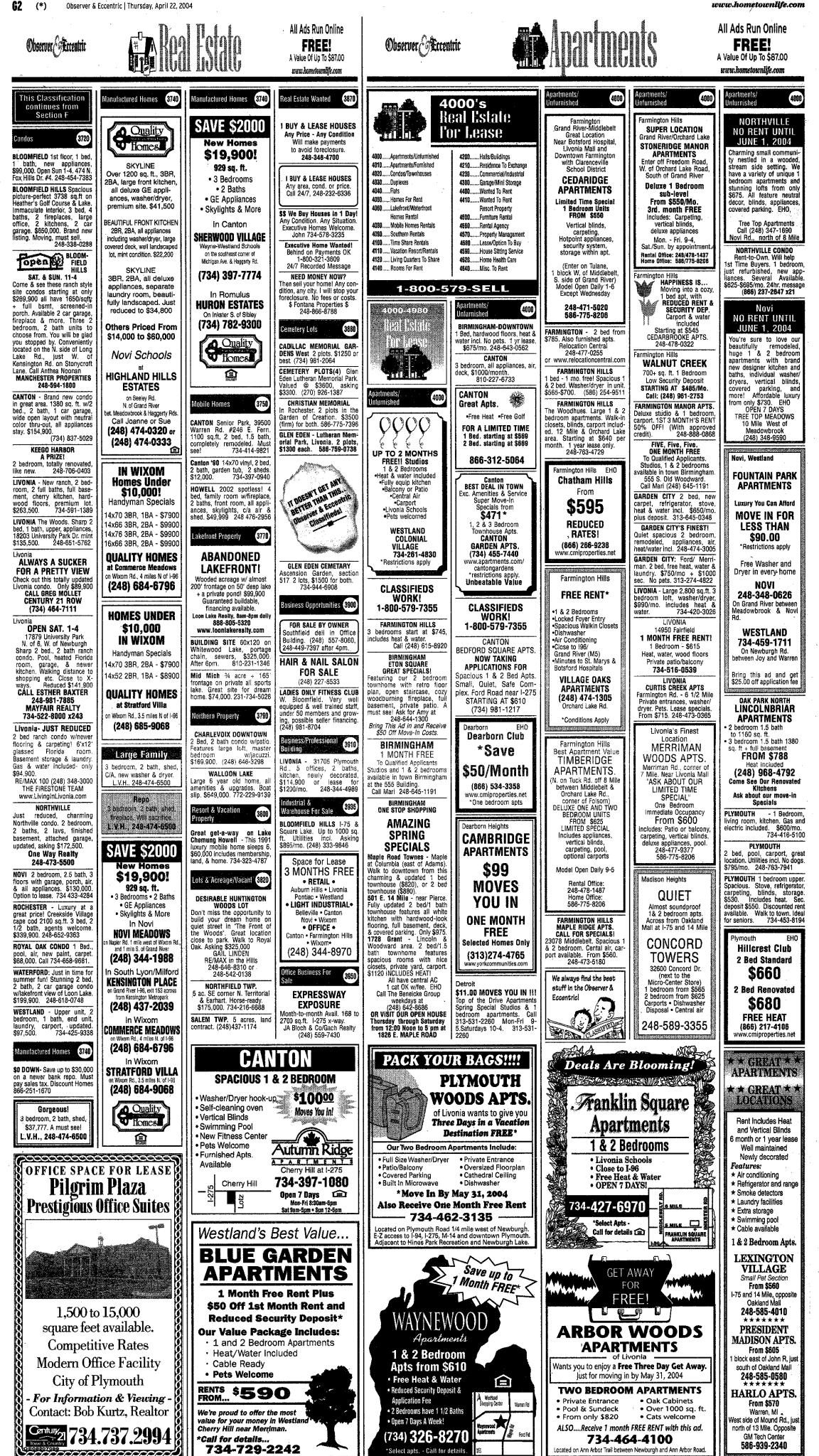
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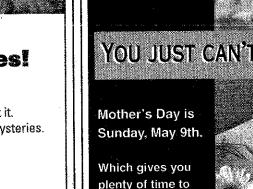
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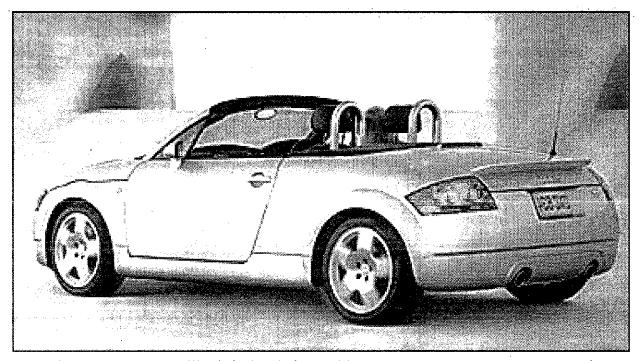
BY DALE BUSS

Last summer, I was fortunate enough to be able to drive and review the Audi TT Roadster convertible, and I was floored by the pure joy of driving that manual-transmission model, reveling in its pick-up, cornering, styling and just pure, unadulterated sportiness. It's the favorite car I've driven in the last year.

But I've just finished driving a vehicle that easily is the runner-up to my informal little "car of the year" consideration. And not surprisingly, it's the Roadster's kissing cousin, the Audi TT Coupe. This version of the TT, new for 2004, offers a 3.2-liter, narrow-angle V6 engine to create an entirely new model, and it comes through as wonderfully as the Roadster did last year. The version I drove was an automatic-transmission model, which made me wary. But the pick-up in this coupe was almost as satisfying as that in the Roadster I had driven last summer, and all the other characteristics of a greatdriving machine were in attendance as well.

You can't blow by how fine this vehicle looks. The TT Coupe, of course, benefits greatly from a design bestowed under Audi's sports-car heritage, which goes back to the 1905 Tourist Tropy race on the Isle of Man (wherever that is!). Everything in the exterior look remains consistent with that extremely rounded, highly appropriate design for the coupe. The entire appearance of the TT is a reminder, actually, that this model started out as a concept car looking pretty much as it does now. So great was the enthusiasm for this work-of-art design once it started making the circuit in the mid-Nineties that Audi enthusiastically turned it into a production version much more quickly than the industry was used to seeing such things done, in time for the 2000 model year.

In both its four-passenger coupe form and the roadster, it has held its own as a favorite of pure automotive enthusiasts since then. But the new V6 model is distinguished by several new styling twists



The Audi TT Roadster Convertible is just plain fun to drive!

in the front and rear, including lamps, grilles, and exhaust systems in addition to the rear deck badging. Specifically, the 3.2 features an exclusive front apron with side gills and enlarged inlets for engine cooling. A modified and enlarged rear spoiler and a honeycomb diffuser help reduce rear-end lift at high speeds.

Of course, it should be mentioned here – and well-noted by readers – that the TT coupe is a fourperson vehicle only in name. Maybe Audi just designated that space for seats for the purpose of keeping owners' insurance rates lower. I'm not sure. The one thing I do know is that there is no way for an average-sized human being, much less one who is in any dimension larger than average, to feel any tinge of comfort in the back seat of this car while it is occupied by two people in the front. I folded, spindled and mutilated a handful of people, even a few exceptionally nimble teenagers, to see if there was any way that they could accommodate themselves in comfort in the back of the TT coupe, and they couldn't.

Even in cases where rear passengers managed to sit upright with a modicum of comfort – and they could only do that if driver and front passenger scooted their seats far forward – the roofline is so low in back that only persons shorter of stature could stand that position. It's needless to say, then, that the thought of putting two people in the rear, unless they really enjoy close proximity for however long the car ride takes, is just impossible to ponder. Actually, another disadvantage of this car is that the front isn't all that roomy either. The low roofline comes very much into play for anyone who's above average in height. And the bucket seats, while very comfortable, aren't all that amply sized.

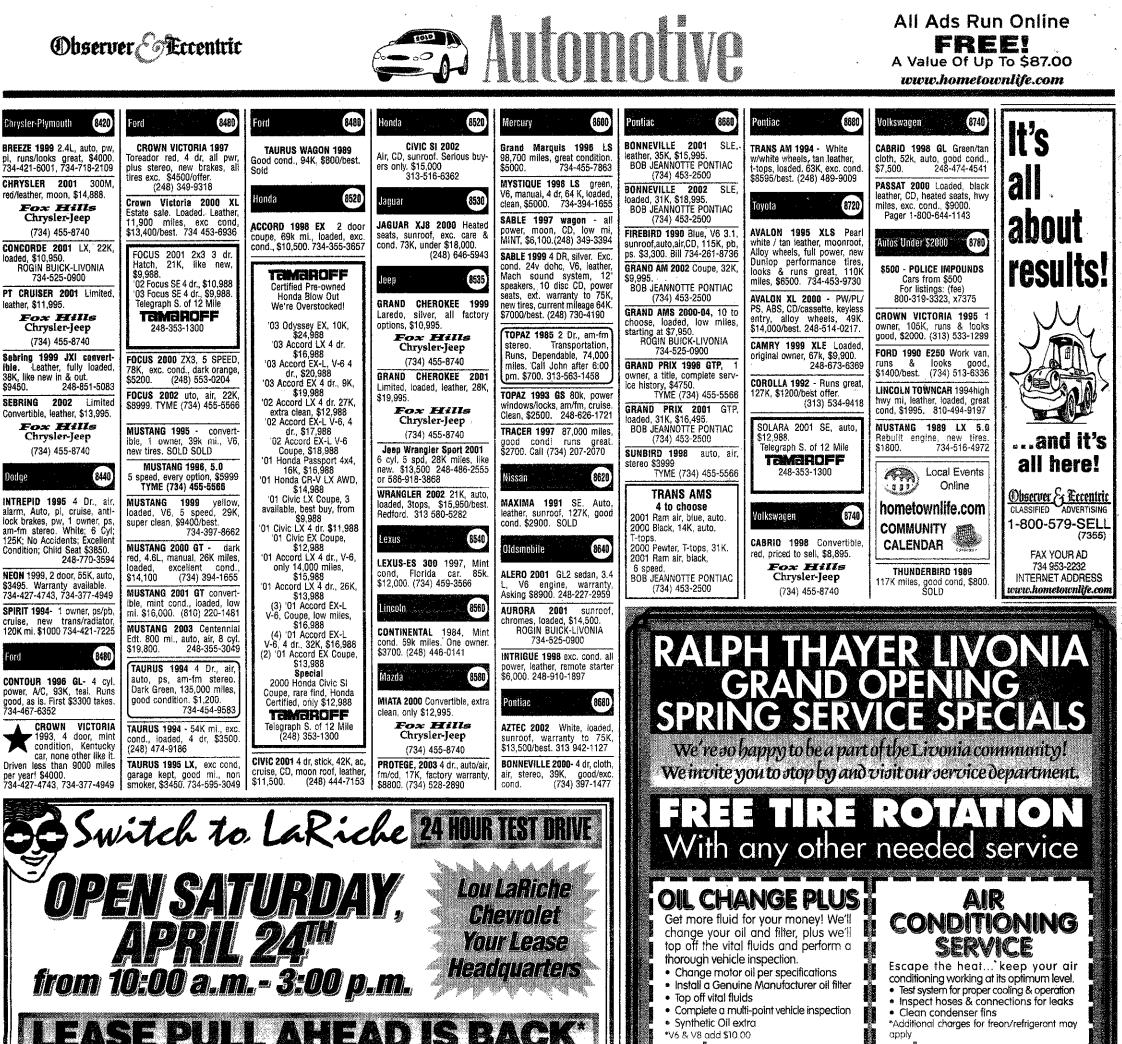
What is overwhelming about the interior is that it carries forward the rounded design theme exquisitely, and in every detail. Absolutely everything is round and brushed-aluminum and looks riveted, from the cup holders to the heated-seat knob, from the door-grab handles to the glove box, from the audio-system cover to rings around the climatecontrol vents. And because space is at such a premium in this vehicle, the designers looked absolutely everywhere for places to put cubbyholes.

But you won't be spending much time worrying about where to stash your stuff in the Audi TT coupe. You'll be too busy having fun driving it.

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