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Memo

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Theatrical invite

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc. would like to invite the



Donna Nehasil, who must wear a HAZMAT suit to enter the house she bought on Burnham, checks furniture that was damaged by mold.

Moldy house prompts lawsuit

When Canton residents Craig and Donna Nehasil bought a small home on Burnham in January 1998, it wasn't exactly a dream home.

They'd been living in a townhouse, their family had expanded (they then had two children) and they wanted a home of their own.

When they signed on the Burnham house in December 1997, it was the first home they had bought and Craig was nervous about the commitment they were making.

'It seems like every time they had a problem with something, instead of going to the source and fixing it they put a Band-Aid on it and just tried to cover it up.'

Craig Nehasil
homeowner

But it was a real home, not an apartment or townhouse.

"We wanted a house we could update," Donna said. "It was all '70s style inside the house."

Craig, who works for an office furniture company as a technician and used to be in the carpenters union, began fixing it up.

"Within a week after

moving in, we had a river running through the basement," he said. "Water was coming over the joists in the foundation, over the top of the wall. We tried to find the source. I started knocking down walls and lo and behold, we had a big problem."

When he started ripping out walls, he said every wall but one had plastic sheeting under the drywall.

PLEASE SEE MOLD, A5

community to a special event at the Cherry Hill Village home of Jerry and Diane Cuper 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 4. A theater hard-hat tour will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Tax-deductible donation of \$50 per person can be applied toward sponsoring a seat if you should decide. For more information please phone Jennifer Tobin, (734) 394-5484.

Athena award

The well-known Athena Award that used to be presented by the Canton Chamber of Commerce will this year be presented by the Canton Business and Professional Women's Association. The award will be presented at noon Wednesday, May 19, at Carraba's. Only 142 luncheon tickets are available.

The BPW is seeking nominations for the award, which may be given to a male or female business owner or professional. There's still time to nominate someone. The BPW will use the proceeds for its scholarship fund. For tickets or to nominate, contact, Clarice Killian at (734) 394-2572, Jody LaBoda at (734) 981-2144 or Phyllis Werth at (734) 394-1025.

Police complete internal check of Howard case

Canton Police have completed an internal investigation of the Lary Howard case, the Canton resident who was charged with the possession of child pornography on his home computer, but another investigation is set to get underway based on a complaint from Howard's attorney.

Livonia Public Schools must still decide the fate of Lary Howard's teaching position. **News, Page A4.**

Howard, 56, a Canton resident and language arts teacher at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, was arrested earlier this month after police received a complaint from his ex-wife and ex-step-daughter that he had child pornography on his computer.

The case was dismissed last week on a request from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said that after he learned of the dismissal he requested an internal review of the case.

"Specifically what I wanted," he said, "was to look

PLEASE SEE TEACHER, A4

Canton ice dancers place fifth in world

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto have put themselves and Canton on the world map by placing fifth in the World Figure Skating Championships in Germany March 26.

"This is the first time in 14 years that American skaters have placed that high," said Gary Clark, skating director at Arctic Edge on Michigan Avenue.

Belbin and Agosto train exclusively at Arctic Edge under the direction of coach Igo Shpilband. "They continue to move up a number of places," Clark said, about the pair's scores.

In early January, Belbin and Agosto won the U.S. National Ice Dancing

Championship in Atlanta. The win was a first for the couple after placing second in 2003.

"We wanted to skate a great performance and prove that first is where we belonged," said Belbin after the Nationals and who at the time was looking forward to the championships in Germany.

The pair also placed third in the Grand Prix of figure skating and are about to begin practicing on a program for the Tom Collins Tour of Champions, Clark said.

Belbin and Agosto also have been named recipients of the 2004 Canton Community Achiever Award.

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Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto skated their way to fifth place in the World Figure Skating Championships in Germany.

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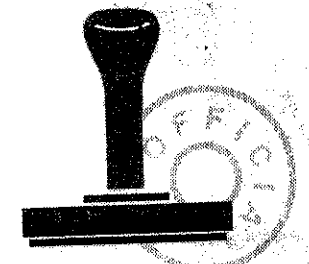
DEATHS

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Diana Doncheff, 96, of Livonia, died March 28.

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Adelia E. Erhardt, 100, of Livonia, died March 26.

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Deiores Joyce Fletcher, 74, of West Bloomfield, died March 28.

H
Joseph Julius Hus, of Waterford, died March 25.



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 C7.

His advice: Find your strength and go for it

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

In a crowded room, you will always know when Tom Adamusik isn't far. First you'll hear his laughter. When you turn around, you will see his beaming smile.

"I am a people person. I enjoy my customers and I want them to enjoy what we've done," said the owner of Regal Construction.

Adamusik thanks a hailstorm that struck Canton in the early 1980s for his business good fortune. By 1981, he already owned Thomas Roofing. The destruction caused by the storm poured business into his doors.

"Sometimes I would pull out of one driveway and drive to the next customer down the street," he said. "I was so happy God brought that hailstorm."

In 1988, Regal Construction opened and he has been busy since. From roofs he went to gutters, trim and then additions and finally, remodelings.

"I am all phases of it," said the Canton resident. "I do the estimating, the initial contacts and the layouts of the projects. I just can't let go of the projects. I have to be there."

Adamusik decided on construction as a high school student in Detroit. He grew up in the projects and his family didn't have money for college.

After attending trade school, he went through the apprenticeship and journeyman steps. While in the apprenticeship program, he found a mobile home for sale in Canton, bought it and moved.

"It was nothing but farm land out here. Boyer's grocery was here. Bob recalls that I bought more beer than food in those days," Adamusik said with his characteristic warm laughter. As the business got started, Adamusik's wife, Rose, set up the office. "She got involved right at the beginning. I am not office savvy, but she is. She made the system so easy. We had the whole family involved," he said. Today their four grown children have their own careers.



Tom Adamusik of Regal Construction checks for leaks in a bathroom vanity he installed in the basement of a home in Belleville.

Adamusik's customers are generally referred or they are repeat business. "I try to educate the customer. I try to help them choose wisely. Sometimes they don't."

While Adamusik is obviously closely associated with Regal, he's just as well-known in the community. In 1990, he joined the Canton Chamber of Commerce, serving as president and working to start Leadership Canton. "I have made lifelong friends."

He also has been involved in the Southeast Michigan Builders Association, as well as on the board of directors of his credit union. Adamusik also is a familiar face at Canton's Home Improvement Expo in March. Spreading his knowledge of construction, Adamusik had workshops, now a part of the Expo.

"I'm the connection for the chamber of commerce," he said. "It's amazing what people want to know about the home improvement industry."

He also participates in career days at the schools. "I've done job shadowing. That was neat." Sad times also have been a



Adamusik measures for an escape window to be installed in a basement he is remodeling in Belleville.

part of Adamusik's life. He lost his best friend to cancer some six years ago, followed by his own heart attack. Today, he has a defibrillator in his chest. "This way, I have my own paramedics."

The health crisis changed his attitudes. "I try to take it easy. I know that when I feel good I

take on too much." But he loves what he does. He describes his work much like a baseball player would describe his: "I go to work. I love this. Whatever is your strength, go with it and follow your dream."

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Physical Therapy UPDATE
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Wetter family dives into a healthier lifestyle

As Canton's 100 Days to Health program continues through the end of April, the *Observer* follows the Wetter family through their experiences and their goal of living a healthier, more active and less stress-filled life.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Three words sum it up for the Wetter family.

"It just works," said John Wetter, as his family swam, splashed and relaxed at the Aquatics Center at the Summit on the Park on a recent Saturday afternoon.

More than halfway through Canton's 100 Days to Health program, the Wetters - dad John, mom Caroline, and kids Daniel, Ellyn and Molly - are still on track. Eldest son, Adam, is in the Marine Corps on Parris Island, S.C.

The program has provided the Wetters with information, support and a catalyst to change their lifestyles. They have worked on healthier eating, increased exercise and managing individual and family stress.

One hundred days of programs, activities, classes and special events are offered at the Summit to help educate participants on healthy lifestyle choices. Participants also learn about which community resources are available to them and how to have fun while improving their health.

The program is co-sponsored by Leisure Services, St. Joseph Mercy Health Center and the Canton Community Foundation. The program will conclude Saturday, April 24, with a community walk and ceremony at the Heritage Park amphitheater.

As a family, the Wetters are eating better with healthier foods - more salads and veg-

etables - and smaller portions. "We're all making better choices," said Caroline, who has lost 15 pounds and exercises four days a week. "I got a whole lot of junk food out of the house."

Ellyn, who attends Ladywood High School in Livonia, avoids the pizza and french fries for lunch. Lent and the desire to sacrifice something helped.

"I haven't been drinking pop either," she said.

Her brother, Daniel, who goes to All Saints Catholic School, also eliminated pop. "I take less in my lunch," Caroline has discovered

that to eat healthier means planning ahead, which by the way, she says reduces her stress.

Thinking ahead covers eating out. The family planned to dine at Steak 'n' Shake recently. To do that, something from the calorie count of the day had to go. They gave up the hefty Sunday breakfast and decided that Steak 'n' Shake was dinner for the day.

The family is also learning moderation. "I was dying for something sweet," Caroline said. She couldn't resist the Easter chocolates. She bought a miniature box, ate three for a total of about 90 calories, and called it satisfaction.

"I was fine and I was done," Caroline added. She also baked cookies recently. Each family member was allotted only two.

Exercise also plays a larger role in the Wetter family.

Like his wife, John was determined to not only lose some weight, but to increase his exercise. He did both. Twenty pounds lighter, John is up to 85 pushups every other day and has decreased his resting heart rate from 63 to 47. Aerobics and weightlifting are now a part of his routine, which begins at 5:30 a.m.



The Wetter family - Daniel (from left), Ellyn, mom Caroline, dad John and Molly - swim as a family during the weekend at the Summit on the Park. The family is participating in the 100 Days to Health program.

When the *Observer* first met the Wetters in January as they were about to start 100 Days to Health, one of John's concerns was that the Summit, where he exercises, didn't open until 6 a.m. The Summit now opens at 5:30 a.m. and the extra half-hour makes a big difference in John's schedule. "He doesn't feel anymore like he doesn't have time to work out," Caroline said.

The Wetters work out as a family at the Summit. After church on Sundays, they swim at the Aquatics Center. Instead of stopping for a hefty Sunday breakfast, Caroline makes smoothies for a good energy booster.

Molly, 8, keeps up in the lap pool starting out at five laps and now is up to 13 each time she goes. She also participates in yoga and basketball. Daniel is on the school lacrosse team and walks, mostly on the

treadmill.

With summer coming, the family will return to rollerblading, a favorite. "One plan is to put variety into our exercise with hiking or walking on Sunday mornings," Caroline said.

The family also has participated in some of the programs offered through 100 Days to Health. Among them was one teaching what is a healthy breakfast. "It was hands-on," Caroline said. They learned to make yogurt parfaits and pancakes with flax seed. John and Caroline took the kickboxing class, while Caroline attended the weight loss program at St. Joe's.



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FROM PAGE A1

at, Number 1, was there probable cause to believe a crime was committed and what was the basis of this complaint and, Number 2, as a law enforcement agency did we follow department policy and good police practice in the investigation of the crime."

The Observer obtained a copy of the report after filing a Freedom of Information Request.

The report concludes: "This office's review of the case supports that probable cause existed. The department presented all evidence to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, who subsequently issued a criminal warrant."

"Although the court has dismissed the criminal charges, the investigative measures taken were in compliance with department policy and good sound police practice. The department, from an evidentiary standpoint, is reviewing the practice of opening computer files as part of an initial criminal investigation."

In the chronology outlined in the report, on Dec. 15, 2003, Connie Howard and Lorien Newsome, Howard's wife at the time and his step-daughter, reported to police that they had found child pornography on the home computer.

On Dec. 16 Canton detectives seized the computer equipment from the home with consent from Connie Howard and transported it to the Wayne County Computer Crimes unit.

On Jan. 2, 2004, Howard was interviewed at Canton Police Headquarters where, according to the report, he gave a written statement stating "I downloaded pictures of an improper nature of underage children out of curiosity."

After the images had been reviewed by an expert at the University of Michigan, who concluded that 22 of them appeared to be children under 16, a six-count warrant was issued against Howard and he was arrested on Feb. 26.

On Feb. 27 he was arraigned in 35th District Court. On March 12 a preliminary exam was delayed for two weeks at the request of Wayne County

Teacher's job still in question

Lary Howard isn't back in his classroom.

The 56-year-old teacher at Emerson Middle School has been cleared of all charges against him, but the Livonia Public Schools has yet to decide the fate of his position in the district.

Earlier this year, Howard was charged with six counts of possession of child sexually abusive material. Those charges were dismissed last week by Judge Ron Lowe of 35th District Court, as requested by the Wayne County prosecutor.

According to Supt. Randy Liepa, the investigation is not finished within the school district.

Howard is a Canton resident and has been a teacher at Emerson for eight years.

"As soon as we were notified by police that he was going to be arrested and charged, we put him on paid suspension," Liepa said.

The district sent a letter to Emerson parents to make them aware of the situation on Feb. 27.

"We wanted to notify the school community as to precisely what had occurred," Liepa said.

Principal Thomas Tobe has visited classes to answer questions and address any

concerns of students. He said the students were curious about the legal system and whether or not Howard would return before the end of the school year.

While he isn't certain of what might happen, Tobe said he took the safe position and told students that Howard would not be back this year.

"Parents and students' reaction to the news was one of total shock," he said. "They did not believe he would be found guilty of this. The mere fact that the charges were dropped kind of confirmed their feelings that this was not true."

A substitute teacher, Joyce Biga, has taken over Howard's classes at Emerson ever since the suspension was put in place. According to Tobe, she is a well-established teacher in the district, as well as a Franklin High School graduate.

"The kids are in good hands," Tobe said. "They're doing very well."

Tobe said while some people might've expected "pandemonium" as a reaction to those charges, "cooler heads prevailed."

He called Howard "a good man," and said "this is a tragic thing that happened."

Assistant Prosecutor Dan Less so he could review the 90,000 images found on the computer and meet with the expert from U-M.

On March 25 Less told detectives that the case would be dismissed because the expert could not definitely state that the photos were of children under 18.

On March 26 the case was dismissed.

Further information provided by the prosecutor's office and the Wayne County sheriff's department concluded that the images were not "pornographic" by definition, that when Canton Police opened the files on the computer they altered the evidence and that the images were not "downloaded" but were on Howard's "Temporary Internet Files" folder and that did not constitute "possession."

Santomauro said there apparently were some procedural problems involved in local police looking at the computer files and not documenting each step of the process. He said that issue is being addressed.

Meanwhile Howard's attorney, David Steingold, has sent Santomauro a letter requesting another internal investigation.

"How do his ex-wife and daughter know who downloaded these images," he said. "Other people had access to the computer."

He also wants to know if there was any undue influence in the case because the former sister-in-law of Howard's ex-wife is a Canton police sergeant.

Santomauro said that it's a routine occurrence that someone related to a police officer makes inquiries of that officer about potential crimes.

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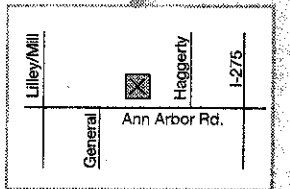
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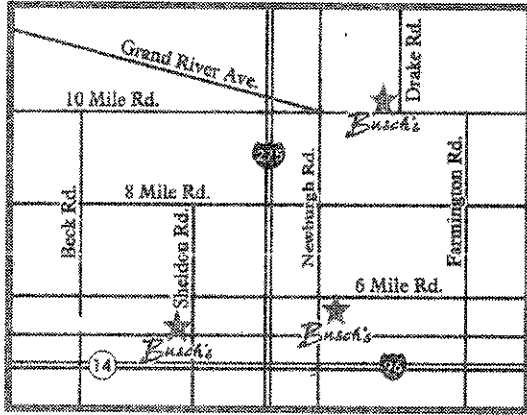


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Mattioli graduated from the University of Michigan in 1993 and from Walsh College with a master's degree in 1999.

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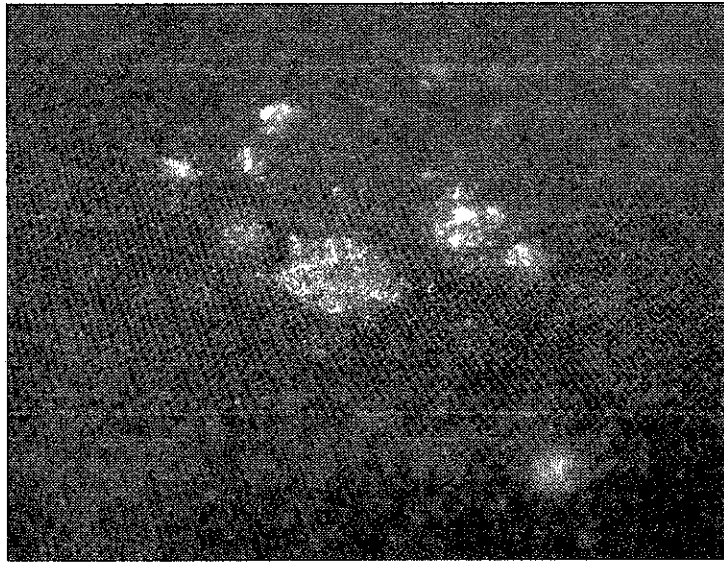
The Detroit Chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers presented Greg Andrysiak of Canton with the Distinguished Service Award. He was honored with the award by contributing to the local IIE chapter since 1992 holding many different positions including President. He currently is the vice president of advertising and coordinates the Career Corner for both the newsletter and the Web site. The IIE Detroit Chapter joined the Engineering Society (ESD) to celebrate National Engineers Week at the annual Gold Award Banquet, honoring the engineering profession on February 23. The gala evening provided a forum for the Affiliate Council of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Affiliate Societies to honor and congratulate members who have distinguished themselves through outstanding achievement and service within their respective societies.

Andrysiak works at TRW Automotive as an advanced sourcing engineer for global purchasing. He is conducts workshops and projects worldwide to help suppliers with cost reduction and value improvement. He has an industrial engineering technology degree from Purdue. He is currently seeking certification as Certified Value Specialist and is a 6 Sigma Black Belt. Founded in 1948, the Institute of Industrial Engineers is the society dedicated to serving the professional needs of industrial engineers and all individuals involved with improving quality and productivity.

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If you would like to highlight news about your business or employees in Business Notes, send information to jmaliszewski@oe.hometownlife.com or call Joanne Maliszewski, Canton Observer editor at (734) 459-2700.



A closer view of the fabric on a director's chair that was in the house owned by Craig and Donna Nehasil shows mold spots.

MOLD

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"It seems like every time they had a problem with something, instead of going to the source and fixing it they put a Band-Aid on it and just tried to cover it up," Craig said. Meanwhile another son was born. "He was sick constantly," Donna said. "We were all getting sick all of the time." In October 2002, the Nehasils filed suit against the sellers and the real estate broker who handled the transaction for failing to disclose the problems that the house had when they bought it. That suit is still pending in Wayne County Circuit Court. A trial date is scheduled for April 19. The suit alleges that the sellers failed to disclose existing problems with the house, including water problems in the basement, roof problems, electrical problems and others. Finally, as Craig kept uncovering more problems, they hired a Troy-based inspection

company to inspect the house. "When they tested the house," Craig said, "they found over 23 different types of mold and bacteria." When they went back to the doctor, Donna said, tests showed the presence of Stachybotrys (black mold) in their blood. "The doctor said you've got to get out of that house," she said. That was 2 1/2 years ago and that's exactly what they did. They left most of their possessions behind because of the mold problem. At first the insurance company put them up in a motel while the company decided whether to cover their losses or not. The company finally decided not to pay, calling the problems "pre-existing." For the last 2 1/2 years, they've lived with both their parents, in an apartment that a friend allowed them to sub-lease and now rent a house in Canton. They did not make the mortgage payments on the house because, Donna said, they



Donna Nehasil, dressed in the required HAZMAT suit, removes some household items that can be saved.

needed the money to live. Last week the bank foreclosed and the house presumably will go up for auction. But Donna, who can only enter the house wearing a HAZMAT suit, fears that if furniture and other items are placed on the street they may be hazardous to their neighbors, especially if someone

should decide to take some of the furniture into their own homes. "We don't want to fight this case in the newspaper," Donna said. "That's not appropriate. We just want to get the word out that sellers' disclosure should mean something. People shouldn't be able to say, 'Oops! I forgot to put that down.'"

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OUR VIEWS

Reading program a solid initiative

In a day and age when everyone is too busy or too engrossed in television or the Internet to think of much else, we love the program the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth District Library and others are putting together.

Applly titled "What Are You Reading," the initiative, part of the school district's new language arts curriculum, is aimed at getting everyone — not just kids — to pick up a book, magazine or newspaper and actually spend time reading it.

It's not that no one reads anymore. What with school reports and homework and spread sheets and work-related documents, we all spend a good portion of our time reading. But those things are required reading, items we have to peruse in order to survive in our school or work environment.

The nifty thing about the "What Are You Reading" campaign is it pushes the idea of reading for enjoyment, rather than out of obligation.

The committee forming the program, which has been kicking ideas around for nearly a year, has developed several strategies to forge the idea of reading as an entertainment option. Some are subtle — for instance, posters featuring public figures reading books and asking the central question, "What are you reading?" — while others are more substantial.

For instance, one initiative aims at getting more students to sign up for library cards, which will be music to the ears of librarians in both Plymouth and Canton. Another program calls for bringing in guest speakers, possibly authors, to speak at either school or library venues.

While pushing reading as an entertainment possibility is the primary focus, the program can also provide ancillary benefits. For instance, Kevin Scanlon of the Canton Public Library points out that studies show students who read as little as 11 minutes per day dramatically improve their scores on standardized tests.

The initiative isn't aimed just at students, though. It's aimed at everyone, including adjusting the habits of those who read consistently. Used to reading a newspaper? This program encourages you to also pick up a book. Voracious novel reader, are you? "What Are You Reading" encourages you to read a magazine.

Many people, particularly adults, think of public libraries and the first thought that crosses their minds is, "I haven't been to a library in years." This program encourages people to change that thought process. And, frankly, with the quality of the libraries in both Canton and Plymouth, it's a good idea.

In a time when the computer has become the heart of information flow for many people, "What Are You Reading" aims at getting people to turn a page in their thinking about reading.

Water problem needs regional cooperation

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's visit to Oakland County last week was a good first step in bridging the communication gap that exists between Detroit and its suburban water customers.

Kilpatrick, who March 25 became the first Detroit mayor to ever visit the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, will make similar visits to Macomb and Wayne counties in the near future.

He promised more "transparency" in the operations of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which supplies water to 4.5 million people in 125 southeast Michigan communities. Approximately 75 percent of those customers live outside of Detroit.

For several years, suburban leaders have criticized the way Detroit has operated the water system, particularly how it has set water rates, which have jumped dramatically in recent years. The suburbs want more say on how the rates are formulated by the Detroit-owned system.

A little face-to-face dialogue is sorely needed because the two sides have traded barbs through the local media, intensifying an issue that has become very political.

But the fact is, this is a regional problem that must be solved through regional cooperation. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimates it is going to cost more than \$20 billion to update aging water and sewer infrastructure in the region.

Kilpatrick made it clear that Detroit has no intention of giving up control of the water system. However, by crossing Eight Mile Road, with all its history and symbolism, Kilpatrick showed he is at least willing to work with his suburban counterparts. For that, he should be applauded.



LETTERS

Not surprising

Mr. Patterson and Mr. LaJoy have dismissed the environmental report that gives them bad marks. Not surprising. There are, at last count, five Superfund sites (according to the Environmental Protection Act) within the charter township of Canton's boundaries. Also, water quality has not been reviewed realistically for some years and even though it's a Yack Fact that the water meets EPA standards it has recently been revealed that the EPA standards in Washington, D.C., have allowed three generations of Americans to be poisoned with lead.

At more than one of our windblown garbage dumps (which provide millions in revenue to the charter township and reelection campaigns of certain politicians), a company called Onyx brings their filthy material. Onyx handles infectious hospital waste and low level nuclear trash.

There is a 20-foot-tall torch burning alongside I-275 in Canton that has been burning a dirty flame over 25 feet tall non-stop since at least last Sept. 1.

The waste gas could have supplied a great deal of power to the local community, however, because of sweetheart deals with Detroit Edison, that power was never brought online. During all this time a plume of poison gas has been steadily emitted from the site and breathed by our children and elderly residents (oh, and you, too).

Alfred Brock
Canton

Equal education

I am a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, and I want to know how someone like me could get a fair and balanced education when it comes to politics? I am in a government class, and when it comes to politics, all I hear is that Bush stinks, Bush is bad, Bush is stupid and so on. When I get home and watch the news on CNN or MSNBC all I hear is Bush stinks, Bush is bad, Bush is stupid and so on.

It is no wonder why most teenagers are liberal when all they hear are attacks on the right from the left. When at school, I get in occasional debates over politics. The students I'm arguing say Bush stinks, Bush is bad, Bush is stupid and so on. I wonder where they get that argument? So once again I pose the question, how can someone like me get a fair and balanced education when it comes to politics?

We have a far left teaching crew and a far left media, so what can people do? Although I don't believe stations like Fox News, which presents its coverage with a slight right bias, are the solution, I think we are finally getting closer.

There should be more shows, like Hannity and Colmes, were you hear the views from both sides. We need to have a station that is "really" fair and balanced, and finally let the youth, not the teachers or the media, decide their political party.

John Donaldson
Canton

Perfect love story

In a March 4 letter to the *Canton Observer* editor titled "History?" the question of historical evidence is raised regarding the account of Jesus' life (a story presented in the gospels and Mel Gibson's *The Passion* movie).

The author of the letter seems to ignore the fact that there at least four eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life presented by the four gospel writers, as well as the writings of Paul, Peter, James, and John (who also were present during Jesus' life and ministry).

The author may be unaware that recent scholarship in manuscript reliability and textual criticism now places the gospels at 30 to 50 years after Jesus, well within the life-span of the eye witnesses. While the followers of Jesus did speak Aramaic, they recorded what they saw in the most widely known language of the Roman empire — namely Greek. There is also the manuscript evidence (over 6,000 manuscripts written in Greek) that shows how little in the gospel accounts have changed over time, as opposed to the changes that would naturally occur with "oral tradition passed from generation to generation."

All of this, as well as several other common objections to the accuracy of the gospel accounts, is very thoroughly discussed in Lee Strobel's excellent book entitled *The Case for Christ*.

While one can choose to ignore all this, the main question still remains: When asked for evidence as to why you should be counted worthy before a righteous God, do you choose your own life or the substitute sacrifice of an innocent carpenter from a small obscure village 2,000 years ago? I choose the latter. The most perfect love story in history.

Mark Peacock
Canton

Positive focus

I would like to thank Mike Gerou for his commitment to not only his concerns for our church but for our judicial system. I am glad to see we have fair-minded judges on the bench.

I would like to add a bit more about the life I had in the seminary for five years. I could have made other choices, but this way of life called forth my deepest sense of passion and commitment to God and God's people. It was an ongoing adventure that was shared with my friends and classmates at Sacred Heart Seminary (Detroit) and St. John's Major Seminary (Plymouth) and with other religious and priests and so many others. My choice, I might add, was at the same time both personally costly and fulfilling.

I am from a family where religion is very important. My grandfather was the founding father of Sanfield Baptist Church in Insey, Miss. And his children and grandchildren continue to serve that church community diligently. On my mother's side of the family, we were devout Catholics where at one time three of her six children were looking into various religious communities. Like so many children looking up to their grandparents I wanted to follow in my grandfather's footsteps. I was raised a Catholic so my choice was to become a priest and be celibate or to marry and eventually become a Baptist minister in my grandfather's church. I chose the Catholic Church.

Unlike many of my classmates who seem to have never doubted their decision, I had many questions and doubts along the way. But I have come to realize that perhaps this kind of uncertainty has been a gift in disguise. The inner questioning is not so strong as to throw me

into constant turmoil. But it does prevent me from ever taking this decision for granted. I now see many of my classmates and friends as pastors of large parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

These men which I shared my life with for five years need our prayers. We need to pray for vocations. Prayer is a vital element in parishes and families, not just prayer for more vocations, but prayer which honestly seeks the response to which the Spirit is inviting us today. The Archdiocese of Detroit is one of the few employers where they have a shortage of good men and still have to be cautious as who they let serve our community.

So as we move forward in these trying times I ask that we continue to get to know our pastors. I have been the fortunate one who was able to rely on a large extended family for support. It becomes necessary at times to seek them out. When people invite priests, brothers and sisters into their homes and into their lives, they get to know them as real people. They discover that such a life can be happy, committed and fulfilling.

Focus on the positive. There is much negative press and critical publicity about religious life and priesthood today. These issues demand sensitive and effective attention. Yet we also need in the news, as well as day-to-day conversation, a focus on the positive aspects of priesthood and religious life. Priests and the religious, like everyone else, appreciate a word of thanks and encouragement.

Invite! Invite! Invite! The No. 1 reason why people don't consider religious life and priesthood is that no one ever asked them to do so. Therefore, it is critical that people raise the question, "Have you ever considered being a brother, priest or sister?" Even if the person responds with a sense of shock or laughter, the seed has been planted. Time and again, I hear people say, "I probably would have considered priesthood or religious life if someone had asked me to think about it."

Mostly, remember all the men who were not ordained to be priest for one reason or another. If you look at the current graduation classes it is less than 50 percent of the men entering seminary life who eventually go on to become priests and a few more will leave in their first two years of ministry.

St. Thomas A Becket — know that your friends are keeping you and Father Kelly in our prayers.

Fred A. Bolden
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"If we have the surgery, it's like we're damned if we do and damned if we don't. If we have the operation, he won't have any emotions or speak well. Would we rather do that than let him live like he is now? It breaks your heart."

— Barbara McGuire, about her grandson, Micah Weakland, who has a brain tumor

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Foot-dragging on mercury places everyone at risk

Like many other Michiganders, I'm an avid fisherman. Some of the happiest times of my life have been spent on trout streams in the U.P. (Upper Peninsula, that is) with my father's old 8 1/2-foot Leonard bamboo fly rod in hand. And there is nothing on earth that makes better eating than a freshly caught 12-inch brook trout, fried up gently next to the river.

And like many others in our state, I have been nervous about eating fish from our lakes and streams for fear of mercury built up in the flesh.

In fact, Michigan has had since 1988 a statewide mercury advisory recommending reduced consumption of walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, muskie and lake trout.

Evidence about the harm mercury does has been building for many years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention places mercury poison high on the list of environmental pollution. And in January, the CDC published a study estimating that one American woman in 12 of childbearing age has mercury levels in her blood above what the EPA thinks is safe for a fetus.

A scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency recently estimated that 63,000 newborns each year are at risk of permanent developmental disabilities from mercury poisoning.

Now mercury doesn't normally occur in fish. Instead, it comes from mercury in the air, which falls with the rain and enters lakes and streams, where it gets into the fish. And it's clear that the main source of mercury air pollution is smoke from coal-burning electric power plants. They release 42 percent of all mercury emissions in the United States, according to the National Wildlife Federation, which has reducing mercury pollution a top priority. The amount of mercury released makes you blink: 48 tons every year!

Yet there is no federal regulation dealing with mercury emissions from power plants. Back in 2000, the EPA said it intended to issue tough rules to require coal-fired electric plants to slash the mercury emission rate. Not surprisingly, some in the electric power industry were not pleased, and the EPA in the Bush administration has moved with all deliberate slowness on the subject.

The new EPA administrator, Michael Leavitt, came into office boasting that new EPA rules would cut mercury emissions by nearly 70 percent by 2018. But a couple of weeks ago, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that political

appointees topside in the EPA had ignored previous scientific studies on mercury pollution and refused to authorize the economic and scientific work to underpin the new rule. Some of the language in the new rule turns out to have been written word for word by electric power industry lobbyists.

So now the EPA has announced an "extended comment period" for whatever rule it is thinking about promulgating. I suppose we can confidently expect such a new rule will necessarily be delayed until after the election in November. Meanwhile, the mercury continues to fall from the skies.

Things are rather better in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm says her overall goal is to eliminate all human-generated sources of mercury pollution in Michigan by 2020. In response, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has convened a work group to make recommendations for state action to reduce and eventually eliminate mercury pollution from coal-fired electric plants in Michigan. Former state Sen. John H. ("Joe") Schwarz — a practicing physician and now a Republican candidate in the 7th Congressional District — is a member of the work group. With Schwarz involved, I'm sure whatever recommendations emerge will be both tough and practical.

There is nothing mysterious about the technology to scrub mercury out of coal smoke. More than 90-percent reductions in mercury emission have been achieved in nearly a dozen coal-fired plants across the United States. An outfit in Michigan called We Energies plans to install such technology at its Presque Isle plant in Marquette.

Of course, there are at least two problems. First, anti-mercury technology costs money. How much depends on whose arguments you believe, but many experts say installing scrubbers likely would not add more than a couple of percent to the average energy bill. Second, eliminating mercury pollution from Michigan power plants is essential — but we still will get airborne mercury from power plants in other states until tough federal regulations are adopted and enforced.

So while the Washington bureaucrats, political appointees and lobbyists do their peculiar dance, we have a good chance of actually getting something done here in Michigan. There are advantages, it seems, to a decentralized federal system. Though an enlightened federal government really would offer the best advantage for all.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Scholarship applicants show there's lots of hope for future

It's a duty I've handled before, and certainly not one I've minded.

When Don Douglass of Canton, scholarship chair for the Westland Rotary Club, asked me to help judge scholarship applicants from Wayne Memorial High School, I didn't hesitate to agree.

It's always been a pleasure to review the seniors' applications, and this year was no exception. Westland Rotary gives scholarships to students at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools and the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center.

It's not just Rotary that gives scholarships to deserving high school seniors, allowing them to continue their education. Some groups, such as the American Association of University Women, are known for their efforts to help older students returning to school to fine-tune their skills and knowledge.

This year, in reviewing the scholarship applications for Rotary, I was impressed with the fields students are planning to enter, ranging from medicine to education and others. Students have been busy with school and community activities, too, including musical groups, foreign language clubs and much more.

I'm glad the duty of picking the winner didn't fall just to me, as it's tough to choose from among so many deserving applicants. I always enjoy the luncheon around graduation time when the honored students and their families visit.

I always think about these students when I hear people decry the state of our nation's youth today. Sure, there are problems, but the fine young people represented on the scholarship applications remind us there's cause for a great deal of hope as well.

Newspapers are often accused of only writing about the kids who get into trouble, but I'm not sure that's really the case for the *Observer & Eccentric*. Each week as I review the pages of our publications, I see many examples of fine young people I'm sure will continue to enhance the quality of life in their communities.

One recent example is the Bloomfield Hills-based International Academy, where students and others are planning an International Festival for August. They hope to get foreign heads of state to visit, and are working hard to make their event a success.

"I think this will be good for our school, but more importantly, it will be a good thing for

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people at other schools," said junior Katie Diffenderfer of Bloomfield Hills. "They will be able to see how we treat one another and how we learn from each other here."

Such enthusiasm merits our respect and appreciation. Students contribute to their schools and communities in myriad ways, ranging from volunteer work at nursing homes to participation in religious activities. Of course, many hold down paying jobs, too, and still manage to find time to keep up with their studies.

No doubt, the time management skills these high schoolers are learning will serve them well in college and beyond. The people skills they acquire through work, school and community activities are giving them the foundation for success in later life as well.

A couple of years ago, I attended my 25th Birmingham Groves High School reunion, and enjoyed catching up with classmates. It was interesting to see where life has taken them; although many friendships have followed since those long-ago days, there's something special about early friendships that makes them worth maintaining.

I'm only sorry there isn't enough scholarship money to laud each deserving high school senior, but offer encouragement to the students not chosen. You're doing just great and making the adults of your community proud. Take time to enjoy these years, learn from them and chances are someday you'll look back and remember it all with great fondness.

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Spinning yarns

Ladies make blankets to welcome new residents

When the ladies of Waltonwood at Cherry Hill pick up those crochet needles, don't get in their way. You might end up in a lap blanket.

The group of crocheters and knitters, all residents at the senior living center at Cherry Hill and Lilley, decided to make lap blankets for residents of a new facility due to open on the site this summer.

The new center will provide 37 apartments for assisted living residents and 26 for memory impaired (Alzheimer's) patients.

The idea was the brainchild of Toni Pallazola, who's been making the blankets for Garden City Hospital for years.

"Yes, I'm the instigator," she said, crochet needle whipping through yarn. "We're going to make 60 of them. We've done 18 already."

She's got plenty of help from Jean Davison, Ann Grimes, Lucy Aram, Maxine Jackman, Carolyn Sampeer, Jean Champe and Betty Mulder, who Pallazola says is a co-instigator.

"Please," Mulder interrupted. "I'm one of the originators."

The ladies spend their afternoons working on the project in one of the meeting rooms.

"We pick this up when we should be doing something else," said Grimes with a twinkle in her eye.

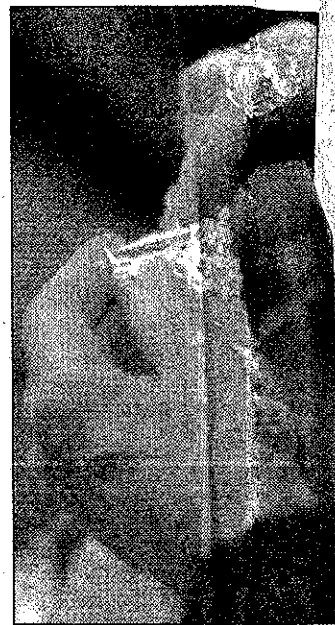
Waltonwood donated the yarn and the needles and the ladies are donating their time and talents.

"These blankets are the real thing," Pallazola said.

"There's no machines involved here."



Jean Davison is ready to work on blankets.



Betty Mulder works on a blanket.

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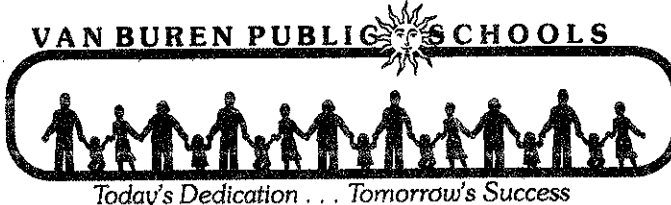
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CYO champs

A team from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth emerged as the champion at the 22-team first annual Catholic Youth Organization Bowling Tournament Championship, held March 20 at Bonanza Lanes.

The team, Varsity No. 3, consisted of seventh-graders Paul Aninos, Victoria Krolkowski, Zorian Saszyk and Tim Thompson. They bowled their best series of the season with a total pin fall of 1,617, all four team members going over their average in the two-game series. Krolkowski and Thompson each enjoyed their best games and series of the season.

Other Lady of Good Counsel bowlers sparkled in the tournament as well. Eric Keast, on Varsity No. 1, bowled a 196 game (the highest game bowled in the CYO season) and was 76 pins over average for the day, and Jacob Hretz, who was 52 pins over average.

In the regular season, Varsity No. 1 — consisting of Michael Clemente, Keast, Tim Lentine and Zach Weaver — earned the the championship of the Westside D Division. The team was led by Clemente, who boasted the highest average in the division (138), the highest game (175) and the highest two-game series (321).

Varsity No. 2 — Joe Jeffery, Hretz, Marisa Skelly, Chelsea Chadwick and Danielle Hewitt — were fourth in the division. Hretz was fifth in average (112) and had the team's best game (142) and series (257), while Chadwick collected the high game (129) and two-series (205) among girls in the division.

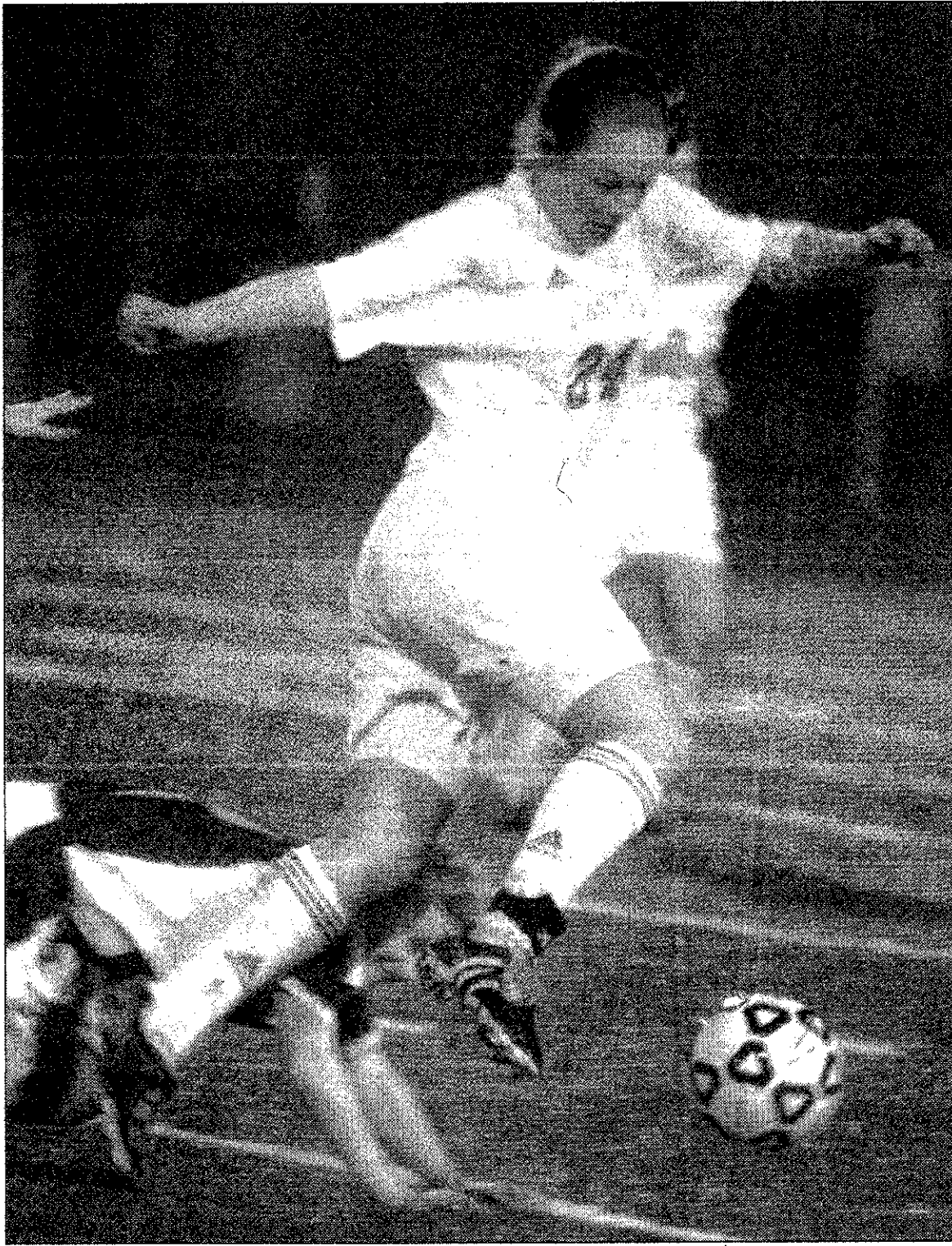
Varsity No. 3 was fifth in the regular-season division standings. The Good Counsel junior varsity team of Bernie Eisbrenner, Ben Covington, Jacob Hostetler, Marissa Ley, Noelle Kirchmer and Max Yoas finished tied for second in their division.

Oaks prevail

The Canton Oaks Premier 93 soccer team gave up just one goal in the second session of the 11-year-old Division One at High Velocity.

The Oaks won the Detroit regional at the National Indoor Tournament and at the National Indoor Finals March 6-7 in Cleveland, they were undefeated in division play, losing 4-3 in overtime in the tournament quarterfinals to defending champ Chicago Wind.

Oaks players are Luke Hager, Tyler Sanders, Ryan Sistek, Andrew Yoder, Mitchell Vaughn, Tommy Halewicz, Drew Roth, Eric Olech, Travis Hall, Nick Riley and Joey Klonowski of Canton; Sal Savage, Brett Foster, Brock Foster and Josh Perrin from Plymouth; and Conner Smith from Ypsilanti. The team is coached and trained by Bill Joker. He is assisted by Steve Roth and John Vaughn.



Canton's Lisa Ealy manages to elude this fallen Novi player and maintain possession of the ball during Monday's 3-1 win over the Wildcats.

Chiefs score, 'Cats can't

Canton tips Novi in opener

A victory — everywhere but on the scoreboard. That's how first games in a season often go. A team can dominate everywhere on the soccer field but where it counts the most — in the final result.

When Novi met Canton on the turf field at Canton's football stadium Monday, the Wildcats looked sharper, dominating play for longer periods and certainly getting more shots on goal. Perhaps their having played a match the previous Friday, a 1-0 victory over Grand Blanc, had an impact.

Perhaps not. Because even though Novi dominated the play for longer periods, it couldn't dominate the scoreboard: That belonged to the Chiefs, who got a 3-1 victory.

Canton is 1-0. Novi fell to 1-1. "I think if we finish, it's a different story," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "The same thing happened in our first game, a 1-0 win over Grand Blanc. We outshot them something like 25-to-3."

"We have lots of ability, tons of skills, we control the ball well, we just can't finish. But it'll come."

It seems O'Leary may need an abundance of patience. With the final minutes of the first half ticking away, the Wildcats seemed to have the ball boxed into Canton's end of the field.

Then Andrea Johnson got free down the right wing, took a clearing pass from Chiefs' teammate Katie Esper and slipped a shot past Novi keeper Amanda Church to make it 1-0 Canton with 4:34 remaining in the half.

That turn of events had an apparent numbing effect on the Wildcats. When the ball again went deep into their end, the defense looked confused and unable to clear it from in front of the net, waiting for Canton's Rebecca Houdek to tap it in for a 2-0 lead with 1:42 to play in the half. Bailey Fagan assisted.

"I thought we played hard, but they outplayed us," said Canton coach Don Smith, adding, "We'll take it."

Novi came out aggressively in the second half and it finally paid dividends when Canton keeper Brittany Cervi was shaken up on a play in front of the net, bringing the trainer out to check on her. By rule, Cervi had to leave the game; she walked

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, B6

Woodard is top coach

Usually mild-mannered, Wayne Memorial boys basketball coach Wayne Woodard got a little animated at halftime during a game in mid-season with Canton.

"We were struggling with a 5-5 record and I kind of went nuts at halftime," Woodard said. "It's something I never want to do again, but I did it."

Woodard, named Observer Coach of the Year, needed to light a fire under his team and his Zebras responded with 12-straight victories after the Canton loss en route to a Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

Wayne finished 17-6 overall for the second-straight year, reaching the Class A district final at Romulus before losing to state quarterfinalist Belleville, 67-64.

"They were a pretty easy team to coach because they bought into the system and the kids worked hard," said Woodard, who is 66-35 in four seasons at Wayne. "We had good captains in Geno Safford and Brian Hearst. They were not vocal, but they led by example. They played hurt, they did not back down and that's how the whole team was."

Woodard, 42, is a 1980 graduate of Westland John Glenn High where he was an All-Observer pick as a guard. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University, majoring in Physical Education with a minor in Social Science.

Woodard coached four years as a varsity assistant at Glenn under Dan Henry. He also spent two seasons at Redford Thurston under Mike Schuette before moving to Wayne. There, he served as JV boys basketball coach for 10 seasons as the Zebras made two trips to the Class A Final Four under his brother-in-law Chuck Henry, the recently named men's basketball coach at Madonna University.

Woodard, who teaches P.E. at Wayne, also coached the Wayne varsity girls squad and varsity boys tennis.

He and his wife Michele have five children, ranging in age from 4 to 12.

See All-Area boys basketball on page B2.

Next up: Whalers face a tough Storm

Now all the Plymouth Whalers have to do is take it to that always-elusive next level. They must manage what Owen Sound nearly achieved.

They must beat the Guelph Storm, the Ontario Hockey League's second-best team in the regular season (by 18 points), in a seven-game series.

On Tuesday, the Storm finally subdued the Attack, winning the decisive seventh game by a 2-1 margin. Ryan Callahan scored the game's first goal; Daniel Paille got what proved to be the game-winner for Guelph.

Adam Dennis did the rest in goal, stopping 21 of 22 Owen Sound shots.

Now the Storm meet the Whalers, with Game One tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Guelph. Game Two will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Guelph finished the regular season in second place in the OHL's Midwest Division behind the London Knights. The Knights had a 53-11-2-2 record (110 points); Guelph was 49-14-5-0 (103 points).

What makes the Storm so strong is their depth and overall ability. They ranked second in the OHL in both scoring and goals allowed (London was first in both).

In games played this season against Plymouth, however, the Whalers had the advantage with two wins and two ties.

Still, Guelph has plenty of scoring. Four players had 36 or more goals scored, starting with Martin St. Pierre (45 goals, 65 assists, 110 points); then Paille (37 goals, 43 assists, 80 points), Matt Ryan (42 goals, 35 assists, 77 points) and Callahan (36 goals, 32 assists, 68 points).

Not far off the pace is Brett Trudell (20 goals, 47 assists, 67 points).

The Storm have used both goalies extensively, but Dennis has the most time in net and the most playoff time. In 46 regular-season games, Dennis was 33-10-2 with a 2.5 goals-against average and a .907 save percentage, with three shutouts.

The Whalers have their own weapons. John Mitchell (five goals, five assists) and James Wisniewski (three goals, seven assists) lead the team in the playoffs with 10 points apiece.

The surprise, however, has been the strong play of back-up goalie Ryan Nie, filling in for the injured Paul Drew. Nie has been spectacular, with a 4-1 record, a 2.0 goals-against average and a .934 save percentage; he has two straight shutouts to his credit.

Madonna opens new field with a split

Shoddy play in poor playing conditions doomed Madonna University's baseball team to a 4-0 defeat to Tiffin (OH) University Tuesday at Madonna Park.

The loss dropped the Crusaders to 13-12 for the season. Tiffin is 9-13.

The Dragons scored all four of their runs in the fourth inning. Three hits, two walks, two wild pitches, a passed ball and an error did the damage: Preston Picard (from Farmington HS) dropped a fly ball in center field, scoring one run; a single by Zak King scored a second; a wild pitch brought in the third; and the walk delivered the fourth.

Madonna managed just two hits and one walk off Tiffin pitcher Kurt Thompson, singles by Picard and Tony Kern. Thompson struck out five. Doug Brooks started and took the loss for the Crusaders, surrendering four runs (two earned) on three hits and two walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Urbana 11-2, Madonna 7-4: On opening day Saturday at the new Madonna University Ballpark, the Crusaders began by giving away the game to Urbana College, surrendering nine runs in the last two innings.

Madonna rallied a bit in the second game, scoring four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning of a game stopped by darkness after five innings.

In the opener, Madonna outhit the Blue Knights 15-10, but couldn't outscore them. Jason Barbeau led the Crusaders' offense by going 5-for-5 at the plate with



It was opening day for Madonna's baseball team Saturday at its new facility as outfielder Preston Picard fielded this ground-ball single in otherwise happy circumstances.

three runs scored and a run batted in. Picard added three hits, including two doubles, with two runs scored and an RBI. Ben Galus had two hits, and Joe Greene had a base hit and two RBI.

Derek Dufrane started but was relieved after 6 2/3 innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on five hits and three walks, with seven strikeouts. Bobby

Houchins (Farmington), Andrew Campbell and Kyle Fedorka all took turns on the mound, Houchins allowing two runs, Campbell one and Fedorka four — none of which were earned. Fedorka was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, Jeff Savage pitched

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B6

FIRST TEAM
Genois Safford, 5-2, Sr., Wayne Memorial: The senior point-guard had a phenomenal season, leading Wayne to a 17-6 overall record and the Western Lakes Activities Association title.
In 22 games, Safford averaged 18.3 points and five assists. He also led the team in steals and shot 80 percent from the foul line (86 for 107).
" Inch-for-inch, Genois is as good as anybody in the area," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said of the unanimous All-Western Lakes pick. "He may be only 5-2, but he gets his shot off anytime he wants because of his quickness.
"He's just a winner. He took the blame on himself and never pointed a finger. He came to work every day and worked his tail off in practice. He's a great leader and a great kid to coach."
Gregg Hill, 5-10, Jr., Redford Union: Hill is a repeat selection on the first team for a reason. He was the glue to Redford Union's season as the Panthers went 16-5 and advanced to the Mega Blue-Gold title game for the second year.
Hill is a three-year starter and all-Mega selection and has been the Panthers' most valuable player in the last two. He averaged 18.4 points per game on a team that averaged 45.3. Hill shot 46 percent from the floor, 84 percent from the free-throw line and averaged 4.3 rebounds and two steals per game.
" After losing four starters from last year's team, Gregg faced tremendous defensive attention every night," said RU coach Brett Steele. "People ran every conceivable defense at him this year and he still put up tremendous numbers and was consistent in his performance this year."
Jim Cash, 6-3, Sr., Redford CC: Cash was the chief outside threat for the Shamrocks as he earned all-Catholic honors. He averaged 14.4 points per game and six rebounds, and also averaged 37.6 percent (44/117) from three-point range.
" We had a game against Pontiac Northern where he had six 3's and they covered him pretty tight," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "Teams would put an extra guy on him and it didn't help. They'd double cover (Dan) Waterstradt, play Cash close and it didn't help."
D.J. Bridges, 6-3, Sr., Canton: Bridges, who

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D.J. Bridges, 6-4, Sr., Canton
Dan Waterstradt, 6-10, Sr., Redford CC
SECOND TEAM
Barry Eberhardt, 6-6, Jr., John Glenn
Anthony Smelley, 6-1, Jr., Redford Union
Keith Hearn, 6-1, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Charlie Henry, 5-7, Sr., Canton
Terrance Millen, 5-11, Jr., Thurston
THIRD TEAM
Tim Van Dusen, 6-4, Sr., Liv. Churchhill
Chaz Bryant, 6-1, Sr., Redford Thurston
Jordan Napier, 6-3, Sr., Canton Agape
Jason Haskins, 6-1, Sr., Bishop Borgess
Danny Walsh, 6-1, Jr., Wayne Memorial
FOURTH TEAM
Aaron Ciborowski, 6-3, Jr., Ply. Christian
Donnie Carson, 6-2, Soph., Clarenceville
Doug Haller, 6-0, Sr., Lutheran Westland
Andy Cortellini, 5-10, Jr., Canton
Eric Hollimon, 6-3, Sr., St. Katharine.
COACH OF THE YEAR
Wayne Woodard, Wayne Memorial
HONORABLE MENTION
Redford Union: Phil Taylor, Tom Sweeney; Thurston: Brandon Paige; Garden City: Chris Cappelli, Ray Wasil, Bryan Dutton; Bishop Borgess: T.R. Ellis, DeAngelo Seale, David Davis, Steve Moore; St. Katharine: Kenny Smith, Mike Knight; Redford CC: Rob Fragos, Kyle Smith, Derek Brooks, Dave Herberholz; Churchhill: Tristen Thomas; Clarenceville: Bruno Shkrell, Ray Gardner; Franklin: Matt McCullough, Tommy Jankowski; Stevenson: Jim Marcicki; Lutheran Westland: Ian McLaughlin; Wayne: Brian Hearst, Gene Nix, Maurice Nelson, Rodrick Walker; John Glenn: Derrick Bush, Brandon Westbrook, Nathan Beard; Huron Valley Lutheran: Joel Butzow; Salem: Dominique Washington, Brad Clark, Brian Bradley; Canton: Brad Waidmann, Matt Paye, Julian Smith; Plymouth Christian: Daniel Carty, Lew Trippe, Ben Baloga; Canton Agape: Gabe Molnar, Matt Cross.

successful RU squad. This year, he was even more successful as the second option on a 16-5 team.
Smelley was an all-Mega Blue selection this year, averaging 12.1 points - more than a quarter of the team's total - 3.7 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game.
" He stepped into the starting lineup this year and had a very good season," said Steele. "He's one of the most versatile players in the area, playing point guard or small forward. He often defended the opponent's best player. And he became a very consistent scoring threat on the offensive end."
Keith Hearn, 6-1, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior guard finished his career with 570 points, including 350 this season while averaging 16.7 per game.
" What a great competitor in practices and games," Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said of the All-WLAA pick. "Everybody knew he was going to get the ball, but that didn't stop him from putting up great numbers. He's a great shooter, a pure shooter in every sense and a good leader, too."
Charlie Henry, 5-8, Sr., Canton Agape: Canton Agape's first season as a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference will be a memorable one, thanks in part to Henry, the senior point guard who led his team in scoring with 212 points a game, assists with 5.0 a game and steals with 2.4 a game. He also got 2.5 rebounds and placed second in the MHSAA record book for free-throw percentage in a season (over 100 tries) by making 103-of-115, or 89.6 percent.
He was named the MIAC's most valuable player and he led Agape to a second-place finish with a 16-6 overall record.
" He really understands the game," said Agape coach Chuck Henry, Charlie's father. "He's a point guard with great ball-handling ability, he penetrates well and he can pass."
Charlie will be playing for his father again next year; Chuck has taken over for Bernie Holowicki as coach at Madonna University, where Charlie had already committed.
Terrance Millen, 5-11, Jr., Redford Thurston: Millen was the glue that held the Eagles together as they finished the year at 14-7 and won the Mega Gold title.
The junior guard averaged 12 points and 5.3 assists per game, earning all-Mega Gold honors.
" He ran the show and did everything from the point," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "We'd rely on him to have the ball in his hands 90 percent of the time. Someone tried to take the ball out of his hands one game and we looked like a fish out of water. He's the floor guy who made us go. Without him, we were a different team."

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BOOSTER MEETING

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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 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.

DEK, ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports (HVS) of Canton is now accepting registrations from individuals and teams for the spring roller hockey session. The season runs April 12-July 18; registration deadline is March 29. Individuals that sign up without a team pay \$135 per player plus a \$20 jersey fee. The team fee is \$1,000 for teams that pay in full by March 29, \$1,200 for teams that pay by their first game. The fees include 10 games plus playoffs.

A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline skates) is available for 4-6 year olds. The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once. All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the game. The fee is \$65 per player.

Dek (floor) hockey is also offered for adults. The season and deadlines are the same as the above-listed roller hockey dates, however the team fee is \$800 if paid by March 29 or \$1,000 by the team's first game. The individual fee is \$85 per player.

For the more seasoned roller hockey player, HVS offers a Cub league for 5-7 year olds. This league is for children that can already skate and are ready to play in league games.

HVS also offers youth roller hockey leagues for Atom (8-and-under), Mite (10-and-under), Squirt (12-and-under), PeeWee (14-and-under), and Midget (17-and-under) players.

The adult roller hockey leagues include Copper (recreational), Bronze (intermedi-

ate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues.

For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available. Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available. Check www.hvsports.com for updated days, times and fees.

For more information on roller or dek (floor) hockey at HVS, or to register, please visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Motor City Cobras 11-and-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, call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

Total Baseball in Wixom is featuring its Spring Baseball/Softball Camps, with instruction from Aaron Knieper, formerly of the Montreal Expos; Lee Bjerke, Michigan HS Coaches Hall of Fame member; and Jess Milosek, Bowling Green University softball.

Hitting, pitching, fielding, base-running and more will be covered in this camp on fundamentals. Participants will be put on the radar gun for arm speed.

The camp runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 12-14 at the Total Baseball Fields. Cost is \$135 per player, with a \$10 discount for the second child. Ages are 7-17 years. Space is limited.

Please call (248) 668-0166, or email them at totalball-wixom@aol.com or check the Web site at www.total-baseball.com.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River

Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries. Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.

For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only.

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons. Call (248) 668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information.

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB

The Sunday Health Club at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275, will be open for 26 Sundays for 2003-04.

The Sunday Health Club is designed for individuals or families from 1-5 p.m. with access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six courts for handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball; weightlifting equipment and aerobic equipment such as treadmills, exercise bikes; swimming pools with a pair of 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards; and saunas in both the men's and women's locker rooms.

Members must furnish their own locks and towels, and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

Individual membership fees are \$45 for the fall or winter terms or \$75 for both sessions. Families pay \$85 for individual terms or \$155 for both terms. Anyone can drop by and use the facilities for a \$5 fee, payable at the door, each Sunday.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu. (Click on schedules and registration forms, and on fall 2003 non-

instruction health and fitness.)

DROP-IN HOCKEY

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer ice time for drop-in hockey from 9-11 p.m. on Fridays, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per player per session; the first four goalies skate for free. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

YMCA COACHES WANTED

The Livonia YMCA is seeking part-time gymnastics coaches for its recreational program.

Applicants must be available to teach evenings between 4-8 p.m. and must be willing to work with a variety of levels and age groups.

Anyone interesting in joining the YMCA coaching staff will receive training from current staff members. Some experience in the sport is preferred.

For more information, call Vanessa Marsh at the YMCA at (734) 261-2161.

PITCH, HIT & RUN CONTEST

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is staging its 2004 Pepsi, Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2).

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. the day of the event. There is no cost.

Age divisions include 13-14, 11-12, 9-10 and 7-8. (Age is determined as of July 17, 2004.) Age group winners have a chance to advance and possibly compete at Comerica Park.

For more information, call (734) 466-2414 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

POMPON WORKSHOP

Girls 7-14 interested in learning pompon are invited to a spring workshop with the Livonia Churchill varsity team 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 3, in the school's gymnasium.

(Churchill is located at 8900 Newburgh Road, just north of Joy Road).

Those attending will be taught basic moves and a routine, which they will perform for parents later that day.

Cost is \$30 per participant (includes T-shirt, music CD and a snack).

The event is a fund-raiser to help defray costs for the team's summer camp. Varsity tryouts begin May 3 for next year's squad.

To register, call Julie McDonald at (734) 427-1198.

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 mid-west.

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.

CHEER COACH WANTED

Livonia Stevenson is seeking a head varsity sideline and competitive cheerleading coach.

Those interested should contact Stevenson athletic administrator Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

SPORTSMEN'S BANQUET

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville, will stage its second annual Sportsmen's Banquet, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

The banquet will feature wild game chef Johnny Kolakowski, along with guest speaker R.G. Bernier, a white-tail deer tracker.

Tickets are \$35 (no sale the day of the event).

For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

SOFTBALL UMPIRES WANTED

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking experienced adult umpires for the 2004 season.

Games begin in mid-April and are scheduled throughout the week for both adult modified and slowpitch softball.

Umpires are paid \$22 per game.

Those interested should call Gary Thomas at (248) 476-8163.

NORTHVILLE SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Northville Parks and Recreation will be offering an adult women's softball league, starting Tuesday, May 6, along with an adult co-ed softball league, starting Sunday, May 4.

Cost for each league (12 games) is \$410 per team.

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

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18-week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course.

Tea 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.

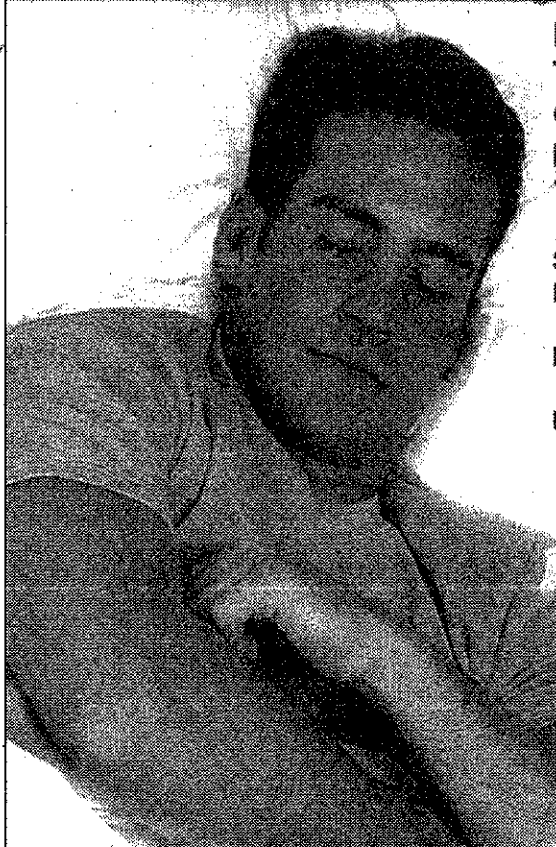
BADMINTON PROGRAMS

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an any level school badminton programs using feathered badminton shuttlecocks.

The program is free.

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


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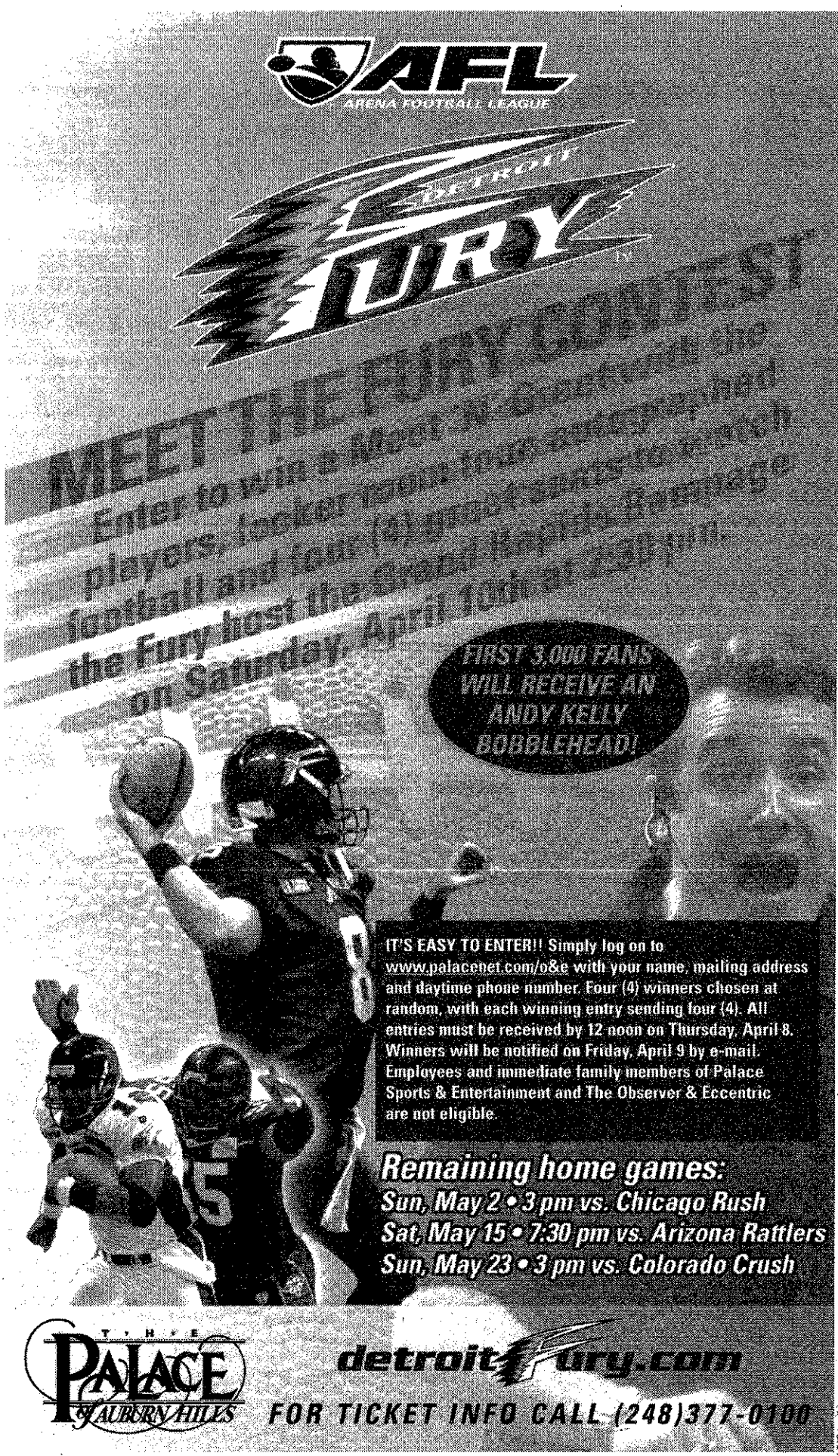


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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 23, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 9, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for March 23, 2004

General Fund	101	\$ 317,053.30
Fire Fund	206	67,371.30
Police Fund	207	129,395.01
Summit Operating	208	72,971.06
Cable TV Fund	230	3,200.63
Twp Improvement	246	18,000.00
E-911 Utility	261	1,677.56
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	3,320.36
Federal Grants Fund	274	3,724.87

Board Member Reports: Carl Zarbo circulated retail information.

Auto Theft Grant	289	3,081.75
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	21,076.33
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	1,374,407.69
Golf Fund	584	40,370.60
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,286,374.95
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,411.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	24,133.11
Total - All Funds		3,372,569.58

CONSENT CALENDAR:
Item 1. Amendment (03-2004) to the Fire Prevention Code Adoption, Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64, Second Reading

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to publish for the second reading of the amended (03-2004) Fire Prevention Code Adoption, Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64. The Second Reading will be published and become effective on April 1, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2000 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-61. The reference to Ordinance No. 109, as amended, '1, 2-9-1993 is hereby deleted.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-64.

Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64 of the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 38-64. Amendments.
Appendices. Appendices B, C and D of the 2000 International Fire Code are hereby adopted.

The following sections and subsections of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like numbered sections of the International Fire Code.

- 101.1 Section amended to read:
- 101.1 **Title.** These regulations as set forth herein shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Canton and are herein referred to as such or as the ACCode@.
- 104.11.4 Section added to read:
- 104.11.4 **Compliance with Orders.** A person shall not willfully fail, or refuse, to comply with any lawful order or direction of the Fire Chief or to interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual.
- 104.11.5 Section added to read:
- 104.11.5 **Vehicles Crossing Fire Hose.** A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, alleyway, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command at said operation.
- 202.1 Section added to include:
- 202.1 **General Definitions.** The word "street" as used in the ordinance shall mean any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including, but not limited to, private streets or access lanes, and all public streets and highways within the boundaries of the municipality.
- 307.2 Section amended to read:
- 307.2 **Open Burning Prohibited;** All open burning will be prohibited within the geographical limits of the Township unless otherwise authorized in writing by the designated Wayne County Official and the Fire Official of the Township.

The following Sections are deleted:
F.307.3 through F-307.3.2

- 307.3 Section added to read:
- 307.3 **Recreational fires;** Recreational fires shall be kindled only in strict compliance with written guidelines established by the code official. Printed copies of the Recreational Fire Guidelines are available to the public at the Public Safety Department during regular business hours.
- 307.4 Amended to read:
- 307.4 **Attendance.** Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of 1 portable fire extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating , a charged garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.
- F-307.5 Section amended to read:
- F-307.5 **Grills and Outdoor Fireplaces in Residential Area** A person shall not use a cooking grill, outdoor fireplace or any other open flame device that uses propane, charcoal, gasoline, wood, etc., nor shall a person allow the kindling of a fire of any nature on balconies, within means of egress, on porches or patios under a roof, or within 10' of combustible construction.

Exception:
1. Single family dwellings.

- 503.4.1 Section added to read;
- 503.4.1 **Street Obstructions.** A person or persons shall not erect, construct, place or maintain any bumps, fences, gates, chains, bars, pipes, wood or metal horses or any other type of obstruction in or on any street within the boundaries of the Township. All private streets or access drives shall be maintained and accessible for fire apparatus at all times including maintenance of the surface to support fire apparatus and snow removal.
- 508.1.1 Section added to read;
- 508.1.1 **Public Water Supply.** The fire official shall recommend to the chief administrative official of the municipality the location or relocation of new or existing fire hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public property and deemed necessary to provide an adequate fire flow and distribution pattern. A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official.

- The following section is Section deleted:
- 508.5.1 Exception #2.
- 508.5.1.1 Section added to read;
- 508.5.1.1 **Major thoroughfares.** Fire hydrants located on the opposite side of major thoroughfares as determined by the Code Official shall not be considered.
- 508.5.1.2 Section added to read;
- 508.5.1.2 **Location of Fire Hydrants.** Fire Hydrants shall be situated immediately adjacent to, and in no event, a distance greater than 20' from a public road or fire apparatus access road.
- 508.5.1.3 Section added to read;
- 508.5.1.3 **Location of Fire Hydrants for Sprinklered buildings** There shall be a fire hydrant located within 50' of any fire department connection and the hydrant shall be accessible to fire department apparatus.
- 508.5.1.4 Section added to read;
- 508.5.1.4 **Yard Systems.** All new and existing lumber yards, amusement or exhibition parks and educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards and which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided

with properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying flows as required by the fire official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The fire official shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants. All yard hydrants shall be painted yellow. The fire official may require the installation of sufficient fire hoses and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazard involved requires such measures. Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official. (Ord. 89, Sec. F-3513.1, 10-11-85)

508.5.1.5 Exceptions When the Code Official may determine the size, construction, location or occupancy use of a building otherwise subject to the provisions of Section 508.5.1, 508.5.1.2, or 508.5.1.3 does not constitute a hazard to life and property from fire or explosion, or, where additional built-in fire protection over and above the minimum requirements of the International Building Code and International Fire Code is installed, the Code Official shall be authorized to vary the distance requirements set forth in Sections F-508.5.1 as he (she) shall deem reasonable and necessary. However, in no event shall the distance requirement be extended beyond 500 feet.

508.5.4.1 Section added to read;
508.5.4.1 Violation If upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the fire official shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the municipal treasury on certificate of the fire official and with the approval of the chief administrative official and the legal authority of the municipality shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.

508.5.7 Section added to read;
508.5.7 Damaging Fire Hydrants and Fire Protection Equipment It shall be unlawful to damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any fire department connection or fire protection system control valves for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and fire department connections that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property.

508.5.8 Section added to read;
508.5.8 Hydrant Use Approval. No person shall, without authority of the Fire Official or his designated representative use, open or operate any fire hydrant, except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, unless such person first secures a permit for such use from the fire official and the water company having jurisdiction. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by and authorized to make such use by the water company having jurisdiction.

901.8.2 Section added to read;
901.8.2 Replacement of Fire Suppression Equipment.

Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and non-approved fire appliance or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the fire official.

906.1 Section amended to include:
6. In all multi-family buildings as assigned by the fire official, not limited to one (1) per dwelling unit, one (1) per landing.

906.11 Section added to read;

906.11 Sale of Defective Fire Extinguishers. A person shall not sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved by the fire official, which is not in proper working order or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the Fire official. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk when said units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk.

2201.1 Section amended to read:
2201.1 Scope: Automotive service stations, marine service stations, fleet vehicle service stations and repair garages, shall be in accordance with this chapter and the following ordinances, laws, codes or regulations:

- Michigan Building Code;
- International Fuel Gas Code;
- International Mechanical Code;
- The National Fire Prevention Association;
- The State of Michigan, DEQ Flammable Liquids Regulations;
- This Code;
- Such operations shall include both public accessible and private operations.

2401.4.1 Section added to read;

2401.4.1 Tents, permit issuance. Application for permits required under this section or the Building Code shall be made to the Building Official and permit secured from same.

3302.1.1 Section added to read:

3302.1.1 Definitions. Fireworks shall also mean and include any combustible or explosive composition as defined by the Michigan State Fire Marshal.

3404.2.9.5.1 Amended to read:

3404.2.9.5.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and II liquids in above ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the geographic limits of Canton Township.

Exceptions:

1. Approved skid tanks for construction purposes may be used when application is made in writing for a permit which is approved by the fire official.
2. A UL-approved farm storage tank of 275 gallons or less capacity may be permitted when application is made in writing and approved by the fire official within the limits of the zoning use district designated AG by the zoning ordinance of the Township.
3. Fuel oil tanks used in conjunction with home heating when tanks are installed and operated in accordance with Chapters 27 and 34.

Chapter 46 - Authority at Fires - is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 46 - Authority at Fires

4600.1 Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be restricted to those which are defined and authorized under the laws of the State of Michigan.

4600.2 Operations of Vehicles on Approach of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle giving audible and visual signal, the operator of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb of the street or roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle or vehicles shall have passed, unless otherwise directed by the fire official or a police officer.

4600.3 Vehicles Following Fire Apparatus. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow closer than 300 feet from any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm or to drive any vehicle within the block or immediate area where any fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

4600.4 Unlawful Boarding or Tampering with Fire Department Emergency. A person shall not without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of said fire department emergency equipment cling to, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the siren, horn, bell or other sound-producing device thereon or to manipulate or tamper with or attempt to manipulate or tamper with any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on, or a part of any fire department emergency vehicle.

4600.5 Damage or Injury to Fire Department - Equipment Personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage or deface any fire department emergency vehicle at any time or to injure or attempt to injure or conspire to injure fire department personnel while performing departmental duties.

4600.6 Emergency Vehicle Operation. The driver of any emergency vehicle, as defined in Section 5 of this Ordinance, shall not sound the siren thereon or have the front red lights on or disobey any existing traffic

regulation, except when said vehicle is responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire. Tactical strategies such as, but not restricted to, "move-ups" do not constitute an emergency call. The driver of an emergency vehicle may:

- (a) park or stand irrespective of the provisions of existing traffic regulations;
 - (b) proceed past a red or stop signal or other sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
 - (c) exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as the action does not endanger life or property;
 - (d) disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions;
5. the exemptions herein granted to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished as provided in Ordinance No. 63 Misdemeanor Violations Section 70.168 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecutions for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, clause, or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CURRENT SECTION 38-64.

The current version of Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published as required by law, and this Ordinance shall take full force and effect in the course and manner as provided by law.

Item 2. Special Community Event Status and the installation of signs for Canton Waste Recycling. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve special community event status for Canton Waste Recycling and the installation of signs to communicate the schedule change for trash pick-up. 24"X30" signs will be placed at the following locations: Motion carried unanimously.

Geddes and	Sarah	Saltz and	Centennial
	Kimberly		Legacy
	Hunter=s Circle		Holbrooke
	Sherwood Circle		Huntsville
	Fieldview		Woodside
	Huntington		Kennebec
	Manor		Chelsea
	Bridgeview	Ridge and	Dominion
	Ravensfield		Jackson
Ford and	Tradition	Beck and	Woodlong
	Trinity		Hendrie
	Hendrie	Denton and	Jackson
	Gorman		Hudson
Cherry Hill and	Roosevelt	Canton Ctr.and	Baywood
	Patriot		
	Independence		
	Queene Anne		
	Scarlet		

Item 3. Special Community Event Status and the Installation of Signs for the Tri-City Christian Center MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom 2 Mom Sale. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the special community event status for the Tri-City Christian Center, MOPS, Mom 2 Mom Sale and the installation of signs advertising the event.. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Special Community Event Status and the installation of signs for the St. Thomas A= Becket=s Mom to Mom Sale. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the special community event status for the St. Thomas A= Becket=s Mom to Mom sale and the installation of 50 signs at major intersections in Canton advertising the event.. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. Consider Final Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Final Preliminary Plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Danny Veri, has requested final approval of the preliminary plat for Grand Oaks Subdivision to be located on Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 062-99-0021-000 and 062-99-0022-000; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the Final Preliminary Plat and made a recommendation to APPROVE the final preliminary plat, conditioned upon the applicant providing an alternate for the specified pear trees and including notes required by the Fire Marshall regarding installation of the access drive and fire hydrants, 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. Danny Veri to grant final approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Grand Oaks Subdivision subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 2. Consider Special Land Use for Canton Friendship Church Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Special Use for Canton Friendship Church**

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Lee Rausch, has requested special use approval for Canton Friendship Church, to be located on Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads (Tax ID #062-99-0025-701); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed 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. Lee Rausch, to conduct the special use for the proposed Canton Friendship Church, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township.

Item 3. First Reading Amending the Noxious Weeds Ordinance Chapter 34, Article III Section 34-66 (03-2004) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to introduce the first reading of the amendment to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to table the first reading for publication in the Canton Observer on April 1, 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 34-61 prior to May 1, 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.

(Ord. No. 64, as amended 4, 6-24-1997)

Edgar Arena hosts Youth Tier II hockey nationals

Livonia and its hockey community is currently on display at Edgar Arena as 12 teams from around the country compete in the USA Hockey Youth Tier II National 12-and-under Championships.

The teams, from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, and Orono, Maine, will compete in the five-day tournament, which culminates in the championship game, 11 a.m. Sunday at Edgar.

Two years ago, the Livonia Hockey Association sent representatives to USA Hockey in Colorado Springs, Colo., to make a pitch to host the event.

"It was a two-year planning process," said Tim Yarnell, National co-chair along with Carl Creighton and Sam Martinico. "We took a video to show them our arena facilities,

along with our hotel accommodations and our infrastructure. They wanted to see what kind of commitment we could make."

Over 80 volunteers, including members of the Livonia Department of Public Safety, will help stage the event. Host hotels include the Holiday Inn Holiday and the Marriott at Laurel Park.

"This is our first experience at a national championship," Yarnell said. "Nine of the 12 teams are flying in. It should be a little bit of an economic boost to the community with over 200 families coming in."

Edgar, a dual-ice sheet facility, got the tournament started with opening ceremonies Wednesday. Guests included Livonia Mayor Jack Engbretson and former NHL

player and Franklin High graduate Mike Donnelly, along with Livonia's 1996 and 2000 USA National Championship teams.

Following the opening ceremonies, Nationals participants were involved in the Easton Skills Challenge, which simulates the NHL All-Star competition.

The 12 participating teams and their families will also be guests at a Thursday evening banquet at the Burton Manor with the featured speaker being John Hynes, coach of the USA Hockey Under-18 Junior Team of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program.

Tickets for the games, which begin 10 a.m. Wednesday, are \$5 per day or \$20 for the entire week.

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2004 USA Hockey Youth Tier II 12-and-Under National Championships Schedule at Livonia's Edgar Arena

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

American Conference: Winchester (Mass.) Sachems vs. Orlando (Fla.) Stars, 10 a.m. (Rink A); Spokane (Wash.) Americans vs. Michigan Devils, 1 p.m. (Rink B); Long Island (N.Y.) Rebels vs. Affton (Mo.) Americans, 3:30 p.m. (Rink B).

National Conference: Anchorage Alaska All-Stars vs. Philadelphia Junior Phantoms (Pennsauken, N.J.), 10:30 a.m. (Rink B); Livonia Knights vs. Orono (Me.) PVHC Bears, 12:30 p.m. (Rink A); Toledo (Ohio) Thunderstorm vs. Dallas (Tex.) Alliance Bulldogs, 3 p.m. (Rink A).

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

American Conference: Spokane Americans vs. Affton Americans, 10 a.m. (Rink A); Orlando Stars vs. Long Island Rebels, 1 p.m. (Rink B); Michigan Devils vs. Winchester Sachems, 3:30 p.m. (Rink B).

National Conference: Livonia Knights vs. Alliance Bulldogs, 10:30 a.m. (Rink B); Toledo Thunderstorm vs. Philadelphia Junior Phantoms, 12:30 p.m.; PVHC Bears vs. Alaska All-Stars, 3 p.m. (Rink A).

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

(Quarterfinals)
Rink A: American 1 vs. National 4, 8 a.m.; National 1 vs. American 4, 10:30 a.m.
Rink B: National 2 vs. American 3, 8 a.m.; American 2 vs. National 3, 10:30 a.m. (Semifinals)
Rink A: Winner (Game No. 19) vs. winner (Game No. 20), 4 p.m.; winner (Game No. 21) vs. winner (Game No. 22), 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

(Championship Final)
Rink A: Winner (Game No. 19-20) vs. winner (Game No. 21-22), 11 a.m.

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Cunningham sparks Madonna in opener

The heroics in Game One of Tuesday's softball double-header between Madonna University and Spring Arbor College, a game played at Livonia Ladywood HS, belonged to shortstop Erin Cunningham and pitcher Kelly Nilson.

Cunningham doubled in two runs and added a solo home run to account for all three runs batted in in Madonna's 3-1 triumph.

That was enough support for Nilson, who improved to 9-4 with a four-hitter, walking one and striking out six in seven innings. The loss went to Holly Davidson, who gave up three earned runs on five hits in six innings.

Stacey Sexsmith also had two hits in the game for Madonna.

In the second game of Monday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill, Spring Arbor had two-run innings in the second, third and seventh in pulling away to a 7-2 victory.

The split left Madonna at 15-7-2 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

Spring Arbor is 11-8-1 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

A wild pitch and a ground-out gave the Cougars a 2-0 lead in the second inning. They added two more in the third on a run-scoring double by Shawna Gautreau and an RBI single by Mandy Gowan. A fielder's choice scored a fifth run in the fourth.

Kasey DeSutter's double scored Madonna's first run in the bottom of the fourth, but Spring Arbor added two to its total on a two-run single by Sarah Cooper in the seventh.

Cunningham singled in Sexsmith, who reached base on a single, in the seventh for the Crusaders' final run.

Jess Mancini had three hits and an RBI for Spring Arbor. Gautreau added two hits and an RBI.

Shannon Noder started and took the loss for Madonna, allowing five earned runs on five hits and four walks in three innings.

Janna Klassen got the win for Spring Arbor. She gave up one earned run on six hits and four walks in seven innings.

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The Second Reading will be April 13, 2004, publication and effective date of April 22, 2004.

Item 4. Consider Purchase of Water Meters and Metering Control Devices for 2004 Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to accept the bid from Etna Supplies Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$636,014.00 and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase 2-six inch meters, 2-four inch meters, 2-three inch meters, 150-two inch water meters, 800-one inch water meters, 1000-5/8 x 3/4 inch water meters, 1100 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MXU=s) and associated support control equipment during the 2004 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2004, Act #592-000-111-0003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Consider Purchase of Caterpillar 4 Backhoe Loader Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to purchase a Cat 430D backhoe/loader at a cost of \$63,782.00 including the trade in of Parks Division=s Ford 755 backhoe/loader, the fund=s coming from Public Works account #592-000-142-0000. In addition, transfer Public Works= Case 580 Super L backhoe/loader to the Parks Division. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Consider Accepting the Proposal submitted by Michael L. Priest & Associates to provide professional services for the 2004 Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Program Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to accept the proposal submitted by Michael L. Priest and Associates to provide professional services for the 2004 Canton Township Water and Sewer Improvement Program for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and : further, to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk enter into an agreement with Michael L. Priest and Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. General Fund Contribution to Community Center Fund-FY 2003 Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the transfer of \$76,000 from the General Fund to the Summit Community Center Fund to cover the fund deficit as of December 31, 2003, and the following budget amendments for this transfer:

GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$76,000

Increase Appropriations:
Transfers to Community Center #101-959-965-2080 \$76,000
This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2,150,338 to \$2,226,338, and the General Fund budget from \$24,767,184 to \$24,843,184.

SUMMIT COMMUNITY CENTER FUND:
Increase Revenues:
General Fund Contribution #208-000-676-1010 \$76,000

Increase Appropriations:
Transfer to Fund Balance #208-757-999-0000 \$76,000

This budget amendment increases the 2004 Community Center Fund budget from \$3,149,959 to \$3,225,959. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. General Fund Contribution to Capital Projects Road Paving Fund-FY 2003 Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$15,350 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund to cover the fund deficit as of December 31, 2003, and the following budget amendments for this transfer:

GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues:
Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$15,350

Increase Appropriations:
Transfers to Capital Projects
Road Paving #101-959-965-4030 \$15,350

This budget amendment increases the Transfers Division budget from \$2,210,338 to \$2,225,688, and the General Fund budget from \$24,843,184 to \$24,858,534. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Approval to Purchase a Leica TCR407 - Power Station Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a Leica TCR407 - Power station for the Police Department=s Accident Investigation Team and Evidence Technician Unit, from Kara Company, Inc., Countryside, IL (sole source vendor) for total cost of \$8,937.00 (#207-937-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Approved New Part-Time Theater Positions and Wage Scale Additions Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to amend the attached Part-Time/Temporary/Seasonal Wage Scale, to include the new Level Four and Level Five classification for Theater Technical Assistant and Theater Technical Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. First 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. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for first reading of the Ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards, Commission and Authorities, Division 2, Human Relations Commission, Sections 2-151 Purpose and Section 2-152 Definitions. The Second Reading will be on April 13, 2004, 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 area 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, 10-1C-2000)

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 it=s facilities, exclusively or primarily, to or for it=s 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 12. Purchase of Facilities Maintenance Vehicle Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to waive the formal bidding procedure and purchase the 2004 GMC TC 23405 Savana Van 2500 that meets the specifications of the Facilities Maintenance Division utilizing the Oakland County Purchasing Program for a cost of \$18,776, #101-265-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Authorize Purchase of Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of three (3) pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment from All-Pro Exercise of 24166 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of \$12,580.00. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for this purchase:

Increase Revenues:
Equipment Lease revenue #101-000-669-2080 \$ 5,000
Appropriation from Fund Balance 101-000-699-0000 7,580

Total \$12,580

Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay-Equipment-Gen Gov=t Dept. #101-200-977-0000 \$12,580

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$657,335 to \$669,915, and the General Fund budget from \$24,858,534 to \$24,871,114. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Award contract for Goose Control at Pheasant Run Golf Course and Park Facilities Motion made by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bidding procedure and award the goose control contract to Gooseworks; 12040 Crooked Lane, South Lyon, MI 48187 in the amount of \$14,250, acct=s Pheasant Run # 584-756-818-0000 and Parks Division #101-270-818-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Request to renew contract for grounds and cemetery lawn maintenance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the renewal of the Lawn Maintenance contract with Metro-Tech landscaping (Formerly Devits Landscaping), 6851 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174 for the 2004 season in the amount of \$37,529.00 to be charged to the following account numbers:

Administration Building #101-270-818-0000 \$ 1,530
Parks Office - Michigan Ave. #101-270-818-0000 \$ 612
Welcome Signs #101-270-818-0000 1,530
Connectors #101-270-818-0000 1,224
Cemeteries #101-276-930-0000 10,710
Morton Taylor (Ford to Warren) #101-270-818-0000 8,000
Historical Museum #101-803-930-0000 612

Cherry Hill School/ Human Services Ctr. #101-803-930-0000 612
Travis House #101-803-930-0000 1,300
Sheldon School #101-803-932-0000 765
Fire Station #1 & #2 #206-336-930-0000 2,295

Narcotics Building #207-000-040-0000 1,300
Police Building #207-301-930-0000 1,530
DPW Building #592-441-930-0000 1,530
Meter Pits #592-441-930-0000 1,836
Gun Range #207-301-930-0000 765
Old DPW Yard #392-441-930-0000 1,301

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to amend the motion with option of one additional year at 2% Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. Approval of Proposal for Performing Arts Center Telephone System Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the price quote for a telephone system for the Performing Arts Center from Allied Communications, Inc., 17600 Northland Park Crt., Southfield, MI 48075 in the amount of \$18,990 to be paid from Account Number 402-302-818-6000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17. Request Approval for Purchase of John Deer Tractor Motion by Bennett, support by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a John Deere 4710 Tractor with Cab from Weingartz, 39050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, in the amount of \$19,000 to be paid from Account Number 101-270-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 18. Request Approval for Purchase of 2004 Ford Explorer Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of a 2004 Ford Explorer from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Rd., Perry, MI 48872, in the amount of \$21,776.50 to be paid from Account Number 101-270-977-0000, from Macomb County Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 19. Request Approval for Purchase of Cab Pickup with Snow Plow Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of a 2004 GMC Cab Pickup with snow plow from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC, 35300 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48186, in the amount of \$23,954, from Oakland County Purchasing Program, to be paid from Account Number 101-270-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 20. Award Bid for Fertilization and Weed Control Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for Fertilization and Weed Control to Homefield Turf and Athletic, 945-B Brown Rd., Orion, MI 48359 in the amount of \$30,500 to be paid from account number 101-270-930-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 21. Award bid for the 2004 Canton Leisure Services Inflatable Attractions Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirgatter to award the Inflatable Attractions bid to Chris Nordman Associates, Inc., 4632 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328 in an amount not to exceed \$27,250 for the 2004 Canton Leisure Services Inflatable Attractions to be paid from the following accounts:

Special Events 101-691-742-4000 \$ 18,500
Youth Development 101-691-818-3000 \$ 2,750
Youth Development 101-691-940-0000 \$ 2,500
Softball Center 101-755-742-0000 \$ 3,500
Total \$27,250 Motion carried unanimously.

Item 22. Request Approval to Purchase Mower Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a Hustler Super Z Zero-Turn Radius Rotary Mower from W. F. Miller, P.O. Box 605, Novi, MI 48376, in the amount of \$7,600.00 to be paid from Account Number 101-270-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER: Study Session March 30, 2004, with topics on Homeowners Advisory, Council on Excellence, Youth Advisory, Council on Arts and Sale of Property. There will be a Special Meeting on April 5th.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn. Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

-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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Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2004

Regular meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2004 - approved.
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$904,149.93 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for February 2004 - received and filed.

Director's Report for March 2004 - received and filed.
All Terrain Vehicle/Trailer Purchase - approved.
Downstream Control Structure Design; Engineering Services Contract - approved.

Vision Plan Approval - approved.
Cafeteria and Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan Approval - approved.
457 Eligible Plan (Restated) - approved.

401(a) Pension Plan; Third Amendment - approved.
457 Eligible Plan - Self Direct - approved.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK
This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (or) by visiting our website at www.wtua.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, the first day of August, (and possibly the first day of September pending approval of the amendment to the Noxious Weed Ordinance by the Township board on April 13, 2004), in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Noxious Weed Ordinance, Chapter 94, Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

TERRY G. BENNETT,
Clerk

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all five innings for Madonna, allowing two runs on five hits with no walks and three strikeouts, evening his record at 2-2. Greene and Kern each had a hit and an RBI for the Crusaders.

Picard was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week after hitting .500 with two doubles, two home runs, six runs scored and five RBI.

The two home runs came in Madonna's 18-5 win at Hope College March 23. Picard scored three runs and drove in four runs.

Gary VanAllen also had two home runs and a single, with five RBI and two runs scored. Other standouts in the record-setting game — the Crusaders



Madonna shortstop Gary Van Allen puts the tag on this Urbana runner during Saturday's double-header, which the Crusaders split.

hit a single-game school-record eight home runs — Barbeau with three hits; Kevin Zerbo with two hits including a homer and two RBI; Greene with three

hits (and a homer); Galus with two hits (and a homer) and two RBI; and Kern with two hits (and a homer), three runs scored and three RBI.

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to her bench, turned around and went back to the scorer's table to check back in.

However, in that couple of minutes, Novi penetrated the Chiefs' defense and Kristi Timar got off a shot from the right wing that eluded back-up keeper Pam Wisniewski and went in to make it a 2-1 game with 36:04 still remaining. Maureen Pawlak got the assist.

The Wildcats continued to pressure. In the first half they had put one shot off the post, another off the crossbar. That continued into the second half, with Stephanie Crawford's hard shot from the right wing stopped by Cervi.

But despite their pressure, they could not beat Cervi. Canton mounted a counterattack in the closing seconds that resulted in a free kick from 25 yards out. Johnson's placement was perfect, over Church's outstretched hands to make the final 3-1.

"She's definitely a scorer," said Smith of Johnson, who last season as a sophomore was

all-Western Lakes Activities Association at sweeper. Smith moved her to forward this season, but on Monday when Novi continued to pressure he moved Johnson back to help solidify the defense.

It's something he may continue to do — at least as long as it works.

Salem 1, Rochester 1: Salem got the equalizer with just three minutes remaining Saturday to earn a draw with Rochester at Salem's home field.

The Highlanders scored first on a penalty kick with 10 minutes left to play. The Rocks evened the score when Megan McCarthy scored late in the match on a play set up by Jordan Falcusan.

"I was pleased with the effort," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Everybody gave it their all. I thought it was a pretty back-and-forth game, but I thought they took it to us for a long period of time.

"We finally woke up and started to play. It was a good start to the season. We can build from it — we saw the foundation for what we can build on."

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More flora

Sean Hogan, a horticulturalist and North American Chief Consultant for the book, *Flora: A Gardener's Encyclopedia*, will present *Exotic Plants in the Wild and in the Michigan Garden* at 11 a.m. Saturday at Goidner



Walsh Nursery in Pontiac. Hogan will discuss exotic plants, where they originate and how they grow in the wild, including tropicals (patio plants), tender perennials and plants hardy to our zone. Plants featured originate from South Africa, Argentina, Mexico, and the western and southwestern United States. For more information, call (248) 332-6430. Reservations are required.

Healthy attitude

If you're wondering about the environmental and health effects of specific chemicals in your garden or yard, call the National Pesticide Information Center, (800) 858-7378, or visit <http://ace.orst.edu/info/np>. This nationwide free service provides objective, science-based information about pesticide products, impacts on human health and the environment, toxicology and more. The consultation is available seven days a week, except holidays. Lists of recommended fertilizers are available from www.healthylandscapes.com, or the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), (248) 288-5150.

SOCWA, in cooperation with the Wayne County Department of Environment and the Michigan Green Industry Association, has prepared a brochure, *A Guide to Selecting a Lawn Service*. If you decide to contract for pesticide application service, the brochure suggests that you ask: Is the company licensed? What are the target pests and the management procedure to be used? The Michigan Department of Agriculture must license any company that applies pesticide. Ask for the license number. Companies without license information shouldn't be hired.

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Making



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Heirloom plants preserve history

These "heirlooms" aren't meant to sit in a cabinet. They are heirloom bulbs (also known as antique, heritage, historic, vintage, classic, legacy and old-fashioned bulbs). Raising them is a way of preserving history while adding distinction to a garden or yard.

"They're great garden plants," said Scott Kunst, owner and head gardener of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, the only mail-order business in the country devoted to heirloom bulbs.

"They're tough, unusual and gorgeous. They add a whole extra dimension."

Usually strong and disease-resistant, and adaptable to a variety of garden conditions, heirloom bulbs may differ from their contemporary counterparts in various ways.

Besides beauty, they may have such unusual features:

There are tulips with 6-inch stems, the deep indigo-purple 'Marie' hyacinth from 1860, and the 'Double Campenelle,' a fragrant daffodil with petals arranged like those of a rose.

Fragrance is hard to breed, so newer introductions of plants often aren't as fragrant as heirlooms.

Heirloom bulbs make period-appropriate plants for older houses. And a gardener who raises the

Madonna lily, for example, goes even farther back in history (dating from 1600 B.C., this is the first documented garden plant, Kunst said; the Romans carried it with them on their conquests).

Another reason for growing heirloom bulbs is that they are genetically rich. Kunst says genetic diversity is the best hope for

breeding food crops and ornamental plants that will meet future needs.

Some of the bulbs are endangered. In the 1800s, about 10,000 distinct cultivars of dahlias were named. Today only three of these survive.

Kunst, who started Old House Gardens in 1993, is a nationally recognized expert.

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Locally, he has lectured around the area (recently in a program presented by the Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village) and assisted in projects at a variety of sites - the Meadow Brook Hall landscape show, Van Hoosen Farm in Rochester and gardens at the Edison Boarding House and Wright Brothers House at Greenfield Village among them.



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Favorite heirloom bulbs

Here are some popular and favorite heirloom bulbs from Old House Gardens:

■ **Jersey's Beauty** dahlia from 1923 - It features lovely pink flowers about as big as a peony, and grows 6 to 7 feet tall. "It's like the happiest plant in the fall," said Scott Kunst of Old House Gardens.

■ **Angele Martin** canna from 1915 - Kunst describes its color as peachy-gold.

■ **Mexican Single** tuberose - Old House Gardens named the 'Mexican Single' variety of Aztec tuberose the 2004 Heirloom Bulb of the Year for spring planting.

Domesticated by the Aztecs and popular in Victorian gardens, the Mexican Single is easy to grow and has starchy white flowers.

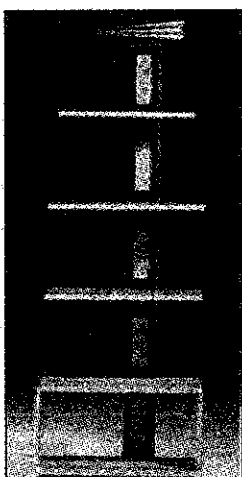
It also has a fragrance that has been compared to vanilla, orange blossoms, gardenias and chocolate, and is richer in the evening.

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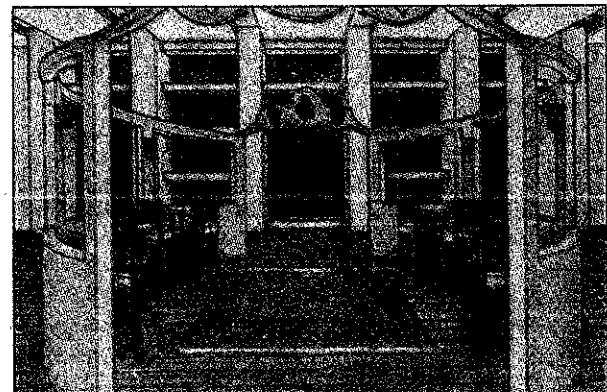
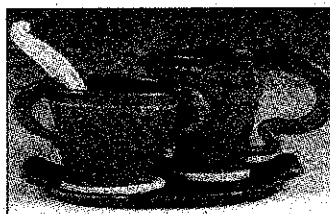
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At the show

The third annual Ann Arbor National Spring Art Show will offer a variety of items for the home, such as this furniture piece by Peter Czuk of Kendall, Mich., and this ceramic work by Margo West of Ann Arbor. The show will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 3-4, at the University of Michigan's Indoor Track Building, 1000 State St. in Ann Arbor - behind Yost Arena, 2 miles north of the I-94 State Street exit (Exit 177). Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5, free for under age 13. Parking is free. The show attracts more than 130 accomplished artists from across the country. It will feature a complete range of media, including oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings, drawings, sculpture, metal, photography, ceramics, glass, computer art, wearable fibers, wood, furniture, leather, whimsical/fantasy items and jewelry. For more information, call (330) 896-9498 or visit www.artprolinc.com.



Tara Mooney, a student at Western Michigan University, won first place in the 2004 The Ghiordes Knot-ASID Student Creative Space Competition. In the competition, now in its 15th year, students illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting. The winning designs will be displayed at Student Career Day at Michigan Design Center in Troy tomorrow. Mooney's entry placed *Sickle Leaf*, a rug with a Persian design, as the focal point.

Young designers create spaces for area rugs

Young designers again worked magic with carpets in The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition.

This year's contest, the 15th annual, had a special touch: One of the award winners is from the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy, which opened in October.

The purpose of the competition is to illustrate the use of a carpet in a room setting, making the rug the focal point.

Racheal Thorne of Mount Clemens, a student at the academy, was one of two honorable mention recipients.

"We're really excited about that," said Barbara Marini, chair of the Interior Design Department. "We're brand-new and not a lot of people know about us."

"We're really happy for Racheal."

The academy has about 300 students, Marini said. It offers programs in fashion design, interior design

and visual communications.

This year, the contest drew a total 25 entries from the IADT and Western Michigan University.

First place was awarded to Tara Mooney of WMU. The other honorable mention went to Marissa Jekabson of WMU.

The Ghiordes Knot furnishes \$1,000 in prize money: \$500 for first place and \$250 for each honorable mention. The winning designs will again be displayed on Student Career Day at Michigan Design Center in Troy, which is April 2 this year.

"I think the students, from the instructors I've spoken to, are very enthusiastic about (the competition)," said Ann Parker, showroom manager at The Ghiordes Knot at MDC.

Instructors have used the competition as a class assignment, she said.

"It offers the students a chance to learn how to draw perspective... as to actual space," Marini said. "Students learn how to draft."

The entrants work with carpets from The Ghiordes Knot, which provides photographs. Students have also visited the showroom to see the actual rugs.

A student's submitted entry is a rendering of the design, mounted on a mat, with his or her statement on the back.

Entries are judged on presentation (60 percent) and feasibility (40 percent). Presentation is the student's ability to convey the design within the environment; feasibility is the capability of carrying out the design. Judging is by a panel of professional designers, all ASID members.

This year, students could choose from *Sickle Leaf*, a Persian design in handspun wool; and *Satori*, from Nepal, made of handspun Tibetan wool and refined Chinese silk, with a design inspired by an 18th century French silk brocade.

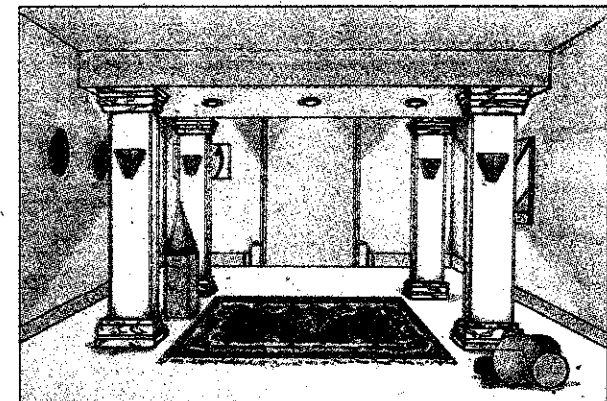
Sickle Leaf was to be depicted as a 9-by-12-foot rug, and *Satori* as an 8-by-10-foot rug.

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Thorne's entry is the design of a galleria meant as a place for multiple works of art to be displayed. In the room, she placed columns around *Sickle Leaf*.

The area features straight lines and geometric

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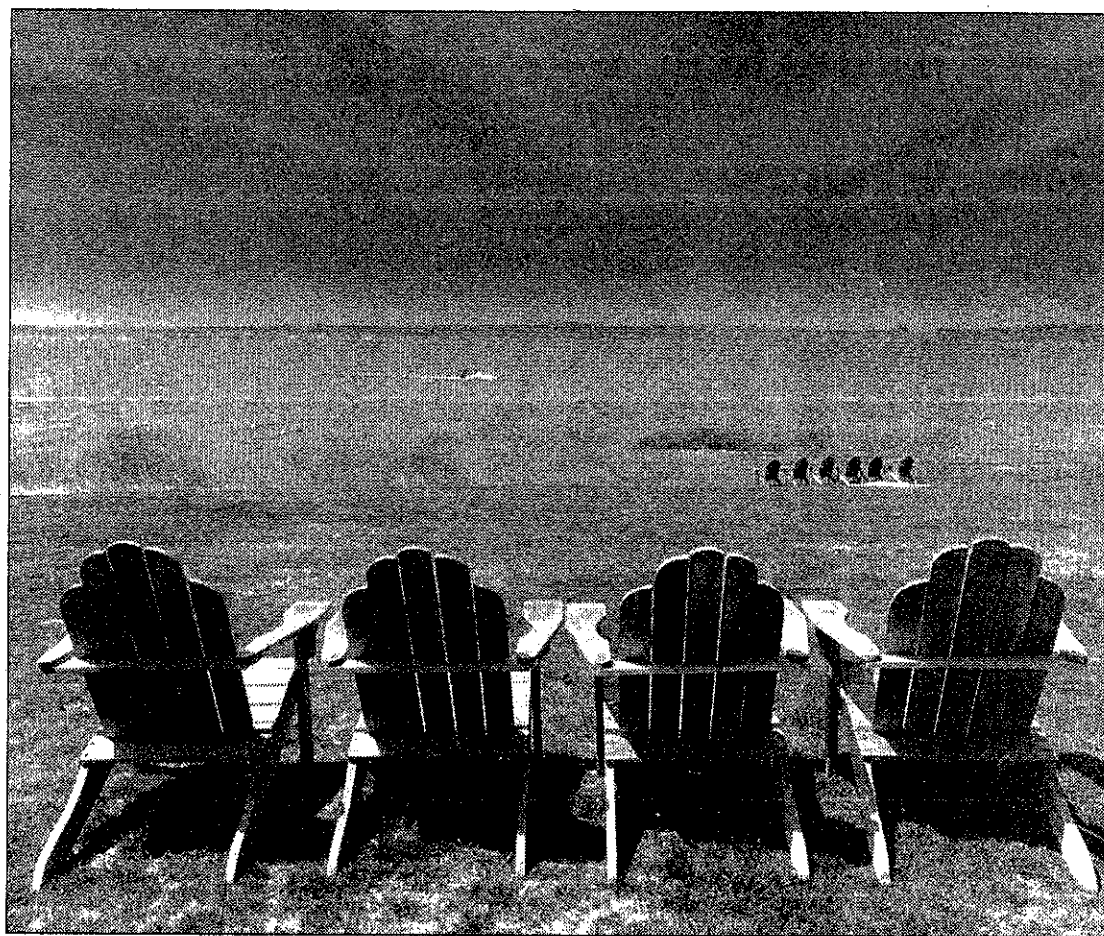


Racheal Thorne, a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy, which opened in October, won honorable mention for her design of a galleria. The room features "spatial rhythm," with measurements of elements divisible by three.

Indoor sowing is worthwhile

If you have the urge to plant seeds, yet it's too cold or damp outdoors, plant some indoors. Indoor sowing might also be the only way to have in your garden that special variety - Violet Queen purple broccoli or Border Beauty zinnia, for example - that you'll rarely find for sale as transplants. The ideal transplant, when ready to go out in the garden, is stocky and dark green. Growing such a plant takes a combination of art and science. For quick germination, seeds need warmth, moisture and, in some cases, light. Any container about 2 inches deep is suitable, as long as it

has holes in the bottom for drainage. Fill the container with potting soil, sow the seeds to a depth equal to twice their thickness, then firm the soil. Water from below by setting the containers in a pan with an inch of water in it. Cover the container with a piece of clear plastic, then set it somewhere warm. Seventy degrees Fahrenheit is a good average temperature to suit most seeds. Even seeds that need light to germinate are sufficiently stimulated by relatively little light, the amount in an average room being sufficient.



Spring is almost here and these chairs are as inviting as warm weather. Monte Nagler took this shot in Newport, R.I.

ROOTS

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Kunst's other projects in Michigan include the Honolulu House in Marshall.

RESEARCH

The hunt for heirloom bulbs involves detective work and research, both around the world and in Michigan. Kunst seeks out local growers, examines photos, looks through books.

"It takes a lot of searching," he said.

His finds have included cannas at a farm in France, as well as daffodils given to him by a friend whose grandmother raised them.

A former teacher, Kunst got started along the heirloom gardening path 20 to 25 years ago when he bought his first house at Depot Town, a historic district in Ypsilanti.

"I was so excited to have my own garden."

The yard featured an unusually big Tree of Heaven and a privet hedge, and spurred Kunst to research it. This led him to research other plants, and along the way he started growing older plants.

Kunst noticed that one of these, the 'Prince of Austria' tulip, which was introduced in 1860, disappeared from mainstream catalogs. He was motivated to save it - and other antique bulbs - from extinction. As a result, he started Old House Gardens.

"I had this sense of responsibility," Kunst said. "It was like I had two dozen pandas in my back yard."

Sampler collections are good ways to start raising heirloom bulbs. They are available from the Old House Gardens catalog, which is illustrated with old drawings and woodcuts as well as with vibrant photos.

If they prefer, gardeners can treat heirloom bulbs as annuals instead of digging them up and storing them over the winter, Kunst says.

"As long as people keep buying these bulbs the farmers will keep growing them," he said.

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Springtime is great time for photos

It's said that in spring "a young man's fancy turns to love." Well, springtime is one of the best times for your fancy to turn to photography. It's one of the most exciting times for capturing images on film.

Flowers are, of course, associated with spring, but few people manage to successfully photograph them. They tend to point the camera quickly and shoot. Without careful composition and attention to depth-of-field, the results can be disappointing.

First, get down low on the flower's level. Concentrate your viewfinder on just a few blossoms, maybe even one, and move in close. A tripod will help steady the camera. Remember that the closer you get to your subject, the more depth-of-field you'll lose,

necessitating a smaller aperture. One of the most common errors in photographing flowers is a distracting background. Use a piece of black cloth or cardboard behind the flowers and you'll be amazed at the difference in the results.

As in most photography, try to shoot flowers in the early morning or late afternoon so that the crosslighting will highlight the color and texture of the petals. To photograph bees or butterflies on the flowers, shoot in early morning when the insects are sluggish and won't fly away.

Springtime is usually marked by changeable weather which will reward you with impact-filled shots if you're alert.

It can be raining one minute, then suddenly the sky will clear and the sun will burst through. This moment along with wet pavement, rain drops trickling down a window, or a rainbow itself will offer you excellent photographic opportunities.

Be on the lookout for trees or a city skyline silhouetted against a receding storm cloud

as emerging sunbeams highlight the scene. This is perhaps one of the most dramatic images you'll see through the viewfinder.

How about photographing the progression of spring? A series of pictures of that special tree in the backyard as it gets progressively thicker and thicker with darker and darker leaves will produce an exciting picture story.

Don't overlook other spring-time photographic possibilities. Festivals and celebrations are usually in abundance. People become more active in spring both at work and leisure, so look for picture potential here.

Animals become more active, too, so a trip to a nearby farm or zoo will reward you with shots of our animal friends.

It's springtime. "Spring" yourself and your camera into action!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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The Eighth Annual Spring Home and Garden Show features more than 200 exhibitors displaying the products, services and technology for kitchens, baths, windows, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. All the latest in supplies, tools and designs for the home garden are also on hand.

"If you have a spring home improvement or gardening project planned, or are even just thinking about one, then you'll want to be at the Spring Home and Garden Show," said Stuart Michaelson, president of BIA and Windmill Group in Farmington Hills.

"Everything you can imagine for the home and garden is here, as well as hundreds of the area's top experts to answer questions and get you started."

This year's special guest is nationally renowned gardening expert Roger Swain.

Known as "the man with the red suspenders," Swain, who hosts PBS's The Victory Garden will speak to showgoers on a variety of gardening topics, as well as give advice and tips on how to grow and maintain an ecologically sound garden.

Sponsoring the Cooking Stage at the Spring Home and Garden Show is the Certified Angus Beef Brand. Certified Angus Beef Brand Chef Dianna Stouffer will give cooking demonstrations throughout the show, as well as have a booth at the show where showgoers can sample the Brand's products.

Other highlights at the show are appearances by local radio personalities and a "Parade of Homes" pictorial display of 115 new homes built by professional master builders of BIA and a free plan book. Additional

show features include advice, ideas and innovations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Show hours are Friday, April 2, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 senior citizens. Children under 12 are admitted free.

For more information on the show, call (248) 862-1019, or visit www.builder.org.

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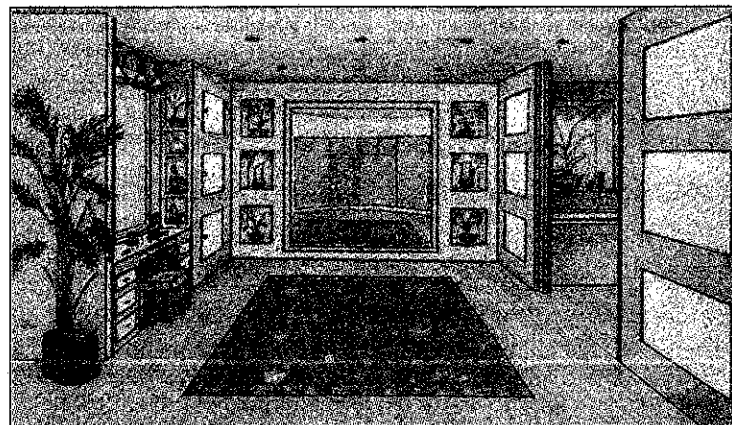
accents, such as the triangle-shaped elements on the four columns. Its walls and ceiling have a neutral tone. Soffits are arranged in a linear fashion for full lighting effect.

This room has "spatial rhythm," Thorne says in her statement - such as the 9-foot columns around the 9-by-12-foot rug, windows 18 inches in diameter, 6-by-9-foot door, and three soffits (all these numbers are divisible by three).

"The room keeps its own balance by utilizing repetitive use of measurement while creating excitement with the use of vibrant colors and strong use of geometric shape," she said in her statement.

In her entry, Mooney designed a space to create focus on Sickle Leaf. The area has curved walls, with bistro tables and high chairs along the perimeter.

"The repetition of the leaf shape and curved lines emphasize the rug's 'sickle leaf' design, and the symmetrical arrangement of elements in



Marissa Jekabson, a student at WMU, won honorable mention for her design of a grand master suite. The space made Satori, a wool and silk rug from Nepal with a design inspired by an 18th century French silk brocade, the focal point.

both the room and the rug create a formal atmosphere," Mooney said in her statement.

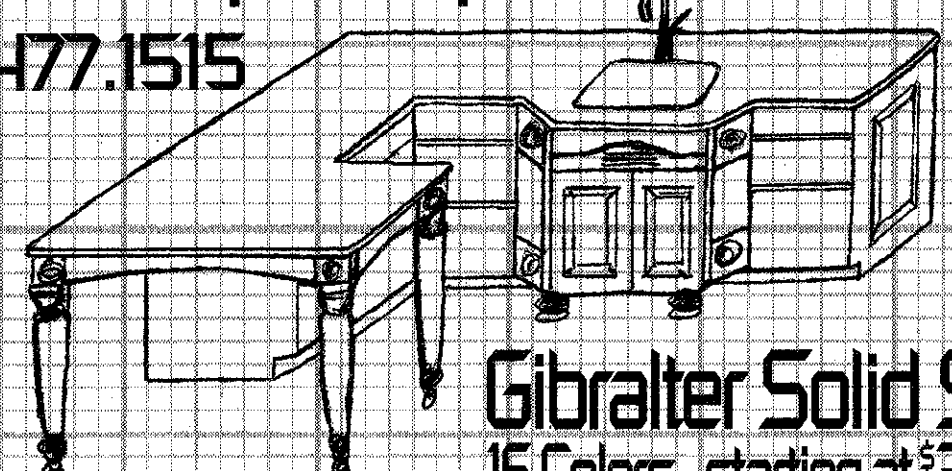
To convey the "feel of opulence," Jekabson designed a dressing and vanity area of a grand master suite in her entry. She placed Satori, with its curving pattern, in an area that

features geometric lines in walls, niches and furnishings.

"The rug becomes prominent within the space by creating contrast between the fine geometric lines in the architecture and the delicate curved shapes contained in the rug," Jekabson said in her statement.

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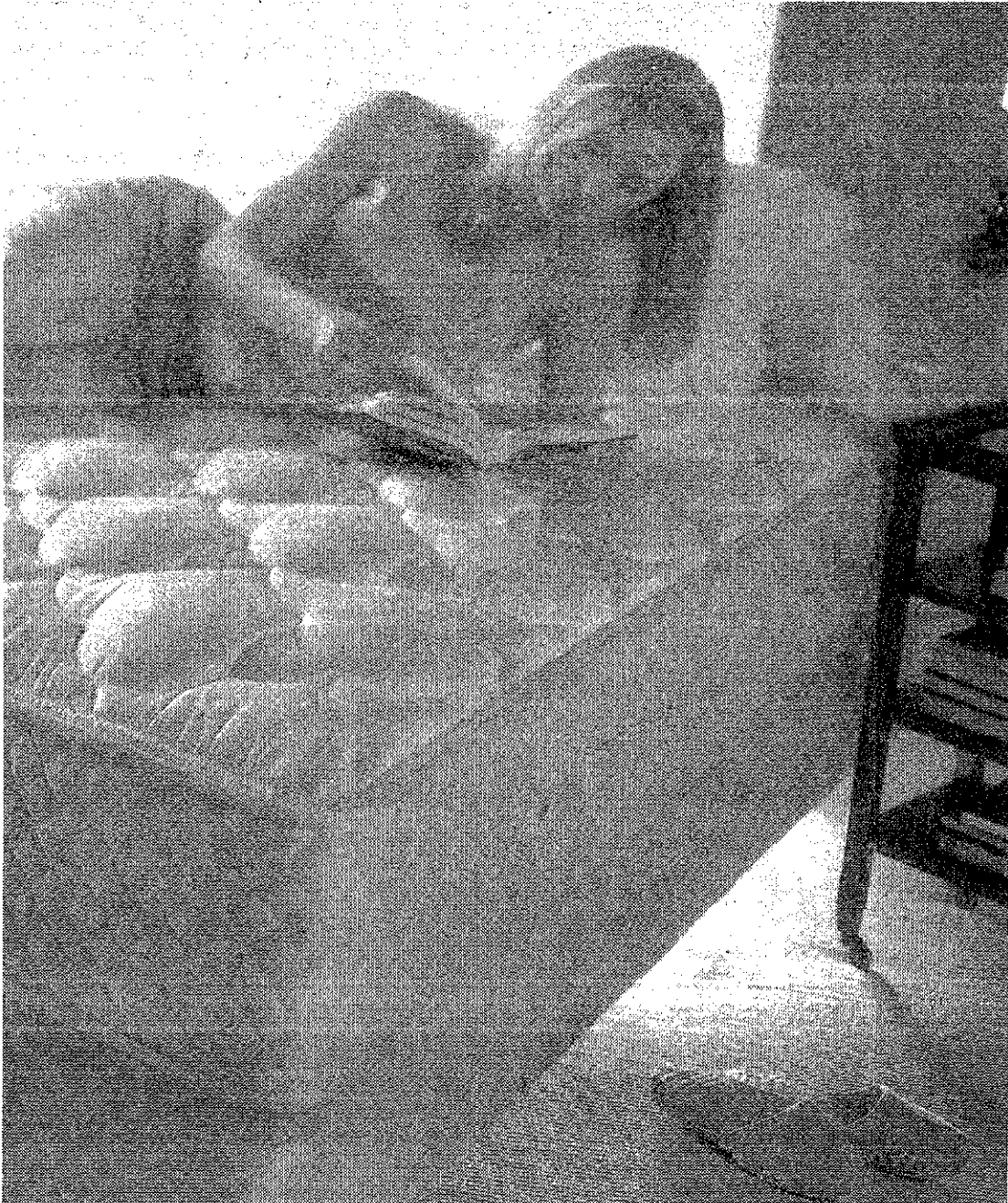
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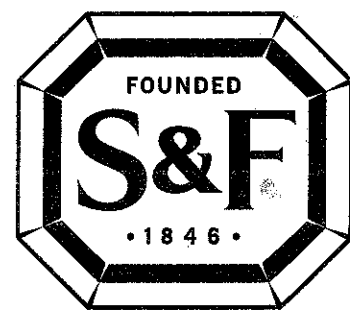
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Just in time for Father's Day and the start of the summer wedding season, The Home Depot introduced what company officials call the first home improvement Online Gift Registry.

Available at www.homedepot.com, Home Depot's new online registry allows customers to select everything from miter saws and pressure washers to barbecue grills and ceiling fans.

The registry is designed for any number of gift-giving occasions, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and housewarmings.

"Home Depot's Online Gift Registry is a resource for building and managing wish lists to celebrate special occasions," said John Costello, Home Depot's executive vice president of merchandising and marketing.

"Like a gift card, a registry makes gifting practically foolproof. It allows the gift giver to choose from a recipient-approved list of items."

The Home Depot Online Gift Registry offers some 9,000 items, including the Home Depot Gift Card.

Consumers can search for gift recommendations by price, occasion or category. Online gift registries are continuously updated and registrants receive e-mail notification as registered gift selections are purchased.

Additionally, registrants can monitor or change their entries at any time.

"Research shows that a growing number of couples are registering for wedding gifts together," said Shelley Nandkeolyar, Home Depot's vice president of interactive marketing and eBusiness.

They are blending practical items, such as power tools and small appliances, with the more traditional tabletop and silver selections.

Last year alone, 2.4 million couples were married and \$6 billion was spent through wedding registries, according to Conde Nast Bridal Infobank.

Home Depot is offering customers a chance to win everything in their registry, up to \$4,500 in value.

Customers can enter the contest by creating their personal online gift registry at www.homedepot.com.

In May, a winner will be chosen from each of three registry categories, including weddings, housewarmings and Father's Day.

Visit www.homedepot.com for more information.

Idle refrigerator loses cold temperatures

was out for dinner the other night when Chris, our server, pulled up a chair. "I have a problem with my refrigerator," he said.

Chris purchased a new refrigerator four years ago. At the same time he bought his girlfriend an engagement ring. The couple purchased a home classified as a "fixer-upper" and decided to keep the refrigerator in storage until the house was ready for the actual move. That day arrived recently and the new refrigerator doesn't get



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

cold at all. (No doubt folks, Chris has got a problem!)

Chris and I talked, and I would like to point out some of the do's and don'ts when it comes to a refrigerator new or used.

Chris used the refrigerator for a few months before moving it to storage and he kept it in a shed for over three years without running it. You should never shut off a refrigerator for more than a 90-day period and if you do, make sure you run it for a few hours every month or so.

That idleness and inactivity can also create internal restrictions in today's modern refrigerator's sealed system. This situation is caused by any moisture that remains in the system while it was constructed at the factory. That small amount of

moisture will "grow."

He moved his refrigerator from the shed to the house by using a pickup truck and laying it down. He also carried it off the truck into the house using a typical moving dolly.

When moving any refrigeration product (a refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier or room air conditioner), it is best to stand it up in its normal position. This is so critical to the product's operation, because when you plug it in and turn it on, the oil in the bottom of the compressor has moved throughout the sealed tubing and can cause a valve to break. It is imperative that you leave the product standing in its normal operating position for a period of at least two hours before you turn it on or even plug it in. That oil I speak of

must have time to return to the bottom of the compressor.

In my travels I see refrigerators on their backside in truck beds and usually in summer months I see room air conditioners and dehumidifiers in the back of a car trunk with the lid tied down against it. I see the lettering upside down or sideways. Many times I have pulled up at a stop light, rolled the window down and informed the driver to make sure they let the unit sit for two hours before plugging it in. You would be surprised at how many people don't know this.

When moving a used or new refrigerator out of the box, keep in mind that the underside is full of metal tubing which carries the refrigerant throughout the sealed system. Use care with the moving dolly

that the lip of it doesn't damage any of this tubing. Any tubing on the outside back of the product must also be treated gently.

Our server's problem is now going to cost him some money to have repaired. If the service technician is made aware that Chris caused the problem, that technician has all of the right to charge him the full price for replacing a compressor, which costs in the range of \$550. The compressor on this 4-year-old refrigerator has a limited five-year warranty, which means Chris could pay \$100 or so in only labor charges.

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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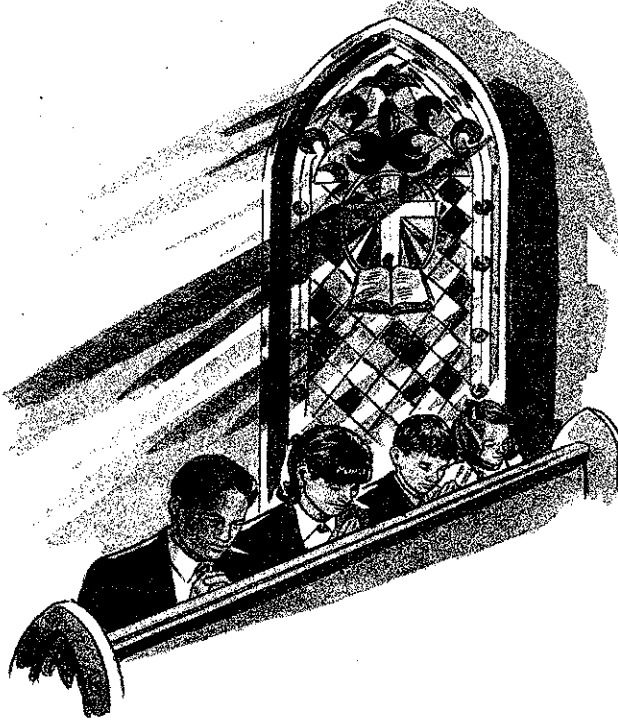
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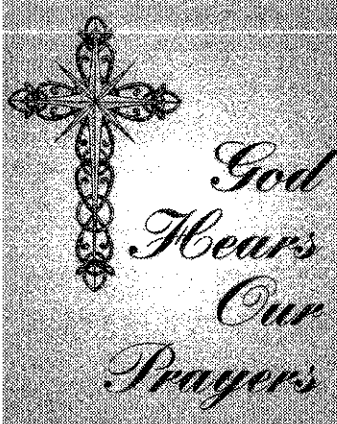
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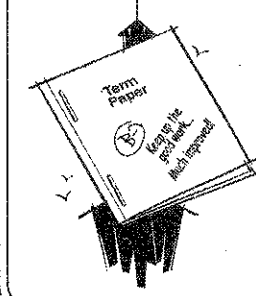
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Roses-West

A rose workshop, including pruning, fertilizers and sprays, will take place at a meeting of the Roses-West Rose Society 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

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The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show will take place during mall hours Saturday-Sunday, April 3-4, at Laurel Park Place Mall, Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

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Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, April 5, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

In the program, Basic Flower Arranging, club members Jan Dolan and Rose Smitka will demonstrate how to make creative floral bouquets and centerpieces. Guests are welcome.

Herb study group

The Evening Herb Study Group of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will meet

7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Gardens

in Room 125 (in the opposite end of the building from the conservatory). The Gardens are at 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Lesley Chace will demonstrate Easter egg decoration with the use of natural herbs and plants for coloring.

The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com, Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310, or the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

Audubon society

The Macomb Audubon Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Shadbrush Nature Center, 4104 River Bends Drive in Shelby Township.

Jim Simik will give a slide presentation on The Four Seasons of Birding. Refreshments will be served after the program.

The group meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month. For more information, call (586) 979-1104 or visit www.audubon.org/chapter/mi/macomb.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile.

Judy Cornellier will present An Inspirational Talk on Birds, Butterflies and Honeybees at 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road.

Club member June Brown, an advanced master gardener, will describe ways to make our back yards animal- and bird-friendly. Visitors are welcome.

Hill and Dale

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

A table design presentation will be featured. The public may attend.

For more information, call Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374.

African violets

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have a Spring Display and Sale Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 11, while supplies last. Admission is free.

A great variety of African violets will be for sale. Many gesneriads and supplies will also be available. Best selections will be on April 10.

Pruner maintenance

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating spring with a series of free public programs.

The schedule includes Pruner Maintenance Workshop, a hands-on demonstration, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (Easter Sunday), or 11 a.m. Monday, April 12.

Bring your pruners and learn how to change the blade and care for them. The Lindleys will demonstrate the various models of Felco pruners and assist you in selecting one that's right for you. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. A map is on the Web site, www.GreatLakesRoses.com. For more information, visit the Web site or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flier.

Room for improvement in saving energy

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

An authority on home energy savings has some troubling numbers for homeowners who think all there is to energy savings is enough attic insulation.

Matt Lamb says the energy savings in an average home could easily improve 15 percent to 25 percent.

"It wouldn't take a lot of sweat equity on the part of the homeowner to get those savings," Lamb said.

While icy blasts of winter are largely past, memories of staggering energy bills are warm in the minds of many homeowners.

Lamb, a manufacturing vice president for Pacesetter Corporation, an affiliate of The Home Service Store, suggests now is the time to go on the offensive to correct energy deficiencies.

The trouble is, homeowners tend to overlook subtle sources of energy loss that, in total, amount to big-time energy inefficiency.

Pacesetter pressurizes home interiors to check for telltale leaks. Results uncover the usual suspects: drafty windows and doors along with minuscule exterior cracks that allow air to stream in and out.

"I see small 1/8-inch gaps around a door jamb or window and it may not seem like much

but when you multiply it by the length of the crack, that's a lot of space and a lot of energy loss," said Lamb.

Any cracks should have homeowners reaching for their caulk guns, for one of the fastest, easiest home maintenance tasks.

Some cracks aren't so small. Pressure tests showed one of the largest sources of energy loss was at the juncture of outside walls and foundation. Those spaces, too, are targets for caulk.

Replacement windows are the new stars among energy-savers. Fiberglass has just debuted in window frames. The advantage with fiberglass is that it won't expand or contract. This improves the seal when installed and reduces cracking.

Window installation is a chance to steal even more energy savings. Homeowners should ask installers to fully insulate crevices around the window before the window is fitted. You can compare the energy efficiency of replacement windows before you buy. There are three measures worth paying attention to.

The first is an NFRC number. This shows a U-value. It's akin to the R-value assigned to insulation. The smaller the U-number, the better.

Also shown is a Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC). This

reveals how much solar energy will come through the window.

If you live in sunny southern climates, a smaller number is better. Northerners may want warm solar heating rays from windows with larger SHGC numbers.

The final window energy measurement is a visible light transmission (VT) number. This equates to the amount of light allowed through the glass. Again, the smaller the number, the better.

There's an added plus to efficient windows. Lamb says some windows are Energy Star rated. This rating is reserved for the most energy-efficient of products. It may earn rebates from utility companies.

For those who covet lots of attic insulation, Lamb offers some final advice. "One of the worst things you can do when you add attic insulation is cover the vents. This traps moisture, and insulation does a far better job when it is dry than when it is damp."

E-mail questions on homeowner-contractor relations to david.bradley@aphouseoftheweek.com.

From The Home Service Store, a home improvement management organization that provides property owners a full range of home improvement services and project guidance. For more information, call (866) HSS-6060 or visit www.TrustHSS.com.

Some projects boost values of homes

BY JANE J. KIM
DOW JONES NEWSWIRE

NEW YORK (Dow Jones/AP) - When it comes to renovating your home, it isn't how much you spend. It's how you spend it.

A recent study finds that you may be able to sell your home for more if you add a second bathroom or a fireplace. Other additions - such as a home office - can depress the home's value.

The study, sponsored by the National Association of Realtors, analyzed 28,828 home sales across 21 counties in the Philadelphia area between 1996 and 2003.

The average home sold for about \$213,335, had 3.5 bedrooms and 1.8 full baths and was on the market for about 72 days. The study was conducted by Florida State University professors G. Stacy Sirmans and David Macpherson.

If there's any renovation

project you undertake this year, adding a new bath is likely to give you the most bang for your buck. The study found that each full bath adds about 24 percent to the selling price.

Each additional bedroom adds about 4 percent to the price, while each additional 1,000 square feet of living space increases the selling price by about 3.3 percent. Central air conditioning, basements and fireplaces all consistently add value.

Some projects typically have little effect on a home's value.

Intercom systems, kitchen pantries and aboveground swimming pools, for example, add little value (although an in-ground pool adds about 8 percent), while price differences for houses that are on flat lots versus sloping lots are negligible.

But be sure you have a laundry room, because homes without it sold for about 15 percent less.

Other attributes actually detracted from a home's value. A home office or an in-law suite lopped off about 5 percent from the homes' prices, although less than 2 percent of the homes in the sample had either type of room.

"It could be that people don't see this as an efficient use of space because they don't need it," Sirmans said.

The property's style is likely to have an effect on selling price. Contemporary and Dutch-style houses command the highest prices, while Victorian style homes cut 5.8 percent from the selling price.

Houses with stucco and wood exteriors sell for about 9 percent more, while those with vinyl and aluminum exteriors sell for about 4 percent less.

The study also found that the best time to sell your home is in the fall. Houses advertised as fixer-uppers sell, on average, for 24 percent less than other houses.

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A. LOUISE McRITCHIE (nee Schmidt)
Age 94. Beloved wife for over 60 years of the late D.R. McRitchie. Loving mother and mother-in-law of David and Marian McRitchie of Boulder, Colorado, Bruce and Barbara McRitchie of Williamsburg, Virginia and James and Sally McRitchie of Birmingham. She is further survived by seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a brother, Edward H. Schmidt of Toledo. Mrs. McRitchie was born in Bowling Green, Ohio on May 7, 1909. She attended the University of Toledo. She and her husband, a career G.M. Executive, lived in Flint, Buffalo and Cleveland, before moving to Birmingham in 1956. At that time they became and remained, members of the First United Methodist Church. She was a past president of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Mothers' Club and enjoyed being active in the activities of her sons as they were growing up. Her life was celebrated at a family memorial service Monday, March 29th and her ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Arrangements by Wm. R. Hamilton Company, Birmingham.

JOHN WESLEY DUNCAN
Age 91. Passed away peacefully on Friday March 12, 2004 at his home in Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Duncan is survived by his daughter Judy Schupick (James) of San Rayburn, TX, and son John R. Duncan (Beth) of Bloomfield Hills; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Duncan was born in Grandview, Texas February 16, 1913 and moved to Detroit in 1922. He graduated from Detroit High School of Commerce at age 16, and began his own radio repair business 2 years later, which became International Radio Company. He retired in 1986 to care for his beloved wife Carol, who preceded him in death in 1997. Over his 56 years in the appliance business in Detroit, Mr. Duncan was known as the original price discounter, and was widely respected by his peers as a tough competitor. He loved the game of golf, but rarely defeated his wife. He was a life member of Birmingham Country Club. Friends are invited to join the family in sharing memories for John and Carol Duncan on Sunday, April 4 between 2 and 4 pm at Birmingham Country Club. For more information, please call John R. Duncan at 248-760-7071.

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Plant peas now, in time for late spring

Although the traditional date for planting peas is March 17, it's still not too late.

With all the snow covering the ground in late February and early March, it was impossible to plant. So, no April Fools - plant them now and you'll still get a good crop. The National Garden Bureau celebrates 2004 as the year of the pea and dianthus.

Peas really like the cold and are quite vigorous. Although they may look weak, they can take what Mother Nature hands them weatherwise. Peas are suitable for any size garden because their size runs from a small 12 inches tall to 5 feet or more.

There are three types of peas: English, snow, and snap. The only thing you'll have to

do when they're ready to harvest is pick them frequently.

Peas are certainly not a "new" vegetable. Archaeologists have found them in ancient tombs, at Troy (dating back to about 1340 B.C.) and at Thebes, but no one knows positively when people began cultivating them. By the Middle Ages, peas were stored, dried and used for Lenten eating as a hedge against food shortage and famine.

Because the dried pea kept indefinitely, it accompanied the English colonists on their way to America.

It was one of the first crops planted by the colonists. Late in the 17th century, colonists began to regularly eat peas fresh.

Our garden pea was developed in England, thus its name.

Although peas don't lend themselves easily to crossing, due to the configuration of the flower, most blooms self-pollinate while still in bud. Some of the more popular ones were developed in the 1800s.

Telephone plants remained popular until around 1930 when the original stock ceased to exist and subsequent plants became Alderman.

Europeans and Americans have bred peas in various programs, resulting in improved vigor, disease resistance, flavor, keeping qualities, and higher yields.

The biggest advance occurred in 1970, a plant scientist, working on breeding new shell peas for commercial food processors, discovered an unusual pea plant in his field, which was later called a snap pea or edible-podded pea.

Peas need full sun (at least six hours a day); a fertile, somewhat sandy soil with good drainage, and a neutral or slightly alkaline pH. These little veggies give back to the soil by fixing nitrogen in it. That in turn benefits plants growing nearby.

Their long root systems help loosen the soil as they search for moisture. Spent plants decompose into organic matter

to further enrich it. At the end of the season simply dig them into the soil where they will decompose.

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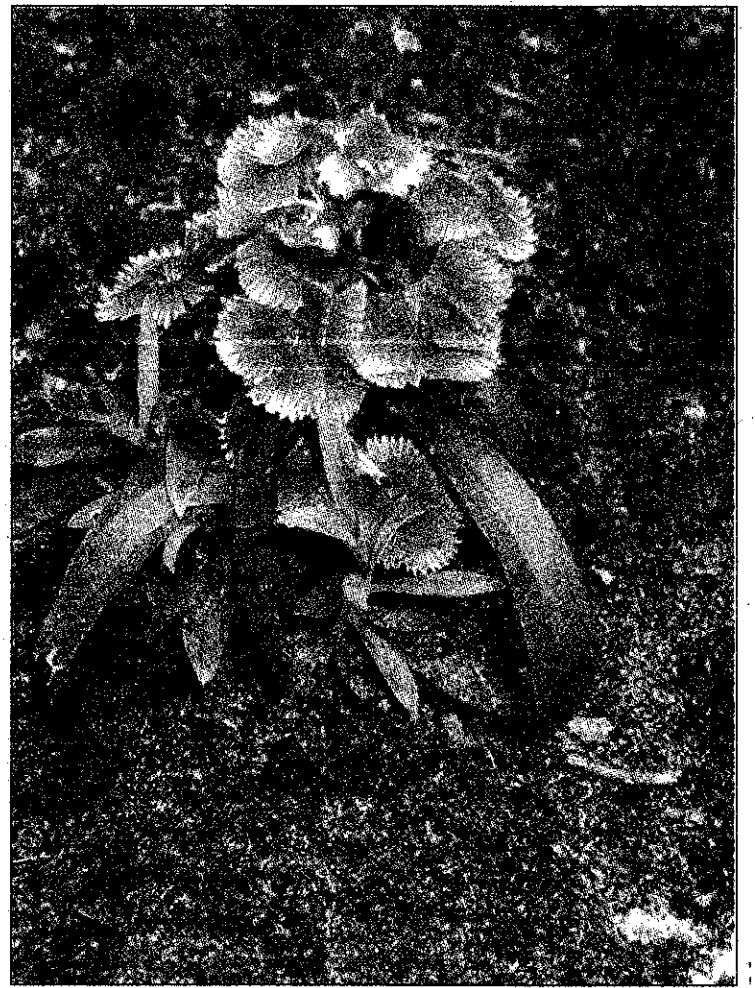
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Dianthus has been - and still is - a favorite plant in many gardens and its bright single colors shine in many settings.

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Sizes range from petite 6-inch plant for edgings, rock gardens or container, to 3-foot plants great for borders and cutting gardens.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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Patrons can purchase tickets at the following locations: 2612 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills (248) 276-9040; 31646 Northwestern, Farmington Hills, (248) 855-4600; 33605 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 261-3550; and the carry-out only locations at 3637 Maple in Bloomfield Township (248) 645-0300 and 32218 Woodward in Royal Oak (248) 549-8000. Visit www.buddyspizza.com

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Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering in West Bloomfield, serves a dish she enjoys for a Seder: stuffed chicken breast roulade with roasted vegetables and asparagus.

Feast of freedom

Passover represents one of the three high holidays for Jews, along with Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana.

It also represents the holiday that Jews reflect on their ancestors' freedom from slavery when Moses led them out of Egypt 4,000 years ago. Passover will be celebrated this year on Tuesday.

Food plays a significant symbolism for this event in meals called Seder, which means order. "Of all the high holidays, the first Seder is the one most observed," said Mimi Markofsky, the owner of Elite Kosher Catering in West Bloomfield. "Even the least observant will have a family gathering to show the significance of Passover in their lives."

Markofsky also lives in West Bloomfield and operates her catering company inside the B'nai

Moshe Congregation on Drake Road. She was raised an Orthodox Jew and still practices Orthodox Judaism. She learned to cook from her Hungarian mother.

Matzo originated from the Jews' departure from Egypt. "They did not have enough time for the yeast to rise," Markofsky said. "And in making the matzo today, from the time you mix the water with the flour, the wheat, until it goes into the oven is 18 minutes."

The holiday is significant for families, in reading the stories of the Haggadah with one another and answering the Haggadah's four questions.

The symbolism of the foods served is explained as follows:

Karpas - Served as an appetizer, these are root vegetables dipped in salt water. Parsley, carrots and celery can be used.



Mimi Markofsky serves up chocolate fudge torte.

Markofsky's family has boiled potatoes. "Some use parsnips," Markofsky said.

Haroset - apples, nuts and sweet wine, which signifies the mortar and bricks of pyramids built for the Pharaoh.

Bitter roots - Grated horseradish signifies the tears of the Jews for leaving their homeland.

PLEASE SEE PASSOVER, D3

Recanati kosher wines are delicious

Marketing and enhancing the image of Israel as a wine-producing country has been a challenge for Lenny Recanati.

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Recanati wines are kosher

and suitable for Passover upcoming.

ITALIANS IN ISRAEL

Recanati, owner of one of the finest private wine collections in Israel, is a successful international banker and member of one of Israel's prominent families. For centuries prior to making their home in Israel in the early 1900s, Lenny's ancestors had lived in Italy.

So it's not surprising that Italy and now the United States (where Recanati spent a portion of his student years) are the winery's first two export markets.

"My passion for wine and my bond with the land of Israel," Recanati said, "are the reasons I founded the winery in year 2000. I knew I needed excellent fruit sources. I have these. I also knew I needed a state-of-the-art winery and I built that. Next comes an experienced winemaker and I have that, too, in Lewis Pasco."

WINEMAKING IN ISRAEL

American-born Lewis Pasco is an enology graduate of the University of California-Davis and an accomplished chef. Before taking his talents to Israel, Pasco made wines at Napa Valley's Chimney Rock winery and Marimar Torres in Sonoma County.

His palate is distinctly American and he has crafted the wines to be appealing to American wine drinkers, Jewish or not. You don't have to be Jewish to drink and like these wines.

Yet kosher wines have production restrictions which include, Pasco said, that the vineyard must be at least 4 years old. He continued with a few more regulations. Once in the winery, the grapes must be handled by Sabbath-observant Jews (Orthodox).

No grain, such as rice hulls frequently used in pressing grapes, can be used. Certified kosher yeast is required for fermentation. No casein (a protein formed in milk by the action of rennin or another agent) can be used to clarify the wine. Fresh gelatin can be used for the same purpose but not classic gelatin.

Israel has an 85 percent rule which means that if the wine is labeled cabernet sauvignon, it must contain at least 85 percent of that variety.

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and toasty oak flavors.

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■ 2000 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$20) has bigger fruit and flavor orchestration and is well worth the price difference over the regular bottling.

■ 2000 and 2001 Special Reserve, both (\$38), represent the best Bordeaux varietal wines made in the respective vintages.

The blend varies depending on the year with the 2000 a 50/50 blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon and the 2001, 96 percent cabernet sauvignon and four percent merlot.

WINE PICKS

Pinot Noir is a good wine to choose for lamb or ham, traditionally served at Easter.

Pick of the pack: 2002 Sebastiani Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County Selection, \$15 is outstanding at this price.

Other top-ranked wines in our recent tasting: 2001 Laetitia Les Galets \$60; 2001 Archery Summit Premier Cuvee \$45; 2001 Dutton Goldfield, Dutton Ranch \$35 and 2000 King Estate \$22.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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Bread pudding is versatile comfort food

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

This simply enriched version of bread pudding is a delicious alternative to the classic recipe.

Prepared with the addition of drizzled butter, bread and butter pudding is a comforting treat. Its light custard base makes it a perfect addition to a brunch or breakfast table, although it's commonly served as dessert.

Vague historical records indicate that bread pudding evolved in the 13th century in Europe, most likely England.

The original intent of this recipe was to make use of stale bread. Saturating the bread in a sweet liquid and baking the concoction provided an inexpensive pudding that could be eaten warm or cold.

As the accessibility of foods increased, the liquid began to include more refined ingredients such as milk, cream, eggs, sugar, spices, dried fruit and nuts. It is likely that each region and family used their own method and variation of ingredients.

Today, bread pudding is con-

sidered a versatile comfort food. Whether the bread is fresh or stale, the texture is a matter of personal preference.

This recipe suggests using challah or brioche, and you can make other substitutions if desired. Croissants, panettone, Italian or French bread would each make their own delicious version.

The custard is a simple mixture of milk, sugar, eggs, vanilla and cinnamon. The addition of plump, rum-soaked raisins adds an unexpected kick to the subtle flavor of the pudding.

Baking the bread and butter pudding in a water bath prevents the delicate egg-based custard from curdling from the direct heat of the oven.

To prepare a water bath, choose a shallow pan large enough to hold the baking dish or ramekins, with at least 1 or 2 inches of space between the ramekins. Once the bread pudding has been prepared, place the shallow pan with the filled dish or ramekins inside the oven.

"To avoid spilling water, fill the pan with hot water while resting it directly on the oven

rack," suggests chef Mark Ainsworth, associate professor in culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America. "The water should reach halfway up the sides of the ramekins."

The following recipe is from *Cooking at Home with The Culinary Institute of America* (Wiley, 2003, \$40).

BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup rum
- 8 slices enriched bread, such as challah or brioche, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and kept warm, plus more as needed for greasing
- 2 cups whole milk
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 large egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Combine the raisins with the rum and warm in a small saucepan over low heat.

Remove from the heat and allow the raisins to plump for about 10 minutes.

Drain and reserve.

Meanwhile, drizzle the bread cubes with the melted butter, spread on a baking sheet, and toast in the oven, stirring once or twice, until golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes.

Combine the milk, eggs, egg

yolk, sugar, vanilla extract and cinnamon and stir until the sugar has fully dissolved.

Grease a 2-quart shallow casserole, 8-inch-square baking dish, or individual 1/2-cup ceramic ramekins with butter and place in a larger rectangular baking dish.

Add the bread cubes and raisins to the ramekins or dish, and ladle the milk mixture over the bread, reserving about 1/2 cup. Refrigerate the bread pudding(s) and the reserved milk mixture for about 30 minutes while the bread absorbs the liquid.

Preheat the oven again to 350° F.

Spoon the remaining custard mixture on top of the soaked bread.

Place the baking pan containing the dish or ramekins in the oven, and pour hot water into the pan to create the water bath.

Bake until the custard is set but still jiggles in the middle when gently shaken, about 30 minutes for small ramekins and 50 minutes for a larger baking dish.

Let stand for 15 minutes after removing it from the oven. The pudding may be served warm or chilled. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per 7-ounce serving: 390 cal., 12 g pro., 46 g carbo., 15 g fat, 340 mg sodium.

Recipe from (Wiley, 2003, \$40) available bookstores nationwide or at: <http://store.yahoo.com/ciaprochefstore/texandman.html>.

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Enjoy the talents of the staff at Schoolcraft College with culinary seminars offered through the culinary arts department and the college's Continuing Education Services. Among the topics are Be a Sweet Tart, 6-9 p.m., April 27. For a complete schedule of seminars, call (734) 462-4448. For information, call (734) 462-4448.

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A black-tie optional gala fundraiser Saturday, April 3 will celebrate the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department's new home in the VisiTech Center. After a strolling buffet, patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant. The food will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. All food will be prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs. VisiTech Gala tickets are \$150 per person, with \$90 of that amount tax deductible. All proceeds will support the culinary arts department. For more information or tickets, call 734-462-4400, ext. 5661. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Fresh fish

Mike Monahan and Bernie Fritzsich of Monahan's Seafood Market, will demonstrate how to select, store and prepare the original fast food - seafood. Eating fish two or three times a week is recommended for good health. The class will be taught 6-8 p.m. April 14 at MFit the University of Michigan Health System, located at East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth, Ann Arbor.

PASSOVER RECIPES

CHICKEN PICATTA

6 chicken breast halves without skin
potato starch or cake meal
salt and pepper, to taste
2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
1 pint mushroom caps
1/2 cup chicken stock
1/2 cup lemon juice
olive oil

Lightly pound the chicken breasts until all the pieces are uniform in size, about 1/4 inch thick. Combine potato starch or cake meal with salt and pepper to taste. Dredge the chicken breasts in the seasoned "flour" and set aside.

Heat a large skillet and add a small amount of olive oil to cover the bottom of the skillet.

Place the chicken into the hot oil and brown each side of each piece. Remove the chicken when the sides have turned brown but are not cooked all the way through.

Add the garlic and mushrooms and saute them until the garlic is golden and the mushrooms have started to take on color.

Add the chicken stock and lemon juice, stirring well and scraping the bottom of the skillet to take up all the browned particles from the chicken and garlic. Return the chicken to the skillet and cover.

Simmer for 30 minutes or until the chicken is tender and cooked all the way through. Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky.

ORANGE & BRANDY ROASTED SWEET POTATOES

4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled in 1-1/2-inch pieces
8 shallots, peeled and quartered
4 tablespoons melted butter, or vegetable oil or combination salt and pepper, to taste
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons brandy, optional if not available kosher for Passover

Preheat oven to 400 °F.

Toss vegetables with butter and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast for 30 minutes, shaking pan after 15 minutes or so to prevent the vegetables from sticking.

Mix brown sugar, orange juice, and brandy. Distribute evenly over sweet potatoes and stir gently. Continue to roast for an additional five minutes.

Turn on the broiler and set pan on uppermost rack. Allow sweet potatoes to brown lightly. Remove and serve.

Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky.

AUNTIE MIMI'S PASSOVER COOKIE DOUGH

1 cup margarine
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon imitation vanilla extract
2 cups cake meal
2 tablespoons potato starch
1/4 teaspoon salt
assorted jellies and chocolate chips

In a medium bowl, cream margarine with sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time until well incorporated. Add vanilla and mix well.

Combine cake meal, potato starch and salt. Add gradually to the margarine mixture and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours, until somewhat firm.

Using a teaspoon, scoop the dough and roll into a ball. Place on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Press your finger into the center to make an indentation. Fill the indent with your favorite jam or chocolate chips. Bake at 350 °F until lightly golden around the edges, approximately 8-10 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky, owner of Elite Kosher Catering of West Bloomfield.

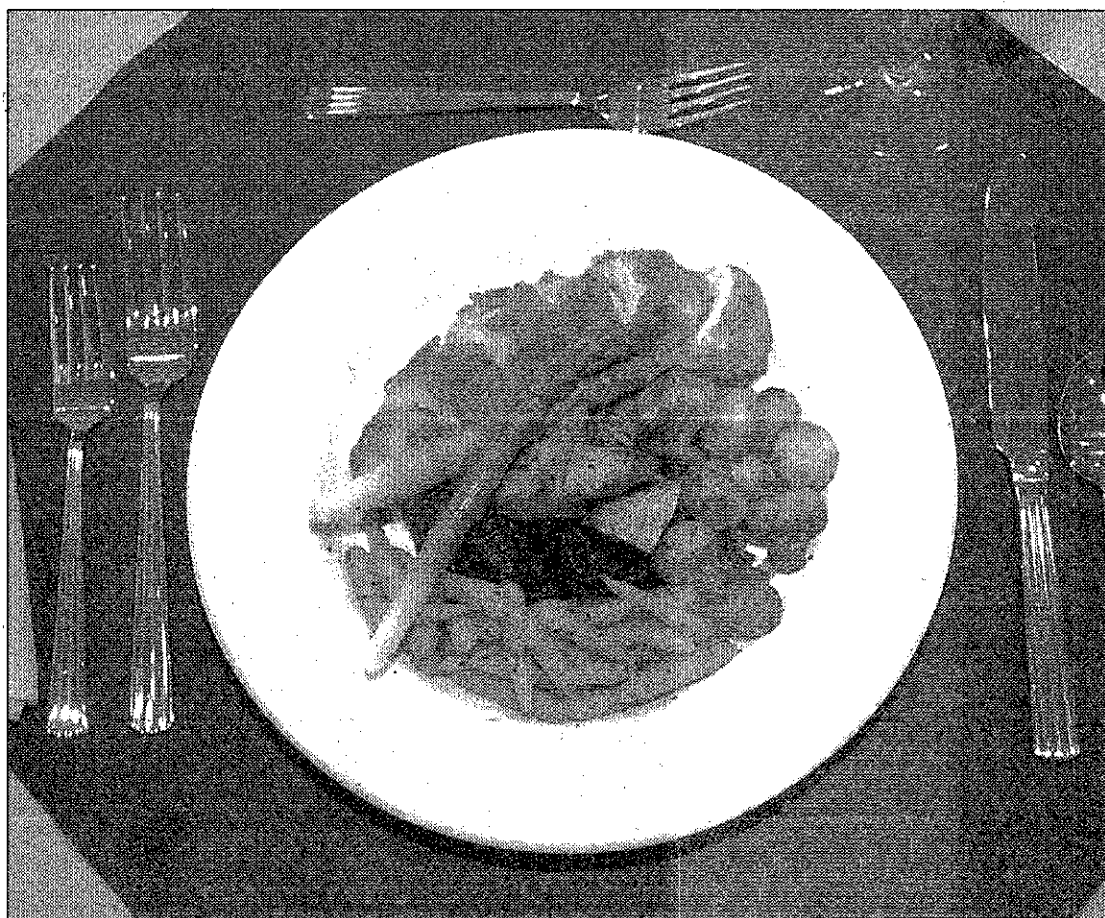
BRANDIED CARROTS

1-1/4 pounds carrots
1 tablespoon margarine
1/4 cup pineapple juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Scrape carrots and cut into 2-1/2- by 1/2-inch strips. Place in an ungreased 8- by 8-inch baking dish.

Combine remaining ingredients and pour over carrots. Cover and cook at 375 °F for approximately 40 minutes, or until carrots are tender.

Recipe courtesy of Mimi Markofsky.



Stuffed chicken breast roulade with roasted vegetables and asparagus.

PASSOVER

FROM PAGE D1

Lamb shank- the sacrifice of the Pascal lamb.

Egg- The hard-boiled egg is the only food that does not have a prayer associated with it, Markofsky said. It too is dipped in salt water.

Markofsky expects Seder at her home will grow this year. Her daughter invited six friends from college to attend, bringing the number of family members and friends to 22.

Generally strict observance calls for Passover meals to be restricted to Jews only, but many family and friends have marriages of mixed faiths, and

'We'd like them to be a part of the freedom from the strife.'

Mimi Markofsky
Elite Kosher Catering

Markofsky asks them to join her family as well to celebrate and recognize the significance of the holiday.

"We'd like them to be a part of the freedom from the strife," Markofsky said.

The meal also features a breaking of the middle matza.

Either the head of the household hides the piece or the children do, and the father

must find it, Markofsky said. Once the meal is finished, then the dessert is served and the Affikomen signifies the end of the meal. "You have to have a piece of Affikomen," Markofsky said. "Then everyone joins in in singing and celebrating."

Elite Kosher Catering presents a Passover Buffet 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8 at Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Assorted salads, grilled chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, homemade desserts and fresh fruits will be served. Tickets are \$24 for adults, and \$16 for children, aged 2-10. Please mail pre-paid reservations to Elite Kosher Catering, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield 48322 or for information, call (248) 592-0200.

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We have long been grateful to the Italians for introducing us to broccoli.

In recent years, more Americans have also gotten to know its cousin - broccoli rabe (pronounced ROB). While there is a distinct family resemblance, they are different vegetables.

Broccoli rabe is a non-heading variety of broccoli that's also known as rapini.

It looks like a thin, leafy bunch of broccoli stalks with stunted buds.

But while broccoli is rather mild green vegetable, broccoli rabe packs a punch.

It has a slightly bitter flavor, like some greens, and adds punch to anything bland, like pasta.

When eaten on its own, broccoli rabe is usually steamed or lightly sautéed in olive oil.

Many recipes, including the one that follows, recommend quickly cooking it first, then draining and sautéing it.

This leafy green is common

in Southern Italy and has recently become popular in the United States. Italian farmers brought broccoli rabe to North America, but for a long time, it was uncommon outside Italian and Asian communities, which were not put off by its slight bitterness.

SPICY BROCCOLI RABE

- 1/2 pounds broccoli rabe
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-4 cloves garlic (or to taste), finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried hot red pepper

flakes or hot sauce, to taste
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, taste

Rinse the broccoli rabe in cold water and drain completely. Cut 2 inches off the stems then chop the rest into 2-inch pieces.

Blanch in boiling water about 3 minutes. Drain well. Heat oil in saucepan large enough to hold broccoli. Add garlic and red pepper and sauté quickly until garlic turns golden. Add broccoli and sauté until just tender. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 5 servings.



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What do you do with cactus? Why, make soup, of course...

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Few things inspire interest in the cuisines of warm climates the way a good Arctic blast can.

So when the temperature recently dropped to a brisk 35 degrees below, I shouldn't have been surprised to find myself staring longingly at Internet pages featuring cacti.

Of course, this prompted the question every proud foodie asks when encountering the unknown - can I eat it?

For Southwesterners and those of Hispanic descent, there's only one answer, or course. Cactus paddles - or nopales to those in the know - have been an integral part of their cuisines for centuries.

But in the Northeast, cacti remain funny, hard-to-kill plants seen mostly in cartoons.

Don't tell that to John Dicus, owner of Riverrock Gardens in Nipomo, Calif., one of only a handful of farmers in the country who cultivate edible cactus plants.

Dicus has been shipping

organically grown cactus paddles around the country since about 1993, and every year sells about 5 tons of paddles he grows on just 1/4 acre in his central California community.

He initially grew salad greens, but became frustrated by how quickly they spoil, he said in a recent telephone interview.

Cactus paddles can remain on the plants much longer.

Though cactus cultivation still is limited in the United States, Dicus says Southern Europeans and North Africans have been doing it for more than 400 years, ever since samples were brought back from the Americas.

"It's so common there now that the people there think it's natural to their lands," he said.

Much of Dicus' business comes from the Hispanic community, but he hopes cactus catches on more broadly. He expects that earning wider appeal will take a bit of positive public relations for the industry.

"It seems like an intimidat-

ing thing to look at in the store... and it takes a little bit of learning to scrape those spines off with a knife, and you might mangle a few leaves before you get it down," he said.

Indeed. Several weeks before we spoke, I ordered 2 pounds of paddles from Dicus. When they arrived they were smooth and attractive. Seeing no spikes on them, I figured Dicus had been kind enough to defang them prior to shipping.

Without another thought, I used the paddles in the recipe for mushroom-cactus soup with roasted tomatillos that follows. It was thick, delicious and perfectly spicy.

Unbeknownst to me, it also apparently was full of thorns.

While speaking with Dicus, he asked whether I had trouble brushing the spikes off the paddles. Huh?

"Evidently it didn't hurt you," he said, laughing. "Generally we would recommend scrubbing them down with a little green scrubbing pad, and then you trim around them with a little pairing knife to get any little blotches off."

Cooking with cactus is easy. Very fresh paddles add a mild, lime-like flavor to dishes. Even out of season paddles are delicious, Dicus said, noting they taste like and can be used similarly to green beans.

The paddles, also called beaver tailed or prickly pear cactus, are great chopped raw in salads, diced and simmered in soups, or cut into thin strips and baked on pizza.

One of Dicus' favorite preparations is breakfast burritos. He adds finely diced cactus paddles to eggs. After the eggs are cooked, he wraps them in a flour tortilla and spoons on salsa.

Though there are many varieties of edible cactus, Dicus suggests starting with the flat nopales paddles which I purchased. He said the mild flavor and low spike count make them more approachable for first-timers.

This recipe is adapted from a variety of similar soups found on the Internet. This version simplifies preparation and reduces the number of potentially hard-to-get ingredients.

occasionally, until limp, about 10 to 15 minutes. Set the nopales on a large plate to cool. When cool, cut in half lengthwise, then cut each half into 1/2-inch-wide slices. Set aside.

While the nopales cool, place tomatillos and tomatoes whole on a baking sheet and broil until soft and blackened in spots, about 4 minutes. Turn and broil on the other side. Set aside to cool. Once cool, peel the tomatoes.

Combine the garlic, jalapeno peppers, onion, anise seed and olive oil in a large stockpot. Saute over a medium flame until onions are tender and garlic fragrant, about 6 minutes.

Combine the roasted tomatoes and tomatillos in a food processor with 2 cups of stock and the cilantro.

Puree until chunky smooth. Add to the garlic and onion mixture along with remaining stock and simmer over a medium flame.

Add mushrooms, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add the cactus pieces to the soup and simmer another 5 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

MUSHROOM-CACTUS SOUP WITH ROASTED TOMATILLOS

- 1 pound nopales
- Olive oil
- 1/2 pound fresh tomatillos (about 5 medium), husked and washed
- 1/2 pound ripe tomatoes (about 2 medium)
- 8 cloves garlic, peeled and finely minced
- 1/2 cup sliced jalapeno peppers
- 1 onion, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1/4 teaspoon ground anise seed
- 6 cups vegetable stock
- 8 large sprigs cilantro
- 1/2 pound fresh shitake mushrooms, stems removed and thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat the broiler.

If the nopales have spikes, carefully trim them from the cactus paddles with scissors, then rub the paddles with a clean plastic scouring pad. Rinse with water and brush with olive oil. Set on a rimmed baking sheet.

Broil the paddles, turning

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CAROL A. STONE
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, with Mr. Curmi arriving at 7:07 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Agenda for the March 23, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi absent.

Mrs. Massengill requested that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2004, be removed from the Consent Agenda for correction, then moved that the Consent Agenda for the March 23, 2004, Regular Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi absent.

Mrs. Massengill requested that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2004, Page 7, third paragraph, be corrected as follows: The sentence currently reads, "He also updated Ms. Arnold on the fact that the Salvation Army and the YMCA day camps are moving to the soccer park." The sentence is corrected to read, "He also updated Ms. Arnold on the fact that the YMCA is moving to the soccer park."

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 9, 2004, as corrected. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi absent.

Trustee Curmi arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Resident Don Schnettler questioned why he was criticized for causing a referendum for one item last year on the Township Hall question when the Township held an election on only the fire millage in 2001. He also questioned whether the estimated cost of last year's election was deliberately exaggerated at \$30,000 to \$40,000 when the 2001 election was stated as only costing approximately \$15,000.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing regarding the request from Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption with respect to new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed within their existing facility at 7:21 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Mumfakh moved that Resolution No. 04-03-23-11 be approved, granting the request from Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed in their existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, subject to the extension of the lease to 12 years. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. ROLL CALL: AYES: Mumfakh, Griffith, Arnold, Curmi, Edwards, Mann. NAYS: Massengill. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing regarding the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption with respect to the rehabilitation of their existing facility, including the acquisition and installation of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures at 7:43 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m.

In answer to Mr. Edwards question, Mr. Kohler confirmed for the record that Johnson Controls has no plan to appeal the tax assessment for the current year.

Mr. Edwards moved that Resolution No. 04-03-23-12 be approved, granting the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for the rehabilitation of their existing facility, including the acquisition and installation of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be installed within said facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. regarding the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption with respect to an expansion of their existing facility, including the acquisition and installation of new furniture and fixtures.

Mr. Don Schnettler had questions regarding the effect on this property of the sewer capacity transfer to be acted upon later in the meeting. Mr. Bailey said there were actually two separate issues.

There is a separate allotment of capacity for the prison.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved that Resolution No. 04-03-23-13 be approved, granting the request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption covering an addition to their existing facility, including the acquisition and installation of new furniture and fixtures to be installed within said facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Phase 11, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Griffith moved that April 27, 2004, be established for public hearing on the request from Toolco, Inc., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed in their existing facility located at 47709 Galleon Drive, Metro West-Beck Road Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Mumfakh. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the request by St. John's Holdings, Inc., to activate the Class C Liquor License currently held in escrow and to approve the requested revisions to the current license provisions as stated in LC-1972 Rev. 02/02, Request ID #219934. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Agreement with the City of Detroit, transferring 0.624 CFS of RVIS sewer capacity for the DeHoCo property to Plymouth Township and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to accept the grant from the US Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, as administered by the Michigan Department of State Police, in the amount of \$54,200.00, and authorize the Police and Fire Departments to expend the funds as allowed within the grant provisions. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Supervisor Mann updated the Board on the CSX/Sheldon Road status. He said the hope is to start as soon as this November; if not, then in January or February of 2005, anticipating a two-year road closing. Resurfacing Sheldon Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road begins next Monday and Ann Arbor Trail to the railroad tracks in 2005, with intermittent closings.

He also noted that things are progressing fairly smoothly on the Ypsilanti plant expansion that YUCCA and WTUA are working on, with installing the bays to haul the sludge material out being 8-10 weeks behind.

Mr. Mumfakh was informed that the next Hazardous Waste collection day is May 15.

Mr. Curmi asked when the sidewalk update would be available. Mr. Mann said a study session would soon be held.

Responding to Mr. Curmi's question regarding the status of the conference with Huron Valley Ambulance, Mr. Mann answered that Assistant Fire Chief Wendel and Police Chief Tiderington were working on setting up a meeting with them.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on March 23, 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 13, 2004.

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Here is a fresh take on a classic soup

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

French Onion Soup requires a long simmering period to allow its flavors to build slowly. Japanese miso soup is ready in minutes. So what might they have in common? The answer, surprisingly, is miso.

A savory, peanut butter-like paste made from soybeans, miso ranges in color from creamy ivory to earthy black-brown. It can be used many ways in Japanese cooking, but primarily to make a pale gold or deep russet soup. Miso's flavor can also take several different forms, but generally has a salty-sweet taste or even a slight meaty flavor, like beef broth.

Which brings us to Miso Onion Soup. Classic onion soup recipes, like the one in Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, get their flavor from deeply browning the onions, then adding wine and beef broth. By using the same technique for the onions and adding miso, you can make a golden brown, fabulously flavorful onion soup. When I serve this soup topped with the traditional toasted bread and grated Parmesan cheese the few people who notice a difference want the recipe.

Supermarkets offer several kinds of miso. For onion soup, I use brown rice miso (sendai in Japanese) or red (aka) miso. Mellow barley (mugi) miso is good, too. You must cream the miso before adding it to the soup. This simply means combining it in a small bowl with an equal amount of liquid by mashing the miso with the back of a spoon against the side of the bowl until it dissolves.

If you don't cream the miso, it forms tiny balls that never dissolve in the hot liquid. Stored in the refrigerator, miso keeps for a year or more.

Use it to make regular miso soup, and to increase the flavor in other soups and stews.

and stir in. Increase heat and sauté until onions are well browned, about 12 minutes, stirring often with a wooden spoon to scrape up onions as they stick to pot. Remove from heat. Scrape the bottom of the pot vigorously to gather up all the browned bits. Stir mustard and thyme into the broth and add to pot. Add the water. Return heat to high and cook until liquid comes to a boil. Reduce the heat,

partially cover the pot and simmer until the onions are very soft, 30 to 40 minutes.

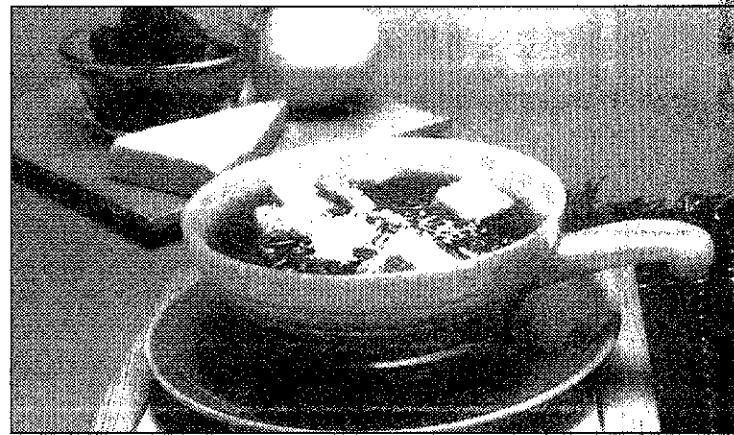
Meanwhile, brush bread on both sides with remaining olive oil. Grill bread or toast it in 400° F. oven. Set aside to cool. When cool, cut into rough cubes with a sharp, serrated knife.

Place the miso in a small bowl. Gradually stir in about 1/2 cup of the soup, mixing until well blended. Stir the mixture into

the soup. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve, ladle soup into deep bowls. Sprinkle top with toasted bread cubes. Sprinkle 1 scant tablespoon cheese on top, if using. Makes 8 servings.

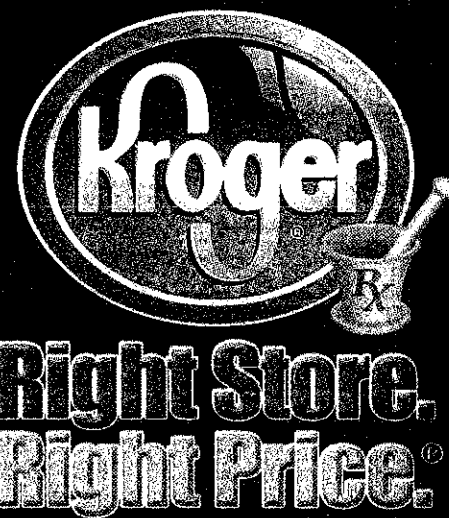
Nutritional information per serving: 124 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 17 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 738 mg. sodium.



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MISO ONION SOUP

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 peeled Spanish onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 3 cups fat-free, reduced sodium beef broth
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 5 cups water
- 1/2 cup brown or red rice miso
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Six 1-inch thick slices whole-wheat Italian bread
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Heat the oil in large Dutch oven or pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, stirring to coat them with oil. Cover tightly, reduce heat to medium low and cook until onions are wilted, about 10 minutes.

Sprinkle sugar over onions

CLARIFICATION

This recipe ran in the Taste section on March 25, but that version omitted the cheese in the instructions. Here is a corrected version.

SPANAKOPITA (SPINACH PIE)

- 2 pounds fresh spinach
- 1 pound sliced green onions
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup dill
- 2 thinly sliced leeks
- 4 eggs
- 1 pound Greek filo
- Greek sea salt or regular salt
- fresh ground pepper
- 1 pound Greek imported feta cheese

Wash the spinach and boil it. Pour spinach in a strainer and strain. Then tear up the spinach in little pieces. Brown the green onions and the leek in a pot using half the olive oil. Turn the burner off and add the eggs, dill, spinach, cheese, salt, and pepper. Oil a sheet pan and open the filo sheets across the pan, about 40 percent of the sheets.

Put the spinach combination over the filo and then place the remaining filo sheets over the spinach. Oil the top and bake in medium (350°) oven for about 1 hour.

Recipe courtesy of Greg Zotos of Livonia.

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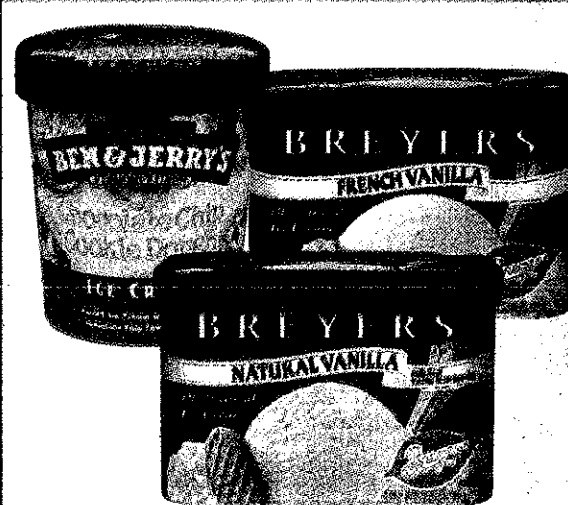
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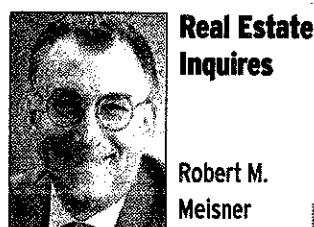
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Real Estate Inquires

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Meisner

Resolve disputes in arbitration

Does Michigan have a stance
about civil arbitration?

Yes. The Michigan courts have favored it for a long time as a method of resolving disputes. Public policy favors arbitration over litigation in the resolution of disputes because the purpose of an arbitration agreement is to avoid protracted litigation. It does not always result in a savings of time but, generally speaking, it is a reasonable alternative.

I am interested in buying an undeveloped parcel of land, but am being encouraged by my attorney to get a survey. Do you think that is necessary?

Generally, you are well-advised to listen to your attorney's advice and in this instance he or she is correct. A survey will be necessary in order for you to determine the exact location of the property that you are purchasing. A survey can resolve any issues concerning boundary and/or fence disputes, among other things, and is extremely important to have.

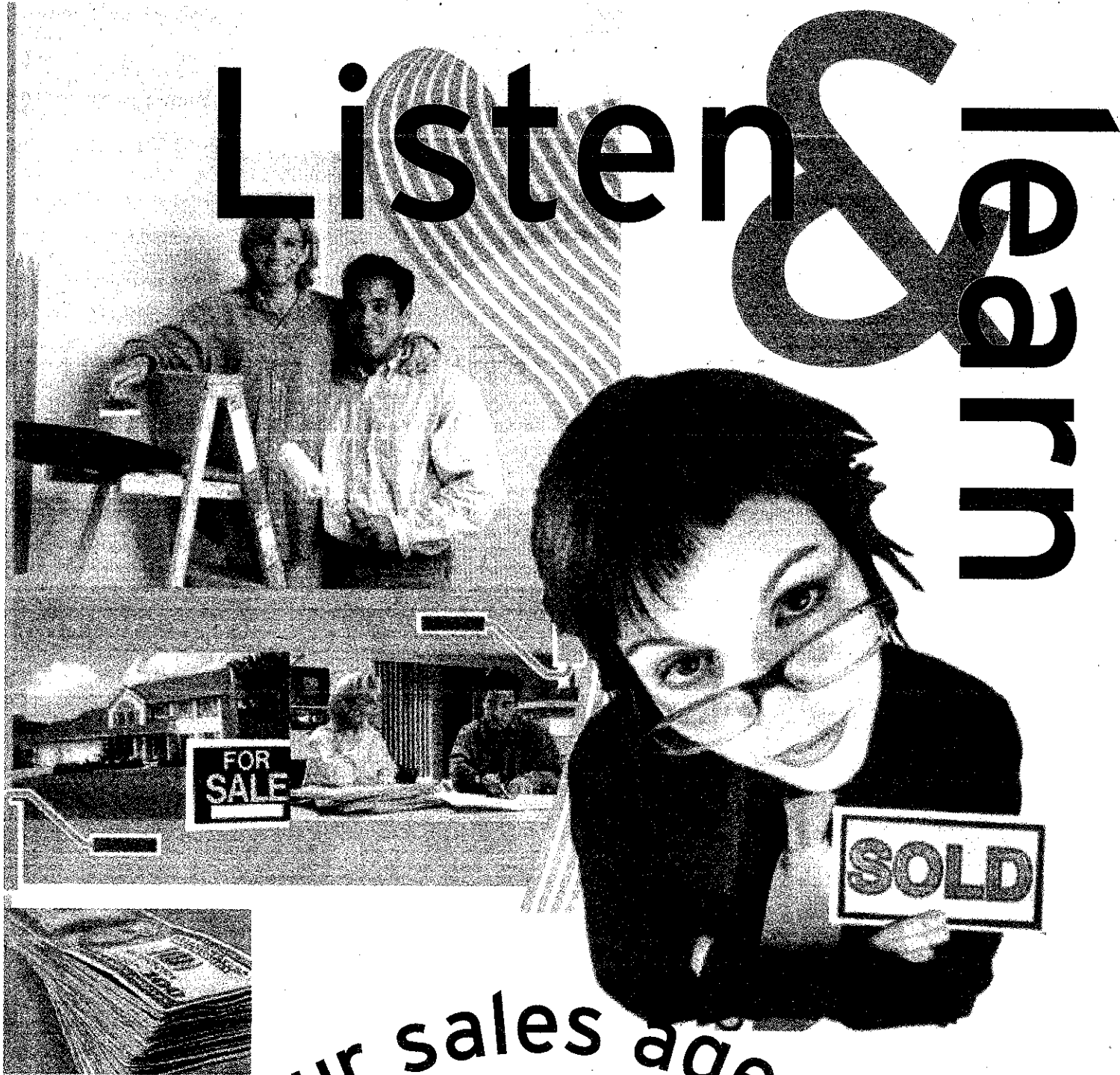
Our association is being required to turn over the books and records to a member who claims that the books and records include ballots. Do you have any comments on that?

It is not clear from the Condominium Act or the Nonprofit Corporation Act whether "ballots" would be records of the association, although there's a good argument that they would be. We recommend to our association clients that they pass a resolution defining what they consider to be books and records of the association, although that may not necessarily have precedential value if the case is contested in court.

We have a new restrictive covenant which we wish to add to our homeowners association's existing covenants, but the covenants state that the owners may only "change or modify the restrictions." Can we add something new to it?

While I would have to look at your documents specifically, it appears that based upon a Colorado Supreme Court case on similar facts, a new restrictive covenant could be added, but you are well-advised to consult with a community association attorney to confirm this result.

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.



Listen & Earn from your sales agent

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

It's after dinner, or Sunday afternoon, or between innings at the ballgame. You and your spouse look at each other and one of you says, "Let's sell the house."

"OK," the other one says. "How do we go about that?"

Of all the ways there are to go about that, the odds are that you'll follow the traditional path, which will lead you to a real estate agent. You'll ask the agent to list the house, meaning offer it for sale.

The very moment you sign the listing agreement, you become the agent's client, an assignment for which you might not have much, if any, training.

Even if you've been involved in a sale previously, procedures and market conditions might have changed since then and your earlier experience could misguide you.

It might help you to know what some agents think are positives and negatives in client conduct.

They want you to listen, ask and learn.

BE REALISTIC

Tom Mines, sales agent, Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester: "We want clients to have a realistic sense of what the home is worth. We want them to be cooperative in terms of marketing efforts such as open houses and advertising. We want them to prepare the house so it shows most attractively."

Pam Dover, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer,

Birmingham: "Listen to the agent's advice," especially about pricing. "It's a matter of market conditions, not what you want or need out of the house. I hear so many times, 'We need this, we want this or we're not going to sell.' They need the money to buy the next home, to move up. Listen to what should be done with your house. Make small repairs ahead of time, fix the chips in the paint or do other types of staging we might suggest. Clean out the clutter."

"Use word of mouth to find a good agent. Someone you're comfortable with, have good chemistry with. Then, have faith in the professional."

Darlene Larsen, sales agent, Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills: "Listen to the Realtor and listen to the data" about the market. "Be realistic."

David Cartwright, sales agent, Riverpointe Realty Walker & Associates, Southfield: "If you're serious about selling, your home has to be priced in the market. If you're high, it's not going to sell. You want the house to be presentable. If you have a lot of clutter, you want to make sure the home has appeal."

DON'T HOP AROUND

Carey Wilhelm, sales agent, Wilhelm & Associates, Clarkston: "Stay with your agent. Don't hop around. Do what I say. I've been doing this for so long I know every hoop that you'll have to jump through. So listen to me."

Brian M. Duggan, president, American Classic Realty, Livonia: "When people come to look at your house 'don't follow them around and don't

RESOURCES

- Vincent M. Brennan, Remerica Realty Professionals, (248) 476-5300
- David Cartwright, Riverpointe Realty Walker & Associates, (248) 354-1500
- Lynn DeJohn, Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, (734) 451-5400
- Pam Dover, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, (248) 642-2400
- Brian M. Duggan, American Classic Realty, (734) 591-1900
- Laura Knuth, Knuth & Associates, (734) 261-0920
- Darlene Larsen, Cranbrook Associates, (248) 647-0100
- Tom Mines, Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, (248) 652-7700
- Carey Wilhelm, Wilhelm & Associates, (248) 625-9500

talk to them.

"If the agent asks you a question, just answer" quickly.

"Don't point out the wonderful shelves you built beneath the stairs.

"Maybe the buyer doesn't want a lot of yard to take care of, but the seller doesn't know that. Seller says, 'Wait until you see our big backyard.' No sale."

Laura Knuth, sales agent,

Knuth & Associates, Garden City: "It's all about good communication through the entire situation. When we go to someone's house, we bring a lot of information and it can put things on a bad note if you don't understand."

"Ask questions."

Lynn DeJohn, sales agent, Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth: "We have to know what their specific needs are. How quickly do they need to have the home sold?"

Sometimes we can't get the money they need. We interpret the market, giving the sellers information on home values. We interpret feedback from buyers and give advice. About price adjustment. Or storing some belongings.

"Sellers sometimes think that if we just advertise more the house will sell. You must have realistic expectations. It's difficult if the seller refuses to cooperate or loses trust in us. The seller must be clear about things. And honest. Just switching agents won't change anything."

Vincent M. Brennan, sales agent, Remerica Realty Professionals, Farmington Hills: "If there's any lack of confidence or distrust, you shouldn't have selected me. Get referrals and research the referrals to choose an agent. Come to the office and talk about selling houses. But most sellers just say, 'Come to the house and tell us how much we can get.'"

"Don't focus on the mechanical issues of selling. 'Where are you going to advertise? What's the color of your sign? What time do you show houses?' You hire a professional to do the right thing"

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo'
Phillips



A loan for all seasons

Before your financial planner develops a strategy for your family, he will likely have you answer a battery of questions related to your fiscal objectives. He will find out where you have been and where you are going, then outline a road map for you to get to your destination.

A good adviser will always consider your age, your risk tolerance and your desired outcome as he assists you. Generally, a younger person has less disposable income than a middle-aged person, but can accept a little more risk. An elderly person would normally have a higher net worth than would a newlywed, but would require more security. A two-income family with no children would have different short- and long-term needs than would a family of six.

MATCH OBJECTIVES

A financial planner's true value comes in being able to determine what investment strategies best match your family's objectives. There is no single strategy that fits every family all the time.

A moderate-risk growth portfolio may best suit a younger couple, while a low-risk, high-income plan may better suit a retiree.

Similarly, there is no single mortgage that suits all people at all times. Young borrowers with little cash or with no established credit may need a "starter loan" that simply gets them into a home of their own. A married couple with a growing family may need a low-cost mortgage that will allow them to get a bigger home without taking much cash out of pocket. A senior borrower may wish to sell their multi-bedroom home to have more spending money and fewer homeowner responsibilities.

APPROPRIATE

As with your financial plan, there is a mortgage plan that is most appropriate for your situation. A 30-year fixed-rate mortgage may not be your best option. Paying (or not paying) a discount point or two may be an appropriate tradeoff for a better interest rate. A five-year adjustable-rate mortgage with no prepayment penalty may be all you need to reduce your monthly payments during difficult financial times.

Make your life easier and more profitable. Solicit expert advice, if possible, and make your mortgage selection prudently.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy™ archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Table with columns for city, address, sale price, and listing agent. Cities include Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Westland, and others.

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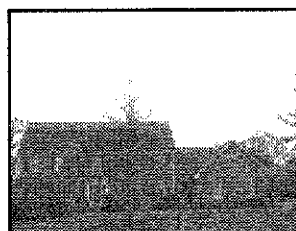
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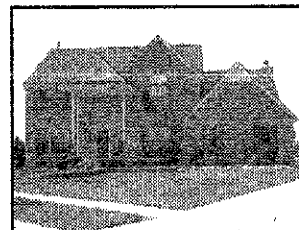
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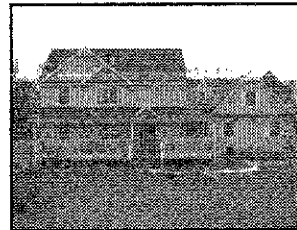
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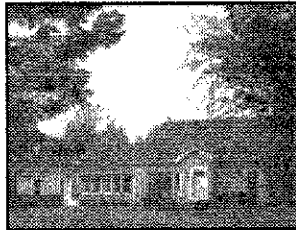
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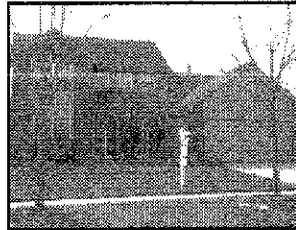
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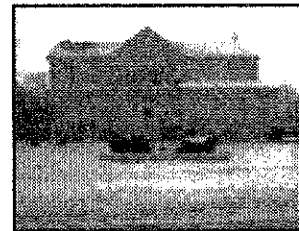
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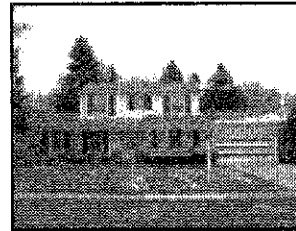
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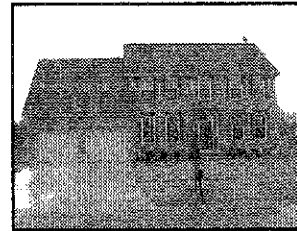
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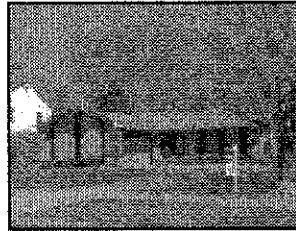
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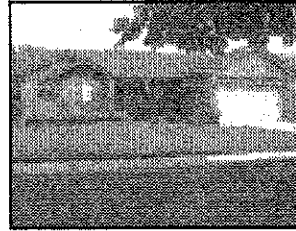
LIVONIA \$285,000
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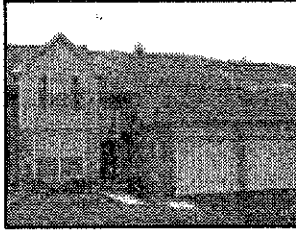
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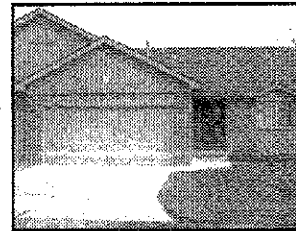
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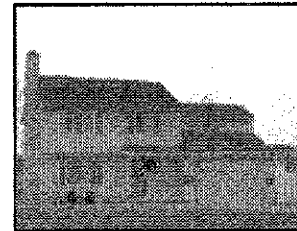
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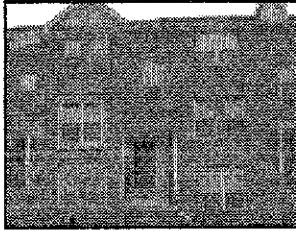
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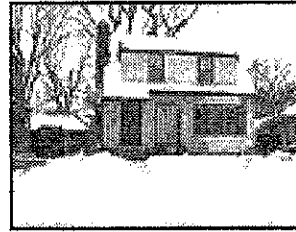
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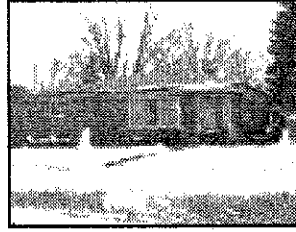
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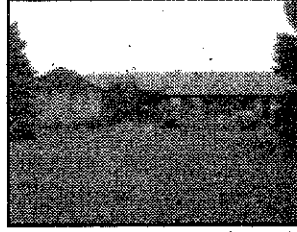
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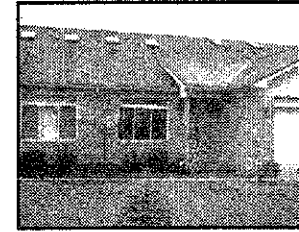
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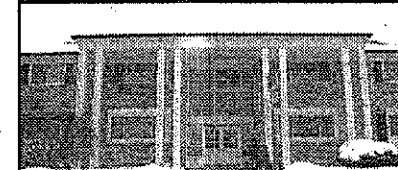
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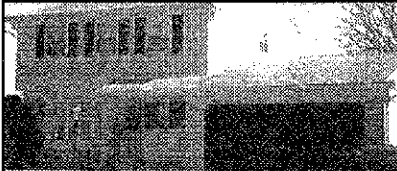
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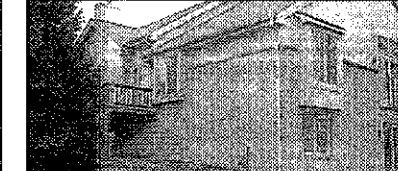
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NOVI Excellent Buy
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath 2-story offers a popular floor plan w/kit open to FR. Fireplace, library/office, cath ceilings, LR and DR, MBR suite w/WIC & bath. FFL, premium sized lot, side entry gar & multi-tiered deck.
(E83FAL) 248-349-5600 \$345,900



NOVI Rare 4 Bedroom Ranch
Rossi ranch best of everything - quality ceramic, crown molding, 4 bedrooms, family room w/fireplace, formal living room & dining room. Newer kitchen counters, partially finished basement & much more.
(E62ROX) 248-349-5600 \$364,900



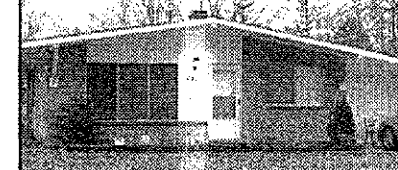
DETROIT Great 1st Home
Nicely updated 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch. Newer 2003 roof, kitchen w/newer oak cabinets & vinyl floor. 1.5 car garage. Security system. Fenced yard.
(E40MON) 734-455-5600 \$89,900



WOODHAVEN Excellent Location
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/fireplace, lots of storage.
(E67CAB) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



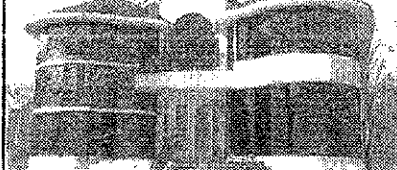
PLYMOUTH Up North Feeling
Great family home w/4 spacious bedrooms, hardwood floors, large kitchen, 2 fireplaces, attached garage, partially finished basement, large deck, large tree lot in quiet neighborhood.
(E49PRI) 734-455-5600 \$245,000



WESTLAND Great Starter Home
3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Large eat-in kitchen w/ceramic tile. First floor laundry. Large fenced in yard. Neutral throughout. Newer carpet. Newer roof - 5 years. Large fenced in yard.
(E36FOR) 248-349-5600 \$120,000



NOVI Outstanding Inside & Out
4 BR, 2.5 BA home has bright & airy floor plan that includes beautiful kitchen w/maple cabs, center island & breakfast nook. Family room w/frpic, first floor laundry formal DR w/French doors & more. MBR w/WIC
(E06SAN) 248-349-5600 \$374,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD 2 Story Contemporary
Custom built 2003 home w/Pine Lake frontage. 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, frpics, LR, DR, FR library, very open floor plan, granite floors, countertops, custom design kit, w-large 1.5 car gar, circle drive w/brick paver walkway.
(E80OCR) 734-455-5600 \$1,960,000



DEARBORN Perfect Starter
Sharp all brick home sitting on a corner lot. Berber carpet throughout, ceramic tile kitchen floor w/oak cabinets, newer windows, C/A, steel doors, partially finished basement & more.
(E25OUT) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



LIVONIA Updated Livonia Colonial
4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, fireplace in FR, 6 panel doors. Merrilat country, finished basement. New hot water heater '02, freshly painted, C/A, 2 car attached garage, fenced yard. Home Warranty.
(E26HIX) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



SOUTH LYON Custom Built
Hurry, still time to make selections. 4 spacious BR's, 3 full & 2 half baths. 3+ car side entry garage. Golf course community. Walk-out lower level. Corner lot in great neighborhood. Builder: less only top quality materials.
(E01GRE) 248-349-5600 \$504,900



NORTHVILLE Perfect Condo
Spacious & sharp 3 BR 1.5 BA w/neutral beauty, fenced patio, overlooks community. Includes 2 pools/lake w/beach, tennis, sauna, water, gas included & more.
(E57SAV) 248-349-5600 \$166,900



PLYMOUTH Great Starter Home
Walk to downtown or Hines Park. Vaulted ceilings, large kitchen w/eat-in area, gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry & appliances. Updated roof, windows, furnace, doors, carpet & washer & dryer.
(E15GAR) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



ALLEN PARK A Great Place To Start
Very cute 2 bedroom ranch w/2.5 car garage, huge attic for your storage. Decorated nicely & very clean. Close to all your needs, shopping, schools, freeway & parks. Home warranty.
(E44ARL) 734-455-5600 \$88,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Great Value
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/large covered porch. Covered ceilings in LR & DR. Plenty of windows & storage. C/A, finished basement, w/FR & separate den or office. Fenced yard w/2 car garage. Home warranty.
(E95ARN) 248-349-5600 \$142,900



SOUTH LYON Location, Location, Location!
3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/remodeled kitchen & baths. Most apps stay. Neatly landscaped, family community, fenced yard, newer roof, furnace, HWH, C/A, 2 car garage. Close to shopping, parks, schools & churches.
(E36HAR) 248-349-5600 \$195,900



CLAWSON Beautifully Updated
This is a showplace - updated baths & kitchen. Awesome open floor plan w/spacious bedrooms. Vaulted ceilings, custom moldings & lighting. Newer apps included: if you like pottery barn, you'll love this!
(E44SCH) 248-349-5600 \$234,900



CANTON Very Open Cape Cod
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/great room w/built-in entertainment center & frpic. Master suite is spacious w/glass block bath. Updates: roof, furn, HWH, skylights & Pergo floor. Part finished basement, 2 car att garage.
(E70COL) 734-455-5600 \$244,900



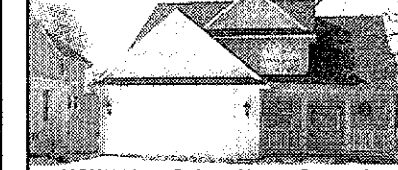
CANTON Perfect Setting
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/updated siding, trim, windows & kitchen. Family room w/natural brick fireplace & newer doorwall leading to patio. Partially finished basement + 2.5 car garage.
(E76ORH) 734-455-5600 \$192,900



LIVONIA Cute & Cozy
Ranch home w/hardwood floors, fin basement w/wet bar & full bath. Newer windows, gutter, glass block windows, blinds, screened in porch, shed, built-in oven & range. Newer refrigerator. Professionally landscaped.
(E44ANT) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



NOVI Vista Hills Colonial
Wonderful immaculate 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. 2-story living room w/ba beautiful fireplace. Professionally painted. Master suite w/WIC. Wonderful landscaping. A turnkey home.
(E65HEA) 248-349-5600 \$355,000



HOWELL Quiet - New - Convenient
Spectacular McPherson addition sub. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2.5 car gar. Corian kit, deck, ceramic tile in kit & foyer. FFL first floor master, frpic in GR. Daylight bsmt plumbed. All newer window treatments. Dovetailed oak kit cabs.
(E10STA) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



REDFORD Corner Wooded Lot
Very clean very nice original owner. Updates: roof, furnace, C/A, humidifier, BB win, kitchen, bath, win, concrete, carpet. Well maintained. Hardwood floors, 2.5 car garage, lg master BR, all apps. Home warranty.
(E88IND) 734-455-5600 \$142,900



TAYLOR Newer Condo Great Price
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 story stone front end unit in gated community built in 2000. All appliances & close to x-way, shopping & airport. Bring offers!
(E65TER) 734-455-5600 \$84,500



HOWELL Sprawling Ranch
Private setting on approximately 1 acre for this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch. Huge w/o LL w/large rec room and extra room, perfect for a home office or playroom, 1st floor master & laundry.
(E61BON) 248-349-5600 \$264,900



NORTHVILLE Move Right In
3 BR, 3.5 BA condo. Lg eat-in kitchen w/island & all apps. Formal dining room. BR w/fireplace. Wonderful finished basement w/full bath. Pool & clubhouse. 2 car attached garage. Northville Schools.
(E77MUI) 248-349-5600 \$269,500



LIVONIA Be The First To See
This well kept ranch on oversized lot in area of higher priced homes. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, warm neutral decor, beautiful updated kit w/all appliances, super fin rec room w/4th BR & deluxe workshop, deck, 2 car gar.
(E12SUR) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



WESTLAND Wooded & Private
2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, great room w/gas fireplace, first floor laundry, professionally finished basement, deck, wooded & fenced common area, attached garage & private entrance.
(E33PHE) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



REDFORD Well Maintained Ranch
Updated 3 bedroom home w/2.5 car mechanics dream garage & basement. Updated furnace, C/A, electric, copper plumbing & 3-D shingles. All appliances stay.
(E76BRA) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



WESTLAND Ranch Condo On Quiet Court
2 bedroom, 2 bath w/2 car garages & full basement. First floor laundry, neutral carpet & walls. Ceramic tile in foyer & vaulted great room ceiling. Eating area in kitchen w/white cabs. Walk-in closet & deck.
(E92CON) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



GREEN OAK TWP. Crooked Lake Condo
55+ community offers this 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1-story w/Florida room, single car garage, large kitchen & extra craft room in lower level. Clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake.
(E91NAN) 248-349-5600 \$139,000



NORTHVILLE This One's A Solid 10+++
This beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has been recently upgraded & decorated. Features include a newer roof & windows, FFL, huge family room w/frpic, MBR ste w/cath ceiling & bath, lib, fin LL & hwd frs.
(E51WAT) 248-349-5600 \$398,900



PLYMOUTH A Pleasure To Show
Many major updates within 6 months! 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/refinished hwd fr in LR & master bedroom. FR w/natural fireplace, newer windows & doorwall, freshly painted t/o, 2.5 car gar & part fin bsmt.
(E97MIC) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



CANTON Curb Appeals + Many Updates
Hardwood floors in LR & BRs. Kit has newer neut cabs w/built-in apple & pantry. Dining area opens to FR w/nat frpic & newer doorwall to patio. Newer vinyl windows, roof, C/A & entry doors, fin bsmt w/5 bath, 2.5 car gar.
(E76HIL) 734-455-5600 \$185,000



NORTHVILLE Super Curb Appeal
Fabulous decor, great tree lot & open fir plan. Winding staircase, hrdwd frs, GR w/gas frpic. Kit w/desk, island, lg brfst nook & white cabs. Huge master ste w/WVIC & gla bath. FFL, 3.5 car side entry gar. Transfers perfect.
(E01DAN) 248-349-5600 \$479,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Detached Condo
Decorator perfect - move-in condition. 2 BR, library, 2 BA detached ranch condo has it all. From the elaborate crown moldings, to the Corian counters & hardwood flooring to the soaring high ceilings. Backs to woods.
(E71PLY) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



NORTHVILLE Charming
Walk to town from your dream home. Relax on your new front porch - Trex made BBQ on your cedar deck. 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 full updated baths. Beautiful hwd floors. Newer carpet. Freshly painted. Awesome
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NORTHVILLE \$629,900
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, grand foyer w/wh firs extending to gourmet kit & nook. Kit has granite isl, 42 inch cabs. FR has a bay, soaring ceiling & balcony. Much more! (D44243)

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NOVI \$629,000
MADISON HOMES PRESENTS NEW COLONIAL! New const, you choose cabinets, counters & flooring! 3600 SF w/4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, w/o bsmt, granite kit, 2/FPs, 2/furns & 2/AC units. Buy now & make selections. (08ARG2)

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PLYMOUTH \$405,000
ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! Luxurious living- featuring 1st flr master ste, 1st flr laundry, full fin bsmt, 3 full baths, lawn & snow maintenance included. Call now for more details! (23W12232)

734-455-7000



CANTON \$399,900
DECORATED TO PERFECTION! 4 BR, 2.5 BA col. 2 story foyer, formal LR & DR, gourmet kit, mstr ste & bath, 1st flr laundry. Upgrades galore. X-large corner lot. Walk to Dodson elemen. (23W160)

734-455-7000



COMMERCE \$376,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Up north feeling just minutes from city conveniences. Country site lot filled with trees & perennials. A traditional 4 BR tudor completes the picture. (M4225)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$364,900
JUST LISTED Fabulous private setting backing to protected woodlands & pond accent this 1995 built colonial. Move in condition, prof fin lower level, Novi schools & more. (A43352)

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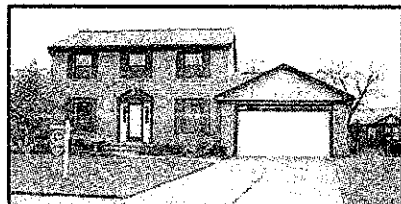
FARMINGTON HILLS \$339,900
2000 BUILT HOME SITS ON 1.25 ACRES. 2000 sq. ft., custom tile in foyer & kitchen, neutral decor. Part of lot is wooded with stream. (M29551)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$319,900
NOVI'S BEST BUY! Light, spacious, open colonial in popular family neighborhood. Great room/Kitchen combo, private study, Northville schools. Agent/Owner. Hurry on this one! (24028312)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$299,900
JUST LISTED Laurel Park colonial on one of the largest lots in sub. Original owners have maintained and updated thru-out. (B37497)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$299,900
CUSTOM BUILT 2 YR OLD CAPE COD 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1st flr mstr ste w/jacuzzi tub & WIC, lg kit w/ceramic flrs, 1st flr laundry & office, GR w/cath ceiling & gas FP, 2.5 car attd garage. (T15222)

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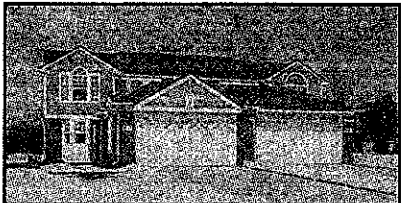
NOVI \$265,900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! Fully updated colonial. Novi schools, exterior redone & most flooring. Over 2100 sq ft, finished basement, neutral decor throughout. Original owner! (23S22637)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$264,900
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner 4 bedroom Northville beauty! Quality updates have been maintained. Two baths, cozy fireplace, home office and a lovely private yard. (32LAN2)

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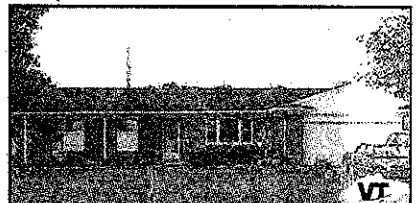
CANTON \$239,900
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 2 BRs, 2 1/2 BAs, MB W/sitting area, ceramic bath. Hrdwd Flrs in Kit, Foyer, 1st Flr Laundry, full Bsmt, 12x12 Deck, 2 Car Att Garage. Close to downtown Plymouth. (C876)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$239,900
VERY CLEAN & CARED FOR - DON'T WAIT! 3BR colonial, newer Wallside windows, updated main bath, all flooring in great shape & neutral. Hrdwd foyer, masonry FP in FR, 1st flr laundry, bay wndw in DR. (T7082)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$234,900
CUSTOM RANCH W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS On large lot, 3 bdms w/many updates, custom oak kit, formal DR, ceramic tiled FR w/ FP. Full bsmt, covered patio w/hot tub, newer windows, 2 1/2 car att garage. (P346)

734-326-2000



NOVI \$227,900
GREAT NOVI LOCATION - 2 CAR HEATED GARAGE Nicely decorated & well maintained. Light, bright & neutral decor. Lg family rm w/m fireplace. Great fenced yard. Club house & pool available in sub. (60CRA2)

248-348-6430



CANTON \$215,000
UPDATES! UPDATES! UPDATES GALORE! This terrific Canton contemporary has brand spanking new crpt, kit appls & cabs, gar door, des'gner neut paint, light fixtures & more! Don't wait, call today! (23M1743)

734-455-7000



CANTON \$214,900
CHARMING SPACIOUS COLONIAL very open flr plan, huge eat-in custom kit, lg LR, formal DR, mstr BR w/WIC & access to BA. Newer fr, wndws, furn, c/a. Great lot w/patio & child's play gym. (F43438)

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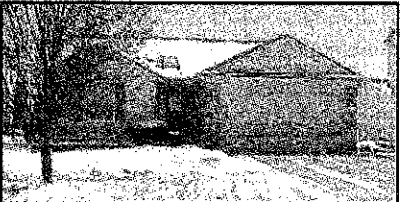
LIVONIA \$209,900
LOOKING FOR A BIG HOUSE FOR THE MONEY? 2169 sq. ft., 4 bedroom home in Livonia's "States Streets" subdivision. Roof, wndws, A/C and much more are newer. (M31845)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$204,900
4 BR BUNGALOW IN OLD ROSEDALE IN LIVONIA Great updates and beautifully maintained. 2 car detached garage. In the middle of the sub. Just listed! (B9910)

734-591-9200



YPSILANTI \$199,900
BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY RANCH Great 3 br, 3 bath home built in 94. HWD floor in foyer. GR w/cozy FP, 1st flr laun. fin bsmt w/FR, den and 3rd bath 2 car att gar. Lg deck off great room. (13IND2)

248-348-6430



CANTON \$198,500
SELL THE LAWNMOWER! Easy living describes this 2 BR, 2.5 BA Townhome in Canton. GR w/ gas trpic, kitchen w/appliances. Formal DR, full bsmt. 2 car gar, nice deck. Backs to pond. (23O1926)

734-455-7000



NOVI \$197,900
A WELL CARED FOR HOME! A perfect blend of comfortable living in this nice 3 BR ranch. Formal LR & DR, cozy KIT w/all appl, nice patio and fenced yard. (82LEB2)

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NORTHVILLE \$185,000
JEWEL OF COUNTRY PLACE 1650 sq ft condo has updates galore. Oversized LR w/WBFP. Fin bsmt w/dry sauna. Patio & many extras! Ready for you to move in! (18GLE02)

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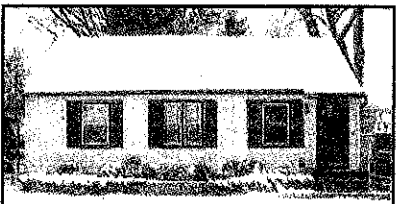
ROYAL OAK \$178,000
THIS HOME IS A PERFECT 10! Everything is New & Updated. No work to be done. Fresh paint, new Kitchen, new bath, carpet, roof, windows. Doors & floors! New! (D713)

734-326-2000



NORTHVILLE \$177,500
NORTHVILLE CONDO-GREAT LOCATION! 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, 1st flr laundry, 2 car att. garage & over 1700 sq ft. LR has natural frpl & formal DR. Many rooms freshly painted. Close to schools & shopping! (26CH2)

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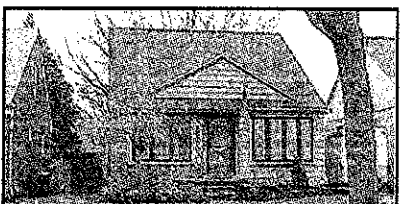
ROYAL OAK \$159,900
MOVE IN CONDITION RANCH! All fixed up and ready to go. Updates include roof, wndws, tile floors. Oak kitchen with custom wndw, finished bsmt has fam rm & den. 2 car gar, minutes to downtown. (13FER2)

248-348-6430



GARDEN CITY \$164,900
CLEAN AS IT CAN BE Over 1,300 Sq Ft, 3 BRs 2 full baths W/ Oak kit cabs, Pantry & snack bar, Lg Dining area, FR with deck, C/A, Finished bsmt. 2 car garage W/ electric door & opener. (G814)

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DEARBORN \$159,000
OUTSTANDING LOCATION! Open & airy 3 bedroom bungalow. Cove ceilings, huge master, sky lite, 2.5 car garage with workshop. Most appliances included. (01NEW2)

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LIVONIA \$153,000
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWSTHROUGHOUT Tastefully decorated with an open floor plan. Lots of updates, newer windows, newer deck, newer kitchen, newer roof, 1.5 car garage, 1 year home warranty. (A15101)

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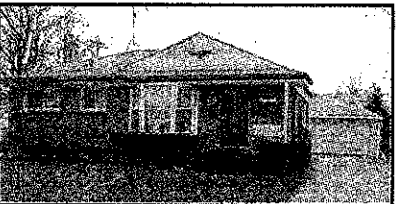
GARDEN CITY \$150,000
LOOKS NICE FEELS RIGHT Buyers who want a well manicured home in nice area. Close to park & schools, new roof, vinyl windows, brick paver patio, part finished bsmt, 2.5 car garage. (F230)

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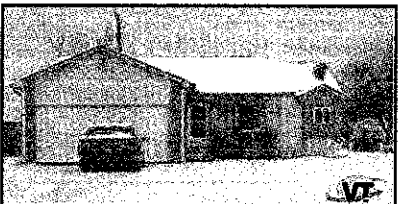
WESTLAND \$149,900
UPDATED 3BR RANCH BACKING TO GOLF COURSE Everthing's been updated in last 4 yrs! All newer eat-in kit plus appls, updated BA, refin hrdwd flr in LR & Dr, fenced dbl lot & patio. Lg open rms & gar. Must see! (06BIR2)

248-348-6430



WESTLAND \$146,000
SEASONED WITH LOVE AND CARE This three bedroom, two bath brick ranch features hardwood floors, finished basement and a 2.5 car garage. You'll love the new brick paver patio. (A 322)

734-326-2000



WAYNE \$139,900
BEAUTY, WARMTH, VALUE Flowing open floor plan in this 1996 3 BRs, 2 Baths, with Great Room, Lovely Oak kitchen, Decks front & rear. Neutral colors, 2 car garage. Shows well. (A324)

248-348-6430



GARDEN CITY \$136,900
CUTE AS A BUTTON! Open floor plan allows for great natural lighting in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. New carpet & flooring t.o. Huge partly finished basement. (23K33111)

734-455-7000



CANTON \$132,000
SUPER SHARP CONDO! Popular end upper unit with vaulted ceilings, lg open kitchen with snack bar area, master ste w/prvt bath. This one is in move-in condition! (L42575)

734-591-9200



DEARBORN \$124,900
GREAT PLACE TO START! Don't wait, buy this lovely 2 BR, 1 BA bungalow, LR & DR, Kit w/ appls. Finished attic-playroom. Neut crptg, almost finished crptd bsmt. 2 car detached gar. (23P2750)

734-455-7000



WAYNE \$104,900
GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided Bungalow, 2 bedrooms with a possible third, 10 x 10 barn-style shed, large covered patio overlooking deep lot, 150+ feet, hurry! (J445)

734-326-2000



DETROIT \$95,000
COZY WARRENDALE BUNGALOW Many updates in this 3 BR, 1 BA home incl: furn, hwh, c/a, elect, roof, ceramic tile, and all appliances. 2 car gar w/elec & heat. Walking dis to elem school. Home Warranty. (60BRA2)

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INKSTER \$55,000
A GREAT HOME FOR ONLY 55,000! With a little TLC this could be your amazing new home! 3 Bedrooms & separate dining area. Full Basement for all your storage needs. New roof, Hardwood floors. (M325)

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REDFORD \$299,900
GOLF COURSE & COUNTRY CLUB SETTING accent this custom bilt & completely updated home. Almost 3000 SF, 3.5 BAs, 2 FP's, huge kit, private lot, bsmt, & 2 car garage. FR w/wet bar & more. M15033

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GREEN OAK \$297,900
WHITMORE BAY QUAL. NEW CONSTRUCTION! 15 lots available. Lake access, dock available (included in price). Great amenities include granite in kit, master ste w/WIC and garden tub. Starting in 200's. (00WH12)

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NORTHVILLE \$205,000
LEXINGTON COMMONS CONDO Comfort & convenience at a great price! 3 BRs, 2 full & 2 half BAs, spacious rms thru-out, lower level is a fin walk-out, 2 car attd garage. Immediate occupancy. (R826)

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BRIGHTON \$199,900
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES Backing to Shenandoah Sub. Wooded, Hartland Schools. Great for small development, private estate. Convenient to Brighton, Expressways! (23US2)

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WESTLAND \$189,900
GREAT WESTLAND LOCATION! Lovely updated 4 bedroom colonial. Attractive kitchen with new appliances. Windows & roof updated. Nicely landscaped, backyard with garden area. 2.5 car garage. (23B440)

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received from department per-
sonnel; dispatching police, fire
and rescue to respective
requests; assisting citizens with
requests for information or
complaints; monitoring local
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operating emergency notifica-
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other various duties associat-
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Candidates must successfully
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background investigation,
psychological, and physical.
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**PUBLIC SAFETY
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Canton Township is accepting
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management of individuals in
custody and other related
duties. Rotating shifts.
\$32,312-\$41,523/yr.
Preference will be given to
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Testing process will include
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board and psychological
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Township Human Resources
Division, 1150 S. Canton
Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.
An application form is also
available on the Canton
Township website at
www.canton-mi.org
Job description will be posted
at the Township Administration
Building. All applicants must
complete a Canton Township
application form in its entirety
and be received by Canton
Township Human Resources
prior to 4pm, April 12, 2004.
Resumes will not be accepted
without completed written
application form. Written and
physical agility testing will be
conducted on April 30, 2004.
The Charter Township of
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LEGAL SECRETARY Good pay, excellent benefits, established law firm 14 Mile & Southfield Rd. 2 yrs. legal exp. req. 70 w/m, non-smoking, good grammar, math skills & spelling. Email resume: mike@bucklesmg.com

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LEGAL SECRETARY Part-time, 20 hrs/wk, flexible hrs. Non-smoking office, small litigation practice. Fax resume to: (734) 416-8366.

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OFFICE ASSISTANT PART-TIME. Successful candidate will assist in all areas of sales process. Excel and Word experience required. Please fax resume to Account Manager at 888-263-6006.

OFFICE CLERICAL Downtown Royal Oak property management co seeks full time exp. individual. Accuracy, speed & proficiency in Microsoft Office is essential. Fax resume 248-999-9975 or email to: marilyn@oakridgemgt.com

Office Coordinator/Assistant Top producing realtor seeking full time motivated, positive assistant. Salary based on experience/skills. Communication skills, computer skills and ability to work alone or as a team are a must! Must have reliable transportation to Northville office. No benefits offered. Please email resume to: jimolinson88@hotmail.com or call Jamie at: (248) 347-3050 ext. 431

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Office help needed part-time in Novi real estate office. 3-4 days. Flexible possible. Computer skills necessary. 248-247-6141.

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The 2004 Pontiac GTO

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Review by Dale Buss

With the 2004 Pontiac GTO, General Motors has revived one of the original muscle cars of the Sixties. And while product handlers did an excellent job of bringing back the "muscle," they could have done a little bit more with the "car" - at least when it came to the increasingly important element of external styling.

But in a way, knocking the lack of a breathtaking design is almost picking at nits with this car. This new GTO is *all* about what happens when you take off in the GTO - a perfect illustration of head-snapping - and the perfect exhilaration of being in any compartment attached to the 350-horsepower, modified Corvette V8 engine that powers this car. With the GTO, everything is so much about the engine that the vehicle is offered only in one version - one level of options and trim, and certainly one powerplant, for a suggested retail price of about \$33,000.

Pontiac rolled back the clock with this car and finally brought out of hibernation the GTO brand that was such a glorious hallmark for the division the Sixties. The GTO legend began in 1964, when Pontiac offered a GTO option package to buyers of its Tempest and LeMans models. It became so popular that Pontiac made the GTO its own model, competing for a whole generation of young men along with the Ford Mustang.

After a few years, however, during the era of gasoline "crises," pollution controls and government-mandated bumpers, GM watered down the GTO concept to the point where the 1974 version was based on the anemic Chevrolet Nova and had only 200 horsepower. Through the next generation of automotive consumers and the next several generations of automobiles, GM allowed the GTO moniker to rest.



The 2004 Pontiac GTO is all about power!

Until now, GM selected a rear-wheel-drive vehicle that is built by its Holden subsidiary in Australia, known there as the Monaro CV8, as the basis for the GTO. (An earlier version of the Monaro actually appeared in the vehicle-obsessed movie *Mad Max*.) Clearly, GM executives coveted for America the 350-horsepower, 5.7-liter V8 that can go from zero to 60 miles per hour in just 5.3 seconds and run the quarter mile in under 13.8 seconds, at 105 mph. The car comes in either a six-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission. And it gets decent mileage, 18 mpg in the city and 29 on the highway, despite all those horses.

The GTO's focus on the engine is well deserved. In the six-speed version that I drove, pull-away from a standing stop was gloriously quick and powerful, more impressive than any other vehicle I have reviewed in the last year or so except maybe the Audi TT Coupe. Far from being light and effortless, shifting took some effort and some skill, but only an amount that seemed fitting to an engine with that kind of power. Best of all, the engine emitted a highly satisfying, complementary growl; GM says that the performance-tuned dual exhaust system was developed after modeling the sound of the original 1964 GTO. In any event, it served to remind driver, passengers and onlookers that this was a car entirely about speed and power.

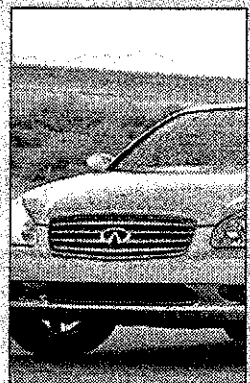
Which brings us to the styling. A few things about the GTO's exterior are impressive, such as the 17-inch alloy wheels and performance tires that are matched to a fully independent suspension. But while the styling itself could be generously described as "taut" or "lean," I didn't find either adjective appropriate. To me, the GTO was simply non-descript, with nothing in particularly outstanding about its modified wedge shape. I'm not sure why GM didn't put more into the styling of this vehicle or, alternatively, why GM designers found this satisfactory. It's a big black mark for the car but certainly not a fatal one.

They made up for much of the external blandness with a marvelous interior that includes a satin-finish steering wheel, race-inspired metallic pedals, four leather bucket seats that are firm yet soft and can be color-coordinated with the vehicle's exterior color, a six-disc CD changer and 10-speaker sound system, and a host of other features. The only real complaints I had about the interior were how low the ceiling was and how slowly the power front seats moved forward and back to accommodate entry and exit by rear passengers.

But like its original version, the new GTO is all about power. And on that most significant count, this car came through with a checkered flag. Write Dale at dalebuss@aol.com.

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