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Voice of Canton

There's a new voice and face - but a familiar one - manning the switchboard and greeting visitors to the Canton Administration Building. Phyllis Redfern, who's been active in the Plymouth-Canton area for years, is the new voice of Canton, replacing longtime receptionist Doris Kelley, who retired in January after 34 years with the township. Redfern, who was general manager for the old Plymouth/Canton Community Crier for 16 years, served as general manager of Specialty Communications, a subsidiary of the Observer & Eccentric, for about eight years.

She also worked with St. Joseph Hospital for about a year and with the American Cancer Society. She began working for the township March 29.

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Ryan recommends fall bond issue

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Voters residing in the Plymouth-Canton school district could be asked this fall to approve \$112.5 million in bonds to, in part, construct a new middle school in Canton.

In a letter to the board of education, Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan suggests trustees consider holding a late September or early October bond election to include an elementary school that can hold 750 students; \$91 million to attack a "needs" list

of work needed at school buildings, which was recently revealed by a bond steering committee; and more than \$7.8 million to install air-conditioning in buildings that don't have air.

Ryan is also recommending the renewal of the 18-mill, non-

homestead millage for five years, which generates \$27 million for the district.

As for the construction of a new middle school, Ryan is suggesting the board hold off on a bond issue relating to Central Middle School for two years, after which he recommends a

bond issue that would pay to construct a new middle school in Canton, as well as for relocation of the Starkweather (adult education) and Tanger (special education) programs.

Ryan, in his letter, is also

PLEASE SEE BOND, A8



Jason Conner grades the infield at Griffin Park. He and another crew member prepared the diamond for a Monday night baseball game.

Cutting a path

Canton crew prepares parks for warmer weather and sun

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

While the weather is trying to decide if it wants to be winter or spring, Abe Vinitzki's crew is preparing Canton's parks for warm breezes and sunshine.

"We gear up so people can get out on their Easter break," said Vinitzki, Canton park supervisor.

Once Easter comes and goes, you'll hear the buzz of lawn mowers as Vinitzki's nine-member full-time crew cuts the grass in the township's seven major

parks, cemeteries, the Summit on the Park and Cherry Hill Village.

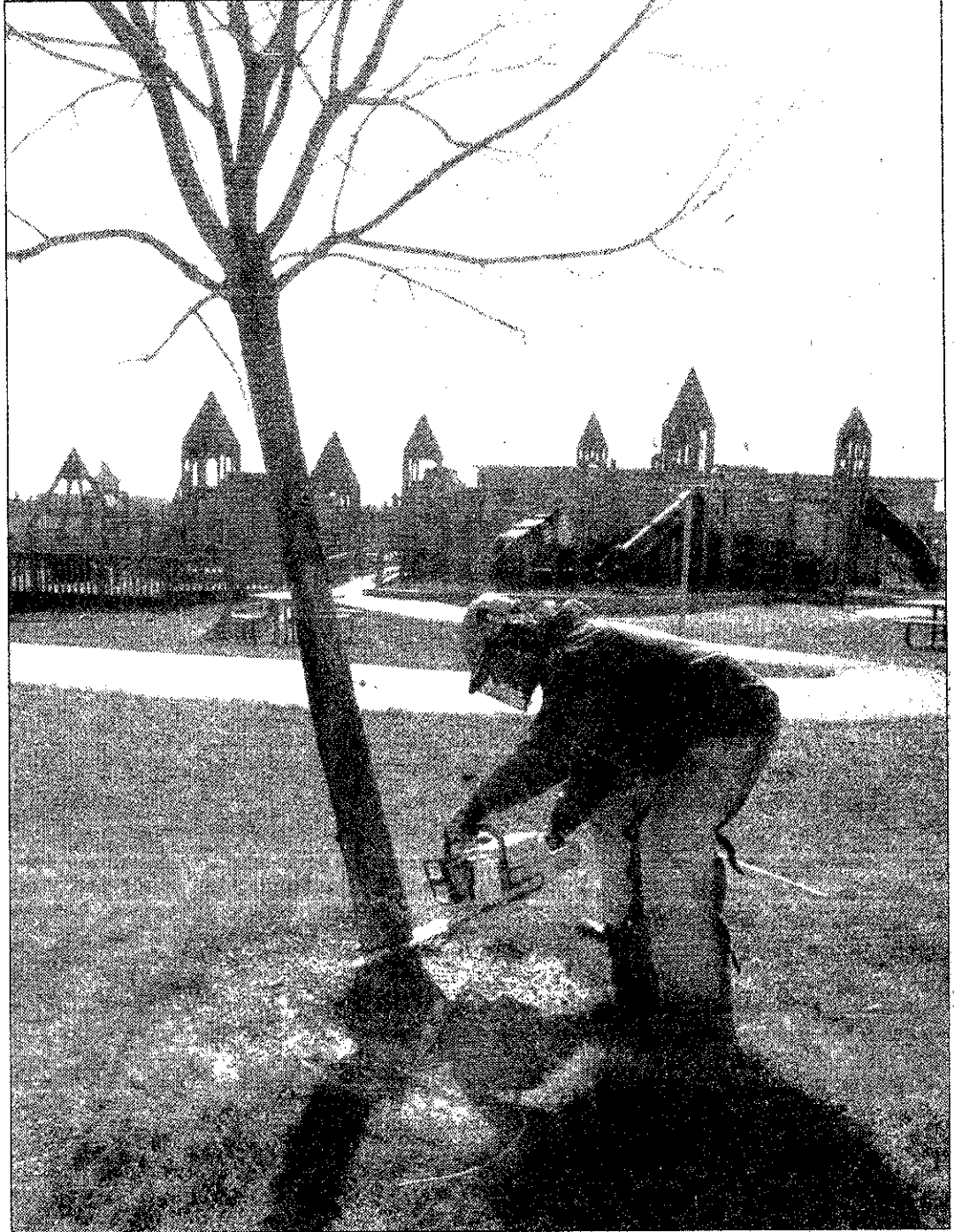
"Every year it seems to get earlier and earlier," said Vinitzki, who with his crew began Monday in Heritage Park.

With Easter only days away, the crew is opening the bathrooms, setting up sports nets - baseball and lacrosse started Monday - as well as swings and preparing the Canton Softball Center. Work is beginning on playgrounds and athletic fields. Soccer begins right after

'We gear up so people can get out on their Easter break.'

Abe Vinitzki Canton park supervisor

PLEASE SEE PARKS, A4



Colin Duty takes down an emerald ash tree near the Heritage Hideout playscape not far from the Summit on the Park.

Necessity nails his woodworking talents

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Ken Wolf's woodworking expertise was born of necessity.

"I grew up on a farm near Abilene, Kansas," said the Canton resident, vice president of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild. "We had to fix stuff. We were painting buildings, fixing farm buildings and repairing fences."

By the time the early 1970s rolled by, Wolf was learning more about woodworking because he and his

wife, Connie, bought a house. "We started needing things for the house," he said. "I was driven by necessity."

As his family grew up, Wolf continued his woodworking skills by building furniture for his then-college-aged daughter. For his son, who participates in Renaissance Festivals, Wolf built a cherry chest for costumes.

Finally, when he retired from Ford Motor Co. as an automotive engineer, Wolf joined the woodworkers guild. "I learned even more

techniques," he said.

As he put his work out for display, Wolf's house could have passed for a museum of woodworking art. His basement is an honest-to-goodness woodworking shop.

One of the guild's biggest projects is toys for Christmas that are donated to Children's Hospital every year. "We do it to assure that all kids have toys for Christmas," Wolf said.

It's not an easy task creating 400-600 toys. But guild members work from master patterns. "We cut the final

profile with a router around the pattern," he said.

The toys cannot have sharp edges and have no metal parts or parts that children can swallow. "The hospital is very conscious about safety," he said. "We have set guidelines for members to comply with."

Toys for boys have been the easiest to develop as the guild builds cars, trucks and animal figures. For girls, toys include doll cradles, pull toys and some racing toys.

PLEASE SEE TOYS, A5



Nothing short of perfect will do as Ken Wolf checks wooden plane he built.

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Limited township service will be available today and April 12

Only limited public service in some township departments will be available today and Monday, April 12 as portion of the Canton administration building offices move to new locations.

Affected areas include the engineering division, planning division and municipal services administration.

The Canton Department of Public Safety Records Bureau moved April 7 from its current location the second floor of the police department to the new addition on the first floor. The move will continue through

Phone service also will be in transition. If a call is not answered, leave a message with as much detail as possible. Your call will be returned.

Monday, April 12.

The moves will result in limited service during these days. Phone service also will be in

transition. If a call is not answered, leave a message with as much detail as possible. Your call will be returned.

Residents are encouraged to wait to conduct public safety business until Tuesday, April 13. The same is true for business as the engineering, planning and municipal services divisions.

If you have urgent business, the administration building will be open, but service efficiency may be compromised. All Canton offices will be closed Friday, April 9, for the Easter holiday.



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# Rhetoric heats up over deregulating electricity

DTE Energy is aggressively campaigning against a state law that deregulated the electricity market in 2000, suggesting it will ultimately result in much higher rates for residential and small business customers and plunge the utility into bankruptcy.

DTE is the state's largest electricity provider, serving 2.1 million customers in southeast Michigan. DTE Chairman Anthony Earley says the company has lost 17 percent of its customer base and suffered an 18-percent decline in earnings in the last year because of Public Act 141, also known as the Michigan Electric Choice Program.

Earley said the law has resulted in an unfair playing field, where out-of-state competitors can come in and "cherry pick" DTE's best customers. DTE has to offer rates fixed by the state, whereas alternative companies can offer whatever the market dictates, he said.

On the other side of the argument, a coalition of alternative energy providers and buyers, called the Customer Choice Coalition, says competition has led many companies and public entities to reap thousands of dollars in savings on their electric bills. They say the law should be left intact, so people continue to have a choice.

"Edison has lost more customers than other companies such as Consumers Energy. Why? They have higher rates," said Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer who represents the

## DTE'S POSITION

The following list outlines DTE Energy's arguments against Public Act 141, also known as the Michigan Electric Choice Program, as it currently stands. Since the law was enacted in 2000, DTE has lost 17 percent of its customer base.

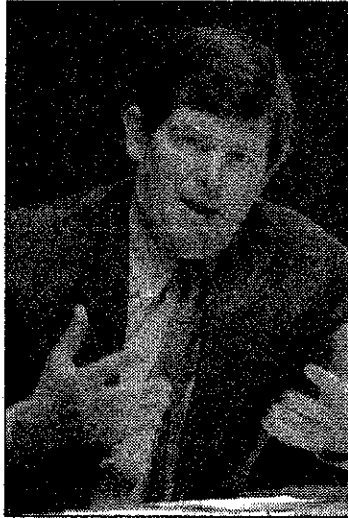
■ Total deregulation could lead to a "California-like" electricity crisis, with skyrocketing rates and common blackouts.

■ The state Legislature should amend the law to create two side-by-side markets. One would be regulated and serve small residential and business customers, who use less than one megawatt of power. The second market would be unregulated and open only to large commercial and industrial users.

■ Companies shouldn't be able to jump back and forth between regulated and unregulated markets as prices fluctuate. In other words, if a DTE customer leaves for a new provider, they shouldn't be able to come back at the same regulated rate they paid before leaving.

■ Law allows out-of-state energy providers to "cherry pick" DTE's most profitable customers, which will only drive up rates for residential and small business customers.

coalition. "Someday DTE will have to step up to the plate and compete. If PA 141 is done away with, they will never be forced to compete."



DTE Energy CEO Tony Earley says electricity deregulation will lead to a 'California-like' energy crisis in Michigan.

DTE's customers fall within three general categories: residential; large industrial users, such as the Ford Rouge Plant in Dearborn; and mid-size commercial operations. Michigan regulatory law ensures residential rates remain low.

The large industrial users have enough clout where they can keep rates low. That leaves the mid-size companies, which is where DTE makes most of its profit. These are the companies that have been targeted by the new providers, which include Kimball Electric, PowerOne, Premier Energy and Strategic Energy.

"Approximately 80 percent of our income comes from 20 percent of our customers," Earley said. "We're a fixed-cost



Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer who represents the Customer Choice Coalition, discusses the advantages of deregulation of the market.

company with a declining customer base. With some of our large customers leaving the system, it's the residential and small commercial users that are left. They could see electric rates going up by as much as 30 percent."

Earley said DTE has no problem with competition as long as it is able to compete by the same rules. He is urging the state Legislature to amend PA 141, so there will be two markets: a regulated market for the low-use customers, and a free market for the highest-use customers, or those who use more than one megawatt of power. This means the alternative providers would only be able to go after the largest industrial users, excluding many of the companies and

## CCC'S POSITION

The following list outlines the Customer Choice Coalition's position on electricity deregulation in Michigan. The group represents alternative energy sellers and buyers, including Quest Energy, PowerOne, Nordic Electric, Meijer, Kent County and St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

■ Against the state Legislature changing Public Act 141, otherwise known as the Michigan Electric Choice Program.

■ Believes any changes to the law should be made by the Michigan Public Services Commission, which was created to address such issues.

■ Supports full deregulation of the electricity market in Michigan, which means all electric customers could shop for energy alternatives, not just the largest customers, as DTE has proposed.

■ Competition will ultimately drive down the cost of electricity to consumers.

public entities that have already switched.

That list includes many school districts, including Livonia Public Schools, which has used alternative providers for the last two years and currently buys electricity from Lakeshore Energy Services, a subsidiary of the Oklahoma-based Seminole Energy Services. According to Director of Operations David Watson,

the district saved more than \$300,000 in the first year alone. "Obviously, it's a good thing financially for us, especially at a time when public education is faced with such trying financial times. Every dollar saved is a dollar we can use for something else," he said. "A couple hundred thousand dollars pays for four teachers."

DTE seems to have some sympathy in Lansing. State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, who chairs the Technology and Energy Committee, recently held a series of public hearings on the matter. In an earlier interview, he expressed doubts that deregulation has led to competition. "I'm not sure what we have is competition. I think we have something other than competition," he said.

Schneidewind, who is a former chairman of the state's Public Services Commission, believes the matter should be decided not by the Legislature but rather by the PSC, which is currently debating the issue.

"The PSC is in the business to do this job and we should not tinker with it until they prove they can't do the job," he said. But Earley said the matter is an urgent one. He said the state needs to act, or risk running into a California-like energy crisis, where rates jump dramatically and blackouts are common. "I don't think this state is ready to go to a completely deregulated system where customers are vulnerable to the volatility of an open electricity market," he said.

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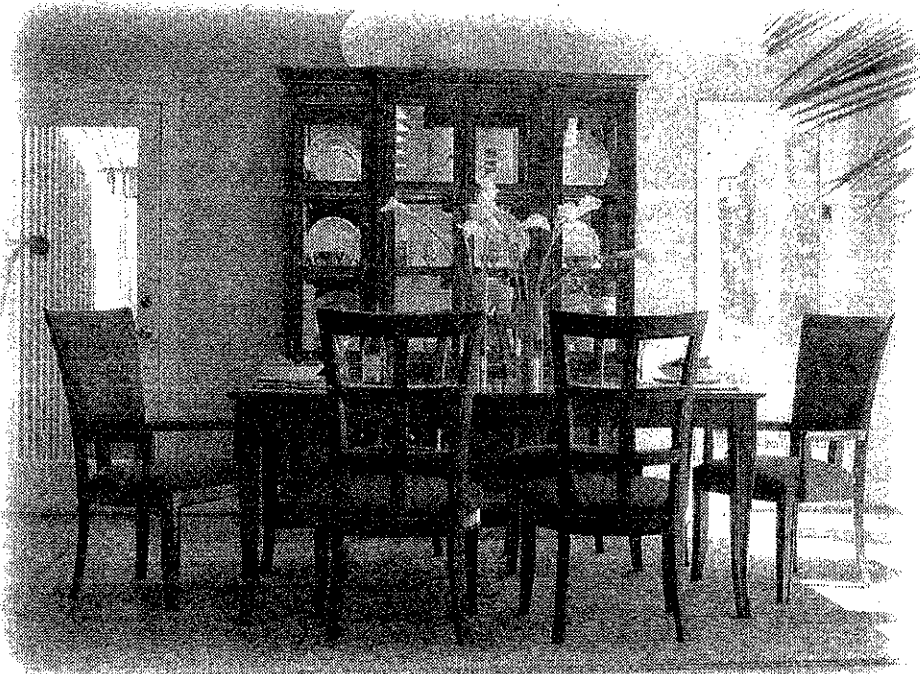
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But when you walk through the glass door to Sivathai Restaurant (in what used to be an A&W Restaurant and before that a Tubby's Sub Shop) it's more like walking through the looking glass. This isn't Canton - it's a touch of Bangkok, from the hand-carved teak wood tables and statues to the silk-gowned waitresses to the art on a plate foods adorned with real lotus blossoms.

If you're an aficionado of Thai food, this is the place for you.

Owner Vasanna Inhmahong opened Sivathai on March 11 and she's tried to make everything authentic. The hand-carved tables and statues are from Thailand as is the chef and the wait staff.

Inhmahong herself is a native of Bangkok and has been in the U.S. since 1987. An Ypsilanti resident, she and her husband, Sinnasone, have operated a similar restaurant, Siam Square, in Ann Arbor for seven years.

"We try to stay authentic Thai," she said. "Everything is about good luck and long life," gesturing toward the hand-carved teak wood statues that greet patrons upon entering.

The name, Sivathai, which Inhmahong says is the name of a Buddhist god, is symbolic in another way.

It is comprised of the first two letters of her husband's name and her name and the last four letters of their daughter's name, Haluthai.

"We call her Thai," she said.

And a color portrait of her daughter, taken by Vasanna's photographer husband, graces the wall behind a booth.

But it's the huge menu, all made in-house from fresh ingredients, that you'll zoom in



Vasanna Inhmahong, who opened Sivathai in March, holds a shrimp volcano dish.



### @ Work

Business: Sivathai Thai Cuisine  
Address: 42087 Ford Road  
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"We try to stay authentic Thai. Everything is about good luck and long life."  
- Vasanna Inhmahong



Sivathai basil is one of the specialties at the new Sivathai Thai restaurant.

sauce) or Sivathai Beef (sliced beef tenderloin marinated in sesame sauce.)

Desserts include coconut ice cream and sticky rice with egg custard.

No MSG is used in the recipes and you can order them mild, medium, hot or Thai hot. (That's hot!)

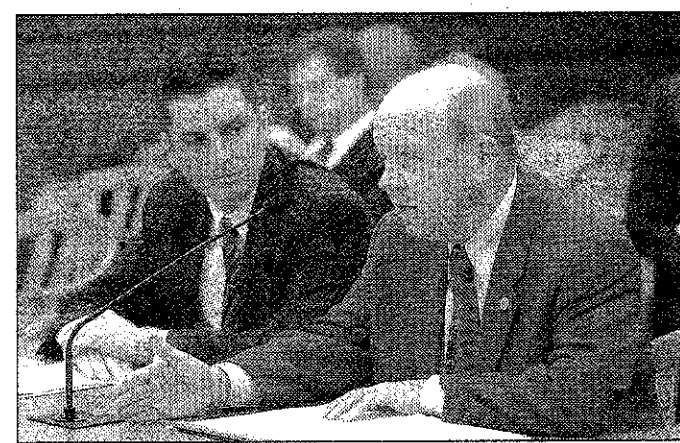
And if the kids aren't into Thai food, they can get a grilled cheese sandwich, chicken nuggets or chicken fingers, all served with french fries and pop.

Visa and Mastercard are accepted. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and noon

to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Takeout and catering is available.

For more information, call (734) 844-1549 or visit [www.sivathai.com](http://www.sivathai.com).



### Testimony

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, (right) and Anthony Minghine, finance director for Canton Township, testified last week in the Michigan House Local Government and Urban Policy Committee in support of House Bill 5654. The bill, introduced by LaJoy, will help the state more quickly identify and provide guidance to municipalities facing financial difficulties.

## Patterson satisfied with his Reading Month goal

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, was satisfied for surpassing his personal goal for Reading Month in March.

"I told my staff that I not only enjoyed reading to the youngsters, but that I felt it was an important component of my role model responsibility," Patterson said.

By the end of the month, Patterson had read to more than 2,000 elementary school students across his district.

He said he succeeded in his desire to underscore the importance of reading by addressing students in schools from Northville to Redford.

Beginning March 1 and throughout the month, Patterson made stops in

Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Van Buren, Brownstown, Woodhaven, Flat Rock, Gibraltar and Rockwood.

"The classes were excited to have him there," said Peggy Barnas, speaking on behalf of the PTO, staff and students at Bates Elementary School in Woodhaven.

"He had a great impact on the group. I haven't seen fifth-graders react in such a positive way."

Added Principal James Orwin of Hunter Elementary School in Brownstown Township: "Sen. Patterson made a real impact on the students. He drove home the importance of reading to our students and we look forward to having him return."

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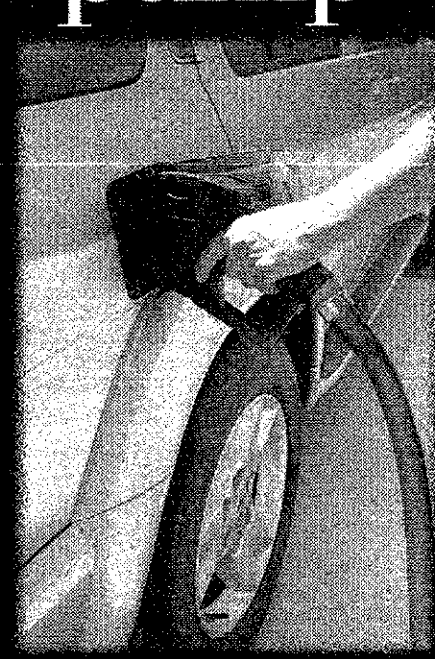
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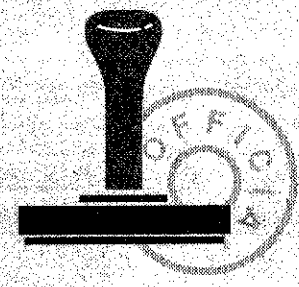
**DEATHS**

**C**  
Gerald "Dean" Corbin, of Oxford, died March 30.

**L**  
Geraldine Augusta Lechner, of Pontiac, died March 28.  
Emma L. "Jean" Lowery Hockin, of Davisburg, died March 29.

**S**  
Janice E. Stillin, of Clarkston, died April 3.

**Y**  
Paul D. Yarberry Jr., of Clarkston, died March 31.



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.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Purse taken**  
A high school student reported to police that her purse was stolen from a classroom on the PCEP campus; between 2:10 p.m. April 1 and 9 a.m. April 6.  
The purse contained a cell phone, a Target gift card and \$3 in cash.

**Shoplifting stopped**  
Police responded to a report of a shoplifting in progress at Wal-Mart at 8:20 p.m. April 5. Three men who attempted to flee were captured in the parking lot after a brief chase. Recovered were a handheld Motorola radio and 160 CDs.

**PARKS**

FROM PAGE A1

Easter. That's not to forget the picnic tables and trash cans that need placing.

Crews are also cleaning up flower beds, preparing them for planting. Flowers will go in the first of May. Irrigation systems are being checked. Fertilizing will begin at the end of April.

"We take care of all the landscaping around all public buildings," Vinitiski said, adding that his crew is responsible for special events as well.

With the Liberty Fest around the corner, Vinitiski and his crew are already preparing for the setup, which includes pavilions, tables, tents, parking, signs, you name it.

"We do the complete setup," Vinitiski said. "When the season gets under way, Vinitiski will have about 25-30 seasonal employees to help. "It's a great place for a college student to work," he said. Students are trained for the work, including how to safely use the equipment. "I have a great group. My crew has a lot of experience. It makes my job easy."

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**SPRING DAWNS ON CANTON PARKS**

Here's a brief listing of Canton's parks:

■ **Barchester Park:** Ten acres on the south side of Barchester Road, east of Lilley. The park features a playscape, inline skating hockey court, jogging and walking paths that is .30-mile, woodchip trail, picnic area.

■ **Flodin Park:** This 28.5-acre park on Saltz, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon, offers passive and active recreation areas. A basketball court and baseball field, as well as three soccer fields and two tennis courts are featured. Flodin also offers an inline skating hockey court, walking path that is .40-mile, and open space.

■ **Freedom Park:** On the southwest corner of Palmer and Sheldon roads, this 20-acre park features two sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, a basketball court, tennis courts, a playscape, inline skating hockey court, nine-hole disc golf course, three practice soccer fields and picnic areas.

■ **Griffin Park:** This 27-acre active park on Sheldon, just north of Cherry Hill, has three baseball/softball fields,

three soccer fields, four tennis courts and a basketball court. The park also has a tot lot, picnic and play areas.

■ **Heritage Park:** This 105-acre park is Canton's largest and is part of the municipal complex, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. The park features the Heritage Hideout playscape, three picnic shelters, amphitheater, three softball fields, eight soccer fields, two outdoor ice rinks, four ponds, a practice football field, sand volleyball courts, two playgrounds, gazebo and restrooms. The park also features the Lake Path, which is .44-mile, the Soccer Path at .30-mile and the Memorial Path at .10-mile.

■ **Independence Park:** The 80-acre park on the southwest corner of Denton and Proctor roads offers 12 soccer fields, 10 practice fields and playscape. A comfort station is planned.

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Ken Wolf, vice president of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild, displays some of the toys he and other members made for kids at Children's Hospital.

**TOYS**

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To complete the hundreds of toys, guild members have a system, very much like an assembly line — in Wolf's basement. Every now and then, Connie even joins in sanding the wooden parts for assembly.

The colorful toys are spray-painted with three coats, plus a primer coat. "We have tried to develop a technique where we get a smooth coat," Wolf said.

He won't deny it. Building the toys with friends is fun. It's a chance for friends with common interests to get together, and they are all doing it for a worthy cause.

Though retired, Wolf continues his engineering career as a consultant. But the woodworking remains a constant. The Wolf home is decorated with his handiwork, which includes quilt racks, drums, cutting boards, decorative pieces, chop sticks and napkin holders.

The woods Wolf typically works with are maple, cherry, poplar and pine, which makes great toys.

Because he generally needs small pieces of wood, especially for the toys, Wolf gets pieces

from area cabinet shops.

Wolf encourages anyone interested in woodworking to join the guild. It's fun and educational. "You learn so many more new techniques," he said. "Teaching takes place in the form of presentations."

This month the topic before the 380-member guild is sanding. Members bring in equipment and teach, including the varieties of sandpaper and how to get a good finish.

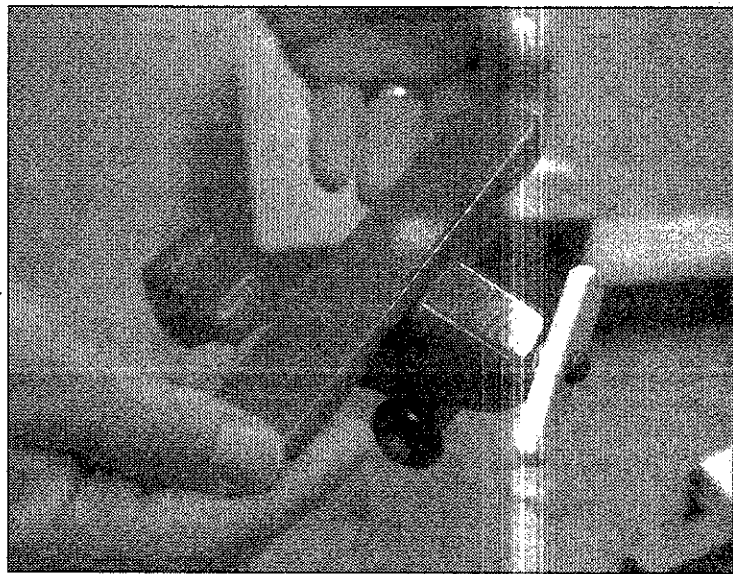
While the guild is 80 percent men, there are women members, and more are encouraged to join. "They bring a little

different perspective to things," Wolf said.

The guild offers a library from which members may take out books, as well as video tapes and a monthly newsletter. The next meeting is April 18 at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marias, Royal Oak.

For more information, contact the guild at its hotline at (313) 345-6722, or Bill Gayde for membership at (248) 543-3487. You may also log on to the guild's Web site at [www.michiganwoodworkers-guild.org](http://www.michiganwoodworkers-guild.org)

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## OUR VIEWS

# He's standard for volunteers

Few people devote themselves to their communities. But every now and then, someone steps up unannounced and truly gives of himself. Bob Boyer, owner of Boyer's Meat Processing, is one of those gifted, yet unassuming, community activists and volunteers.

There are plenty of residents and business owners in Canton who thankfully volunteer and who put in time and effort to improve life for all. But Boyer is a standard by which volunteerism and love of community must be judged.

When you think of Canton, you have to think Bob Boyer. He is everywhere and always with an idea, a suggestion, definitely an opinion and a hand to help. Boyer is the type of resident who doesn't wait to be asked to help. He's leading the charge.

Long associated with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Boyer is a fixture with his 50-50 raffles and anything else that will help raise money for the organization. He's equally a standard for the Canton Lions Club of which he is president, a committed leader who makes sure the club gives to the best of its ability. Regardless of the event, you can be sure somewhere along the line, Boyer has donated something — money, food, time.

Also to be mentioned is his work with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Goodfellows. But there's more. Boyer is one of those people who comes up with an idea and just gets going without dawdling or begging for help.

For three years, Boyer has conducted his own personal fund-raiser for the Canton Relay for Life. All he asks from others is that they donate a coffee cup to him. Walls in a room of his home are decorated with about 2,000 cups. For each he has — and will continue with new cups — to donate 25 cents to the American Cancer Society's fund-raiser in Canton.

Boyer is also leading the charge to improve the appearance of Canton's roads. He asks groups, churches, clubs — anyone — to adopt a road or a portion of a road and keep it clean. He adopted a mile of Geddes two years ago. And he won't be satisfied until all of Canton's roads are adopted. When they are, he will have a party and invite all the participants.

Boyer is a shining example of how to help. And he never expects accolades or awards for his efforts. All this volunteer asks is that you take some time and work for the community.

# Parents: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Prom and graduation season will soon be here and it's important to remind teenagers that underage drinking is against the law.

Unfortunately, parents also need reminding.

Big events such as prom and graduation deserve celebrations. Parents planning to host parties for their teens should keep the celebration alcohol-free because parents who don't have a lot to lose.

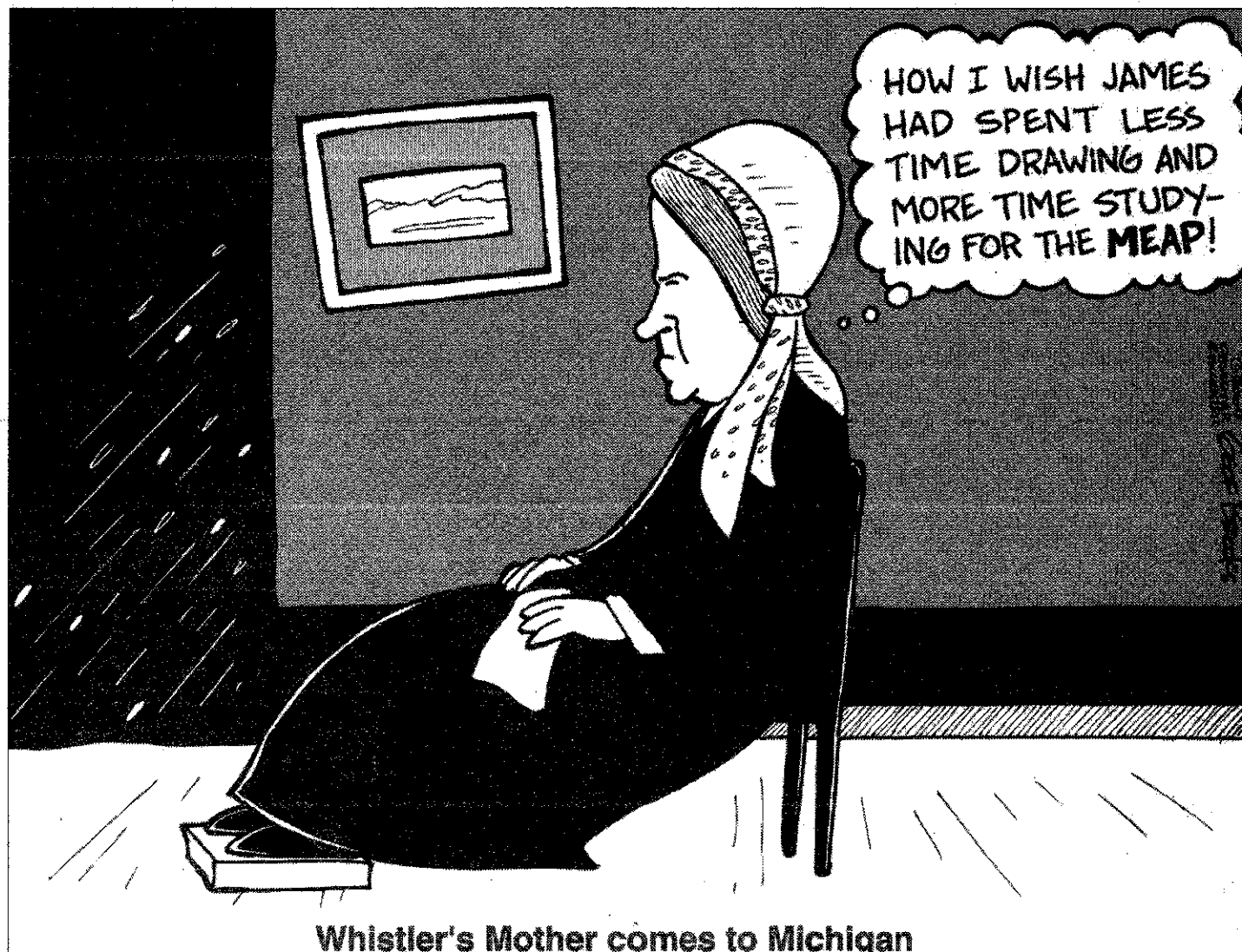
The "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" public awareness campaign is a program of The Alliance of Coalitions of Healthy Communities (ACHC) and the Oakland County Health Division. This slogan is not just a clever phrase, but also a warning to parents not to serve alcohol at their teens' parties.

"Parents play a major role in keeping children alcohol-free, thus preventing the heartaches that so often come with alcohol use. Schools and communities need to unite with parents to send a clear message: We want all children to succeed and alcohol use robs them of their potential and future," said Theresa Mungiola, president of Coalition of Healthy Communities.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* applauds the work of ACHC, local government, schools and law enforcement as these groups partner to send a strong message to parents. Teen drinking should NOT be regarded as a "rite of passage," but as a health and safety problem with legal ramifications.

Parents who host a party where alcohol is available make a big mistake. Why?

- It is illegal for anyone under age 21 to drink.
- It is unhealthy.
- It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink and drive.
- Parents can be prosecuted.
- Everything associated with a violation, such as personal property, can be confiscated.
- Parents can protect themselves and their teens by hosting safe, alcohol-free parties and team up and talk to other parents about not providing alcohol.
- As a parent, do your part to make prom and graduation season safe for everyone.



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## LETTERS

### A big thanks

On behalf of Brownie Troop No. 267, Girl Scouts of Huron Valley Council, we would like to thank these businesses for helping with our cookie drive for troops of the 1st Battalion 125th Infantry Regiment Company A currently deployed to Egypt:

Classic Gold Jewelry, 42017 Ford Road, for allowing the Brownie Troop to hold two cookie booths at their location; and the *Canton Observer* for printing "our story" and helping get the public to our cookie booth. We would also like to thank the people who visited our cookie booths and either bought a box of cookies to be sent to Egypt or donated money to help with the shipping costs.

As co-leaders of the Brownies; Meggan, Jessica, Elizabeth, Valerie, Samantha, Kristin, Sarah, Robyn, Amanda and Meg, we would like to thank them and their parents for their support at our cookie booths, especially when we were outdoors in below freezing weather. These Brownies will continue to make handmade cards, color pictures, and work at supporting the adopted troops of 1-125th, Co. A., until they are safely returned to their homes in Michigan.

Once again, thank you to everyone for helping make our cookie drive a success.

**Charisse Dore' Nilles**  
**Terri Johns**  
co-leaders, Troop No. 267

### 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 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 to 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 but 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 decide their political party, and not the teachers or the media.

**John Donaldson**  
Canton

### Radio thanks

I'm writing to thank Jon LaFever and the Canton Township Youth Program for their help with our very successful concert fund-raiser at the Summit on the Park March 19.

We had seven of the best local bands perform live in a benefit for WSDP-FM (88.1). Each band (For the Fallen, the Transfer, Sandbox Heroes, CPX, The Same Fate, Madison A.D., and Which Way is Home) was great. We appreciate their willingness to perform at the event.

The evening was loud, we had 380 kids attend and we raised some significant money for the station. This was one of the smoothest events I've ever been involved with because of the hard work of Jon LaFever and the youth staff at the Summit. It was obvious that they did this before because it went off without a hitch.

I especially appreciate Canton Township's willingness to host this event. Many "family friendly" programs leave out teens. Canton's desire to program for this group should be commended. We look forward to working with Jon and the Canton Township staff in the future.

**Bill Keith**  
WSDP general manager

### Disappointed

I am writing after a disappointing day of visiting the categorical classroom at Gallimore Elementary School at in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

As a tax paying resident, whose almost 6-year-old special needs son is about to leave the incredible Infant Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger, where he has been since age 1, I was saddened as we prepare to transition our son to enter the categorical classroom, and find it in the back corner of the school, in a very small, cramped room, with one small window. Walking down the halls to this special education classroom, I was pleased to see the brightness and space of the general education rooms; thus, I expected a lot more when I entered the categorical classroom setting.

My son, like many other children with cognitive impairments, need space, more than something which looks like a former office or extra large closet, in order to not become sensory overwhelmed; thus disrupting his educational process.

Through no fault of the educational staff in the room, who did their best to answer many parental questions and concerns, I was dismayed to hear that the only field trips of the year, due to budget constraints, was to the Canton Library, where many children have already been to by first grade, to a play at Mercy High School, which is out of district, and an upcoming trip to a farm (a trip to the Jiffy Factory had to be cancelled because Jiffy was closed the week of the scheduled visit).

Center-based programs, like those at Burger, for children of autism, take almost weekly visits with their students to places, such as restaurants and bowling, so I find it hard to believe that the same, or at least marginally close to it, couldn't be done for our own special edu-

cation students.

With this being April, I would've hoped that the very visual learners, for which many special needs children are, would've had the opportunity to have more kinesthetic hands-on outside of class learning experiences, than the one small corner of the woods they view outside their tiny classroom window. Of course, as a board member's wife, I understand there are budgeting issues in the district, but "No Child Left Behind," should include all children, not just the ones fortunate to be born in a way that allows them to be in a general education setting.

I encourage current administration and board members of the Plymouth-Canton Schools to visit these special education categorical classrooms and see how they would feel if their children were hidden back in the corner of a school, as the children at Gallimore are.

As my mom and I left feeling disheartened, and realizing that for the first time, my son really is perceived as being different than "general education" kids, I felt as though the treatment of special populations in our society has not come much farther than it was since the 1800s. The main difference being that at least now, we have made our ways into the schools with the general student population, and, hopefully, with some further scrutiny of our district's special education program, by our current superintendent, administration, and board members, we can more positively integrate special and general education population.

Our experience at Tanger Center and the incredible Infant Preschool and Special Education Program run by the wonderful Mary Kay Herr has spoiled us, and I fear, through no fault of special education staff, but rather the fault of the administrative system, that my son will not receive the education he deserves.

As a wife of a board member, I have to realize that more important than my husband's position, is my child, and if need be, if we can't find the appropriate program for our son, I am considering home schooling because nothing is more important than our children, and that includes ALL of our children.

**Dawn Ham-KucharSKI**  
Canton

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# Let's avoid California-style blackouts here

You've probably seen the ads DTE Energy (formerly Detroit Edison) has been running in the papers lately. They talk about the wolf being at Edison's door. "Because of flaws in the electric deregulation law, Public Act 141," one ad reads, "out-of-state companies are coming, snatching up the biggest electricity customers and leaving the rest of us to pay the price to keep the entire system running."

I had regarded this campaign with mild curiosity until last Friday, when I read a letter from an outfit with a Southfield office that explained "fully 25 percent of DTE's large commercial electricity customers have begun to reduce and control their electricity costs by participating in the Electric Choice Program established by the Michigan Public Services Commission." The letter helpfully included a form authorizing Detroit Edison to release my company's electric consumption history, so they could examine the details and show me how to save some money.

By chance, DTE Energy Chairman Anthony Earley and Eric Schneidewind, a lawyer representing the Customer Choice Coalition, had arranged to meet with a group of our editors that same morning. Their discussion was illuminating.

Basically, DTE contends that the Michigan deregulation law allowing industrial, commercial and residential electric users to choose their electric utility has resulted in the loss of 12,000 customers, a 20-percent drop in business, and an 18-percent decline in earnings from the previous year. "We're a fixed-cost company with a declining customer base," Earley explained, "so that with some of our large customers leaving the system, it's the residential and small commercial users that are left. They could see electric rates going up by as much as 30 percent or utilities like Detroit Edison winding up bankrupt."

What's causing large customers to leave the Edison system? Public Act 141, passed four years ago, allows it. Indeed, the act requires Edison to make available to competitors details of its customers' usage and bills. And the act also allows those customers that leave the Edison system to return at its most favorable rates.

Earley argues that Edison has to operate in a regulated manner, generating electric power (including a 15 percent margin of reserve) and maintaining its entire distribution infrastructure to deliver electricity to all customers in the region. Its competitors operate with none of these requirements. They are essentially electricity brokers that buy electricity from the national electricity pool and

cherry-pick Edison's best customers.

What's the solution? Earley argues that the big issue should be doing everything we can to avoid a repeat in Michigan of the electric utility disaster in California that resulted from a botched attempt to deregulate the market. He says Edison is perfectly prepared to operate "on a level playing field" — a market either completely deregulated or entirely regulated — but argues that as a regulated company, Edison can't compete with electricity brokers that are largely unregulated.

He proposes amending Public Act 141 to create an electricity market split into two parts: One unregulated market for bigger customers who are presumably more sophisticated and able to shop for electricity from among a range of providers and a separate regulated market to serve residential and small commercial customers who are not equipped to survive in an unregulated market. He suggests an easy demarcation line is one megawatt (about the amount of energy a big Meijer store uses in a year), which would leave about two-thirds of electric customers in the regulated market and about one-third free to buy however they choose.

Schneidewind, in opposing these proposals, argues that Edison, instead of facing the wolf at the door, is crying that the sky is falling. A temporary dip in earnings is not conclusive, he points out, and, in any event, the Public Service Commission could easily intervene if Edison begins to look as though it could go bust under present market conditions.

Maybe so, but the PSC has never been noted for acting quickly or timely, even in dire situations. And once a large, fixed-cost firm like Edison starts getting in trouble, the downward spiral can accelerate very quickly. Plainly, nobody wants to see here in Michigan a repeat of California's experience, where one of the state's major electric utilities went bust and customers were faced with blackouts and enormous rate increases that will saddle them for years with very expensive power.

To my mind, Edison's Earley makes a lot of sense. Public Act 141 should be amended to solve this problem before it gets out of control. State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, who chairs the Technology and Energy Committee, is holding hearings around the state, asking both utilities and their customers for their input. Good. Possibly the state Senate, instead of obsessing over world-shaking matters like the hunting of mourning doves, ought to turn its attention to something genuinely important for everyone in this state. Or would that seem too much to ask?

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](mailto:ppower@homecomm.net).



Phil Power

# Passion is good, but fanaticism definitely not

Mel Gibson has done for Christianity what Janet Jackson's Super Bowl "slip" did for the GOP: It awakened snoring giants of primal concerns. If true to form, snoring giants remain awake only a short while. Will the buzz about spirituality and personal passion evoked by Gibson's graphic cine-gospel become another fad flash in the pan? I pray not.

Already, Gibson's *Passion of The Christ* is the highest grossing religious-themed movie of modern history. An outside shot remains it may ascend into the hal- lowed rank of top 10 earning movies of all time.

When American moviegoers bestow on an off-Hollywood Jesus movie a rank next to the likes of *ET: The Extraterrestrial*, it's time somebody stood up to shout, "We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto."

Finally, ideas like spirit, passion, sacrifice and noble suffering are getting a second test drive in the media.

The appetite to experience a more passionate spirituality is larger today than a Chris Farley appetite at a Vegas casino midnight buffet. This high-tech culture is the most online, plugged in, downloaded and wired of any culture to appear on the planet. Yet they have an industrial strength sense of self-doubt and a felt presence of being personally adrift — disconnected from an experience of a higher reality.

The local cineplex has done what Christian churches have done poorly for 25 years: It offered seekers a profound spiritual experience using Christ as the seed. Somewhere, buried deep inside the human psyche, we all suspect that this life must have more to offer us than a two-for-one sale at Amazon.com.

Passion originates from the Latin meaning "to endure." All actions face a double negative, "I don't want to" and "I don't feel like it." Passion as an inner force faces and conquers the double negative. The scene in Gethsemane so beautifully captures this.

Describing passion can be so much easier than defining it.

Passion is the flower, but values are its root. Passion expands your personal vision of life's possibilities. Passion is an upward reach for transcendence. Passion is a surrendered mind into the soul's madness. Passion can be quiet or loud, but it is never logical.

Passion is to spirituality what salt is to

When American moviegoers bestow on an off-Hollywood Jesus movie a rank next to the likes of 'ET: The Extraterrestrial,' it's time somebody stood up to shout, 'We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto.'

French fries. Without it, religious rituals are robotic movements divorced from humanized heartfelt meanings. With it, timeless beliefs meet blood and sire Schwarzenegger-sized demonstrations of selfless surrender to noble aims.

Any wonder God commanded it: "Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and mind ..." and all great prophets of God condemned when, "the people's lips are near me, but their hearts are far away."

As a pastor who is Lutheran — the German title used long ago was Seelssorger, soul surgeon — I've been in the kitchen thinking on passion, spirituality and Mel's vision. May I suggest a few new ingredients for your next recipe?

First, embody the message. Take it home. After the credits roll and the popcorn's gone, the new journey begins. *The Passion of The Christ* is the pinnacle expression of spirit, will and passion dissolved into one holy redemptive purpose. Don't forget all are called to noble aims in this lifetime. Might a future Mel Gibson make a movie of your passion?

Second, challenge the status quo. The seven last words of a dying church are, "We never did it that way before!" Be humble, but be a burr underneath someone's saddle. Spiritual passion challenges complacency.

Third, fire is good, but fanaticism is a bummer. Passionate spirituality is a fire. One can offer warmth to cold hearts or one can burn their neighbor's house down. Passionate spirituality is healthy when it knows how to chill.

Gibson's beautiful/ugly tour of Christ's final 12 hours leading to His crucifixion has become a cultural phenomenon. Will the buzz about spirituality and personal passion evoked by Gibson's graphic cine-gospel become another fad flash in the pan? I pray not.

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recommending the district seek approval from voters for a sinking-fund millage. He said a half mill would generate \$2 million a year to pay for district-wide renovations.

Board Vice President Mark Slavens said he'd like to see the fall ballot issue include Central Middle School, but as a separate ballot question.

"I think we have to look at the viability of a new middle school," said Slavens. "While 75 percent of our school population is in Canton, four of the five middle schools are in Plymouth. It makes a lot of sense educationally, and it would cut down on transportation costs."

Slavens said he's concerned about spending an estimated \$19 million to renovate Central for other educational uses.

"I have not heard any reason, yet, to spend \$19 million on Central Middle School," Slavens said. "Boards have continued to put more money into that building decade after decade. How much longer do you intend to do that?"

On the other side of the coin, board Secretary Tom Wysocki believes with interest rates so low now is the time to borrow money.

"I wouldn't mind because of

the low interest rates we have right now, before interest rates take off," he said. "But, for a lot of people the costs could impact them, and we need to take that into consideration."

Trustee Joanne Lamar isn't so sure a new middle school is in the picture this year, but, like most board members, is convinced an elementary school is needed.

"We're really crowded at all the schools," she said. "We don't have music, art and special education rooms because we're using that space for other things."

A consensus of the board indicates the willingness to ask voters for the \$91 million to pay for interior and exterior replacements and improvements at the school buildings.

"It's a horrendous amount, but that's what we've been cutting all these years," said Treasurer Carol Saunders. "We can't let our schools fall down. It's not providing a good educational atmosphere for our children."

To give some perspective, Patricia Brand, the district's executive director of business services, said a \$100 million bond issue would cost the owner of a \$235,000 home \$52.88 in additional taxes annually.

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## Salem girls, Canton boys best in city

It wasn't exactly what was expected.

At Tuesday's city track meet, the official season-opener for the three high school teams, the Salem girls team easily ran away with the win, outscoring second-place Canton 100-43. Plymouth was third with 32 points.

The boys meet was equally lopsided, except it was Canton that prevailed with 114.5 points. Salem was second with 46.5 and Plymouth placed third with 14.

"I was a little nervous with what Canton and Plymouth would bring," said Salem's new girls coach, Kevin Conte. "I couldn't have asked for a better result than this. We learned what the girls could do, we redefined some of our goals."

What Conte discovered was that the Rocks were good enough to win 13 events and tie for first in another. Canton had three wins (one a split with Salem) and Plymouth got one.

Three Salem athletes got two individual wins apiece. Anna Wilson took top honors in the shot put (33 feet, 8 inches) and discus (96 feet, 4 inches); Allie Vraniak tied for first in the pole vault (8-6) and won the 200-meter dash (27.67); and Lauren Kane was first in the 1,600 (5:46.6) and 3,200 (12:33.0).

Salem's girls also won three relays:

the 4x800 (10:31.4), the 4x200 (1:53.6) and the 4x400 (4:20.4).

"We're not done yet," Conte said. "We've got some more speed to find."

Canton's boys team was even more dominant, collecting 15 of 17 firsts.

"We had a lot of one-twos, and we won all four relays," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "That picks up a lot of points. We had some kids we knew would do well, but then we had some other kids run real fast."

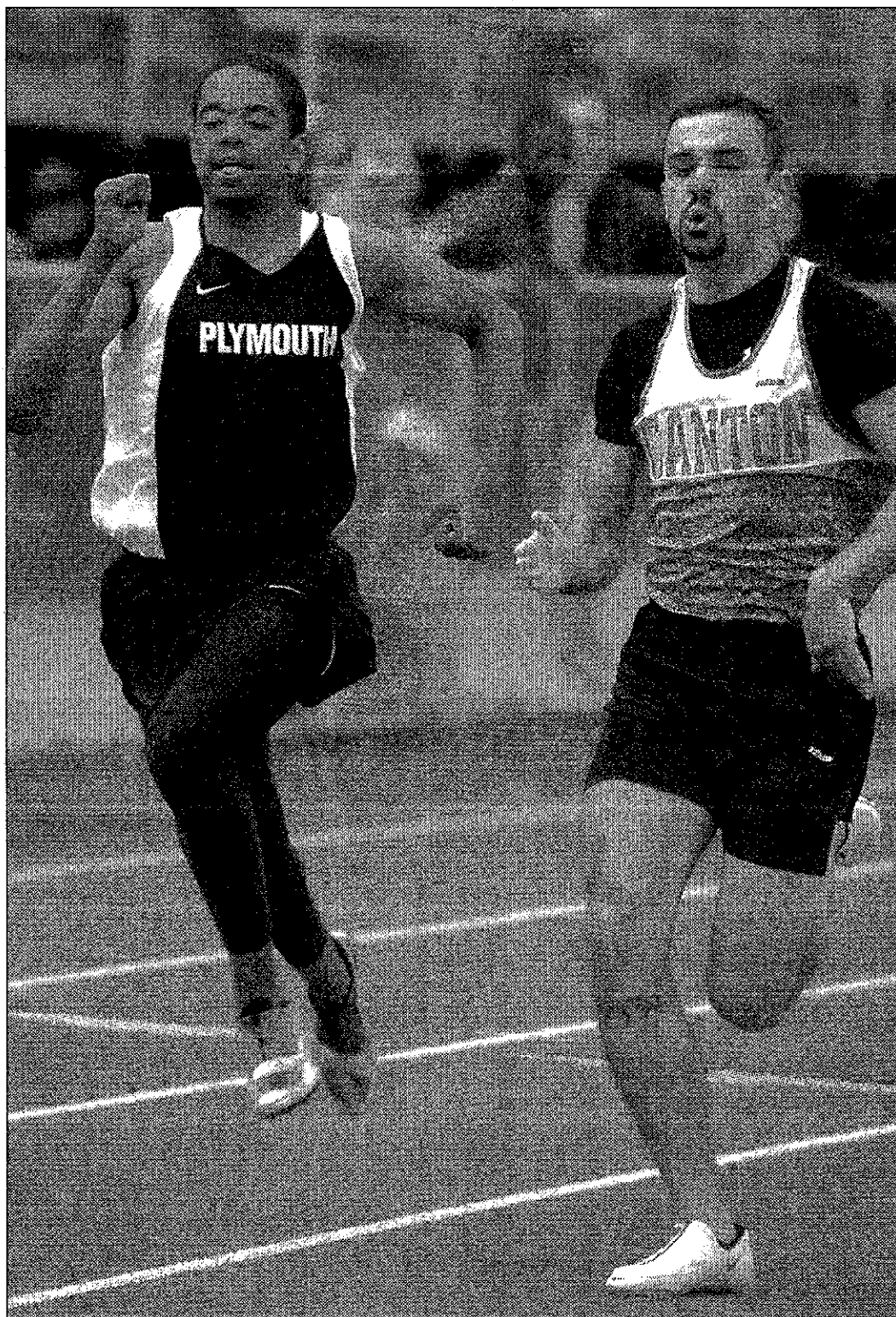
Brad Waidmann sparked a Chiefs sweep of firsts in the field events, capturing the shot put (42-10), the discus (146-3) and the high jump (6-3).

Devin Thomas was the key figure for Canton in the sprints, winning the 100 (11.2) and the 200 (23.1). In the hurdles, Rodney Preston paced the Chiefs, posting best times in both the 110 (15.8) and the 300 (41.3).

Salem's brightest star was Adam Warner, who won the 3,200 (10:51.0) and placed second to Canton's Scott George in the 1,600 (George, 4:46.0; Warner, 4:48.0).

The Chiefs were also winners in the 4x100 (45.9), 4x200 (1:33.1), 4x400 (3:40.4) and 4x800 (8:37.5) relays.

See statistical summary inside today's sports section.



Canton's Brandon Reeves edges Plymouth's D.J. Coleman in the 100-meter dash. Reeves finished second to teammate Devin Thomas in the event.

## Sidelines

### Mullet Hunters 1st

The Mullet Hunters won the inline hockey AAU regional qualifier (17-and-under division) Sunday at the Skateplex with a 3-2 sudden overtime win over the Devils.

The Mullet Hunters advance to the AAU Nationals this August in St. Louis, Mo. After also defeating the Detroit Demolition (8-0), Dragonmead Radiation (4-3) and Western Warriors (4-3).

Scott Ozog (Novi), who had a 1.8 goals-against average, earned top goalie honors while teammate Mike Stewart (Canton), who had the game-winning goal, was the tournament's high scorer.

"Our team showed a lot of grit and worked hard in every game against some very good teams," Mullet Hunters coach Jay Pesant.

Other members of the Mullet Hunters include Nick Harris, Westland; Tom and Ross Pashkot, Livonia; Nick Siekirk, Nick Pesant, Kevin Tollison, all of Canton; Kevin Etzel, Northville; Mike Hargreaves, Hartland.

### T-Ball signup

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is accepting registrations for its 5-6 year-old T-ball League through April 18. Children must be born from July-December 1997, January-December 1998 and January-July 1999.

Registration is from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Recreation Department's offices, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer. A birth certificate is required.

The season runs seven weeks, from June 19 to Aug. 7 (no games on July 3). Cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents, \$65 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620.

### All-Star hoop

The All-Star Basketball Camp, held at Madonna University and directed by Madonna men's basketball coach Chuck Henry, will feature four sessions - three for boys and one for girls.

All sessions are open to those ages 8-to-15. The boys sessions are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., from June 6-10; June 11-15; and June 16-20. Cost is \$165 for each.

The girls session is from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. July 6-8, and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 9-10. Cost is \$145.

Each camp will feature daily appearances by former Madonna men's coach Bernie Holowicki. Other features include contests and prizes; a quality shirt for each participant; drills; camp awards; guest speakers; shooting instruction; motivational and instructional videos; a camp championship tournament; a personal written evaluation; and drills on passing and receiving, rebounding, dribbling, offensive footwork, quickness and screening technique.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975.

## Chiefs stay unbeaten; Rocks win

Lisa Ealy scored one goal and assisted on another as Canton kept its record perfect with a 2-1 victory Monday over visiting Troy.

The Chiefs are 3-0. Troy slipped to 1-2.

Ealy scored in the first half with an assist from Becky Houdek.

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Canton increased its lead to 2-0 on a goal by Andrea Johnson, with Ealy assisting. The Colts narrowed the gap to 2-1 in the game's final minute after a mix-up by the Chiefs in front of their own net.

Brittany Cervi was in goal, making 14 saves.

On Saturday, host Canton got two goals from Johnson and another from Ealy in beating Birmingham Seaholm 3-1.

Kelsy Zemanski and Bailey Fagan had assists in the game. Again, the shutout was lost late in the game - on this occasion with no time left on a penalty kick.

Cervi was in goal once again, making 12 saves. She has given up two goals in three games.

**Salem 3, Troy 2:** The host Rocks scored three times in the first half Saturday in dispatching Troy.

The Rocks improved to 1-0-1 with the win.

Jordan Falcusan got Salem on the board first, scoring on an assist from Amy Gizicki. Jane Dewitt got the Rocks' second goal, with an assist from Megan McCarthy.

Salem's final goal was scored by Kim Towne. Marissa Sarkesian assisted.

The Rocks led 3-1 at the half. Kristen O'Beirne was in goal, making eight saves.

Salem is now idle until April 21, when it opens Western Lakes Activities Association play at Livonia Churchill.

## Canton rebuilt, but still looks strong

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see considerable playing time.

Asked if he thought he had four ninth-graders who could make a difference, Arnold replied, "I think we do. I know this was a very tough team to pick."

Still, replacing nine seniors the caliber of those the Chiefs lost is no easy task. Even with an influx of promising new talent, there's a lot to make up.

It's not all dependent on the new players. Returning are junior pitcher Molly Conlon, who divided time with Ross as Canton's top pitcher last season. It was Conlon who got the pitching win over Salem in the district.

Also back are seniors Heather Richardson and Kelly Baker, both starters (at least some of the time) a year ago, Richardson at different spots and Baker at first base. Richardson will likely be at third base most of this season, although she may be called on to help make up for Brown's loss at catcher. Baker is back at first base.

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## Guelph eliminates Whalers with a sweep

Beautiful day, Wednesday was. Any Michigander could make an argument for it being the official end of winter.

Of course, no one on the Plymouth Whalers would want winter to end. That ultimately heralds the end of hockey season.

But end their season did, courtesy of the Guelph Storm, who kept theirs going by sweeping past the Whalers 5-1 Wednesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Storm had just one moment of peril in the series, which they captured with a four-game sweep. That was in Game Three in Guelph on Monday, when Plymouth took them into the second overtime period before finally succumbing, 3-2 (see related story on B6).

Wednesday's game was nothing like that. The Whalers did play well at times, but not often enough against a team the caliber of Guelph.

"That's a great hockey team

we played," admitted Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "They're built to win it all this year - they have 15 players who won't be back (next season)."

"They move the puck well and have a lot of skill."

But it was the Whalers who got the early lead, Ryan Ramsay finishing off a three-on-two break with a goal with 13:23 to go in the opening period. Assists went to Dan Collins and Jordan Grant.

The question at that juncture was, could Plymouth parlay an early advantage into a victory? Paul Drew, their all-star goalie who had missed the Whalers' opening series against Kitchener with an ankle injury, was back and in the net. Could he provide the spark?

No. Guelph would end the first period by scoring two goals on back-to-back shots in a span of 1:32, the first coming

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B3



The Whalers' John Vigilante (left) drives a shot on goal past the Storm's Ryan Kitchener. Too few Whaler shots were on target against Guelph.

# Late rally earns PCA a victory; CC wins

Andrew Shumaker did his job pitching in relief and the Plymouth Christian Academy bats came alive in the fifth inning to lift the Eagles to an 11-7 baseball win over host Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday.

PCA improved to 2-0 with the victory, and Shumaker was the pitcher of record in both. Against Baptist Park, he came on with two out in the fourth to relieve Eric Immerfall, who worked two innings in relief of starter Steve Sumner. Shumaker did not allow a run on three hits in 3 1/3 innings of work; he struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Still, PCA trailed the Wildcats 7-3 after four. A seven-run fifth inning altered that, with Drew Gallagher doubling in two runs and Matt Saagman singling in another. Gallagher finished with three hits in three trips with three stolen bases and four runs batted in. Immerfall had two hits and an RBI, and Saagman and Dave Bahbah each got a hit, an RBI and scored two runs. Bahbah also stole two bases.

The Eagles are now idle until April 20, when they host Southfield Christian.

**CC 12, Livonia Franklin 2:** After splitting a doubleheader with fifth-ranked Ann Arbor

Pioneer on Saturday, Redford Catholic Central came back with a win over Livonia Franklin on Monday.

"I thought we got off to a good start with nine runs in the first two innings, but we did it off Wells and he's one of their best pitchers," said CC coach John Salter. "We had several hits with two strikes on them so that was good, putting the ball in play and getting base hits down in the count."

"And on the other end, (CC pitcher Brian) Kirkendall threw a lot of groundball outs that we made plays in the infield."

Eric Wojtkofsky and Joe Dudzinski both went 3-for-3 for CC with two RBI each while Drew Amble was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two walks.

"They came out early and set the tone for the game," said Franklin coach Paul Newitt. "They had half of their runs in the second inning with two outs and that just put it out of reach."

Rich Smith was 2-for-3 for Franklin and Otis Young was 2-for-4 with a double.

Kirkendall gave up just six hits and two runs while walk-

ing six for the Shamrocks (3-1), while Nate Rzeppa gave up a walk in the last inning he pitched. David Wells settled down after giving up the nine runs in his first two innings and wound up with three walks and two strikeouts. Wes Sanborn gave up three runs, four hits, two walks and two strikeouts in three innings of relief.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks bounced back from a dismal 8-0 loss in the first game against the Pioneers with a 16-7 win in the nightcap.

"After they dominated the first game, it was nice to get the split," said Salter. "We swung the bats like I hoped we would, so that's a good sign. Coming back after getting shut out was encouraging."

Matt Walters and Dudzinski had CC's only hits in the opener off Pioneer's Dan Mosher. Zach Putnam had a solo homer in the second for Pioneer and Randy Mosher was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Nate Rzeppa took the loss for CC, giving up five runs (one earned) and three hits in 2/3 innings. Matt Rodegher gave up three runs, four hits and four strikeouts in four innings.

In the second game, CC banged out 15 hits and scored in six of the seven innings. Wojtkofsky was 3-for-4 with

an RBI and three runs scored, Dudzinski was 3-for-5 with four RBI, Anthony Sabo was 2-for-4 with two walks and three runs scored, Derek Brooks had a double and four RBI, Ryan Gallagher was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI and Rzeppa was 2-for-3.

Greg Marrone started and gave up five runs in 3.2 innings with six hits, four strikeouts and two walks. Bob Henderson gave up three hits and two runs in the next 1 1/3 innings and Mike Monterey set down all six batters he faced in two innings, striking out two.

**John Glenn 10, Lahser 8:** After dropping its first three games of the season, Westland John Glenn (1-3) rallied for three runs over the final two innings to beat host Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Tim Bingham's single in the top of the seventh, scoring Vinnie DeLuca, put Glenn ahead 9-8.

DeLuca, the winning pitcher in relief of Bingham, the starter, went 4-for-5 with a double and three runs scored. DeLuca, a junior, pitched the final 3.2 innings, holding Lahser scoreless and. He struck out six and walked one.

Billy Burton also went 3-for-4 with two runs scored for the Rockets.

# Chiefs split opening twinbill with Pioneers

Now that was a season-opening double-header.

Canton started its softball season Monday with the same team that ended its season last year: Ann Arbor Pioneer. The opening game was much like last season's 1-0 loss the Chiefs suffered to Pioneer in the state regional semifinals; they lost 2-1 this time on an eighth-inning home run.

The second game at Pioneer was entirely different. Canton collected 17 hits in pounding the Pioneers 11-7.

"Our bats came alive in the second game," said Canton softball coach Jim Arnold. "I thought our freshmen did very well."

In the opening-game loss, Pioneer pitcher Zoe Heim stopped the Chiefs on one run and seven hits, then hit a one-out home run in the bottom of the eighth to earn the victory.

Canton got its only run in the sixth inning, with singles by Rachel Wade and Heather Richardson setting it up for Molly Przybylski, who singled in a run.

Pioneer got its first run on a passed ball in the fourth inning.

Freshman Sarah Anthony started and worked the first three innings, not allowing a run on two hits and no walks, with one strikeout. Molly Conlon relieved and pitched the next 4 1/3 innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits and two walks. Conlon took the loss.

In the second game, freshman Stephanie Sadek started on the mound and again worked the first three innings for Canton. She gave up one run on five hits and no walks. Conlon relieved and was tagged for six runs on five hits, with no walks and four strikeouts; she got the pitching win, evening her record at 1-1.

Lauren Delapaz, a freshman shortstop, was one of the offensive stars for Canton with four hits, including two triples, and three RBI. Melissa Cieniuch was another; she also contributed four hits, with a

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two-run triple in the sixth inning, and four RBI.

Richardson, who had two hits in the first game, got two more in the second with one run batted in.

Canton was supposed to have played in last Saturday's Taylor Tournament, but it was cancelled. So, too, was the Chiefs' double-header against Ann Arbor Huron, scheduled for Wednesday; that has been rescheduled for April 26.

**Huron Valley 3, PCA 1:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-2) got its first victory in three starts Tuesday against visiting Plymouth Christian Academy as Lauren Greer pitched a complete-game four-hitter, outdueling PCA's Amanda Saagman, who gave up just two hits.

Greer struck out three and did not walk a batter, while Saagman struck out 11 and walked seven.

Becky Schultz had an RBI double for the victorious Hawks, while Lindsay Pew accounted for PCA's lone run with an RBI single in the fourth.

On Saturday, the host Hawks were swept in a double-header by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 19-0 and 4-0.

**Redford Union 6, John Glenn 4:** Helene Lloyd went seven strong innings Monday as host Redford Union (2-1) downed Westland John Glenn.

Lloyd scattered seven hits, walked one and fanned one in squaring her record at 1-1.

Losing pitcher Dana Baran gave up just four hits, but walked four. She struck out 10. Four of the six runs were earned.

Amy Bailey went 2-for-4 for the Rockets. Rebecca Oros added an RBI triple in the second inning.

RU, which put it away with three runs in the fifth inning, got a run-scoring single from Kim Zuccarini.

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It seems apparent the Chiefs will have to get some big-time contributions from their young players to match last season's performance. Arnold thinks they can do it.

"I think they're better," he said. "If we don't have any injuries, we'll be better than last year. If we don't have any injuries, we'll go a long way."

It seems a rash statement, but Arnold wouldn't back away from it. "I think we're strongest on defense, but our hitting is really coming along," he said. "We've got some left-handed hitters, we've got some hitters who can hit from both sides, we've got some good slap hitters."

"Plus we've got some good speed on this team."

With strong pitching, Arnold is convinced he has the makings of another top-notch squad. "If we stay injury-free, and we stay together and play as one instead of as individuals, we'll do well," he predicted.

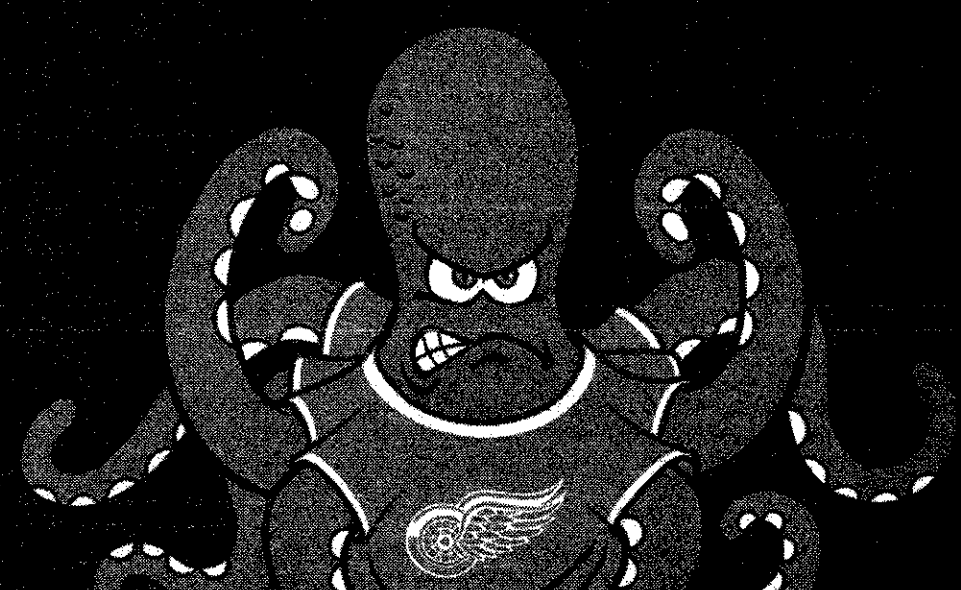
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## CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

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 EQUIPMENT

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering any level school badminton program free used feathered badminton shuttlecocks.

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

## 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 (intermediate), 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.

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## 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 week-end tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

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

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

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

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

The Dearborn Heights Knights, an 11-and-under travel baseball team affiliated with American Amateur Baseball Congress, is scheduling open tryouts for the 2004 season.

For more information, call Rich Gruz at 1-800-949-9834.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUES

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

Please call coach Bruce at (734) 981-1796 or email at: playfastpitch@hotmail.com for tryout locations and times and to register at the Canton Softball Center. Tryout applications are also available on our webpage thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

The Thunderbirds are not affiliated with the CCJBSA or its subsidiary, Pride Fastpitch. The 501(c)3 nonprofit group offers ASA-certified coaches and fun fund-raising opportunities. Girls seeking community service work should also call coach Bruce.

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.

## BADMINTON TOURNNEY

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.

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

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

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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.

## FRANKLIN FOOTBALL ALUMNI

The Livonia Franklin High Football Varsity Alumni Association will stage its second annual dinner from 6 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, May 27, at the Italian-American Club, located on Five Mile Road (just west of the I-275 overpass).

Those interested should send a \$50 check: Franklin Football Varsity Alumni Association, C/O George Lovich, 44142 Parkside Road, Canton, Mi. 48187.

## GLENN FOOTBALL REUNION

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at halftime for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall.

The cost for the weekend is \$20 per player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion).

For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimi.rr.com.

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from Ryan Callahan, who tipped Niko Tuomi's shot from the left point past Drew with 6:31 left in the period. Martin St. Pierre also assisted.

On their next shot on goal, the Storm got a score from St. Pierre, who was perched at the edge of the net, waiting to punch Brett Trudell's pass from the opposite corner past Drew - which he did at 4:59. Kevin

## Klein got Guelph's first two goals of the third period.

Klein assisted as well.

The score stayed that way until the third period, when Guelph scored three power-play goals, validating what Vellucci had said prior to the series' start: That special teams would prove decisive.

They did, and the Storm's outplayed Plymouth's throughout. In fact, they had two short-handed goals in the four games, while the Whalers scored just four goals in the series.

Klein got Guelph's first two goals of the third period, the first deflecting in at 18:35 and the second beating Drew from the left point at 13:39, making it 4-1.

The Storm's final score came from Trudell with 8:48 to go. Their dominance, and the Whalers' demoralization, seemed evident when the Whalers got a power-play chance with 6:15 remaining. In their two minutes with the man advantage, they did not put a shot on net, although Mike Knight did pound one off the post, the closest the Whalers came to scoring in the last two periods.

"We were ready for a battle," said St. Pierre, who finished the game with a goal and three assists. "It sure will be nice for us, to get a couple of days off."

The break will be much longer for the Whalers.

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# Road sweep gives Crusaders a boost

It had been a slow start for Madonna University's softball team — at least in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play — until Tuesday.

After losing three of their first four WHAC games, the Crusaders rebounded by sweeping Spring Arbor 1-0 and 7-5 Tuesday in Spring Arbor.

Madonna improved to 3-3 in the conference, 18-10-2 overall. The Cougars slipped to 4-6 in the WHAC, 16-13-1 overall.

The first game was a pitcher's duel, and Madonna's Kelly Nilson excelled, tossing a one-hit shutout. She walked one in nine innings and struck out nine. Holly Davidson took the loss for Spring Arbor; she surrendered one unearned run on eight hits and one walk, with two strikeouts.

Crystal Little (from Wayne Memorial) continued her hot hitting, getting a double and two singles in the game. Krystal Shina (Farmington Mercy) had a base hit and the game's only run batted in.

In the second game, Madonna pounded Cougar pitching for 11 hits, with Shina

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slugging a two-run home run and Jamie Bobrowski banging a two-run double. Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood), Little and Emily Cunningham each contributed two hits, Day driving in a run and Little scoring two.

Shannon Nodar was the winning pitcher; she worked five innings, allowing five runs (three earned) on five hits and two walks. Nilson relieved and pitched two scoreless innings. The loss went to Spring Arbor's Janna Klassen.

**Indiana Tech 1-7, Madonna 0-4:** The Crusaders' trip to Fort Wayne, Ind., for a WHAC double-header against Indiana Tech Sunday proved costly, with the Warriors winning both games.

The opening game was a pitcher's duel, the Warriors getting the game's only run on a two-out single in the seventh by Candy Couch that scored Dana Shaddow, who walked to start the inning. Kelly Nilson took the loss for Madonna,

pitching 6 2/3 innings and allowing one run on six hits and two walks, with three strikeouts. Rachel Harris got the win, giving up six hits and two walks with five strikeouts.

Kathy Day and Emily Cunningham each had two hits for the Crusaders.

In the second game, Madonna got three hits from Stacey Sexsmith and two apiece from Crystal Little, Cunningham (with one run batted in) and Arin Fowler — but it was no avail in its 7-4 loss.

Tech scored five runs in the fourth inning, four of them on a grand-slam home run by Jennifer Gonzalez. She finished with three hits in the game. Sonya Benavides contributed two hits, including a double, and two RBI.

The loss went to Madonna's Shannon Noder, who allowed seven runs (six earned) on eight hits and four walks. Jennifer Zev got the win, surrendering four runs (three earned) on 10 hits and three walks with eight strikeouts.

On Saturday, Madonna played a non-league double-

header at St. Francis (Ind.) and split, losing the opener 8-0 and winning the second game 7-3.

In the win, Little had three hits and two RBI, Cunningham had two hits and an RBI, Day got two hits and Jamie Bobrowski contributed a solo home run for Madonna. Lindsay Bzdok was the starting pitcher, giving up three runs (one earned) on two hits and two walks in four innings, but the win went to Noder, who worked three scoreless innings, allowing one walk and striking out three.

In the 8-0 loss, the Crusaders managed just three hits, two of them by Little. Nilson took the loss, surrendering eight runs (five earned) on 13 hits, including a two-run homer by Kari Dearinger. Emily Kavanaugh had three hits for St. Francis, and Erin Kavanaugh, Amanda Minch, Christie Myers and Merideth Lechtanski each had two, Minch driving in two runs.

Sarah Kocher was the winning pitcher, working five innings and giving up three hits and three walks with three strikeouts.

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Thursday, April 8  
Thurston at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
New Boston Huron at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
Salem at St. Clair Shores, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10  
Salem at Sag. Arthur Hill (2), noon

**BOYS TRACK**  
Thursday, April 8  
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer Indoor, 11 a.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

**GIRLS TRACK**  
Saturday, April 10  
A.A. Pioneer Relays, 10 a.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Thursday, April 8  
Aquinas at Madonna, 2 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10  
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Friday, April 9  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10  
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

**OHL PLAYOFFS**  
Friday, April 9 (if necessary)  
Plymouth at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10 (if necessary)  
Guelph at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

## TENNIS RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 4, BELLEVILLE 4**  
April 1 at Plymouth HS  
No. 1 singles: Marius Williams (B) def. Luc Lucaj 6-3, 6-0.  
No. 2: Steven Row (B) def. Ali Saleem 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 3: Kevin Welch (P) def. Jason Wisniewski 6-4, 0-6, 7-6 (10-8).  
No. 4: Ryan Payne (B) def. Justin Magill 6-4, 6-3.  
No. 1 doubles: Scott Cantuz-Ian Nestervik (B) def. Doug Eggleston-Jerry Dellercoq 6-4, 6-1.  
No. 2: Brad Yergenson-Ciint Korpalsky (P) def. Joe Bickham-Justin Mocar 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).  
No. 3: Nick Mazzocco-D.J. Wagner (P) def. Nathan Mardersan-Ryan Simmons 6-1, 6-2.  
No. 4: Erik Korpalsky-Dan Zhang (P) def. Dan Tasker-Steven Tinsley 6-0, 6-0.  
Dual-meet record: Plymouth, 1-0. Next meet: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 at Livonia Churchill.

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# Madonna splits 4-game set with Spring Arbor

A pair of four-run innings, ignited by Ben Galus and Kevin Zerbo, propelled Madonna University's baseball team to a 9-2 win over Spring Arbor in the second game of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header Saturday at Madonna's University Ballpark.

In the seven-inning first game, the Crusaders' Dan Duffey allowed just two hits and three walks in seven innings, but was outdueling by Rick Hapner, who threw a two-hit shutout for the Cougars in a 1-0 win.

The split came after the two teams divided a double-header at Spring Arbor Friday, the Crusaders winning the opener 6-1 but losing the nightcap 4-3. The 2-2 weekend left Madonna at 15-14 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC; Spring Arbor is 12-7 overall, 2-2 in the conference.

In Saturday's 9-2 win, Galus singled in one run in the third

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and slugged a two-run home run in Madonna's four-run seventh. Zerbo tripled in two runs in the four-run third and singled in a run in the seventh.

Chris Behrns was the winning pitcher, allowing two runs on eight hits and a walk with four strikeouts. Aaron Colf took the loss.

In the opener, the Cougars' Tim Corser scored the game's only run after walking, getting sacrificed to second and moving to third after a batter was hit by a pitch and another walk. Joey Sobocinski's sacrifice fly brought him home.

In Friday's 6-1 opening win, Madonna got a three-run home run from Zerbo — his fourth homer of the season — in the third inning, one of his two hits in the game. Joe Greene had three hits, Kellen Fry got two hits and Jake Ghannam (Farmington

Harrison) slugged a two-run pinch-hit double in the sixth.

Derek Dufrane improved his pitching record to 4-0 with the win, allowing one run on two hits and one walk with four strikeouts in seven innings. Andy Kline took the loss for Spring Arbor.

In the second game, the Crusaders got one run in the eighth and another in the ninth to tie it at 3-3, but Spring Arbor got the game-winner in the bottom of the ninth on a pair of errors, the second a throw home to catcher Nick Hippler, who dropped

the ball on an attempted force play at the plate.

Madonna had tied it on a Joe Greene double in the ninth, Greene eventually scoring on a wild pitch. Galus had three hits and an RBI in the game.

Jeff Savage pitched the first eight innings, allowing three runs on three hits and two walks with six strikeouts. Doug Brooks relieved and took the loss, giving up one unearned run and two walks. Tom Compian got the win for Spring Arbor, giving up three runs on eight hits and one walk in nine innings.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

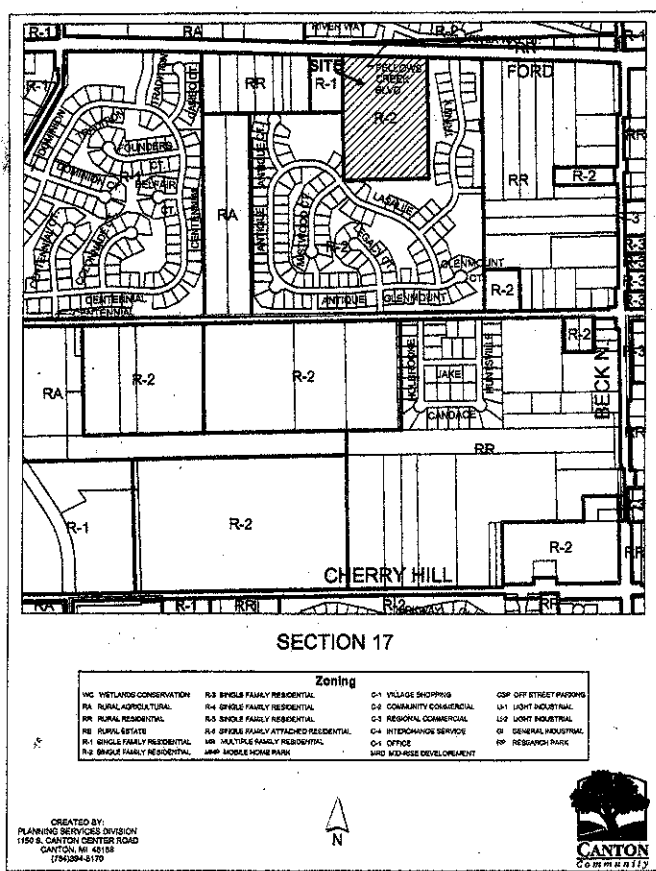
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

**FOUNDERS WOODS PDD AMENDMENT NO. 2. CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 065 99 0081 000.** Property is located south of Ford between Beck and Ridge Roads.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., April 22ND, 2004 for the following:

### CONSULTING SERVICES FOR D.P.W. ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

Specifications may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. Questions may be directed to Tom Casari at (734) 394-5153.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., April 29th, 2004 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 SOUTH CENTER ROAD CANTON, MICHIGAN 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, April 13, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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1989	Ford Escort	White	4 Dr	1FAPP9598KT167266
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1990	Ford Escort	White	2 Dr	1FAPP9195LT162324
1989	Dodge Omni	Red	4 Dr	1B3BL18D9KC498151
1995	Dodge Neon	Blue	4 Dr	1B3ES67C3SD511993
1997	Mitsubishi Mirage Burg.	Blue	4 Dr	JA3AY26A5VU014371
1986	Chrysler LaBaron	Blue	2 Dr	1C3BC51K6GG285760
1989	Olds Cutlass	Black	2 Dr	1G9NT14D2KM277583
1994	Chevy GMT-400	Red	PU	1GCD14Z7RZ190721

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## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 30, 2004

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdzak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC:** **Item 1. Youth Advisory Council Presentation** Director Conklin stated that she formed this council two (2) years ago with 11 original members. Six of those 11 are still active and students are represented from grades 8-12. Joh LaFever, Youth Development Specialist, Lester Hooker Jr. Chair, and Katie Naszardi, Vice-Chair gave the presentation and explained the role of the Youth Advisory Council, serving as ambassadors for youth development to the community and evaluate leisure time needs and interpret needs to the Recreation Specialist and assist in coordination of programs and services designed to meet the needs of the youth of this community.

**Item 2. Council for Community Excellence 2003 Annual Report Presentation** Kris Sanders, Canton's Neighborhood Coordinator, stated that on December 20, 2001, a new ordinance was adopted and the Council for Community Excellence (CCE) was formed. This Council was developed to promote projects that support the vision of excellence for the Township and to acknowledge projects that further enhance the community. The CCE acts as an advisory board, whereby they study and develop plans for community enhancement projects, promote public awareness, and enlist the support of interested individuals, businesses, industries, schools, and civic organizations. Delphine Marshall, 2003 Co-Vice Chairperson/2004 Chairperson stated that the mission is to promote a pleasant, aesthetic environment of the Canton Community by creating, participating in, and supporting activities and programs that foster a sense of community pride by involving ourselves and others in the community. The Council's goals are to explore what other communities are doing to enhance their community, reviewing Canton's programs and providing recommendations for improvement, determining the value of an annual awards program, to recognize excellence in the community and to explore a way to enhance Canton's gateways into the community. The meetings scheduled for 2004 are set for the second Wednesday of each month from 8:30-8:00 p.m. at the Summit on the Park and is open to the public.

**Item 3. Homeowner's Advisory Council Update** Glen Reimer, President stated the Council originated in the 1980's to share ideas, solve

problems and be a common voice for homeowners. The CHAC is an advisory group, whereby their goal is to assist homeowners and homeowner associations (HOA) by providing a forum for residents in the community to exchange ideas, information and concerns while working collaboratively with Canton's Neighborhood Coordinator. They provide HOA with information to assist them in establishing effective associations. Supervisor Yack will talk with IT to create link for HOA to place information on our Canton website. CHAC meets September - June and is open to all homeowners. Clerk Bennett suggested a link to the Township's web page and list the responsibilities of Board of Directors, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary when you take a position on any Council.

**Item 4. Neighborhood Coordinator Update** Kris Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator, has been in this position since conception in 2000.

The coordinator is responsible for the following key activities: maintaining positive communication with Canton residents, neighborhood homeowner's associations and Township offices, promoting and assisting in the development of community-wide projects and neighborhood improvement programs, identifying areas for improvement in communication with residents and assist in the resolution of their concerns, understanding the ongoing construction status of various residential developments in the community, support the Homeowner's Advisory Council, and support the Council for Community Excellence as the lead township liaison.

**Item 5. Ford Road Access Management Study** On December 2, 2002, the Township Board passed a resolution to adopt a Memorandum of

Understanding for an Access Management Plan for the Ford Road Corridor. Since that time, MDOT applied for and received a State Planning and Research Grant to conduct an Access Management Study of the Ford Road Corridor from Lotz Road to Napier Road in Canton. The 9-month study is being conducted by the Corrandino group and commenced in January 2004. Mr. Jeff Edwards provided the Board with an overview of access management issues and concepts and discussed the importance of the access management planning as it relates to the future of Ford Road.

**Item 6. Operating Agreement with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc.** Ann Conklin, Director of Leisure Services

discussed the draft operating agreement between the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc., and Canton Township. This draft is a model shared by the DIA.

**Item 7. Sale of Township Property** Clerk Bennett presented the history of the three (3) parcels in McIntyre Gardens that the Township currently own, when purchased from the County, due to non-payment of property taxes. The previous owners never recorded the deed for the three lots they purchased, therefore they never received property tax bills, which were mailed to the seller of the property at that time. Subsequently, the lots went to the County for non-payment and the Township purchased the three (3) lots. At this time, the previous owners are requesting to purchase the property back. The Board of Trustees feels that this property, in the future, has the potential for residential development and does not wish to sell this property at this time.

**Item 8. Illegal Signs** Director Faas stated that an agency has put up signs for builders and businesses in the area at major intersections.

These signs are illegal according to our ordinance. The Building Department has had one inspector work 3 to 4 hours on Saturdays, removing the signs, a total of 140 signs were removed on a recent Saturday.

Supervisor Yack stated that there will be no study session on April 6, 2004. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

-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.cantonmi.org after Board approval.

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# Drew's return can't save Whalers

There was some surprisingly good news for the Plymouth Whalers when they traveled to Guelph for the third game in their best-of-seven series Monday. Already trailing 2-0 in games, they needed all they could get.

The somewhat unexpected return of all-star goalie Paul Drew had to bolster their hopes. Drew injured his ankle in practice the week prior to the Whalers' opening series in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs against Kitchener and, according to coach/general manager Mike Vellucci, his return prior to the third round of the playoffs was highly unlikely.

And yet, there he was on Monday, in goal against the Storm, one of the OHL's best teams during the regular season. And he did a superb job, holding the second-best offensive team in the OHL to two goals for four periods.

But it wasn't good enough. Because at 4:54 of the fifth period, Brett Trudell turned passes from Daniel Girardi and Martin St. Pierre into the game-winning goal, giving Guelph a 3-2 victory and a 3-0 lead in games played.

Drew stopped 37 of 40 shots on goal, playing 85 minutes in his first game back. His adversary, Storm goalie Adam Dennis, had 31 saves.

The Whalers had the early lead, John Mitchell scoring at 7:35 of the opening period (assisted by Jonas Fiedler and John Vigilante).

Guelph knotted it at 1-1 when Ryan Callahan scored on the power play at 16:38 of the first period (assists from Trudell and St. Pierre).

The Storm went up 2-1 on a score by Daniel Paille at 3:20 of the second period (Matt Ryan, Girardi assisted). Fiedler's goal 3:46 later knotted it at 2-2 (Mitchell assisted).

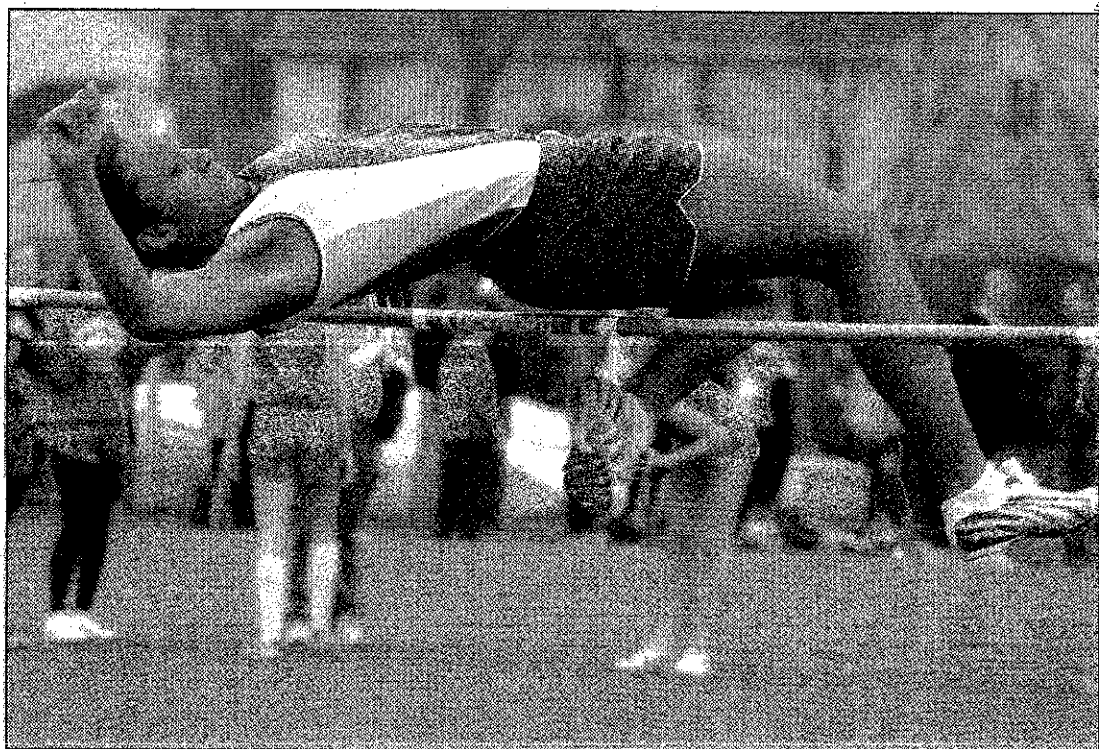
**Guelph 4, Plymouth 1:** Three second-period goals sent the Storm to an easy win over the Whalers Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Daniel Paille got the Storm started, scoring just :49 into the game (Matt Ryan, Ryan Kitchen assisting). A second Guelph goal at 4:03 of the second period by Kyle Spurr (Jakub Koreis, Cam Janssen assisting) doubled the lead; Ryan Callahan made it 3-0 with a short-handed goal at 14:49 of the second (Martin St. Pierre assisting).

The Whalers got on the board on the same power play that Callahan scored on, Andrew Fournier scoring at 15:17 (assisted by Vaclav Meidl and Tim Sestito). But the Storm scored again before the second period expired, Ryan getting the goal with just :27 left (Koreis assisting).

Adam Dennis stopped 30 of 31 shots in goal for Guelph. Ryan Nie made 28 saves for Plymouth.

## CITY TRACK MEET RESULTS



Salem's Lindsay Miles took top honors in the high jump, clearing 4-feet, 9-inches.

**SALEM 100, CANTON 43, PLYMOUTH 32**  
Tuesday at PCEP Track

**Pole vault:** 1. (tie) Williams (C), Allie Vraniak (S), 8-feet, 6-inches; 3. Ashley Aquino (S), 8-0; 4. Sara Schmidt (S), 7-0.

**Shot put:** 1. Anna Wilson (S), 33-8; 2. Maggie Fisher (S), 31-2; 3. Janine Moise (P), 30-6; 4. Guyton (P), 27-9.

**Discus:** 1. Wilson (S), 96-4; 2. Carly Schwan (S), 84-3; 3. Moise (P), 77-0; 4. Mac (C), 72-1.

**High jump:** 1. Lindsay Miles (S), 4-9; 2. Katie Cezat (C), 4-9; 3. Paszkowska (C), 4-8; 4. Petty (P), 4-6.

**Long jump:** 1. Joyner (C), 15-3; 2. Nyberg (C), 14-7 1/2; 3. Moise (P), 14-3 3/4; 4. Carolyn Heaney (S), 13-6.

**4x800-meter relay:** 1. Salem (Laura Friedman, Allison Janda, Marisa Carpinelli, Danielle Malone), 10:31.4; 2. Plymouth, 10:41.3.

**100 hurdles:** 1. Dana Eldred (S), 16.94; 2. Williams (C), 17.03; 3. Andrea Lang (S), 17.04; 4. Paszkowska (C), 19.76.

**100 dash:** 1. Wallace (P), 13.82; 2. Lee (C), 13.91; 3. Williams (C), 14.0; 4. Mueller (P), 14.28.

**4x200 relay:** 1. Salem (Lynden Gault, Miles Vraniak, Brittany Lockhart), 1:53.6; 2. Plymouth, 1:54.8.

**1,600:** 1. Lauren Kane (S), 5:46.6; 2. Liane Griffiths (S), 5:58.0; 3. McCormack (C), 6:01.0; 4. Malone (S), 6:06.7.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Canton (C), 55.28; 2. Salem, 55.34.

**400:** 1. Lockhart (S), 1:02.7; 2. Hanchett (P), 1:03.6; 3. Stobbe (C), 1:03.87; 4. Gault (S), 1:05.0.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Lang (S), 51.83; 2. Moise (P), 54.0; 3. Olech (C), 54.59; 4. Eldred (S), 54.71.

**800:** 1. Friedman (S), 2:30.0; 2. Beeler (P), 2:39.0; 3. Carpinelli (S), 2:41.0; 4. Janda (S), 2:43.0.

**200:** 1. Vraniak (S), 27.67; 2. Lockhart (S), 28.69; 3. Pitts (C), 29.5; 4. Mueller (P), 29.73.

**3,200:** 1. Kane (S), 12:33.0; 2. Griffiths (S), 12:41.0; 3. Sherwood (P), 13:13.0; 4. Chelsea Baldwin (S), 13:37.0.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Salem (Lockhart, Lang, Vraniak, Friedman), 4:20.4; 2. Canton, 4:31.0.

**CANTON 114.5, SALEM 46.5, PLYMOUTH 14**  
Tuesday at PCEP Track

**Pole vault:** 1. Derek Reeves (C), 11-0; 2. (tie) Fisher (S), Rich Hensel (C), 10-6; 4. Wurtzbacher (S), 10-0.

**Shot put:** 1. Brad Waidmann (C), 42-10; 2. Chris Snider (C), 39-9; 3. Lester Booker (C), 39-7; Miller (P), 38-11.

**Discus:** 1. Waidmann (C), 146-3; 2. Mbanugo (S), 128-3; 3. Joe Zujaj (C), 111-10; 4. Snider (C), 103-4.

**High jump:** 1. Waidmann (C), 6-3; 2. Mike Lanjus (C), 5-10; 3. Matt McClellan (C), 5-10; 4. Scherburg (P), 5-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Julian Smith (C), 20-6 1/2; 2. Rumaç (S), 19-10; 3. Rodney Preston (C), 19-6; 4. Gholston (P), 18-11 1/2.

**4x800 meter relay:** 1. Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock, Cyrus Azizi, Scott George, Eric Zech), 8:37.5; 2. Salem, 8:38.0.

**110 hurdles:** 1. Preston (C), 15.8; 2. Waidmann (C), 15.8; 3. Gholston (P), 16.7; 4. Phillips (P), 16.7.

**100 dash:** 1. Devin Thomas (C), 11.2; 2. Brandon Reeves (C), 11.5; 3. D.J. Coleman (P), 11.5; 4. Kevin Burdette (C), 11.7.

**4x200 relay:** 1. Canton (Andy Rossow, Preston, Dave Calille, Thomas), 1:33.1; 2. Salem, 1:37.0.

**1,600:** 1. George (C), 4:46.0; 2. Adam Warner (S), 4:48.0; 3. Zech (C), 4:52.0; 4. Walsh (S), 4:56.0.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Canton (Burdette, Corey Stewart, Calille, Reeves), 45.9; 2. Salem, 46.5.

**400:** 1. Rossow (C), 52.1; 2. Azizi (C), 52.9; 3. Wade (P), 53.8; 4. Sokolowski (S), 54.9.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Preston (C), 41.3; 2. Stewart (C), 43.4; 3. Chew (S), 43.5; 4. Phillips (P), 45.1.

**800:** 1. Joe Crist (S), 2:09.0; 2. Whitlock (C), 2:12.0; 3. Heidenreich (S), 2:12.7; 4. Maryanski (S), 2:13.0.

**200:** 1. Thomas (C), 23.1; 2. Coleman (P), 23.5; 3. Smith (C), 23.8; 4. Reeves (C), 23.9.

**3,200:** 1. Warner (S), 10:51; 2. Walsh (S), 10:52; 3. Kapadia (S), 10:54.0; 4. Steve Cheek (C), 10:59.0.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Canton (Rossow, Calille, Azizi, Thomas), 3:40.4; 2. Salem, 3:46.0.



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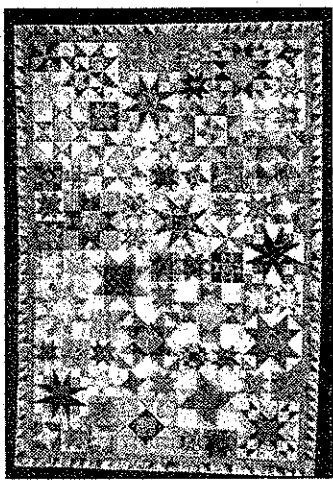
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The Oakland County Quilt Guild will raffie this star quilt at the group's Quilt Celebration 2004 next week

## Quilt Celebration 2004 has special shine

The "stars" will be out next week for Quilt Celebration 2004.

The event is a quilt show and contest, exhibiting more than 300 quilts from five states. A quilt with a star pattern will be raffled, while a star quilter will lecture and conduct classes.

Quilt Celebration 2004 will be presented by the Rochester-based Oakland County Quilt Guild, members of which are shining stars in community involvement as well as in their love of quilting.

This is the guild's sixth Quilt Celebration. The group presents the event every two years.

"It's one of the largest quilt shows in our area," said Patti Balsinger, publicity committee co-chair.

Quilt Celebration participants may compete for cash prizes — a total of \$1,050 is awarded — or enter quilts for exhibition only.

This year's show will be in a new location: the First Baptist Church of Lake Orion (see related article).

The star quilt to be raffled was inspired by a quilt by Nancy McDonald from *Alex Anderson's Star Book*. All of the guild members worked on blocks of the quilt, which were then assembled by two members.

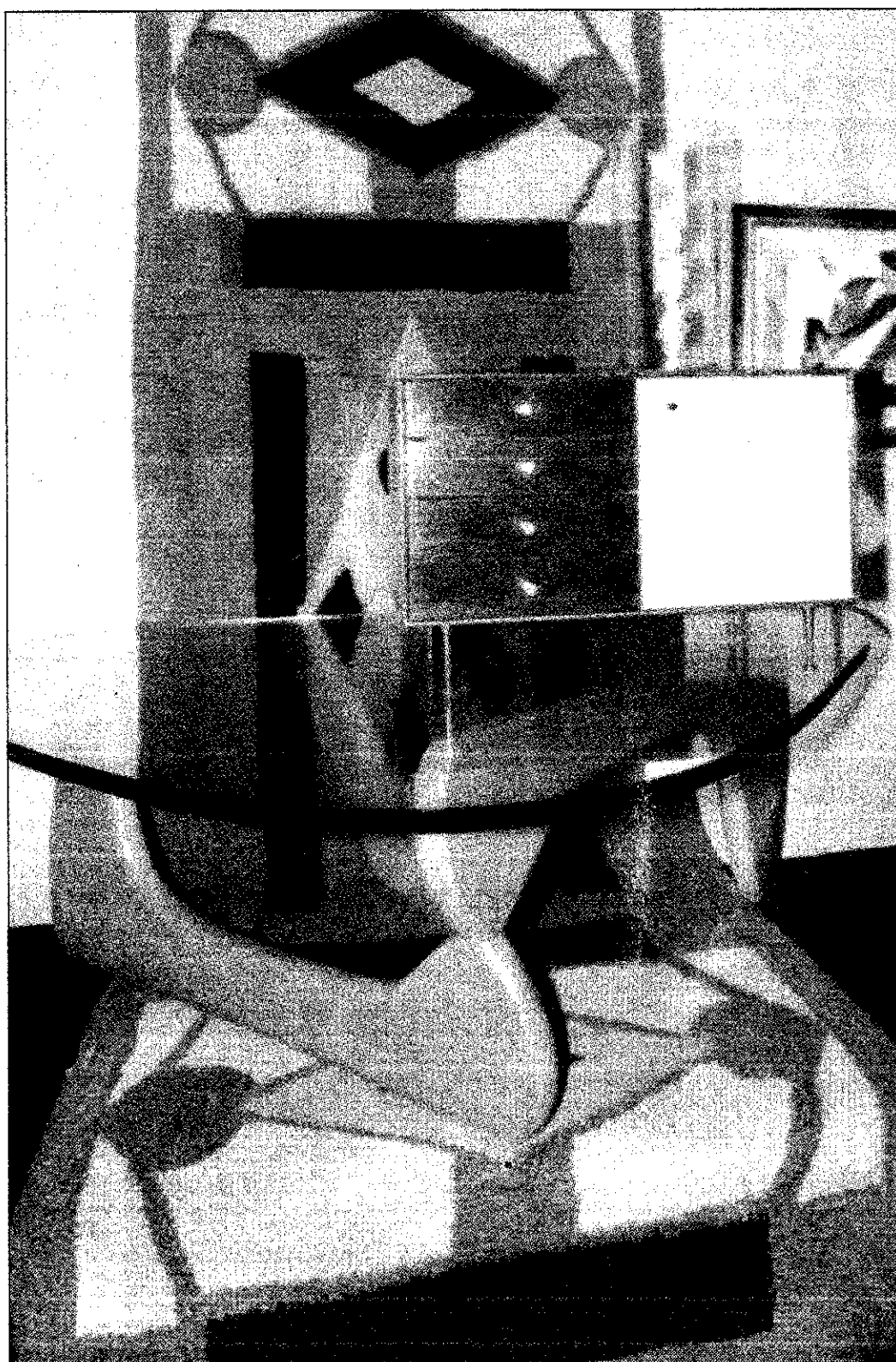
Net proceeds from the raffle will go to the guild's general fund, which supports the group's activities and programs.

Guild members have made and donated quilts to a variety of charitable organizations, including Wellness House in Detroit, HAVEN, Children's Hospital, Children's Village, Crittenton Hospital and the Rochester Police Department.

The guild's Story Book Quilt Collection will be displayed at the show. These items were made by members to accompany children's literature about quilting. The collection is available at no charge to schools, Scout troops, libraries, museums and others.

Special guest lecturer and teacher Harriet Hargrave is well known in the quilting

PLEASE SEE QUILT, C8



The Michigan Modernism Exposition in Southfield will feature a variety of furnishings in 20th century design. Examples shown here are a miniature cabinet, circa 1960s; and a glass-top table and a geometric wool runner, both circa 1950s.

# When AND Now

## MODERNISM HAS TIMELESS APPEAL

Look up the word "modern" in *Webster's Dictionary* and you'll find a definition that includes "of the present or recent times ... up-to-date."

Look for "modern" as in the modernism style and you'll find an almost limitless amount of examples.

"Basically it's the type of design that is kind of ageless," said Dan Peters of Studio 50s in Keego Harbor. "It has very clean lines."

Studio 50s will be one of 80 exhibitors from 12 states and Canada at the Michigan Modernism Exposition in Southfield this month. The show and sale will feature a wide variety of furnishings, art work, vintage clothing

and other pieces in 20th century style of design (see related article).

As a new element this year, the event will open with a preview party to benefit ArtServe Michigan, a nonprofit organization that supports and advocates for the arts and cultural education in the state.

The party will take place Friday, April 23. The evening's entertainment will include live music by Wendell Harrison, Marianne Hayden and Pam Wise, a vintage fashion show by Vintage Chic, hors d'oeuvres, a compli-

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## MARKET PLACE

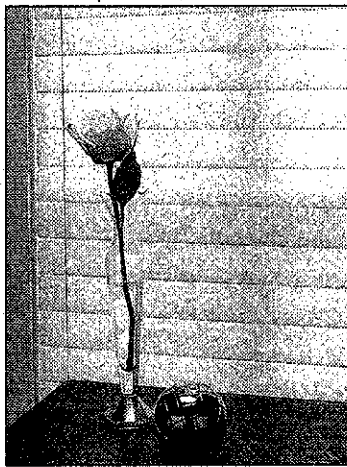
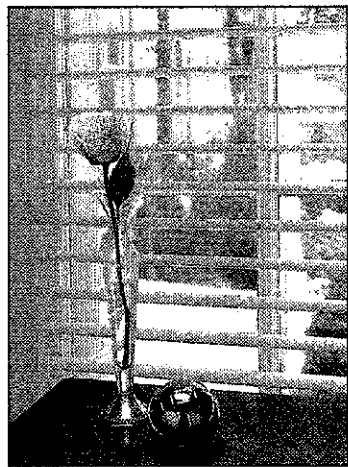
### Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in MarketPlace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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## Accents

### More garden books

There are two more books available for the Michigan gardener: *Roses for Michigan* by rose specialist Nancy Lindley and garden writer Laura Peters, and *Gardening Month by Month in Michigan* by Tim Wood and garden writer Alison Beck.

*Roses for Michigan* showcases 144 of the best roses for Michigan gardens. More than 300



full-color photographs, many of them close-ups, complement detailed information about hardiness, flower size, height and spread, scent, degree of resistance to disease, best planting location and the history of the variety. Lindley and her husband own Great Lakes Roses in Belleville.

In *Gardening Month by Month in Michigan*, each chapter is devoted to a specific month, followed by 12 pages of tips and information, annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruits, trees, shrubs and houseplants. Also included is a weekly calendar with plenty of space for writing thoughts and ideas that will keep the garden looking its best.

Tim Wood is a popular Michigan gardening personality and has contributed many articles and photographs to *Better Homes and Gardens*, *American Nurseryman*, *Garden Center Magazine*, *Midwest Living* and *Country Living Gardener*. The books are available in local bookstores.

### Give cat massage

Almost one in five North American pets has received a therapeutic massage, according to the American Animal Hospital Association. Now someone has come up with a way to help our feline friends soothe their aching joints and loosen up those muscle kinks.

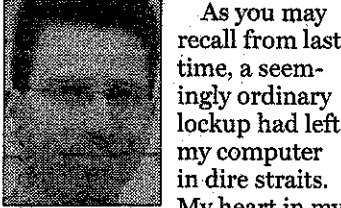
The new CatSPA from the Rolf C. Hagen (USA) Corp. is the first feline home massager designed by veterinarians. Resembling a futuristic space station in appearance, the saucer-shaped CatSPA features a series of brushes, bristles, ripples and pressure pads designed to work over most of the 517 muscles and 290 bones in a feline's body.

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# Create an infallible backup system April is the time to get ready for storms

When we last left our intrepid columnist, his computer wouldn't boot, his vital data was in peril, and his only backup had been erased (his own doing, admittedly).



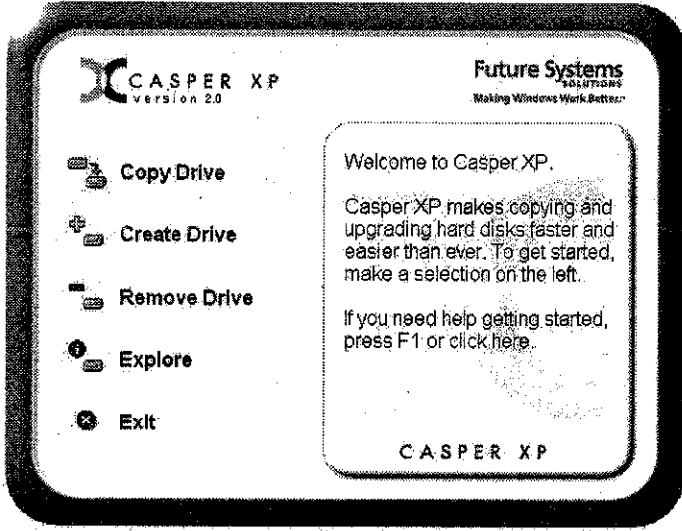
Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

As you may recall from last time, a seemingly ordinary lockup had left my computer in dire straits. My heart in my throat, I'd transplanted my hard drive to another machine to see if any data might be salvaged. Success! Not only was the drive accessible, but everything seemed to be intact. I hastily copied the most irreplaceable files to a CD, then tried putting the hard drive back in the non-working machine. It still wouldn't boot. Even so, I was relieved that the PC itself had died (seemingly) and not the hard drive. A PC can be replaced. My life's work cannot. Anyway, back to the dead machine. As a last-ditch effort, I started unplugging various USB devices. And when I

removed my external DVD burner, the machine sprang to life, everything working normally. Somehow, the initial lockup and subsequent reboot had convinced my PC that the burner was the boot drive. Go figure. So this was a happy ending—but many system failures are not. Fortunately, it's quite easy nowadays to create a bullet-proof backup, by which I mean a complete duplicate of your hard drive. If your primary drive fizzes, you just swap in the duplicate and you're back in business.

To accomplish this you'll need two items: the right software and an external hard drive. The software is easy. For about a year I've been using Casper XP (www.fssdev.com), a blissfully easy-to-use "drive image" utility that copies entire hard drives, stem to stern. It costs \$44.95 and is available for direct download from



the company's Web site. As for the hard drive, I recommend taking a do-it-yourself approach. Buy an ordinary 3.5-inch internal hard drive and mount it in a compatible hard-drive enclosure. I like this option because it's easy to extract the drive should you need to swap it with the one inside your PC. Search eBay for "3.5 USB drive enclosure" and you'll find dozens of choices, most ranging from \$20-40. Now you'll need the actual hard drive. Check the local superstores for their deals of

the week. For as little as \$80, you should be able to find a drive that's at least as large (capacity-wise) as the one in your PC. Finally, don't forget the most important step of all: reminding yourself to use Casper XP. Set a recurring appointment in Outlook or your PDA, one that reminds you to run the program once a week. Backups are a crucial part of computing. If you don't make them, you run the risk of losing time, money, and irreplaceable data. Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township, has written for computer and technology magazines, and is co-author of several books on handheld computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can e-mail him at rickbroida@excite.com

how to maintain it. Place it in the correct location to make it safe to use and where it bothers the neighbors the least. Last year some people died because they placed the operating generator in their garages. Some generators failed because the gas had been in the tank for over a year. You should know that gas begins to lose its quality after a period of 45 days. Refrigerators and freezers suffered a lot of harm in many homes because of this power failure and much of it was due to low voltage and power surges. Many homeowners had to purchase new computers and many didn't have a surge protector on the line. Electrical shops sell and install a whole house surge protector right at the fuse box. Many homes have a sump pump installed. Do you have a back-up pump or a battery-pack to keep it running? Get in touch with a good plumber or basement waterproofing company and find out what's available for your home. A subject as simple as dry ice should jar your memory back to the food you lost last year. Those companies couldn't produce enough of this product and were having it shipped to this market from states far away. Do you in a time of need know where to go to buy dry-ice? There are only a few locations, so it's time to find out now. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to put a damper on this beautiful time of year, I just want to make you aware that nature has a way of playing tricks on us.

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.

To live in Michigan is to enjoy the four seasons of the year and if you look outside, the snow is gone and the grass is turning green. During the winter months it doesn't take long to make statements like, I've had enough. Well, you asked for it, the good Lord gave it to you and the question is: Are you ready for it? Heavy rains, thunder and lightning, tornados, power surges, blackouts and all of the things that nature can create. This column will touch on a few of the preparations that should be in the mind of every reader, so let me remind you of Aug. 14 of last year. The lights went out across a vast portion of the country and it brought back a living style reminiscent of the late 1800s. After several days and more than that for some, the electrical power was restored and life went on. I don't think there has ever been a time when generators have been in demand at local stores. The retail market simply ran out of them. Maybe you're thinking about getting one for your home this year and if so, I'd like to give you some advice. Purchase one that cranks out the necessary amps and watts for your needs. Do some research on this subject and talk to the electrical people in business to find out how to measure accurately exactly what those needs are. Learn how to use the generator properly and read the manual on



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

## Techniques help make moving furniture easier

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Next time you need to move furniture around a room, try one of these techniques. They could save you an

aching back and scratched flooring. ■ Glue bunion pads on the feet of tables and chairs so they can be moved without scratching the finish on the floor.

■ For heavy furniture, slip a piece of plush carpet, pile side down, under the furniture legs. You'll protect the floor, and the furniture will slide easier.

■ If you're without bunion pads or extra carpet, try slipping heavy socks onto the legs, or place each leg into a shoe made from the bottom half of a milk carton.

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**MODERNISM**

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Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham and a cash bar. "It's a perfect fit," said Barbara Kratchman, ArtServe Michigan president.

Partygoers will benefit in three ways: They will have an opportunity to buy pieces early, have a great evening and support the arts, she said.

**APPEAL**

Among the modernism styles are Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Streamline, Prairie, Surrealism, Neo-Baroque and Arts and Crafts. Renowned names include Wright, Tiffany, Miller, Wakefield and Stickley.

Terry Ellis of Room Service Interior Design at Michigan Design Center in Troy says she is "particularly fond" of Art Deco.

"It was a very specific point in time where everything in a broad range was influenced by the style and design — buildings, book bindings, jewelry," she said. "I find that very, very interesting."

Also intriguing are the unusual color combinations of the style, Ellis said, such as red and black; white and silver; crystal and bright colors; lavender and pure gold; and lime green with red.

In his store, with its 6,000 square feet and 14-foot ceilings, Peters showcases pieces by such famous names as Saarinen, Eames and Fredericks. Many of the designers and artists have a connection to Cranbrook.

"It is versatile because it has such clean lines," Peters said of modernism. "It goes with any style."

Nostalgia is often another part of the appeal.

"I think it's mainly because people identify (pieces) with their parents," said Ron Winter, owner of Merwins Antiques Gallery in Birmingham, another exhibitor.

Merwins will feature a pair of chairs by Mies van der Rohe, art by Chagall and Picasso,

**MICHIGAN MODERNISM EXPOSITION**

**What:** A show and sale featuring examples of pieces of 20th century design. Luminaries representing the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie, Arts and Crafts, Surrealistic and Neo-Classical schools of design will be presented. Designers will include Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Heywood Wakefield, the Stickleys and Salvador Dali.

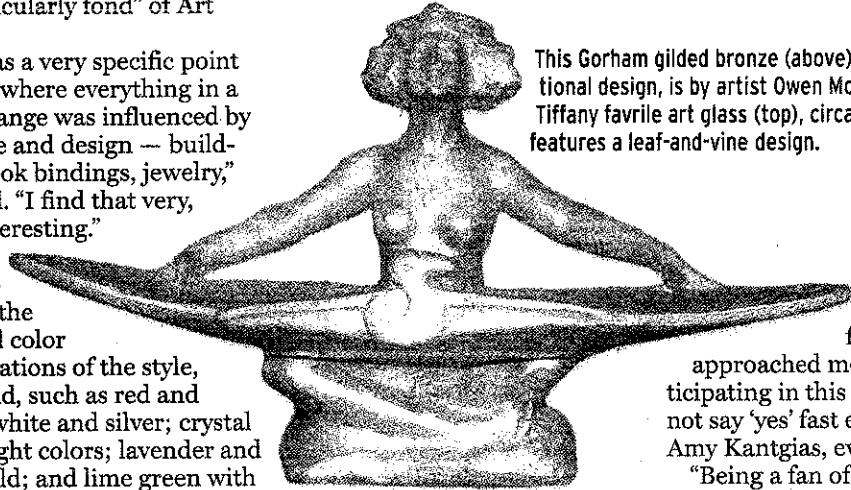
**Show admission:** \$8.

**When:** Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 24, noon to 5 p.m. April 25.

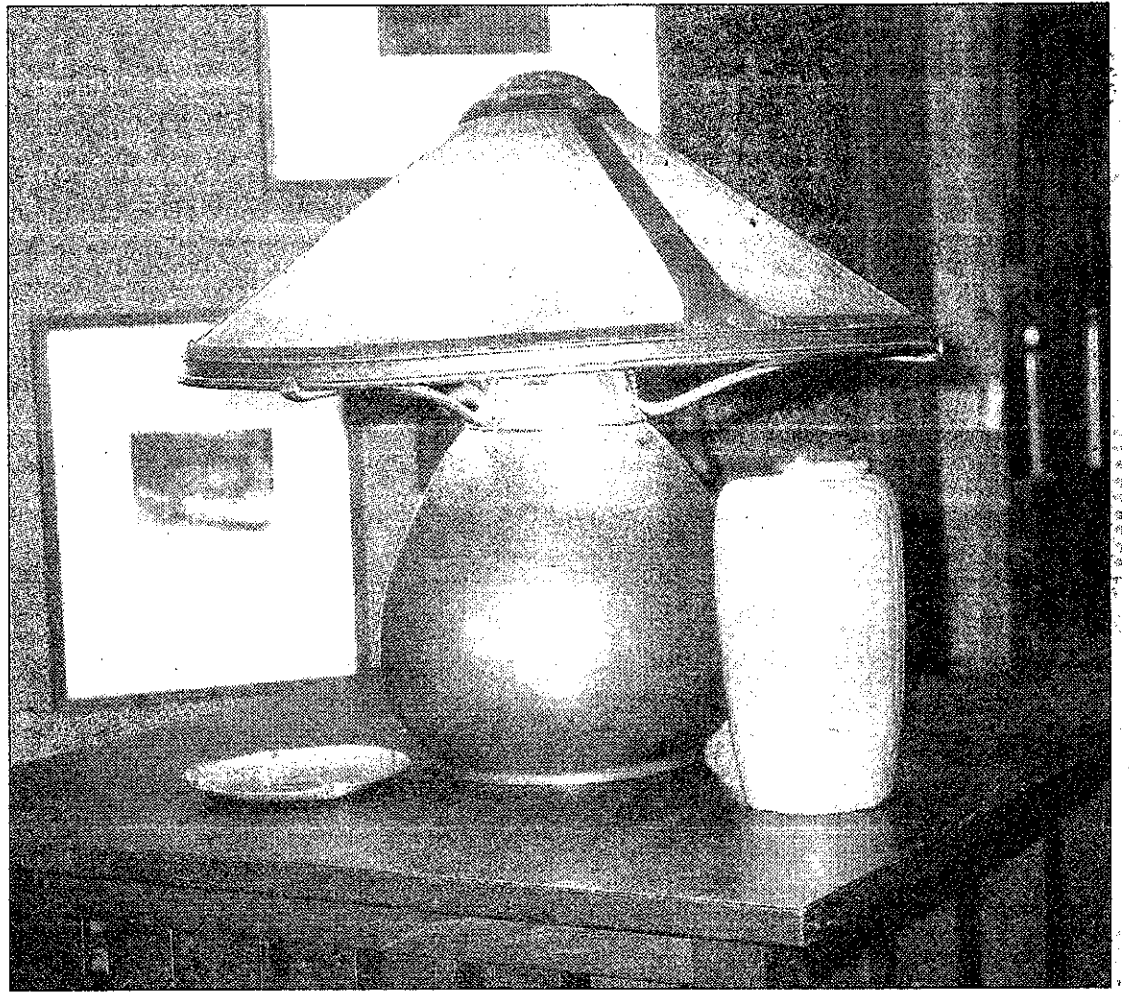
**Where:** Southfield Municipal Complex, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive, between I-696 and 10 Mile.

**Preview party:** A grand opening preview party will kick off the event 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 23. The preview will benefit ArtServe Michigan. Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door, \$150 patron. Anyone interested in attending the preview party should call ArtServe Michigan at (248) 557-8288, Ext. 17, or e-mail tech@artservemichigan.org.

**Information:** Visit <http://search.antiquet.com/m&m/>

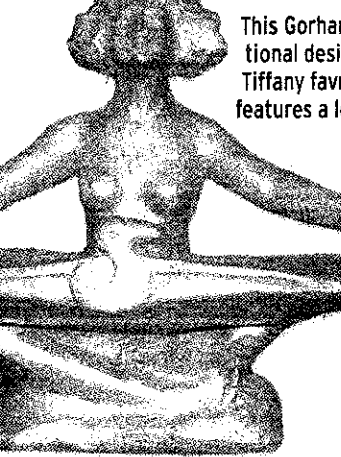


This Gorham gilded bronze (above), 1911 transitional design, is by artist Owen Moore. This Tiffany favrile art glass (top), circa 1895 to 1915, features a leaf-and-vine design.



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An example of modernism style is this Mission copper lamp with mica and copper shade.



"When ArtServe first approached me about participating in this event, I could not say 'yes' fast enough," said Amy Kantgias, event chair. "Being a fan of the modernism movement and a supporter of ArtServe Michigan, offering collectors the opportunity to preview and purchase early while raising funds for ArtServe Michigan seemed like the perfect match — an evening not to be missed."

lighting by Tiffany and glass by Steuben, he said.

Other exhibitors from Michigan will include Aimée of Dearborn, Ann Barbour Antiques, Galerie Camille, Deco Doug, Patrick Deese, Del Giudice Antiques, Elliott and Elliott, Harris Antiques, Lucky Find, Modernage Gallery, Ostrove/Hakim Antiques, Alicia Petrainas, The Plastic Arts, Rage of the Age, Sonja Wojno, Tempo Antiques, and Xavier's 20th Century.

ArtServe Michigan, which has offices in Southfield, works with artists, educators, cultural groups, businesses, government agencies and others.

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sugar maple, red maple, green-spire linden, pagoda dogwood, whitespire birch, redbud, Japanese tree lilac, aristocrat pear and serviceberry. Also available are white and red flowering crabapple trees, honeycrisp apple, freedom apple and stella cherry.

An order form can be obtained by calling 1-800-642-7353 or email at GlobalReLeafMi@aol.com or visit online at www.globalre-leaf.org. Orders will be accept-

ed through Saturday, April 10. Pickups on April 24 will be at the city of Livonia Department of Public Works yard, 12973 Farmington Road; Mike Tree Surgeons, 249 Park in Troy; Springfield Oaks Park, 12450 Andersonville Road in Davisburg, and Friendship Park-Porritt Barn at Orion Township Parks & Recreation, corner of Baldwin and Clarkston roads in Lake Orion.

Global ReLeaf of Michigan is a non-profit, volunteer

organization dedicated to planting trees across Michigan. GRM works with communities, civic organizations and schools on a 50/50 cost sharing basis to plant trees on public property. The monies raised from annual tree sales help fund these projects. Since 1989, GRM has worked with over 300 communities to plant over 25,000 trees. Trees help improve air, protect water, save energy and improve economic sustainability. A single mature

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## HOME CALENDAR

### Starting decorating

Are you overwhelmed with where to start in the process of decorating your house? A class at The Community House in Birmingham, Design 101: Getting Started!, could be just what you need.

The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at 380 S. Bates. Fee is \$23.

Bring a few photos of one room that will become your initial success. Try to capture all views of the room and any special items that you want to retain, such as furniture, art or accessories. Then collect a few pictures from magazines, books or the Internet that help explain what you'd like to achieve. Instructor Vicki Gilbertson, an interior designer with Yamasaki Associates Inc. in Troy, will discuss space planning, use of color, furniture, accessories and design techniques to achieve your desired effect. The class will learn design concepts collectively, then discuss each person's specific project. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

### Art Van Furniture

Drop off new or gently used books for ages 5 to 12 at any Art Van Furniture store during April. The books will be donated to low-income elementary school children in local communities.

The donations are part of Book Drive America, a national campaign to bring much-needed books to youngsters, schools, libraries and community centers across the country. ABC's Good Morning America, WXYZ-TV and Art Van have teamed up to bring the campaign to Michigan.

Thursday, April 22, is Art Van Family Night at Dragon Tales Live! at the Fox Theatre. All seats will be offered at a discounted rate of \$12. Tickets are on sale at the Fox Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

Also, guests can register to win four VIP tickets to the show plus a meet and greet with a Dragon Tales character. Pick up postcard entry forms at any Art Van store now through Wednesday, April 14.

Children are invited to write a brief essay (100 words or less) on Why I Love My Mother. Entry forms will be available Tuesday, April 13, through Sunday, May 2, at all Art Van locations. When youngsters return their completed essays to the stores, they will receive a special gift to give to their mother on Mother's Day (while supplies last).

The essay can be a special story or memory that highlights their mother. Essays will be judged on creativity in two groups: 7 to 10 years and 11 to 14 years of age. One winner from each group will be chosen to receive a curio cabinet for their mother.

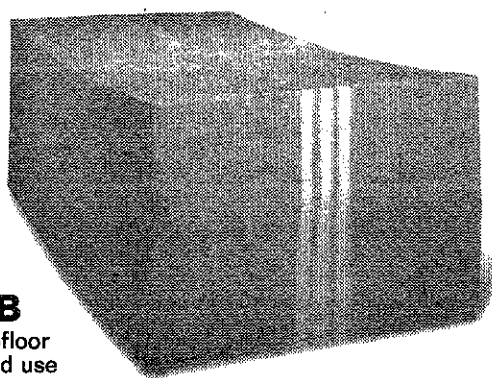
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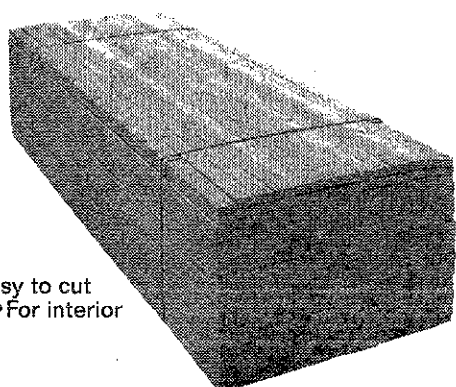
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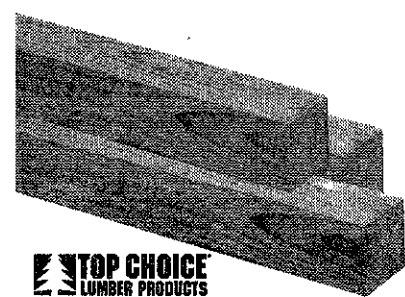
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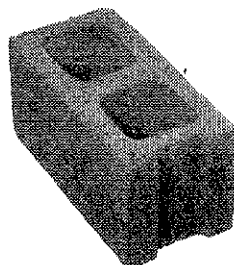
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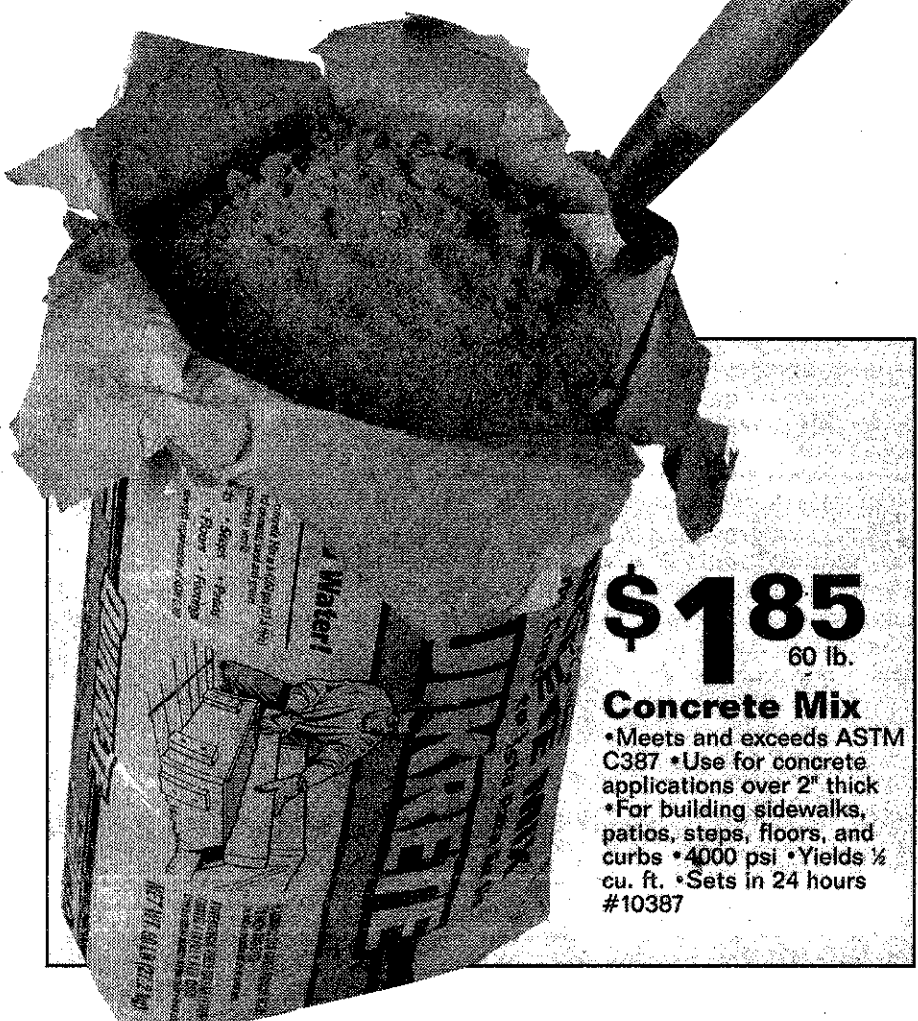
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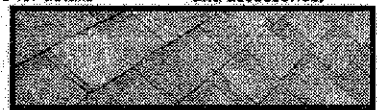
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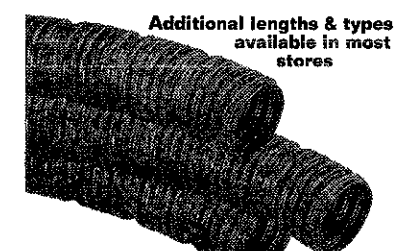
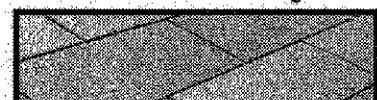
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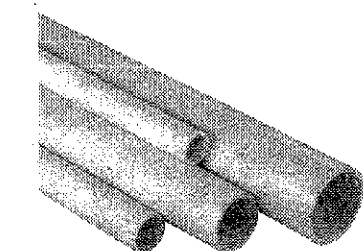


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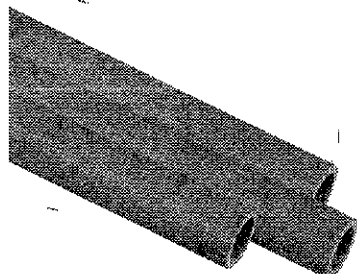
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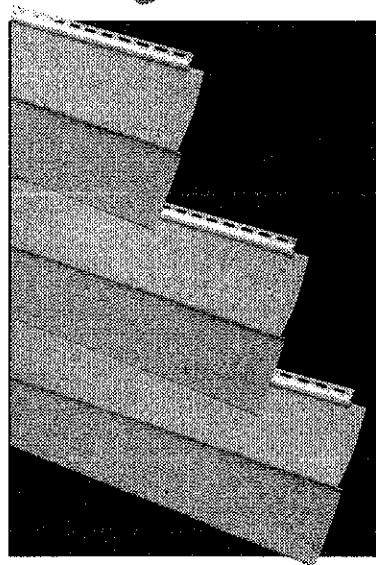


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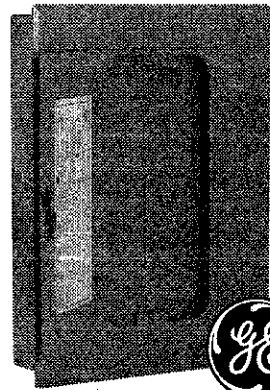
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## Brighten up and dry right with mildew

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

**Q: Angelique says: It flooded underneath my wood floor this winter. The water is gone now, but my hardwood floors smell like mildew.**

**A:** Your sniffer has detected the problem. Now is the time to take action - before the mildew runs rampant and you end up with a \$10,000 hardwood floor replacement. Mildew thrives in moist, dark areas, so to kill it you must brighten things up and dry them out thoroughly. Prune back the spring growth outside your windows, pull up the blinds, open the curtains and drapes, and flood your house with light. Prune shrubs away from foundation vents, and start a fan (or two or three) going under the floor and just as many fans above it, as well. The fast-moving air above and below your floor will dry out those impossible-to-reach places where only vapors travel. Keep these procedures in place for several days after the smell has disappeared.

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

#### APRIL

##### Holy Week worship

Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30 p.m. April 8, Good Friday Service of Shadows 7:30 p.m., and Easter (April) Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m., Festival Service with choirs and handbells 9:15 a.m., and Contemporary Service with Cross Chords band and children's choir 11:15 a.m., at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gili Road, south of Grand River, between Farmington and Drake roads, Farmington Hills. Easter breakfast will be served with by youth 9-11 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584.

##### Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with Washing of Feet 7 p.m. April 8, Good Friday Tenebrae 7 p.m., Easter Vigil 7 p.m. Saturday (no 5 p.m. service), and Easter Sunday services 7 p.m. Sunrise Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter breakfast served, and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival Eucharist, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211

##### Holy Week services and events

Maundy Thursday service - drama of the Last Supper 7 p.m. April 8, at Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road. Call (248) 476-0080. Youth-led Sunrise Service 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 11, followed by breakfast, 11 a.m. service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt (children through sixth grade) at 12:30 p.m.

##### Holy Week services

Eucharist and Stripping of the altar, foot washing 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 8; meditations on The Stations of the Cross, noon Good Friday, April 9 and 7:30 p.m. liturgy; Easter vigil and first Eucharist of Easter 8 p.m. Saturday, and Eucharist and Flowering of the Cross 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 11, child care available 10 a.m., Easter egg hunt 9 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hubbard, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 431-8451.

##### The Passion of the Christ

True or False? Find the answer to your questions 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 8, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 9, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call (734) 522-6830.

##### Holy Week services

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 8, and 9 p.m. breakfast followed by 10 a.m. worship and communion Easter Sunday, April 11, at First Presbyterian Church of Troy, 4328 Livernois. Call (248) 689-2122.

##### Lent and Easter services

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia, presents Lent and Easter services 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 8, noon Good Friday, April 9 (Thursday-Friday services will be in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran, Redford and Trinity Church (Covenant), Livonia. Easter worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

##### Love Feast and Tenebrae Service

Trinity Church of the Brethren will reenact the "upper room" experience of the disciples and Jesus as He celebrated his last Passover meal. The annual "Love Feast" and Tenebrae Service will take place 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the church at Inkster Road and W. Chicago, Redford. All Christians are invited to join in a meal celebrating Christ's Last Supper, a time of spiritual reflection, communion, and the washing of feet. A free-will offering will be received. For reservations, call (313) 937-1199 or send e-mail to trinitycobmi@earthlink.net.

##### Holy Week services

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 8, noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday, and 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:05 a.m. (contemporary service), 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Childcare provided. Call (248) 734-7400 or visit the Web site at www.wardchurch.org.

##### Good Friday Service

the community wide ecumenical services begins at noon April 9, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City. Call (734) 421-0471

##### Faces around the Cross

The community Good Friday service (April 9) features "in person" players around the cross including Simon Peter (noon), Pontius Pilate (12:30 p.m.), the thief on the cross (1 p.m.), Mary Magdalene (1:30 p.m.), the beloved disciple John (2 p.m.), and the Centurion (2:30 p.m.), at First United Methodist Church across from the Wayne Post Office. There will be

an intermission at each half-hour to allow worshippers to come and go. For more information or directions, call (734) 721-4801. The public is welcome. Participating churches include Church of the Risen Lord, Kirk of Our Savior, St. John's Episcopal, and First United Methodist.

##### Easter Passion Musical Drama

The adult choir and drama team from (Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, second block south of Ford Road, Garden City) presents "Bow the Knee," a musical drama 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10. Call (734) 421-0472.

##### Red Cross Blood Drive

8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Good Friday, April 9, at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

##### The Passion of Christ

Cutting edge performances featuring flying angels, hi-tech stage lighting, special effects, music, pyrotechnics, and a cast of hundreds Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, times are 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, at Detroit World Outreach,

23800 West Chicago, east of Telegraph, Redford. No charge. Good Friday drama, "The Whip, The Hammer and the Cross," 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 9. Call (313) 255-2222.

##### Easter services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, second block south of Ford Road, Garden City. Call (734) 421-0472.

##### Easter egg hunt

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at First Church of the Nazarene, 24260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. More than 4,500 eggs to hunt for ages 1-12, pictures with the Easter Bunny.

##### Breakfast with Easter Bunny

9-10 a.m. Sunday, April 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Westland. Children eat free. Guests welcome. Photographs taken. For more information, call (734) 721-5023.

##### Battle of Praise Bands

Looking for groups to compete in Battle of the Praise Bands 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, in the Kresge Chapel, at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. Deadline to enter is

April 14. No registration fee. Youth group praise team bands will compete for a grand prize of 20 Cedar Point passes. Registration materials can be obtained by calling Heidi at (248) 553-7200.

##### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other takes place April 16-18 and May 14-16, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wmme.

##### Women's Club Sale

St. Gemma Women's Club hosts its spring Rummage/Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 17, in the school at 13550 Virgil, four blocks east of telegraph, one block south of I-96, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-3666

##### Rummage and Bake Sale

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April

15-16, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (bag sale), April 17, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt and Eight Mile, Farmington. Light lunches available.

##### DivorceCare

Education and support group for those facing divorce begins 7-9 p.m. Sunday, April 18 for 13 sessions, no meetings May 23 and 30, and July 4, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Street, north of University, east of Rochester Road. \$20 fee for workbook. To register or for more information, call (248) 651-9361.

##### Rummage & Bake Sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Donations are needed and may be dropped off at the church during the week of April 19-22. For more information, call Judy at (248) 476-9074.

##### Homemade pie sale

The fund-raiser run 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24, at the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Road, west of

Orchard Lake road. Call (248) 851-2330. By donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society for their annual Relay for Life held June 12-13, at West Bloomfield High School. The following fund-raiser will be a May 22 pie sale.

##### Mom to Mom Sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Need kids clothes or toys? The sale offers everything from infant to pre-teen and maternity clothes, furniture, toys and more. Admission \$1. For more information, call (734) 422-0149

##### Biblical Perspectives on Health

A seminar uncovering the many health practices hidden in the ancient Scriptures that are now only being confirmed by modern science 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School and Church Complex, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. This afternoon of discovery is capped by a vegetarian meal. By donation. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

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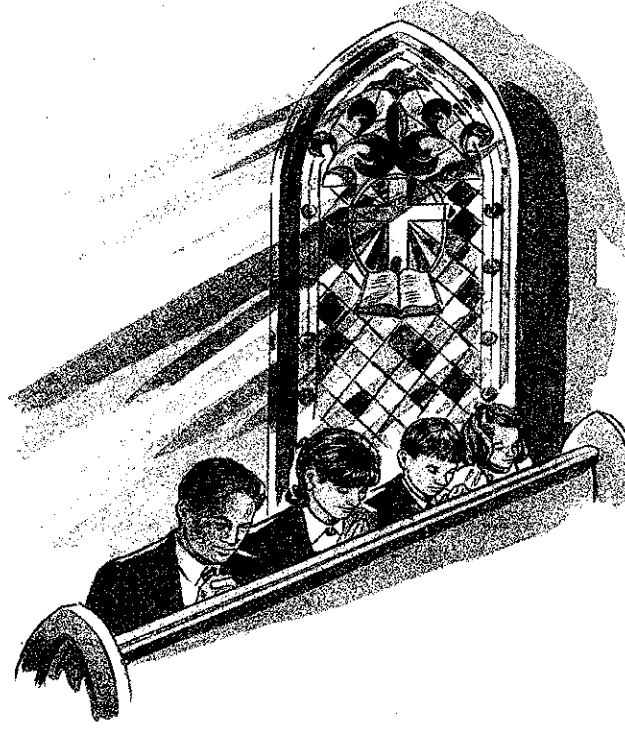
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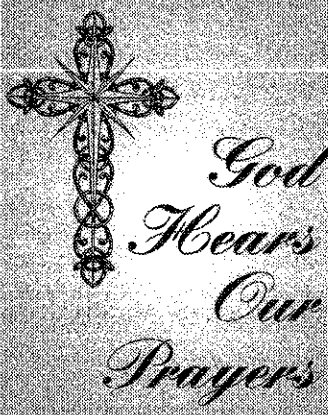
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### It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

## GARDEN CALENDAR

## 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. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, 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 Saturday.

## Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet 1 p.m. Monday, April 12, in the Royal Oak Library Auditorium, 222 E. 11 Mile. The featured speaker will be advanced master gardener Dick Gadoua, who will use visual media with a lively question-and-answer session. Gadoua has a vast knowledge of lawn care spring wake up tips, and the benefits of composting. He was the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority's Volunteer of the Year for three consecutive years, and received the Keep Michigan Beautiful Distinguished Service Award.

For more information, e-mail RUDRON@YAHOO.COM or camlmartin@aol.com.

## Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R, just south of Wattles in Troy. Gloria Hite will present a program on daylilies. These beautiful flowers have become very popular and are available in many styles and colors. Hite will help sort out the many types and find innovative uses for them in gardens. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. For more information, call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

## Healthy lawn care

A healthy lawn care workshop will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Green Room of the Bloomfield Public Library, 1099 Lone

Pine Road at Telegraph. Kevin Frank of Michigan State University will speak. Topics will be soil care, mowing, fertilizing and pest management for Rouge River water quality. The workshop is free to all Oakland County residents. Register in advance by calling Karen Bever at Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, (248) 288-5150.

## Ponds

Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will conduct a free pond opening seminar 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Call (734) 421-5959 for information.

## Garden demonstrations

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, has scheduled classes and other events. The offerings include Automatic Watering System Demonstration, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15; Early Bloomers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17; Topiary Demonstration, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17; and Greenhouse Tour, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22. Guest speaker Denny Snell will demonstrate a new do-it-yourself watering system April 15. Admission is free. The system is easy to set up; can water patio pots, beds and hanging baskets; and can be installed to water automatically. In the Early Bloomers event, learn about selections that can help keep your garden blooming up to 10 months of the year. In the topiary event, Judy Corneliier will demonstrate techniques that are used to create and maintain topiaries of different varieties and styles. Admission is free. In the April 22 tour, Telly's owner George Papadelis will stroll through the greenhouse and highlight some of the newer plants and how to use them. Admission is free. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

## Garden design

A course on garden design will be offered for five Saturdays beginning April 17 at The Community House in Birmingham. Attendees will learn how to select and arrange plants for individual beds or small areas within a landscape. Each student will have the opportunity to design their own garden and apply the basic methods for putting the design on paper. Fee is \$162. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Karen Sierzega, a master

gardener, earned her Certificate of Gardening of Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening. She owns and operates Through the Arbor, which designs, installs and maintains residential gardens and landscapes.

## Bromeliads

The S.E. Michigan Bromeliad Society will present a free seminar, The Orchids' Rain Forest Companions: Bromeliads, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Ray Wiegand's Nursery, 47625 Romeo Plank Road in Macomb Township.

The seminar will feature a survey of the other aristocrats of the forest canopy, the bromeliads; a comparison of the adaptation strategies of the two families; and the implications for the successful care of these plants. Visitors are welcome. Call (248) 380-7359 for information.

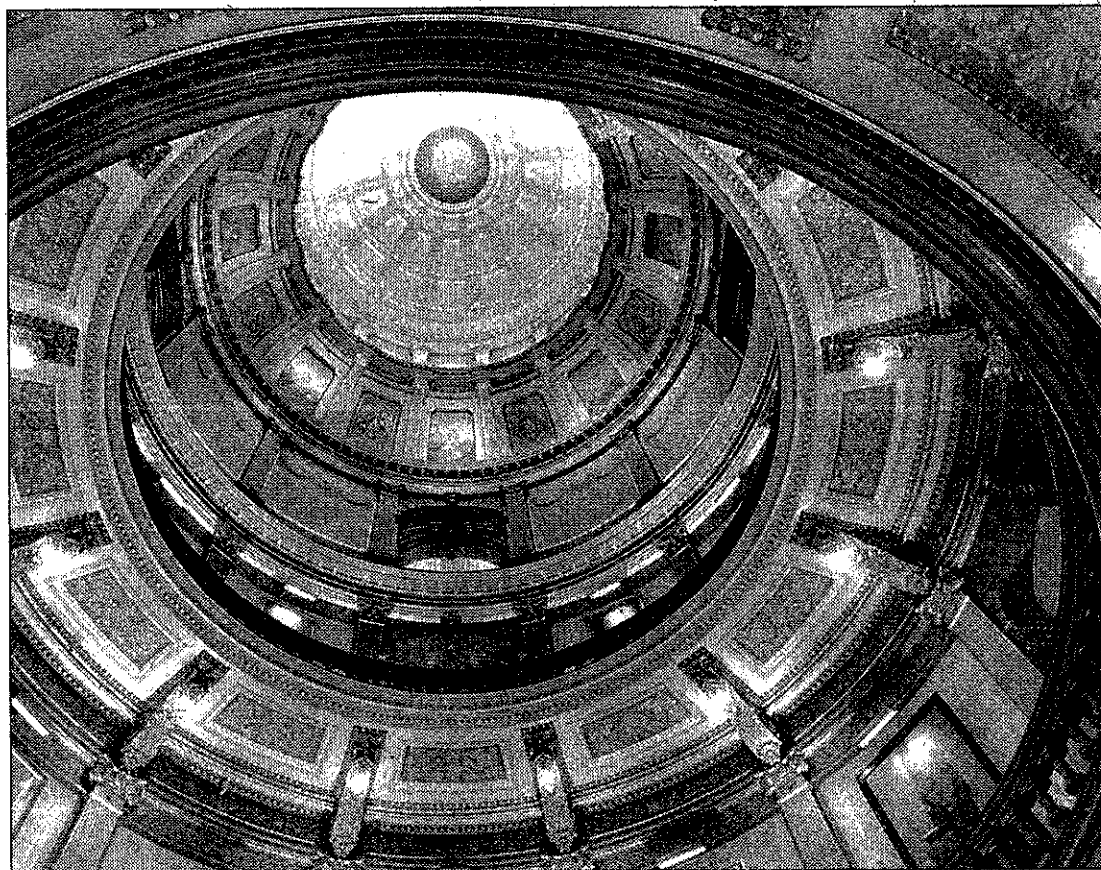
## Underused annuals

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, Rediscovering Underused Annuals, 7 p.m. Monday, April 19. The program will take place at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward. George Papadelis, the owner of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy, will give a presentation that will include descriptions and growing tips for new, forgotten or underused annuals. Guest fee \$5. For more information, call Pat Jerzy at The Community House, (248) 644-5832.

## Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet Monday, April 19, for a trip to Kern Road Farm in Chelsea.

Kern Road Farm maintains a booth at the Ann Arbor farmers' market and produces a vast array of delicious jams, jellies, vinegars and sauces. Members, and anyone else interested, will meet in the front parking lot at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The car pool will leave at 11:30 a.m. for a bag lunch (bring your own) at Kern Road Farm, followed by a tour at 1 p.m. Those who miss the car pool can meet the group at 13877 E. Old US-12, just east of Freer Road near Chelsea. The event is free. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310, or call Kern Road Farm at (734) 433-0738.



This is the dome at Michigan's state capitol in Lansing. Here is Monte Nagler's artistic expression of it.

## Develop a state of mind when taking photos

Even though photography has been around for 170 years, only within the past 25 years has it been widely accepted as a true art form with collections to be found in



## Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

major museums and corporations throughout the world. Obviously, not all photographs are considered great works of art and are worth little except perhaps to the person who shot them. But the important thing I want to convey to you today is to develop a state of mind that your photographs can be important, that taking pictures can be an art, and that as a person deeply interested in photography, you are an artist. You paint with light, and your subject is life itself. Look at your photography as a wonderful opportunity to create.

How can you begin to think

of yourself as an artist? First, by likening yourself to a sculptor. A sculptor begins with a block of stone, his whole. By then chipping away with his chisel, he ends up with his finished work. Thus, by process of elimination, a sculptor revives his completed art.

Similarly, a photographer derives his finished product by a kind of process of elimination, a zeroing in on his subject. An initial look at the subject is the photographer's "whole." Then by proper lens selection, camera angle, selective focus, light direction and quality, and time of day, the photographer "chips away" like the sculptor and ends up with his finished art.

Remember that it's not the chisel carving the stone... it's the sculptor. Similarly, keep in mind that it's not the camera making the photograph... it's really you!

Learning to visualize in advance is very important in your photography and will help you to think in terms of an artist. When you are composing a picture in the viewfinder, try to visualize the image as a

finished print. This is especially true for those who work in black and white where an interpretation of tones and contrasts is necessary.

Even when you don't have your camera with you, practice looking at things as if you were seeing through a viewfinder. You'll be amazed at what you will see.

Yet another way to bring out the artist in you is to say in your pictures how you feel about your subjects, remembering that you and your subject are the two most important ingredients in making a picture. If you love trees, for example, communicate this love through your photographs. Try to make a meaningful statement about trees in your pictures of them.

The idea of a photograph, as in any art medium, is to create a visual interpretation of what you saw and felt and to share your vision with others.

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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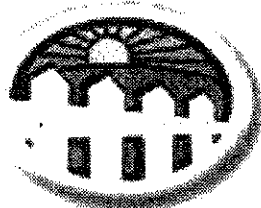
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Age 67, April 4, 2004. Beloved wife of Hubert(Sonny). Loving mother of Francis Moore, Jim (Nancy) Smith, Linda Napier, and stepmother of Joey(Sheri) Merryman, and Lisa (Bob) Jones. Sister of Harriet Donner, June(Tom) Larry, Jean Moore, Marie(Dale) Hammer, Louis (Bonnie) Moore, Robert (Mary Ann) Moore, and Donald Moore. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, and special care givers, Cindy Treharne, and Sandy Donner. Funeral services were held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 51551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Wednesday at 3:00pm. Visitation Wednesday was at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 3:00 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Henry Ford Hospice(Brest Cancer).

## BERNICE F. HOOK

94, former area resident & secretary at General Motors Corp., passed away April 4, 2004 in Quincy, MI. Preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Hook, and brother, Rev. Robert Richardson. Survived by cousins. Funeral services 3PM Thur. at the George White Funeral Home, Quincy. Visitation Thurs. from 2PM until time of service.

## CRAIG T. BELL

Age 58, of Canton, died April 6, 2004. He was born June 12, 1945, in Northville. He was a lifelong resident of the Northville, Plymouth, and Canton area. He graduated from Northville High School where he was an all-around athlete, and from Eastern Michigan University where he received a Masters Degree in Education. He was a Physical Education teacher and guidance counselor with the Plymouth-Canton Schools for 32 years. He also coached football, basketball, and baseball for 30 years. He was an avid golfer, and he loved spending time up north. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Vicki; his children, Becki (Jim) Kelly of Plymouth, Barry Bell of Plymouth, and Amanda (Jason) Howe of Garden City; his grandsons, Jason, Jacob, and Tyler; his sister, Delores (Ron) Jennings; and his brother, Mark Jennings, Jr. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S Main, Plymouth, Thursday 3-9pm. Private graveside services will be held. Memorials may be made to the Craig Bell Memorial Fund, c/o Vicki Bell.

## SZPYRKA, BILL

Age 54, April 3, 2004. Beloved husband of Kitty. Loving father of Bill & Scott. Dearest son of Bill & Florence Szpyrka. Dear brother of Sandy (Larry) Wade, Debbie Szpyrka. Uncle of Larry Wade Jr., Chris, Mark, Brian Anderson, Norma Anderson. Brother-in-law of Chris & Sue Anderson, Roddy & Ester Anderson, Larry Wade. Funeral Sat. 11am Querfeld Funeral Home, 1200 Oakwood, Dearborn. Visitation Thurs. 5-9 & Fri. 12-9pm. Memorials to Our Children's Fund of W. Bloomfield Schools, PO Box 665, Keego Harbor, MI 48320 appreciated.

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# Make a list for your next vacation

**Q:** Going on vacation is a lot of work. I don't remember if I packed my swimming suit. Did I lock the back door? I think I turned the iron off but I'm not sure. I am exhausted by the time we leave on our trip. It takes days to recover when we return home. Do you have a solution?



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watch the house, feed the dogs and bring in the paper. Leave hotel phone numbers with relatives and friends. As soon as you arrive at your vacation destination, call and make arrangements for tours and other sightseeing trips.

**PACKING:**

Start a written list of items to pack a week before you actually pack. It is so easy to forget things if you pack in a hurry. You can keep a list on your refrigerator so you can jot things down as you think of them.

Some of the items on your list could include camera, video camera, film, batteries, video tapes, notebook, tickets, reservation information, brochures, vacation agenda, deck of cards, books, magazines, pillows (if riding in the car), snacks, toys (if traveling with young children), change of clothes (a change each day plus two extras), pajamas, swim suit, socks, underwear, shoes and toiletries.

You should do the majority of washing and ironing two days before you pack. Put everything in the suitcases the day before you leave. Begin collecting things you will be taking several days before your departure. Put these items in a designated area in your house. You could use the corner in your bedroom or a spare room that is not in the way of your daily activities.

**VACATION AGENDA:**

Whether you plan an itinerary before you leave or not, you should be flexible and wait to finalize the plans until you arrive at your destination. This gives you an opportunity to consult locals and look at brochures as a family to decide exactly what you would like to do.

Write a daily schedule (which is subject to change) allowing each person to contribute their ideas. When you

plan and write things down, you have a better chance of doing them. It is important to have a backup plan for your vacation schedule. When Plan A does not work be prepared to implement Plan B.

**UNPACKING:**

When you arrive home, you should be ready to resume your routine immediately. This can be difficult if things do not get unpacked quickly. Delegate jobs. Someone can unload the car, bringing everything into a central location such as the kitchen. Immediately begin unpacking the dirty laundry and start the washer.

Younger children make ideal 'runners,' taking things to specific rooms. Once everything is in the proper room, each family member is responsible for his own personal unpacking.

My husband and I planned a five-day getaway without children a few years ago. Our destination was the Barbados. I did not follow the system of making lists.

Everything was going according to plan. We landed on the island and checked into an expensive resort, planning to use some coupons that would allow us to stay at the hotel free. When my husband asked me for the coupons, I discovered they were not in my purse. We called my mother to help us locate the coupons at home. She sent them to us express mail. After \$100 in phone calls and \$50 in postage, I decided that making lists would always be a part of my future vacation planning.

Happy Vacationing. Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Vacationing is relaxing when well planned."

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when preparing for vacation. I plan ahead and I keep several written lists. I keep a list of things to do, people to call, items to pack, vacation agenda and unpacking at home. Every family member has jobs to do. For example older children can do their own packing, help load the car, be responsible for their own belongings and assist in vacation planning.

**THINGS TO DO:**

Begin preparing a week before you leave. Make a specific list of things to buy. Shop for toiletry items, clothing, reading materials and snacks. Get out the luggage and make sure it is adequate. Gather phone numbers in case of an emergency and addresses to send postcards. Put a hold on the mail at the post office or pay a neighbor child to collect your mail while you are gone.

**PEOPLE TO CALL:**

First decide on the vacation location and then make the arrangements. We make arrangements months or weeks ahead depending on the destination. It is important to make reservations early to take advantage of discounts.

First, make reservations with the airline, if you are flying, and then reserve the rooms. Call a friend or neighbor to

## QUILT

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world, Balsinger said. Hargrave is a master of machine quilting — it was revolutionary when she introduced free-motion quilting in 1984 at the Houston Quilt Market — and the author of several books.

Hargrave also printed two successful lines of reproduction fabrics and helped develop a line of natural fiber batting.

She opened Harriet's Treadle Arts in 1980. It was the first quilt store in the Denver area to specialize only in machine quilting, piecing and appliqué and is now the standard in many stores around the country.

Hargrave has traveled around the world and to every state in the nation. In 1994, she was chosen by a panel of her peers as one of the 88 Leaders of the Quilt World for

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**When:** Friday-Saturday, April 16-17. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17.

**Where:** First Baptist Church of Lake Orion, 255 E. Scripps Road in Lake Orion. Take I-75 to exit 81. Go north on Lapeer Road to Scripps Road, four miles north of The Palace of Auburn Hills.

**Show admission:** \$6.

a book of that title that was released out of Japan.

At Quilt Celebration 2004, Hargrave will speak on Caring for Today's Quiltmaking Fabrics. The lecture will take place 7-8:30 p.m. April 16; admission is \$6.

Hargrave will teach two classes: The Basics of Heirloom Machine Quilting (April 16) and What Do I Do


With It Now? (April 17). Times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Classes are \$45 each.

For class registration and other information about the show, visit the Oakland County Quilt Guild Web site at www.members.tripod.com/ocqq; or call Patti Balsinger at (248) 334-8153 or Edi Roser at (248) 375-9525.

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## New wines created from partnership

A unique bi-hemisphere partnership between Napa Valley's Robert Mondavi Winery and Australia's Rosemount Estate (now owned by Southcorp Wines) was forged in year 2000.



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The California wines are named Talomas (tah-LOW-muss), after the indigenous California word meaning wildcats, one of which is artistically depicted on the label. Wines produced in Australia bear the name Kirralaa (kee-RA-lah), an Australian Aboriginal word translating as star.

### HANDS ACROSS THE WATERS

Talomas wines, made in California by Australian-born and -educated winemaker Ian Shepherd, illustrate the Australian philosophy of cross-varietal and cross-regional blending. Grapes are sourced from Mondavi's vineyards in California and in particular for the Syrah, from the Camatta Hills vineyard near Paso Robles, planted according to Australian viticultural methods in the late 1990s.

The Kirralaa Australian wines, also made by Shepherd in his homeland, express a California style of single-varietal wines. Blended from vineyards in Australia's premium wine regions like McLaren Vale for the Cabernet Sauvignon, as an example, the wine is intended to represent a unique sense of place.

To create the final blend representing the philosophy behind each wine, Shepherd works with senior winemakers at Rosemount Estate in Australia and their counterparts at Mondavi.

We've known the talented Shepherd (nicknamed Shep) for many years. His winemaking experience in Australia, South Africa, France and California make him well-suited to the collaborative efforts.

"In Australia," Shep said, "we've been successful blending premium varietals to produce rich and complex styles of wine. Using cross-regional and cross-varietal blending in California can be called unorthodox, but it enhances wine aromas in a big way and creates a bigger-structured mouth feel with a long finish."

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## EASTER HAM



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Great for dinner, great for leftovers

For Christians throughout the world, Easter Sunday is celebrated with morning Mass or church services remembering and celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Families or friends often gather that day for a dinner featuring a traditional Easter ham, sausage and spring fare.

Often the family's cook does not want to fuss with roasting and glazing the ham; they'd rather just purchase a fully cooked, ready-

to-eat one. Like Thanksgiving, the Easter meal creates a lot of leftovers - here are some ideas for your holiday ham. **Taste, Page D2.**

to-eat one.

The unprocessed meat is referred to as fresh ham, but most ham goes through a curing process after which it's referred to as cured ham, according to Sharon Tyler Herbst in *The Food Lover's Companion*. The meat is cured either by dry curing,

sweet-pickle curing or injection curing.

Dry curing involves salting the surface of the ham thoroughly, then storing it until the salt saturates the meat. Sweet-pickle curing involves immersing the ham in a sweet brine with added seasonings (usually a secret recipe from the preparer). If sugar is added to the curing mix, the ham may be labeled sugar-cured.

Many ham producers use

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### HONEY-ORANGE GLAZED HAM

8-pound fully-cooked ham  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 cup honey  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

For glaze, in a small bowl combine orange juice, honey, cinnamon and cloves; mix well.

Place ham on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast in a 325°F oven for 2 hours, or until meat thermometer registers 140°F (about 15-18 minutes per pound), basting with the honey glaze during the last 45 minutes. Serves 24.

Nutritional information: calories, 150; protein, 17 grams; fat, 4 grams; sodium, 920 milligrams; cholesterol, 40 milligrams; saturated fat, 1 gram; carbohydrates, 12 grams.

Recipe from www.otherwhitemeat.com.

## Wine tasting raises funds for OCC

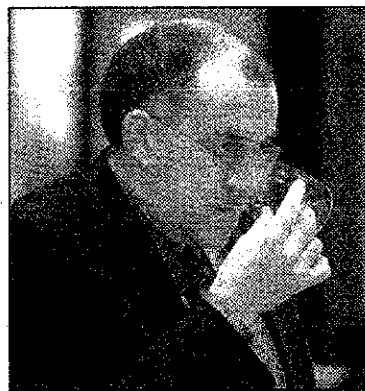
Guests and judges of the ninth annual Great Lakes Great Wines Tasting enjoyed wine varietals from the Midwest and Canada and foods from the Detroit area's country clubs and restaurants Thursday at Oakland Community College.

The more than 175 guests had an opportunity to taste 500 different bottles of wines. Darlene Levinson, who coordinated the wines and judges for the event, said the event raised \$11,000 last year.

"(Ticket sales) are about the same as last year, but the event itself is bigger than last year," Levinson said. "It's really a good fund-raiser for us. I see a lot of the same faces from last year, so they keep coming back. The judges like to come back, too."

Tom Fries of Akron, Ohio, has judged wine events for four years.

"Great Lakes wines have improved over the past 10



Michael Schaefer of Troy sips wine from his special wine glass at the Great Lakes Great Wines fund-raiser Thursday at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

years," Fries said. "I think education has a lot to do with that." "Growing techniques," added Michael Milkovich, also a judge from Akron. "There's better varietals today. The ice wines do well."

Michael Schaefer of Troy served as a judge in previous years. This year, he just walked the room and enjoyed the foods and wines.

"The pinot grigio is really coming along, and the dessert wines are first class," he said. The cabernet franc "is tremendous," Schaefer said.

Schaefer enjoyed the sesame sea scallops from Steve & Rocky's of Novi, and the roast beef tenderloin on fougasse roll from Great Oaks Country Club of Rochester. "The tenderloin was cooked perfectly and the sundried tomato sauce was delicious with it," he said. "That went nice with a cabernet franc."

Sue Baier, program coordinator with OCC's Culinary Studies Institute, said the event brings awareness to Great Lakes wineries, as tasting patrons visit the wineries after attending the tasting. "It's really a good pro-



Mario Dixon and Bonnie Cecil check out wine samples.

motional tool," Baier said. "We think this event is what the industry is all about," Baier said. "We're promoting the Great Lakes wines, a lot of alumni from the country clubs participate, and it promotes these clubs and restaurants. Every restaurant had an alumni here. We have the marketing

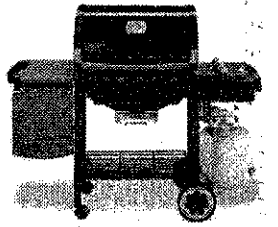
class promote the event, a catering class is involved and a culinary class created Asian cuisine."

Baier said money raised from tickets will help fund special projects, trips for OCC teams in ice carving and hot food competitions, and money for scholarships.

## Side Dish

### Grillers surveyed

The 15th Annual Weber GrillWatch Survey reveals that grilling's popularity



continues to grow - even during the cold weather months.

When asked to define their grilling season, 54 percent of today's grill owners say they grill all year long, an increase from nearly 50 percent a year ago, according to the GrillWatch survey. Those owning smokers are the most likely to grill year-round, at 72 percent.

During their grilling season, the majority of Americans fire up their grill at least once a week (71 percent).

Those who primarily use a gas grill are more likely to grill a few times a week (49 percent) than those who primarily use charcoal (34 percent). Thirty-one percent now own more than one grill.

Not surprisingly, most Americans surveyed grill on Independence Day (89 percent), Labor Day (75 percent), birthdays (73 percent) and Memorial Day (70 percent). However, trends reveal more are grilling on Thanksgiving (24 percent compared to last year's 10 percent) and Christmas (14 percent, up from 10 percent).

Most respondents prefer grilling outdoors, than cooking inside (72 percent versus 28 percent).

The numbers of barbecues also has increased for the survey participants, as 31 percent hosted five or more barbecues last summer, compared to 23 percent the year before.

For more information, visit [www.weber.com](http://www.weber.com)

### A little flavor

When it comes to making dinner, parents are including their kids.

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the injection-curing method, in which the ham is infused with brine. This method is sometimes combined with one of the other curing methods.

The length of time a ham is cured will affect the final flavor.

"Most hams for American consumers have a light or mild cure," Herbst writes. "After curing, a ham may go through a smoking process that adds both flavor and aging capability. The length of time a ham is smoked varies widely depending on the desired result. Those being prepared for the mass market are usually smoked lightly or not at all."

Hams are sold in several forms, including boneless (with the hip, thigh and shank bones removed), partially boned (with the hip and/or shank bones removed) and bone-in.

Since bone contributes flavor to the meat during cooking, most gourmet-ham producers leave some bone in. Hams are marketed in several sizes, the

most popular being whole, halves (shank or butt ends only), shank, butt and center-cut slices, or steaks ranging in thickness from 1/2 to 3/4 inch.

Most hams sold today are of the mass-produced variety sometimes referred to as "city" or "urban" hams. Higher-quality American hams are generally labeled country-cured ham or country-style. The majority of these country hams come from Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; each region adds its own distinctive style to the ham it produces.

Probably the most famous country-cured ham is the Smithfield ham from the Virginia town of the same name. A wide selection of specially cured hams are also imported from various European countries. The most well-known are prosciutto from Italy, Germany's Westphalian, France's bayonne and the York ham from England. Prosciutto and Westphalian are generally sold in paper-thin slices.

When buying a fresh ham, look for one with a firm white layer of fat, with a well-marbled lean portion. In younger

**You'll be set for more meals next week**

What's better than a holiday meal? Why, it's the leftovers the following few days. That means a respite from "what's for dinner?" for the early part of the week.

After all, Irma Rombauer wrote in *The Joy of Cooking*, "Someone defined eternity as ham and two people," probably in reference to a whole ham.

Like Thanksgiving dinners, the Easter meal creates plenty of leftovers. Ham gives another flavor and ingredient with greens for a chef's salad, topped with Thousand Island dressing for a main dish salad. Maybe you'll fix a ham and potato casserole, like au gratin, then add a little Dijon

mustard for some extra zip. Then there's always ham and cheese omelettes, or use leftover ham bone for split pea soup or bean soup. There's nothing sweeter than a glazed ham sliced on a sandwich of hearty rye with a slice of Swiss cheese, or a grilled ham and cheese sandwich.

**CHEF'S SALAD**

- 1 garlic clove
- Romaine, redleaf or greenleaf lettuce
- 1/4 pound cooked chicken or turkey
- 8 ounces of Swiss cheese
- 1/4 pound ham
- 2 medium tomatoes
- Green pepper, three slices
- 2 hard-cooked eggs

French, Russian or Thousand Island dressing (or the dressing of your choice)

Halve garlic, then rub small salad bowl with garlic pieces. Discard the garlic.

Tear lettuce into bite-sized pieces. With knife, cut ham and chicken or turkey into strips. Cut tomatoes into wedges. Peel and quarter eggs. Arrange chicken, cheese, ham, tomato and eggs. Toss with dressing, then top with green pepper slices.

**EGGPLANT STUFFED WITH HAM**

- 1 large eggplant
- Salted water
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 green pepper, chopped fine

- 2 tomatoes, quartered
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup diced ham
- Italian bread crumbs

Wash and dry eggplant and cut off a slice from the top. Scoop out the inside to within 1/2 inch of skin. Cover shell with salted water and set aside. Chop eggplant pulp and combine with onion, pepper and tomatoes.

Cook in a small amount of boiling salted water until tender. Drain, then mash and add butter, salt, pepper and ham. Drain shell well and fill with mixture. Sprinkle top with bread crumbs and bake in oven heated to 350°F about 25 minutes. Serves four to six.

animals, the meat should be a grayish-pink color; older pork should be a delicate shade of rose.

When purchasing a cured ham, choose one that's firm and plump, finely grained and a rosy pink, Herbst recommends.

Refrigerate in the ham's original wrapping or container for up to one week.

Whole hams usually weigh from 8 to 18 pounds. Canned hams may either be a whole piece of boneless meat or they may be "formed" from bits and pieces of meat held together with a gelatin mixture.

Hams are available fully cooked, partially cooked or uncooked.

Those that are fully cooked are heated to an internal temperature of 148°F or above, partially cooked hams to at least 137°F (which kills the

trichina parasite). Uncooked and partially cooked hams must be cooked prior to serving.

Fully cooked hams, sometimes labeled "heat-and-serve" or "ready-to-eat," do not require additional cooking and may be eaten cold or heated until warm. Carefully check the label for instructions.

Even those hams can benefit from simmering or roasting to enhance flavor and taste.

Others, including prosciutto and Smithfield, are often simply sliced thinly and eaten as is, or they may be used as a special flavoring ingredient in pasta dishes, appetizers or other preparations.

But what if you want to fix that glaze, just to give your guests a little taste of a homemade dish? You can use a roasted pineapple-rum glaze or a honey-orange glaze.

**BAKED HAM WITH ROASTED PINEAPPLE RUM GLAZE**

- Niman Ranch bone-in ham, scored, 8-10 pounds
- 1 pound unsalted butter
- 1 cup Morgan's spiced rum
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1 cup Korean chili paste
- 1 pound pineapple chunks, roasted
- 1 lime, zested
- 1 cup lime juice
- 1 quart ham (or pork) stock
- Freshly ground black pepper-corns, to taste (or about 6 turns of the mill)
- 4 ounces roasted ginger
- 1 pound rock sugar or brown sugar
- Arrowroot, mixed with a little bit of water to produce slurry
- Mix four ounces unsalted butter, 4 tablespoons Korean

chili paste and brush scores in the ham. Heat ham in a 275°F slow oven, until hot. Meanwhile, roast the pineapple on a sheet pan, in a hot oven at 400°F, for about 15 minutes.

Roast the ginger on a sheet pan in hot oven at 400°F for about 15 minutes.

Deglaze roasting pans with rum, drain into a saucepan, add stock, lime juice, sugar, unsalted butter and bring to a boil, then reduce one third. Add ginger, Korean paste and adjust the seasonings to your tasting. Add lime zest, thickened arrowroot and finish with roasted pineapple. Serve with roasted ham.

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Greek spring lamb stew simmers with pearl onions.

## Celebrate Easter with Greek lamb stew

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Lamb has been associated with spring since before Biblical times. Today, lamb and spring still come together every time we mark the Easter and Passover holidays.

When one thinks of traditional spring lamb, Greek cooking comes to mind. In addition to the time-honored practice of roasting the Paschal lamb on a spit, Greek cuisine captures the earth's rebirth in dishes pairing lamb with seasonal vegetables like fava beans, tender, new lettuce, and baby artichokes.

Of all Mediterranean cooks, Greeks use the most vegetables. In spring, these include horta - wild greens like dandelion, sorrel, chicory, and cress - which can also be found in our supermarkets, but usually not until later in the year. Some dishes served in spring involve ingredients not generally associated with this time of year, such as zucchini and dill. The Greeks use these vegetables and herbs to lend spring dishes a dash of bright, seasonal green.

Greek cooking seems right for spring in its use of eggs, too. As much a symbol of

spring as lamb, they are essential to avgolemono, a classic Greek combination of egg and lemon that can be a sauce or used to add sauce-like body to many Greek dishes. Whisked into this stew, its pale yellow color and bright flavor adds a spring-like taste.

Holiday and special occasion dishes usually involve extra work. For this stew, I like using pearl onions. They take time to peel, but give this otherwise casual dish a touch of elegance. Red pearl onions are especially festive and spring-like. If you want to replace them, use chopped red onion, adding it at the same time as the scallions and dill.

### GREEK SPRING LAMB STEW

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 pound cubed lamb, well-trimmed
- 3 large whole scallions, chopped
- 1 cup snipped dill, divided
- 1 medium turnip, peeled and diced
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 2 large romaine lettuce leaves, cut in 1/2-inch strips
- 8 ounces frozen pearl onions, defrosted
- 1 large egg
- 3 tablespoons fresh-squeezed or frozen lemon juice
- Salt and black pepper

Heat oil in a Dutch oven. Brown pieces of lamb, turning to color them on all sides, 10 minutes in all.

Mix in scallions and half the dill. Pour in 1 cup cold water. When liquid boils, reduce heat, cover, and simmer 40 minutes.

Add turnip, squash, lettuce, and onions. Cover, and cook until lamb and vegetables are tender, 20 minutes longer. Uncover, and let stew cool 10 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk egg. Beat in lemon juice.

While whisking, slowly drizzle 1/2 cup liquid from pot into egg and blend in quickly and thoroughly. While stirring stew vigorously, slowly stir in egg mixture.

Continue stirring until liquid in pot thickens slightly and looks creamy. (There may be a few white bits.)

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Garnish with remaining dill, and serve with steamed new potatoes or brown rice.

Note: If reheating stew, take care not to let it boil, or egg will curdle. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 253 calories, 11 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 26 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 126 mg. sodium.

## Beets make a good beginning

A pretty bowl of chilled soup is a nice way to start any spring meal. A cool soup made from beets and oranges with a little buttermilk is one good choice, both aesthetically and nutritionally.

Beets have been eaten since prehistory and are native to a wide region that spans Europe and Western Asia. They are exceptionally high in natural sugar, nutrients, dietary fiber and a range of cancer-fighting substances called phytochemicals.

According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, root vegetables such as beets contain substances that can not only help fight cancer, but also help strengthen resistance

to other health problems. They contain calcium and several antioxidants, substances that seek out the damaging forms of oxygen ("free radicals") that attack the cell's membranes and contents.

### ORANGE-BEET SOUP

- 3 15-ounce cans sliced beets, drained, 3/4 cup liquid reserved
- 1 1/2 cups fresh orange juice
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free or reduced-fat buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons finely snipped fresh dill (plus more for garnish)
- 1 1/2 cups finely-diced peeled, seedless cucumber
- Salt and white pepper, to taste

Combine half the beets, half the reserved beet liquid and half the orange juice in a blender or food processor.

Blend until smooth. Blend in half the buttermilk and transfer to a large bowl. Stir in 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped dill.

Repeat with remaining beets, beet liquid, orange juice, buttermilk and 1 1/2 tablespoons dill. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Chill at least 3 hours. (Can be made 2 days ahead, covered and refrigerated.) Ladle into soup bowls and garnish with cucumber and additional dill. Makes 8 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 99 calories, <1 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 21 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 403 mg. sodium.

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# Lentils, a new look at an ancient legume

BY PHYLLIS GLAZER  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Lentils may not be high on your shopping list these days, but if you read on you might just reconsider.

Quick, delicious and nourishing, inexpensive and easy-to-prepare, lentils are an ancient food still perfect for the modern world. And they are versatile too.

Probably the most famous legume in the Bible, the little lentil once made a stew so tempting that Esau sold his birthright for it. Throughout history lentils have served as a metaphor for a host of mystical, symbolic, spiritual and practical meanings as well.

Cultivated since antiquity in Egypt, Europe, Asia and the Near East, lentils may not have

been glamorous, but they were always held in high esteem.

The ancient Egyptians believed they enlightened the mind, and in Jewish tradition, lentils were traditionally served to mourners, since they represented the life cycle, with no beginning and no end.

In Catholic countries, lentils were standard Lenten fare for those who could not afford fish, and in India, lentils still play an integral part in marriage rituals.

From a nutritional standpoint, lentils (whose name comes from the Latin Lens culinaris), have the highest protein content in all the vegetable kingdom after soybeans. They are super-rich in minerals like zinc and manganese, with a range of B vitamins, especially pantothenic acid (B5), niacin (B3) and folic acid (B9).

Easier to digest than chickpeas or kidney beans, lentils don't even require soaking to make them more digestible. But if you're still wary of side effects, add a little cumin or coriander to your recipe, and you'll find it makes a significant difference.

There are dozens of kinds of lentils, varying in size and color. They include brown lentils, common in the United States; small green Verte du Puy lentils, a delicacy in France; green, brown or red (husked) lentils popular in the Middle East, and pink lentils, mainly eaten by Muslims in northern India and Pakistan.

The type of lentil you'll want to choose depends on the type of dish you want to make, but it's a good idea to keep a variety on hand.

Green and brown lentils will

retain their shape after cooking, and can be served as soups (stir frequently and mash some with the back of a spoon to thicken), salads or side dishes, made into burgers or added to meat, poultry and vegetarian stews.

Red lentils (actually quite orange in color) have a somewhat sweeter taste and puree very easily; they are useful for soups and mashing into purees like hummus.

All lentils cook up quickly, with no presoaking necessary. Pair them up with a grain like rice, bulgur or quinoa, and you've got a complementary protein that makes a satisfying, tummy-warming and delicious lunch or dinner.

Note: Whole (unhusked) lentils are easily sprouted and may be tossed into a salad, or added to a soup toward the

end of cooking time.

The following dish recalls the red lentil stew so fragrant and tempting that, according to the Bible story, it won Jacob his birthright. For a meal-in-a-bowl with complementary protein, serve atop steamed basmati rice.

## CUMIN-SCENTED STEW OF RED LENTILS, CHICKPEAS AND PUMPKIN

- 1 cup red lentils, picked over and washed
- 3 cups water
- 1 carrot, scraped and cut into diagonal slices
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 to 2 cups peeled pumpkin or butternut squash (see note)
- ½ teaspoon salt (or more to taste)
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 3 garlic cloves, pressed
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric

- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger (or ¼ teaspoon dried)
- 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained
- ¼ cup chopped fresh Italian flat parsley or cilantro (leaves of coriander plant), to garnish

Place the lentils in a pot and cover with water. Swish them around, drain and cover with fresh water. Repeat until the water runs clear. Transfer to a pot with the 3 cups of water and bring to a boil. Partially cover (or the pot will boil over), and cook over low heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the vegetables, spices and the chickpeas; partially cover and cook 30 minutes or until the stew is thick. Stir gently from time to time during the cooking process.

(If the stew is too thick, or if serving over rice, add boiling water and thin to desired consistency. Let cook 5 minutes longer. If too thin, remove the cover and slightly raise the heat, if necessary, to evaporate excess water.)

To serve, divide among bowls and garnish with parsley or cilantro. Makes 6 servings.

NOTE: To facilitate peeling the pumpkin or butternut squash, make a few slits in a large piece of pumpkin (or use the bottom bulb of the squash) and place in the microwave for 2 to 3 minutes, or until just soft enough to peel. Cool slightly, remove seeds, peel and cut into chunks.

Recipe from *The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking* by Phyllis Glazer with Miriyam Glazer, 2004, HarperCollins, \$29.95

## RISHTA (CLASSIC LEBANESE LENTIL AND NOODLE SOUP)

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- 2 cups brown or green lentils, picked over and washed
- 1 bay leaf
- 8 cups water
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup broken vermicelli, egg noodles or whole wheat spaghetti

Heat the oil in a skillet and saute the onion till translucent. Add cumin and coriander and saute for another minute over medium heat. Set aside. Place the lentils, bay leaf and water in a large pot and bring to a boil. Partially cover, reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add garlic, salt and pepper, adjusting seasonings to taste. Just before serving, bring back to a simmer and add the noodles. Cook until al dente, about 8 to 10 minutes depending on type of pasta. Serve at once in bowls. Makes 6 servings.

This green lentil and barley recipe makes a satisfying side dish. It may also be served as a vegetarian main dish with or without grated cheese sprinkled on top. (This recipe is adapted from the 1971 edition of *The New York Times Natural Foods Cookbook* by Jean Hewitt.)

## GREEN LENTILS AND BARLEY WITH TOMATOES AND ROSEMARY

- ½ cup French green (or regular green) lentils
- ½ cup pearly barley
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 2½ cups canned whole tomatoes, cut into pieces
- 1¼ cups water
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pinch dried rosemary, optional
- ½ cup shredded carrots

Place the lentils and barley in a pot and cover with water. Swish them around, drain and cover with fresh water. Repeat until the water runs clear. In a medium-sized pot, heat the olive oil and saute the onion until tender. Add celery and cook 5 minutes longer. Add remaining ingredients except the carrots, and bring to a boil; cover and simmer 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove cover, add carrots and cook 5 minutes longer or until barley and lentils are tender. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

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# Create spinach and walnut salad; cook up mixed greens with kidney beans

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - As you contemplate spring cleaning, consider lightening the dietary load at the same time.

This is the perfect time to start the transition from heavy and hearty winter fare to the lighter and fresher foods of summer. Cool weather salads - a mix of fresh greens with substantial toppings - are a great way to welcome this season.

Served communally in a large pasta or stainless steel bowl, these salads are wonderful with vegetable or bean soups for a satisfying lunch. Prepared on individual dinner plates and accompanied by warm bread and a bit of cheese they easily stand as a meal on their own.

A few tips for making cool-weather salads:

■ Opt for hearty greens. Baby spinach leaves, kale, dandelion greens, chard and arugula are available throughout the year and during the off season generally taste crisper and fresher than more delicate greens.

■ Skip the citrus. Though orange sections are great in salads, keep those for cooling summer meals. Instead try golden raisins plumped briefly in warm water.

■ Include protein to give the salad substance. Sunflower, sesame and flax seeds are nice when lightly toasted. Or try chunks of seasoned tofu, fried tempeh or a mix of canned beans, such as chickpeas and kidney.

■ Cheese is another great protein source. Crumbled goat cheese adds a sharp and creamy accent, while cubes of provolone offer a mild complement to tomatoes.

■ Offer contrasting flavors, such as fruits and vinegars. Slices of dried figs are delicious in a salad dressed with balsamic vinegar. Thin apple slices and a sharp cheese, such as Parmesan shavings, are great, too.

■ Stick to grape or cherry tomatoes, which tend to be sweeter and more tender during cool weather.

■ Marinate cooked pasta elbows in a vinaigrette for about 1 hour, then drain and toss with salad greens before adding remaining ingredients. This bulks the salad into an easy meal and adds layers of flavor.

■ Try an Asian-inspired salad by tossing raw bok choy with cooked udon noodles, baby corn, water chestnuts, sliced mushrooms and mung bean sprouts. Think stir-fry minus the fry. Dress with toasted sesame oil and rice vinegar.

Start the season right with a spinach and walnut salad with warm blue-cheese dressing. This is a variation of the famous Waldorf salad but includes crumbled blue cheese for tang and a luscious warm dressing.

If making the salad ahead, either prepare the apples just before serving or place the slices in a plastic bag with a tablespoon or two of lemon juice and toss to coat before adding to the salad. The juice prevents the apples from browning.

For an ever heartier salad, try mixed greens with kidney beans and ginger-raspberry dressing.

Most natural-food grocers now offer seasonal mixed greens, the contents of which vary according to what is fresh. Top these greens with beans and an assortment of lightly cooked hearty vegetables, such as cauliflower and broccoli.

The dressing for this salad is a variation of a typical vinaigrette but uses sour cream to create a silky base and freshly grated ginger for a bit of warmth. Soy sour cream could be substituted.

### SPINACH AND WALNUT SALAD WITH WARM BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 3 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces, lightly toasted
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

3 teaspoons cornstarch

Place the raisins in a bowl and cover with warm water. Let sit until just plump, about 5 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Arrange the spinach leaves on two salad plates. Top each with walnuts, apple slices, about 3 tablespoons of blue cheese and raisins.

To make the dressing combine the milk, oil and remaining cheese in a small saucepan. Heat over a low flame until the cheese melts. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk in cornstarch, 1 teaspoon at a time, until dressing thickens. Dress each salad liberally with warm cheese dressing. Makes 2 servings.

### MIXED GREENS WITH KIDNEY BEANS AND GINGER-RASPBERRY DRESSING

- 1 cup chopped cauliflower
- 3 cups mixed salad greens
- 10 to 12 cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium carrot
- 1/2 cup canned kidney beans, rinsed
- 1/2 small red onion, cut into half moons
- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons all-fruit raspberry jam
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger

Bring a small saucepan of water to a boil. Add the cauliflower and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, or until cauliflower is just barely tender. Drain and rinse under water to cool. Set aside.

Arrange the mixed greens on two salad plates. Add half the tomatoes to each salad. Use a vegetable peeler to shave the carrot into large strips into each salad.

Evenly distribute the beans, onion slices and cauliflower florets in each salad.

To make the dressing, combine remaining ingredients in a blender and pulse until smooth. Dress each salad liberally. Makes 2 servings.

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# Citrusy beet salad signals spring

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### BEEF & BARLEY SPRING SALAD

- 1 pound beef top round steak, cut 1/4 inch thick
- 1 cup uncooked quick-cooking barley
- 1/4 pound baby green beans
- 1 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced baby spring onions
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- Lemon wedges (optional)

### MARINADE

- 1 cup prepared reduced-fat balsamic vinaigrette
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel

Note: Preparation time is 30 minutes. Marinating time is 6 hours or overnight.

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steak and 1/2 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally. Cover and reserve remaining marinade in refrigerator to use for salad dressing.

Cook barley according to package directions. Set aside. Cook green beans in boiling water for 3 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain. Run cold

water over beans to stop cooking; drain.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals.

Grill, uncovered, 8 to 9 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Do not overcook. Carve steak into thin slices.

Toss barley, steak slices, green beans, bell pepper and onions in large bowl.

Arrange on plates. Drizzle with reserved marinade; sprinkle with chives. Garnish with lemon wedges, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's tips: To broil, place steak on rack in broiler pan so

surface of beef is 2 to 3 inches from heat.

Broil 12 to 13 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning once.

One pound well-trimmed beef top sirloin steak, cut 1/4 inch thick, may be substituted for beef top round steak. To grill, place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals.

Grill, uncovered, 13 to 16 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 398 calories; 31 g protein; 44 g carbohydrate; 11 g fat; 703 mg sodium; 61 mg cholesterol; 8.2 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B6; 1.5 mcg vitamin B12; 4.8 mg iron; 6.0 mg zinc.

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Robert M. Meisner

## Act could protect dog owner

I've heard recently about a co-op that was penalized by the Civil Rights Commission regarding keeping of a dog. Do you have any facts?

In the case I believe you are referring to, the claimant presented evidence that she suffered severe chronic depression and anxiety, and also presented evidence from her doctor, pastor, and an expert that she would benefit from a companion animal, in the co-operative where she lived. The co-operative argued it was under no duty to grant her accommodation request because the pet was not a service animal. The Civil Rights Commission found that the co-operative had provided no legal authority to support the proposition that accommodating the claimant, pursuant to the Persons With Disability Civil Right Act, depended on whether the dog is a companion animal or a service animal. The Civil Rights Commission indicated that the Persons With Disability Civil Right Act makes absolutely no reference or distinction with respect to the term service animal, companion animal or pet. Rather, the act generally requires that a person with a disability be accommodated unless this accommodation would impose an undue hardship. You are best advised to consult with your attorney in regard to this matter.

I have heard about a recent case where a town was found liable for discrimination in denying a developer's building permit. Do you have any information on that?

In a Massachusetts case, the plaintiffs, using a civil rights action, won a substantial verdict against the town and two of its former officials for discrimination based on their interference with plans to develop a property. Relying on a 2000 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which established a right to recovery against a municipality when it withholds government licenses or permits without a rational basis, the case provides developers who are treated unfairly with a remedy with teeth against municipalities that appear to favor certain groups or individuals.

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 [rmeisner@mich.com](mailto:rmeisner@mich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

# Don't let roadblocks impede selling home

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Has the sign in front of the house set you dreaming? Is it the house you're selling? Or the house you want to buy? Are you picturing how your life will be after you sign the papers?

All you have to do between then and now is not mess things up. The problem is, you see, that there are many ways you can do that.

Real estate agent Leslie Palmitier, an associate broker with Max Brook Realtors, Rochester, said she's seen it - deals killed, one way or another. But she has ideas about how you can protect yourself from real estate roadblocks and potholes.

"I like to put things in the affirmative," Palmitier said. She urges sellers to not hamper themselves with unrealistic pricing. "Don't set a price based on 'would-a could-a should-a' or a wish-for or 'let's try this.'"

If you're the seller, she said, are you ready to sell? If not, you could be making things difficult.

### MOVE-IN-READY

Consider, she said, is your home "move-in ready?"

In the eyes of the buyers, she said, the house needs to be immaculate, uncrowded.

"It needs to be fresh - not a plug-your-nose experience - clean carpets freshly vacuumed, beds made, toys picked up, and no piles of dirty laundry. The house should have a sense of organization and cleanliness."

Pets, she said, can drive customers away. "I love my dog, but have the dog live somewhere else while the house is for sale. There are problems about odors, jumping on people, triggering allergies."

Stubbornness, she said, can stop the turning of the sales wheels. "If your agent comes with a recommendation for a price reduction based on feedback from lookers and on other current market information, holding fast to your original price is a deal-killer," she said. Buyers can be stubborn too, and locked into their own notions of a home's worth. A variation on stubbornness, she said, is for the seller "to be insulted by an offer you think is too low. You're avoiding reality. What's the point of loving your shag carpet when the current market wants hardwood floors?"

Be honest in the disclosure statement, she said, or you can



Real estate agent Leslie Palmitier picks up cat toys before showing the house to a potential buyer. She urges homeowners to let their pets live somewhere else while the house is for sale.



Leslie Palmitier helps one of her clients clear clutter before showing the house to a potential buyer.

have problems if you're found to be untruthful about the condition of the house.

"Date of possession can be a problem. I try to negotiate a specific date," said Palmitier. "What if the buyer can't get a mortgage? Don't get that far. Make sure the purchase agreement comes in with a pre-approval certificate showing that the buyer is qualified to buy that price property. And the agent should call the lender to verify."

How about the check that comes with the offer to purchase? You know, the earnest-money deposit on the deal.

Supposing the check bounces? "Well," she said, "the buyers usually get a chance to make it good, but it can kill the deal because it suggests that they're not serious about buying."

### AVOID TROUBLE

An effective way to make trouble for the deal and yourself, she said, is to remove things you're not supposed to remove. "The pre-printed contract says that all window treatments, for example, are to remain on the property unless specifically excluded."

"The buyer gets a final walk-through prior to closing, but that can be 24 to 48 hours ahead. Gives a seller plenty of time to go back and take out all the light bulbs. I've heard of that happening."

And real estate attorney Ann Howard of Southfield, knows of a situation that can make a deal darker than a house: the low appraisal.

"The purchase agreement is to buy a house priced at \$200,000, but the appraisal comes in at \$175,000 and that will be the basis of the loan," Howard said. "Either the buyer has to come up with more money to make up the difference, or the seller has to reduce the price."

Other situations Howard has seen that threatened deals included the sellers who switched the displayed refrigerator with another, even though it didn't fit into the space; and the folks who decided to take one of their landscaping specimens with them when they moved out.

### RECOURSE

Sometimes, Howard said, the buyer's only recourse is to sue in Small Claims Court.

Not so for the buyers she knew of who moved in prior to closing the sale. "There was a problem about continuing to pay rent where they were living," she said, "and the sellers, out of the goodness of their hearts, were trying to be accommodating. So they gave the buyers the key."

Giving them the key also gave them time for a thorough inspection of the house, which turned up some things they didn't like. So much so that they refused to go ahead with the closing unless they got a price reduction. The situation was resolved by the sellers making repairs.

Howard's advice about this: "Never give the key before closing."

**Mortgage Bits**



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Opportunities abound now

April is normally an exciting month for home buyers. The warming weather and the inevitable spring fever make house hunting enjoyable.

This year should be very gratifying for many home buyers as they realize the impact of last year's tax reform. Taxpayers who receive a beefy federal income tax refund check will pay off debt, make investments and even seize the opportunity to buy real estate.

For most first-time home buyers, a decent tax refund check may serve as the basis of a down payment for a home purchase.

For others, it may cover the cost of a refinance. Yet for others, it may help to start a long, profitable career as real estate investors. With interest rates on the rise, lenders are getting very creative in their efforts to help future buyers leverage whatever purchase cash they might have.

### CREDIT BLEMISHES

Of late, I have received updates from wholesale lending sources offering more lenient terms on previous credit blemishes, including bankruptcies, unpaid collections and late payments.

Meanwhile, I continue to receive dozens of calls on these wonderful interest-only products that allow buyers to maximize their buying power while not breaking their budget.

### REFINANCE

For those wishing to refinance, there are now opportunities to refinance without appraisals, without income verification and without regard to discharged bankruptcies. In some cases, such streamlined refinances take as little as five business days and make allowances for borrowers with credit scores as low as 540.

Regardless of your situation, now is an exciting time to move forward with your real estate plans. The competitive mortgage market seems to present viable and attractive solutions.

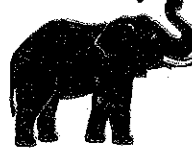
A good "first step" may be to get a mortgage prequalification through a reputable mortgage banker or broker. Be sure to ask about things that are important to you like cash flow, building equity or maintaining a flexible payment. Also, ask about the short- and long-term pros and cons of each option.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his *Wealth Academy* archives at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://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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43979 Bannockburn \$229,000	1693 Ironwood \$242,000	31966 Pardo \$144,000	28385 Pembroke \$180,000	9327 Tavistock \$236,000	34105 Arrowhead \$170,000
46653 Bartlett \$257,000	7770 Kaiser \$185,000	29444 Rosslyn \$126,000	19380 Renssler \$142,000	10132 Tennyson \$330,000	33017 Avondale \$109,000
1921 Bellingham \$213,000	1107 Knightsbridge \$248,000	31054 Rosslyn \$132,000	14175 Richfield \$265,000	1052 W. Ann Arbor \$275,000	7359 Cardwell \$51,000
2008 Brookfield \$189,000	43171 Lancelot \$225,000	32215 Sheridan \$187,000	16442 Riverside \$190,000	13390 Wendover \$335,000	7464 Carrousel \$205,000
6887 Brookshire \$245,000	42475 Lilley Pointe \$125,000	6020 Shotka \$190,000	18285 University Park \$130,000	8424 Cavell Redford \$159,000	
2737 Calloway \$380,000	1629 Orchard \$110,000	27629 Windsor \$140,000	29633 W. Chicago \$171,000	12860 Beech Daly Redford \$103,000	34436 Cowan \$269,000
1890 Cedar Valley \$172,000	43432 Proctor \$188,000		30108 W. Chicago \$178,000	20464 Dalby Redford \$107,000	673 Darwin \$116,000
1980 Cedar Valley \$161,000	43076 Ryegate \$188,000	Livonia	30551 Wentworth \$201,000	19159 Denby Redford \$120,000	7607 Gary \$154,000
2016 Cedar Valley \$206,000	44557 Savery \$108,000		20020 Weyher \$162,000	10001 Dixie Redford \$133,000	1718 Gloria \$122,000
1655 Centennial \$161,000	44567 Savery \$136,000		18996 Whitby Redford \$199,000	17709 Five Points Redford \$121,000	8105 Huntington \$74,000
45211 Claymore \$271,000	727 Sorel \$210,000			18263 Fox Redford \$140,000	35280 Lewis \$154,000
1417 Colonade \$181,000	1580 Stafford \$184,000			14160 Garfield Redford \$170,000	7708 Manor \$90,000
44273 Darthmouth \$265,000	43557 Stuart \$180,000			17665 Kinloch Redford \$133,000	212 Marigold \$136,000
39458 Dorchester \$295,000	3639 Times Square \$332,000			12860 Leverage Redford \$127,000	306 Marigold \$136,000
44507 Forest Trail \$261,000	513 Torrington \$415,000			15595 Lexington Redford \$134,000	36686 Melton \$166,000
42436 Hanford \$197,000	2071 Vine Way \$138,000			15573 Macarthur Redford \$105,000	38575 Monmouth \$132,000
47090 Hidden River \$350,000	1852 Wentworth \$325,000			25187 Midland Redford \$111,000	406 N. Harvey \$129,000
8243 Holly \$177,000	44862 Weymouth \$345,000			12821 Nethaline Redford \$126,000	7107 N. Wayne \$475,000
	1209 Wildwood \$254,000			12891 Nethaline Redford \$136,000	30792 Nelson \$225,000
	7301 Willow Creek \$205,000			17414 Norborne Redford \$128,000	32044 Palmer \$88,000
	1706 Woodbridge \$176,000			19910 Poinciana Redford \$138,000	35451 Pheasant \$175,000
	2390 Woodgreen \$315,000			9995 Riverdale Redford \$130,000	38355 S. Jean \$165,000
		Garden City		26309 W. Seven Mile Redford \$70,000	1537 S. Linville \$139,000
				26669 Wadsworth Redford \$144,000	1460 S. Marie \$140,000
				18450 Wakenden Redford \$137,000	409 Shotka \$134,000
					923 Van Sull \$160,000
					38183 Warner Farms \$145,000

Mortgage rates up, but still lower than last year

BY JEANNINE AVERSA ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Mortgage rates climbed this week, but they are still lower than a year ago and should continue to spur the housing market. The average rate on

benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 5.52 percent this week, up from 5.40 percent last week, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates. In mid-June last year,

rates on 30-year mortgages sank to 5.21 percent, their lowest level on record. Rates on 30-year mortgages have bounced around since then. A year ago, 30-year mortgages averaged 5.79 percent, 15-year mortgages 5.06 percent and one-year

adjustable mortgages stood at 3.82 percent. For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates this week increased to 4.84 percent from 4.70 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages moved up this week to 3.46 percent, compared with 3.36 percent last week, which had been the lowest

since Freddie Mac began tracking rates on one-year ARMs in 1984. ACTIVE MARKET "Even with rates slightly higher, the housing industry will continue to be an active, solid sector of the economy going into the spring buying season," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "We don't foresee any

major slowdown in the housing market this year," he said. "Quite the contrary, we are confident 2004 will be another banner year for home sales." Low mortgage rates propelled home sales to record highs in 2003. The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.6 point this

week. In another report, the Mortgage Bankers Association said refinancing accounted for 62.8 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week. That was down from 63.1 percent the previous week. ON THE NET Freddie Mac: http://www.freddiemac.com

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Boston trailer park survives sprawl

BY KEN MAGUIRE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
When Jackie Lundell first meets people, they don't believe her when she tells them where she lives: a waterfront home that rents for less than \$1,000 a month in one of the most expensive cities in the country. "They're shocked," she said. She's among about 100 tenants who call the Boston Trailer Park their home.

Tenants there are still celebrating a recent agreement that preserves the future of the park, located along the Charles River in the city's West Roxbury neighborhood. A Porsche and Honda dealership next door tried for years to kick tenants out after James E. Clair bought the 13-acre lot next to his car dealership in 1986 and wanted to expand. The tenants' ordeal is being played out at other parks across the country, according to Bruce

Savage, a vice president with the Manufactured Housing Institute, a national trade association based in Arlington, Va. Once reserved for spots on the outskirts of town, the land underneath the mobile homes has become more attractive. "Urban sprawl has surrounded these communities," Savage said. "You've got these huge pieces of land being redeveloped. With real estate prices continuing to escalate, sometimes they are

priced out of the market." Although trailer parks are increasingly rare in major cities, they still exist across a fairly wide geographical spread. Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis and Pittsburgh are a few cities that host trailer parks, according to listings on mobilehome.net. In Boston, the battle over the park was settled when both sides reached an agreement negotiated by city officials after more than a decade of legal squabbling.

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The exhibition of 115 new model homes throughout southeastern Michigan continues through April 18. Models can be viewed during open house tours or online at www.builders.org.

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Standard Federal Bank will hold a free seminar on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 10, at Pure Wood Baptist Church, 16101 Puritan, Detroit. For more information, or to register, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

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**Condo class**  
Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner, of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooléy Law School, is teaching a course, **Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success**, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Sponsored by Oakland Community College, the cost is \$95 per attendee. For more information, call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, P.C. at (248) 644-4433.

**Building a new home**  
"Building a New Home, Without Losing Your Mind" 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, presented by Colorworks Studio. Topics include - what to look for in a builder, how to negotiate an effective purchase agreement, reviewing your blueprint, making construction choices and selections, developing a master plan for layout and furnishings, troubleshooting with project management, final inspections and walk-throughs. Guests will have the opportunity to bring blueprints and discuss their project one on one with the studio design staff. The fee is \$20 per person or \$25 per couple, with advance registration required. Colorworks is a full service interior design studio and a winner of HGTV's *Designer's Challenge*. They are at 7001 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7540 for reservations or e-mail barbi@colorworksstudio.com.



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 <p><b>RANCH CONDO</b> 2 bedroom ranch condo w/1st floor laundry. Full private basement &amp; private entry. End unit with cozy atmosphere. Priced right. Great location in sub. \$139,900 (831AR)</p>	 <p><b>NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS</b> This 3 BD, 2.5 bath ranch has been lovingly maintained by the longtime owner. Newer kitchen, furnace, C/A, plumbing, windows, etc. Finished basement w/all bath, kitchen bar &amp; pool table. \$154,900 (736EV)</p>	 <p><b>YOUR NEXT OFFICE</b> Zoned B-1 &amp; located on Plymouth's main street. Potential for 4 offices on main level, 2 offices up. Built in 1930 as a residence. Hardwood floors, extensive wood trim, 1,566 sq. ft. Parking for 6 cars at present. \$257,500 (255MA)</p>	 <p><b>LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT HOME?</b> Hurry! New home built in 2000 sitting on 2.4 acres. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished walkout basement, 3 fireplaces, cherry kitchen, custom cherry bar. All of this and on a wooded lot. Call today for more info. \$889,900 (033PI)</p>	 <p><b>IMMACULATE COLONIAL</b> Must see this gorgeous home. Finished basement, hardwood floor in kitchen &amp; foyer, ceramic tile baths, neutral décor, extended 2 car garage with insulated door. \$349,900 (755SH)</p>	 <p><b>CANTON FOUR BEDROOM CAPE COD</b> Completely updated with a newer kitchen, flooring, new patio, central air, fenced yard, new roof (tear-off), a freshly painted interior with no wall paper, and neutral décor. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, with 1,820 sq. ft. \$254,900 (644HO)</p>	 <p><b>AN IMAGINATIVE CHOICE!</b> Claim the unique charms of this 5 BR colonial. Gracious formal LR/DR combo, plus a large FR with nat. flpc. Family sized kitchen boasts a window seat. Finished LL &amp; enclosed sun room overlooking the oversized yard. Freshly landscaped &amp; newly painted. \$254,900 (070BE)</p>
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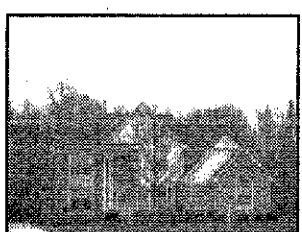
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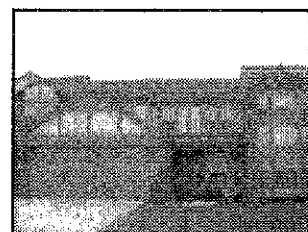
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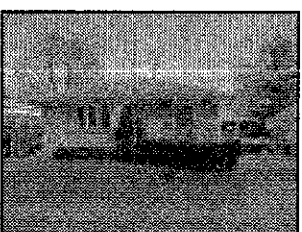
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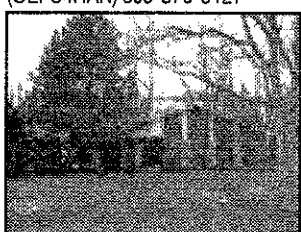
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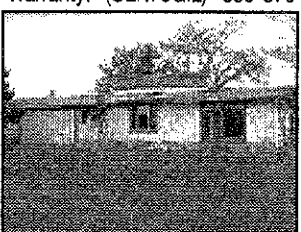
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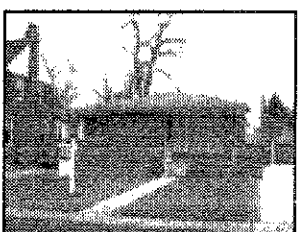
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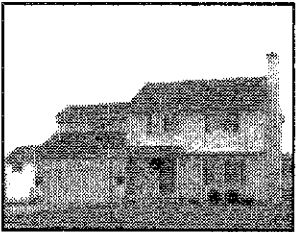
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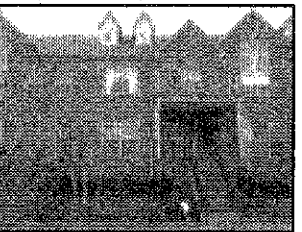
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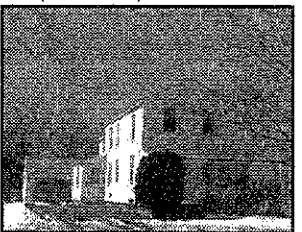
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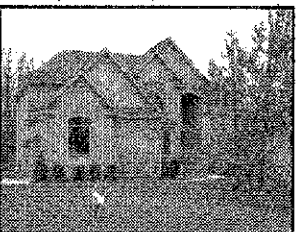
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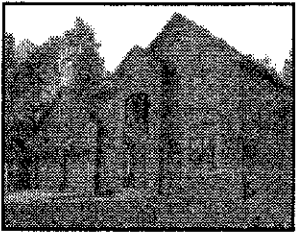
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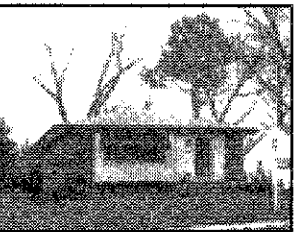
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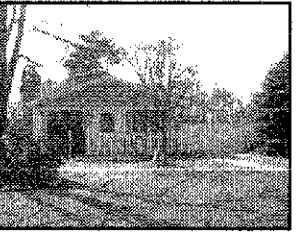
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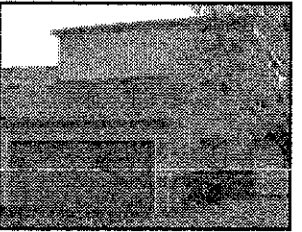
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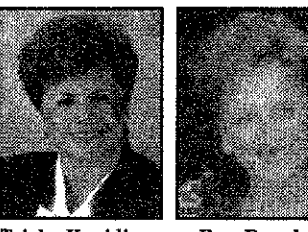
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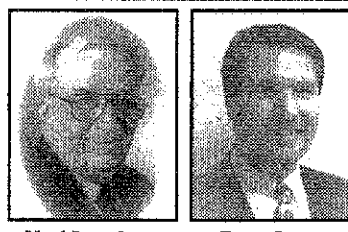


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Real Estate One honored its top performers at its annual awards convention held recently at the Ford Convention and Events Center at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Recognized at the event were those Realtors and branch offices with the most outstanding performance and customer satisfaction. Several of the most prestigious awards went to Realtors in the Ann Arbor offices, including one to the office itself, and the following individual Realtors and teams of Realtors:

■ All Company Individual Contribution Leader - Melanie Bishop, Real Estate One, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake, for consistently providing her customers with a hassle-free, full-service resource throughout the home sale, assisting them not only with the sale, but also with their mortgage, title and/or insurance

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■ All Company Team Volume Leader - The Linda Rea Team, Real Estate One, Troy, for the greatest total amount in real estate sold by a team

■ Office Performance Leadership Award - Given to the top 12 offices in the company in total sales volume. Winners included: Real Estate One of Royal Oak (President's Office winner for top office), Troy, West Bloomfield (both the Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt offices), Clarkston, Novi, Livonia, Rochester and Dearborn Heights.

■ Presidential Growth Award - Given to the top three offices in terms of surpassing their annual goals: Real Estate One of West Bloomfield on

Middlebelt, Clinton Township and Clarkston.

■ Achievement Award Leader: Units Sold by Office - Real Estate One of Royal Oak for selling more homes as an office than any other office in the company

■ Achievement Award Leader: Participation Rate - Real Estate One of Bloomfield Hills and Commerce Township for being the two top offices consistently providing their customers with a hassle-free, full-service resource throughout the home sale, assisting them not only with the sale, but also with their mortgage, title and/or insurance

■ Affiliated Achievement Award - After the top individual and top team, the next 11 top producing Realtors, teams or partnerships in terms of consistently providing full-service, hassle-free assistance to the customer (home sale, mortgage, title and/or insurance) included: Real Estate One

Realtors Dennis Dickstein and Bella Brookenthal, West Bloomfield on Middlebelt; Randy Roy and Gary Books, Royal Oak; Mary Ferrazza and Susan Von Rosen, Rochester; Ida Touchette, Bloomfield Hills; Fil Superfisky, Novi. Max Brook Realtor Michael DeForrest, Birmingham on Woodward Avenue

■ President's Circle - Honoring the top 28 producing Realtors, teams or partnerships in the company including: Real Estate One Realtors Jack Burtis and Alex Nugent, Troy; Andrew Collins and Dennis Dickstein, West Bloomfield on Middlebelt Road; Betty Constant, Livonia; Susan Doyle, Brighton; Sahir Fakhouri, Troy; Mary Ferrazza, Rochester; Judy Jacobson, West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake Road; Mary Michalek, Rochester; Ralph Newkirk, Plymouth; Randy Roy and Bob Weltman, Royal Oak; Barb

Schaefer, Clarkston; Fil Superfisky, Gail Turner and Margie Wells, Novi; Ida Touchette, Bloomfield Hills; and Robert Sheldon, Berridge & Morrison (commercial sales). Max Brook Realtors Jeffrey Barker and Beth Borson, West Bloomfield; Kathy Brook-Ballard, Bloomfield Hills; Julie Herman, Birmingham on Woodward Avenue; Jeanne MacKellar, Rochester; Latif Muhaimeen, Birmingham on Maple.

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# What's in a name? Plenty for developers of subdivisions

BY ERICA ERWIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Housing developers are being stretched to their creative limits when it comes to naming and branding their subdivisions as they try to make their projects stand out from the ever-growing pack.

The result? Depending on who's answering, the names can evoke a feeling of tranquility, prompt a chuckle, or set off that embarrassing gag reflex.

A glance through a recent new homes section in the *Erie Times-News* in Pennsylvania reveals the names of several new developments:

Chardonay Village West, in Girard; Reserve at Creek's Edge, in Summit Township; Sheffield Place at The Commons, in Fairview Township; and The Eagles, in Millcreek Township. There, the "eagles" don't refer to the soaring national bird, but to those at the nearby golf course. You know, the two-under-par kind.

The list goes on. There's Walnut Heights, Garden Heights and Shenango

Heights. Afraid of heights? Try Echo Hill, Oak Hill or Woodland Hills. Relax amid the bliss at Shady Knoll or in Whispering Woods, or be at peace in Harmony. If address means anything, Gary Pedersen is living like fictional medieval royalty in Millcreek Township's Camelot, a subdivision near Sterrettania Road with street names like King Arthur Drive, Sir Kay Drive and Sir Lancelot Drive.

Pedersen's castle, a tri-level, three-bedroom home with a wood-burning fireplace, has, since he first bought it, risen from a market value of \$105,000 to about \$160,000, Pedersen said.

"I think the name's kind of neat, myself," Pedersen said with a laugh. "There's definitely a theme going. It caught my eye when we were looking."

What's in a name, anyway? A lot, said Jim Cardman, Fairview Township's planning and zoning administrator.

### COME TAKE A LOOK

"It's got to sound appealing

to get people to come out," Cardman said. "The name makes people want to look, and the developers have got to sell their product."

Pete Dion, engineering assistant for Millcreek Township, is part of the township's subdivision approval process.

"Sometimes when we see them come in, we have to chuckle," Dion said. "Some of the names are pretty fancy, but we really don't care what they call them unless there are duplicate road names." In Millcreek and other surrounding municipalities, road names cannot be duplicated so as not to confuse emergency response workers.

Large tracts of land are getting scarce in Millcreek, the second-most populous municipality in Erie County at 52,129, but subdivisions are still popping up, dotting the landscape. The newest are an expansion of Shenandoah Meadows, off Carriage Hill Drive south of Young Road; and The Eagles, on Estate Drive just off Route 99.

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Pete Dion  
Millcreek Township

icult to develop," Dion said. "Most of the easy land has already been done."

That hasn't stopped Joe Palermo, president of the development company that owns Golf Club Road Estates, the Glen Eagles, Brookwood Village and The Eagles.

### BRAINSTORMING

Palermo has brainstorming

sessions with his wife and children whenever it's time to name one of his new developments.

"When I name a subdivision, I try to take something from the area, like when we did Brookwood Village a few years ago," Palermo said. "There was a small wooded area and Mill Creek that bordered the property. We wanted to call attention to that."

"We're trying to paint a picture with the name," Palermo said. "Every piece of property has its own unique attributes, and if you look at it that way names are easy to come up with."

Gail Panella, a real estate agent with Howard Hannah, said naming the subdivisions is about selling a lifestyle. However, Panella said, that process can backfire.

"One person was looking at a development named 'Sanctuary,' and said, 'It sounds like an old folks' home. I feel like I'm going there to die,'" Panella said. "Other people would love that

name because it evokes a quiet, tranquil feeling, and that's what it is."

It's important to be truthful when naming a development, Panella said.

"One thing I've noticed is there are a lot of 'creeks' thrown into the names of developments that are bone dry," she said with a laugh. "There's no rhyme or reason."

If developers ever do run out of creative juice, there's always help on the Internet.

A "Random Subdivision/Housing Development/Rest Home Name Generator" at

<http://adrian.gimp.org/cgi-bin/sub.cgi> allows anyone to pair up choice words such as oak, cedar and maple with colonial, sunset, acres and farms. The result? Endlessly pleasant combinations.

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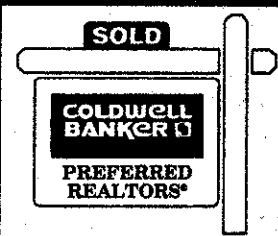
  
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4 BR, 1.5 BA stone house on approximately 3.5 acres, newly renovated white kitchen & some newer carpeting. Huge pole barn w/large work area. Close to Novi schools, 12 Oaks Mall and area freeways.

(E55TEN) 248-349-5600 \$399,000




**DEARBORN HQTs. Spacious Brick Home**  
Immaculate 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Large living room with natural fireplace. 3 season porch. Heated floors. Plenty of storage. Updates: cement driveway, roof, windows. Appliances. Must see.

(E25HUB) 248-349-5600 \$189,900




**SOUTHFIELD Move In Condition**  
Large 2 bedroom ranch condo w/open flowing floor plan. Kitchen opens to an airy dining & living room.

(E25LAH) 734-455-5600 \$77,500



**ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful**  
3 bedroom ranch w/partially finished basement, 2.5 car garage, updated windows, roof, furnace & more. Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home.

(E32BAR) 734-455-5600 \$129,900




**CANTON A Pleasure To Show**  
Paver walkway welcomes you! Newer flooring in foyer & kitchen. LR opens to formal DR, kit w/loads of cabinets & newer apps, family room w/gas frplc, newer doorwall to deck, newer windows, finished LL & 2 car gar.

(E20MET) 734-455-5600 \$245,500



**WALLED LAKE Carefree Lakeside Living**  
And Bring Your Boat! 2 BR, 2 BA condo in adult 55+ community includes all apps, a heated boat slip on Walled Lake, private beach w/p gazebo & picnic area, plus loads of amenities. Delightful, relaxing living!

(E27SOU) 248-349-5600 \$137,900




**DEARBORN HQTs. Beautiful Home**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home. Many newer updates include: roof, furnace, HWH, three windows and fireplace. Must see.

(E12HIP) 248-349-5600 \$159,900




**REDFORD Move Right In!**  
WOW! 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers 2 fireplaces, finished basement w/family room, hardwood floors, vinyl windows & garage.

(E50MAC) 734-455-5600 \$142,900



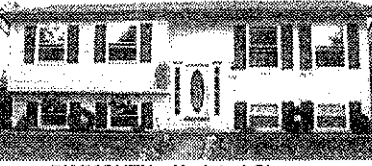
**PLYMOUTH Must See Cape Cod**  
4 bedrooms w/luxurious master suite, Jack & Jill bath, 3 baths up, lib, formal DR, loft, dynamic fin bsmt, butler entry, 4 car att gar, 2-way frplc, gourmet kit walk-in pantry, built-in surround sound, sprinklers & security.

(E99LAN) 734-455-5600 \$614,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial**  
This home has all the bells and whistles. Granite in kitchen, ceramic tiled & hardwood floors, W/O woodlot lot. Fireplace in FR, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 car garage, grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area. Bonus Room, FFL.

(E80YAR) 248-349-5600 \$549,900



**PLYMOUTH Updated Charming**  
Absolute move in condition. Spacious 4 bedroom home w/oak cabinets and Pergo floors. Newer windows, entry & patio doors. Top rated Plymouth schools. Walk to elementary school.

(E53ORE) 248-349-5600 \$205,000



**MILFORD Custom Built 2001**  
Custom built 3 BR, 2.5 BA contemporary shows like a model. Two story BR, custom moldings, library with French doors, double oven & cooktop. Newer custom deck. Located on approx 3 acres w/horses allowed.

(E87HOL) 248-349-5600 \$494,900



**WHITE LAKE Adorable & Affordable**  
Ranch w/finished walk-out, 3 bedrooms, large kitchen, garage, shed, picket fence, beautiful decor, clean, updated, appliances & Home Protection Plan.

(E92OVE) 734-455-5600 \$154,900




**NOVI Beautiful 3 Bedroom Colonial**  
Premium elevation w/possible 4th brdm/study in prof fin bsmt. Loaded w/updates, custom touches! 2.5 baths, kitchen w/islnd counter to FR w/gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings in master suite & family room.

(E29BUT) 734-455-5600 \$290,000



**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 hrdwd floors. Newer carpet. Freshly painted. Awesome.

(E17YER) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



**REDFORD Picture Perfect**  
Better than renting, 3 bedroom ranch with newer white kitchen, furnace, A/C, roof, concrete, landscaping and windows updated. Soft neutral colors throughout. Move-in condition.

(E26NOR) 248-349-5600 \$114,900




**NORTHVILLE Beautiful Lot**  
3 BR, 1.5 BA home recently updated w/cerpeting, fresh paint, crown moldings & ceramic bath. Kitchen has h oak cabinets & ceramic floor. On approx 1/2 acre, brick paver patio. Walk to elem sch. Easy access to x-ways.

(E47CHI) 248-349-5600 \$259,900



**LINCOLN PARK Character & Charm**  
5 bedroom, 2 full bath brick colonial w/2 car garage, basement, newer hot water heater 2001, formal dining room, living room & 1 year home warranty.

(E80PAR) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



**DEARBORN Desirable Area Ranch**  
Located on 1.5 lots w/4 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage, finished basement, 2 fireplaces & updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A, electric, HWH, carpet & garage door.

(E23DAC) 734-455-5600 \$299,900




**SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo**  
2 bedrooms, 2 baths with finished lower level & loads of closets. Cathedral ceilings & appliances. Enjoy the clubhouse and pool. Close enough to walk to town.

(E81YOR) 248-349-5600 \$119,000



**SOUTHFIELD Views Of Your Own Forest**  
Beautiful 1999 built 3 BR, 2.5 BA raised ranch w/DR, FR & large eat-in kitchen. MBR w/master bath. Built-in gas fireplace in FR, 2 car garage. Sliding doorwall off the DR. Backs to natural forest & sits back off the road.

(E51NIN) 248-349-5600 \$234,900



**GREEN OAK Centennial Farms Ranch**  
Fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit with a newer kitchen, including all appliances. Larger MBR w/walk-in closet. Lower level FR w/fireplace. Florida room 55+ community. It's a must see.

(E98CAM) 248-349-5600 \$129,000



**LYONS Just Like New**  
Bright open floor plan w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lg oak kit w/islnd, hrdwd flrs, secluded master suite w/jacuzzi tub & drwl to deck, track lights in BR w/double drwl to wrap around deck + 2 car att gar, bsmt w/marble flr.

(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$319,914




**GARDEN CITY Bright, Airy Cape Cod**  
Detached condo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room w/gas fireplace, first floor laundry, basement w/daylight windows, 2 car attached garage, vaulted ceiling, dining room, oak kitchen w/snack bar, hardwood floor.

(E23BIR) 734-455-5600 \$204,935




**WALLED LAKE Hot Buy, Seller Says Sell!**  
2-story duplex w/woods view. 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Attached garage, full bsmt & lots of storage. Well maintained & many updates. Refrigerator, stove, washer & dryer. Spacious MBR w/3 closets. Close to x-ways & shops.

(E83WOO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900




**CANTON Shows Like A Model**  
1999 built 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. Upgraded hardwood floors in kitchen, MBR w/master bath. Built-in gas fireplace in family room. Custom fireplace, brickscaping, sprinkling system & profess landscaped.

(E47MIC) 248-349-5600 \$252,900



**SOUTH LYON 55+ Walkout Ranch**  
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1-story. Newer kitchen, windows, filter system, C/A, Florida rm. Large family room. Bedroom #2 is used as formal DR. Enjoy the view of DMR property creek & lake. Bring fishing pole & suit.

(E40CAM) 248-349-5600 \$149,000



**PLYMOUTH Updated Home in Downtown**  
Beautifully maintained home in town offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, attached garage, newer carpet & family room w/fireplace.

(E17McK) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



**GARDEN CITY Wow! Cape Cod**  
3 bath detached condo, Great price, super sharp master suite + 2 vaulted ceilings, first floor laundry, brick & vinyl, 2 car attached garage, basement, fireplace, C/A, builder pays trans tax.

(E27BIR) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



**NORTHVILLE Updated And Elegant**  
4 BR, 3.5 BA tudor w/updated kit & Jennie apps. Refinished hrdwd floors, newer paint & carpet. Updated powder rm, newer roof & windows. Finished w/o w/BR & BA. Tiered deck. Everything is done - just move in.

(E63WHI) 248-349-5600 \$475,000



**LINCOLN PARK Quiet Tree-Lined Street**  
Well maintained 3 BR, all brick ranch in desirable area, newer remodeled kitchen w/2nd kitchen in partially finished basement. Patio & shed in lovely backyard. One year home warranty offered. Move right in.

(E75MIC) 248-349-5600 \$104,900



**CANTON Friendly Canton Sub**  
This is it. Nice brick colonial w/hardwood floors, FR, nat frplc, LR, 3 BR, updated baths, kitchen, att 2.5 car gar, lg covered patio, yard, partially finished basement. Apps included. 1 yr home warr. Walk to park.

(E44BRO) 248-349-5600 \$199,900

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**PLYMOUTH** \$658,900  
**A TRANSFEREE'S DREAM!** 3 BR, 3.5 bath cape cod. Kit w/cherry cabs, island, pantry, appls. 3 car gar w/wider driveway. Deck backing to serene pond. Community pool/tennis court. (23M50311)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$629,900  
**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!** 4 BR, 3.5 BA, grand foyer w/hwd flrs extending to gourmet kit & nook. Kit has granite island, 42 inch cabs, FR has a bay, soaring ceiling & balcony. Much more! (D44243)

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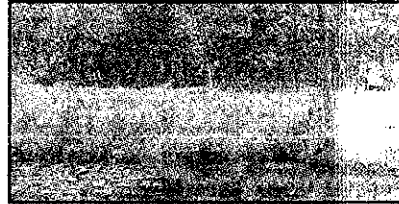
**PLYMOUTH** \$584,997  
**ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL!** Better than new, this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath cape cod will fulfill your dreams. Neutral decor. Beautifully landscaped with huge paver patio. Call now! (23F11075)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$515,000  
**LARGE PHEASANT HILLS SOFT CONTEMPORARY** 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Open fir plan/2 story GR. Multi-level cedar deck w/fountain. Lrg bedrooms, mstr ste w/bt-ins & spa tub. Cedar sun rm. Yard prof. landscaped. (95ELM2)

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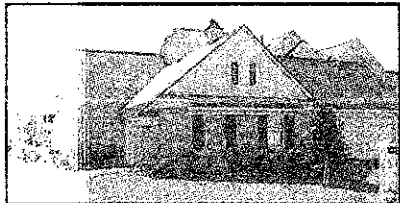
**SPRINGFIELD** \$499,900  
**RARE OAKLAND COUNTY LAKEFRONT ACREAGE!** 13.2 buildable acres. 300 feet fronting Big Lake. Perked & surveyed. Wetlands, spring-fed pond. Minutes from M-59 & I-75. Will partner with builder until sold. (23S12042)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$449,900  
**OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE SUB LOCATION!** Spacious 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial w/3252 sq ft FR w/fieldstone FP, formal DR w/hw fl. Island kit w/walkin pantry. Beautiful private yard w/wing pool. Fin bsmt & more! (44RAV2)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$429,000  
**STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO** on the best dressed list! 2BRs, 2.5 BAs. Numerous upgrades incl: granite, lighting, carpet & cabinets. Extra Crown mldg. Luxury Mstr Bath. (80LYO2)

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**BELLEVILLE** \$379,900  
**COZY COLONIAL!** Spring your family into this 4 BR, 3 BA col in Belleville. Island in kit, view of lake, on cul-de-sac. 2 frpls, new crptng, oak cbnts. Nicel Vacant... (23M11519)

734-455-7000



**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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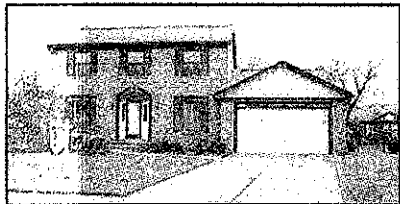
**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$339,900  
**2000 BUILT HOME SITS ON 1.25 ACRES.** 2000 sq ft, custom tile in foyer & kitchen, neutral decor. Part of lot is wooded with stream. (M29551)

734-591-9200



**LIVONIA** \$339,000  
**LOVELY HOME WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** Sprawling 4 BR quad on 1/2 acre cul-de-sac. Florida room, walk-out, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, sprinklers. New A/C, neutral decor. (23B31861)

734-455-7000



**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)

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**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)

734-591-9200



**LIVONIA** \$275,000  
**LOVELY BURTON HOLLOW CAPE COD** New siding, ft dr & gar dr. Newer roof '97, replmt vinyl win, updated kit w/all appl, updated baths, vinyl carpet '98. Swim club & elem school in sub. Home warranty. (12WOC2)

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**BRIGHTON** \$274,900  
**EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION!** Beautiful home on lg cul-de-sac. Great rm w/cath ceiling & gas fireplace. 2nd floor loft, 2 bdrms & full bath, 1st flr master ste. Prof. finished bsmt. Many upgrades. (25A1R2)

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**CANTON** \$264,999  
**RENOVATED FARM HOUSE** Country living w/all the finest upgrades. Beautiful cape cod style with 4 BRs, 2 BAs, stone fireplace in great finished walkout basement and awesome lot (RB14)

734-326-2000



**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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**LIVONIA** \$234,900  
**COUNTRY IN THE CITY!** 3 BR, 2 BA, 2004 sq ft ranch. Updated kit & baths. Extensive hardwood flrs & wood work. Newer windows, roof, paint. New furnace, A/C & HWH. Move in ready! (23S9480)

734-455-7000



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$230,000  
**CHARMING RANCH CONDO** Lovely condo w/ 2 bd & 2 full ba. Eat in kit. Main flr laundry. Well located w/priv. backyard & deck incl. appls. Very sharp & neutral. Close to downtown Farmington. (56LAR2)

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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, windows, A/C and much more are newer. (M31845)

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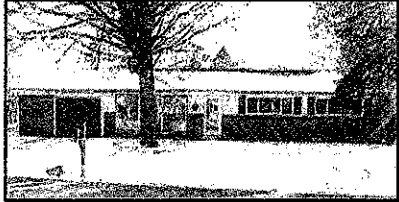
**CANTON** \$209,900  
**CHARMING SPACIOUS COLONIAL** very open flr plan, huge eat-in custom kit, large LR, formal DR, mstr BR w/WIC & access to bath. Newer fr, wndws, furn, c/a. Great lot w/patio & child's play gym. (F43438)

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**LIVONIA** \$209,900  
**LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM!** This 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk ranch has it all. Backs to nature area. All new: rf, wndws, drs, furn, & ac. New 2.5 car gar & 18x18 deck. Appl stay. Landscp & fenced. (E15075)

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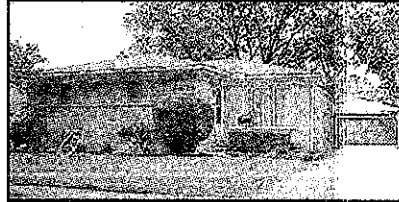
**NOVI** \$197,900  
**A WELL CARED FOR HOME!** A perfect blend of comfortable living in this nice 3 BR ranch. Formal LR & DR, cozy KIT w/all appl, nice patio and fenced yard. (82LEB2)

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**CANTON** \$185,900  
**THIS HOME IS A 10!** Spotless 3 br, 2 ba ranch w/ beautiful new oak kit, 6 panel oak doors, updated bath, new windows, roof and more! Family rm has nat fl, full bath in basement. (20ALL2)

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**LIVONIA** \$180,000  
**HOW SWEET IT IS!** Updated eat-in kit, formal DR w/pantry, 3 nice size bdrms, large LR. Part fin bsmt. Mstr bdrm 1/2 bath, updated bath, 1/2 bath in bsmt. 2.5 car gar. Must see! (23W20032)

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**NOVI** \$179,900  
**OUTSTANDING NOVI OPPORTUNITY!** Great potential here! 3 bedroom home on nearly 3/4 acre lot! 2 Garages, great for cars, boats, etc! Screened porch! Newer Roof! Novi Schools! Warranty! Fireplace! (50STA2)

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**WAYNE** \$157,000  
**GREAT FAMILY HOME** Excellent 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch. 2 car garage. DR has bay windows overlooking lovely yard. Finished bsmt w/ separate laundry area. C/A, new copper plumbing. (G368)

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**LIVONIA** \$153,000  
**PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THROUGHOUT!** 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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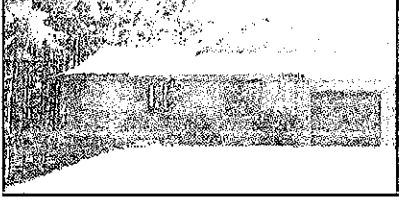
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$149,900  
**UPDATES GALORE!** New roof, windows, furnace, C/A, nicely refinished hardwood floors, professional paint job & new carpets, part finished bsmt w/ glass block windows. (R249)

734-326-2000



**WESTLAND** \$147,900  
**POPULAR TONQUISH VILLAGE** 3 Bedroom, full brick ranch, w/ full basement, garage, newer roof shingles, newer cabinets & pantry in kitchen. Your personal touch is all that's needed. Hurry! (C661)

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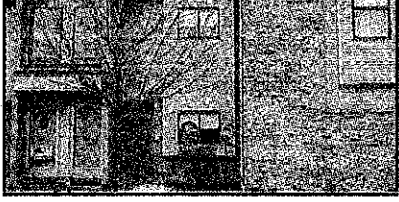
**SOUTH LYON** \$138,000  
**SUPER LOCATION! W/O END UNIT WITH FLA RM** 2BRs, 2 BAs, Fam Rm with gas FP, Att Gar, 55+ adult community, lake priv, club house, all appliances, fabulous scenery and privacy. Hurry! (64CAM2)

248-348-6430



**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! (L42675)

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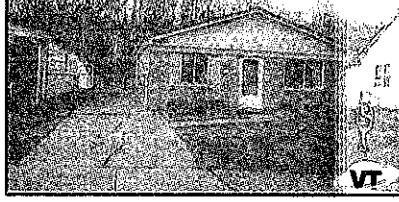
**CANTON** \$124,900  
**EVERY ROOM UPDATED, COME SEE!** 2 BRs, 2 Baths. Updated mirrored doors, kitchen, baths, fresh new paint. Ready to move in today, close to park, feed the deer in your yard. You will fall in love. (L427)

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**REDFORD** \$114,900  
**LOCATION, QUALITY VALUE, & CHARM!** 3 BR bungalow has it all. Updates include rf, furn, ac, bathroom, elec, vinyl siding. All kitchen appliances stay along w/washer & dryer. One yr home warranty. (G17430)

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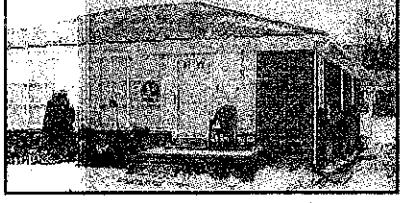
**WESTLAND** \$112,900  
**3 BEDROOM RANCH** newer vinyl siding, newer windows, roof, shingles, ac. Appliances included. Newer brick patio. A perfect starter home. (B33632)

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**LIVONIA** \$99,500  
**BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA RANCH CONDO!** Gorgeous 1 bedroom/1 bath condo w/scenic view of pond. Close to shopping & highways. Enjoy the luxury of the condo. Swimming pool, tennis court, & clubhouse. (55EIG2)

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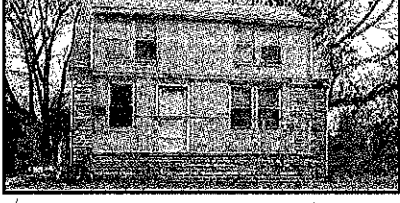
**WESTLAND** \$85,000  
**JOB RELOCATION FORCES SALE!** Nicest unit in Greenview. Newer windows, gutters, entry door, furnace & C/A. Finished basement offers family room, study/exercise, laundry storage areas. (A236)

734-326-2000



**WESTLAND** \$71,900  
**WOVI JUST \$71,900!** Why rent when you can own this 2 bedroom, full brick ranch condo, with full basement, private entry. Some updates. Appliances included. No association fee. (S246)

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**INKSTER** \$69,900  
**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!** Tenant occupied. This spacious home rents for \$650/Mo (Section 8). Good stable tenants. Nice double lot. Fenced w/2 car garage. Newer roof. (S363)

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**SOUTHFIELD** \$60,000  
**WOW, WHAT A PRICE!** 1 BR overlooking pool & above the clubhouse. Private entry, with lots of storage. Perfect investment, or place to start. Very quiet area, well maintained. (H217)

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**NORTHVILLE**  
**LXINGTON COMMONS CONDO** Comfort & convenience at a great price! 3 BRs, 2 full & 2 half BAs, spacious rms thru-out. LL is a fin walk-out. 2 car attd garage. Immed occupancy. R826  
\$205,000 734-591-9200

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**WELCOMING RANCH WITH NUMEROUS UPDATES!** Pleasant 3 BR, 1.5 BA, home w/new wndws, ac, roof, updated kit & bath! Freshly painted! Par fin bsmt w/lav & glass block wndws. All appliances stay!  
\$187,500 28COR2 248-348-6430

**WESTLAND**  
**QUALITY, STYLE, & SPACE** 2 BR, 2.5 BA townhouse condo. High ceilings in foyer & GR & open flr plan thru-out. Upgrades incl extensive hrdwd & ceramic flrs, oak kit cabs, fin bsmt & more!  
\$174,900 734-591-9200

**HOWELL**  
**HOWELL CHARMER!** Cute 3 BR Bungalow in downtown Howell. Hdwd flrs, new windows T/O, new bathroom, Lg Kit, DR, Bmt, private deck, fenced yard, 2 Car Gar w/wkshp & much more!  
\$164,985 248-348-6430

**WESTLAND**  
**3 BEDROOM WESTLAND BRICK RANCH!** Spacious DR & kit with appliances included! Partially finished basement with tons of storage & glass block windows. Newer roof, wallside windows, HWH. 23V6349  
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**COOK - Experienced**

Wait-Staff-Part-time Apply: Starting Gate Saloon, 135 N. Center St., Northville

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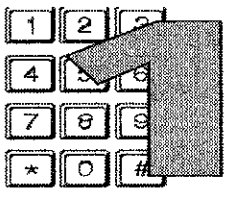
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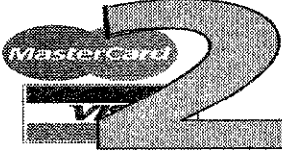
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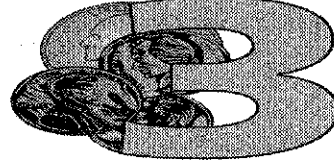
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SWF, 43, 6'7", with long brown hair, brown eyes, and 2 children. Enjoys bingo, casinos, ponies, boating, long walks, drive-ins, and carnivals. Looking for an employed, honest, caring, affectionate, SWM, 43 or older, with similar interests. Ad#:712171

**MAKE MY DAY!**  
Fun, SBF, 60, enjoys family, dancing, movies and trips. Looking for an established, single, DRWMM, 47-57, who is done with games. Ad#:675614

**BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT**  
SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes, 145 lbs., 190 lbs., star, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473511

**SOLID VALUES**  
WWWF, 49, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes. Enjoys the outdoors, sports, travel and more. Seeking an honest, N/S, SM, 38-70, with high morals. Ad#:483338

**INTERESTED?**  
Motivated, SWF, 21, looking for a fun, communicative SWM, 21-27. Give me a call and let's see where things go. Ad#:687893

**LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY**  
SWF, 30, 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes. Seeking a SWM, 29-45, who likes country music, line dancing and country dancing. If you can dance or want to learn with me, call now. Ad#:710843

**GOOD-NATURED**  
SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 63+ plus, 33-62, who is well-grounded and professional, for friendship first. Ad#:470261

**LET'S TALK**  
Outgoing and friendly SWF, 46, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-51, with similar interests. Ad#:539780

**YOU WILL LIKE ME**  
SWF, 68, 5'5", blonde, medium build, fun-loving artist. Seeking SWM, 60 plus, who wants to do things in a lighthearted, humorous and loves to cuddle. If interests call, no smokers. Ad#:567287

**ADVENTUROUS & SPONTANEOUS**  
SWF, 61, enjoys playing cards, being social, dining out and much more. Seeking a SWM, 18-67, must have a sense of humor. Ad#:849440

**SMILE WITH ME**  
SBF, 24, seeking an intelligent, honest and trustworthy SM, 24-35, who is financially independent. Ad#:983165

**BROWN-EYED GAL**  
I'm a SWF, 48, 5'4", a medical professional, seeking a church-going, N/S, good-humored, SWM, 46-52, with no children at home, who loves laughter, the theater, people, and trying new things. Ad#:683074

**GOOD MORALS AND VALUES**  
SWCF, 42, slim, humorous and active. Enjoys travel, the outdoors, movies, dining and more. Seeking a SWM, 40-48, who is honest, loving, loyal and has good morals. Ad#:692247

**NO GAMES**  
SWF, 42, 5'6", 125 lbs., enjoys going to the movies and hunting. Seeking a SWM, 35-55, who isn't into head games. Ad#:682223

**PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU**  
SWF, 60, Auburn hair, green eyes. Enjoys travel, week-end get-aways, camping, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate. Ad#:405309

**GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST**  
SWF, 54, looks younger, black hair, brown eyes, full-figured, retired with grown children. Enjoys a variety of things. Seeking a SWM, 45-65, who is honest and compassionate. Ad#:681971

**LOVES TO HAVE FUN**  
SWF, 63, mother of 2, 5'5", 130 lbs., brown hair and eyes, N/S, occasional drinker. Enjoys sports, dancing and more. Seeking a SM, 27-36, who is understanding, trustworthy and down-to-earth. Ad#:681928

**I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SBF, 63, N/S, social chiker, energetic and retired. Enjoys traveling, good conversation and more. Seeking a SWM, 60-69, to get to know. Ad#:681889

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SWF, 33, 5'4", very active, a professional and hoping to meet an intelligent, professional, SWM, 32-42, in Michigan for a possible relationship. Ad#:680543

**ANXIOUSLY WAITING**  
SWF, 60, 5'2", brown hair, medium build, looking to meet a SWM, 55-70, who is tall, medium build, likes to go places, is affectionate and seeking a commitment. Ad#:680347

**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL?**  
SWF, 73, 5'3", 170 lbs., with blue eyes and dark hair. Enjoys reading, fishing, movies and music. Looking for a SWM, 57-80, for good conversations and coffee. Ad#:680314

**WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED?**  
SWF, 45, 5'4", 129 lbs., with blonde hair & blue eyes. Enjoys boating, camping, motorcycle and fishing. Looking for a SWM, 35-50, who is caring, faithful and likes having fun. Ad#:653751

**A LITTLE SPICE**  
Retired, SWF, 62, enjoys dining out, dancing, traveling, or staying home for a quiet evening. She's looking for a SWM, 58-64, to put some fun and excitement back into her life. Ad#:653750

**MOONLIT WALKS**  
SWF, 41, 5'8", 148 lbs., SWF, 59, 5'4", 135 lbs., brownish hair. Enjoys walks under the moonlight. Looking for a caring, romantic, SWM, under 65. Ad#:654097

**FUN TO BE WITH**  
SWF, 19, 5'11", 110 lbs., with blue eyes and enjoys bowling, the outdoors and movies. Looking for a tall, dark and handsome SWM, 20-25, who is responsible and independent. Ad#:676832

**NO TIME FOR GAMES**  
SWF, 39, 5'9", adventurous and spontaneous. Seeking a SBF, 40-48, who is very honest, adventurous, fun-loving, kind-hearted and knows how to treat a woman. Ad#:679589

**FOLLOW YOUR HEART**  
SWF, 41, 5'9", 148 lbs., with one child. Looking for a tall, professional, SWM, 40 or older, who enjoys the outdoors, sports, family and children. Ad#:664796

**LET'S BEGIN AS FRIENDS**  
SBF, 22, college student, one daughter. Looking for an honest, caring, understanding, communicative, SM, 19-29. Ad#:664744

**BE PART OF MY TOMORROW**  
Very average looking SWCF, 71, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Is looking for a SWM, 66-74, to share companionship for dining out, dating and so forth. Ad#:663597

**HOPES & DREAMS**  
SWF, 25, 4'11", 110 lbs., with one child. Enjoys traveling. Looking for a nice, SM, race and age unimportant. Who's educated, employed and accepts the fact I have a child. Ad#:663397

**THE MARRYING KIND**  
SWF, 55, 5'4", 123 lbs., with red hair and green eyes. Enjoys dining, walking and sports. Looking for a marriage minded, educated SWM, 35-65, with a good sense of humor who likes having fun. Ad#:662734

**SEEKING NICE GENT**  
SBF, 51, 5'5", good cook. Seeking a courteous SWM, 45-59, 5'5+ for friendship first and then see what happens. Ad#:662197

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
WWF, 56, 5'8", long hair, stays in shape. Enjoys gourmet cooking & traveling. Seeking a SWM, 55-69 years old. Ad#:660676

**I'LL BE WAITING**  
Calm, laid-back SWF, 62, 5'2", 110 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves family activities, cooking, crocheting, "cultural" events and more. Seeking a kind, quiet SWM, 56+, who cares about other people, and loves animals. Ad#:567481

**DINNER & A MOVIE**  
Responsible SWF, 51 years old, seeks non-smoking, non-drinking, SWM, 50-55, who's looking for companionship. Ad#:680427

**SOUTHERN BELLE**  
Down-to-earth, SWF, 29, 5'5", 120 lbs., a pretty blonde. Loves dancing, dining out, and time at home with a special someone. Wants to be spoiled by a SWM, 40-58, with no baggage. Ad#:660306

**THE KEY TO HER HEART**  
SWF, 58, enjoys boating, reading, movies and dining out. She is looking for a N/S, SWM, 5'9" or taller, social drinker (ok with salt and pepper hair). If this sounds like you give her a call. Ad#:659790

**CALL & CHAT WITH ME**  
SWF, 59, 5'3", weight proportionate. Enjoys gardening, movies, fine dining, good conversation, plus more. Hopes to meet a SWM, 50-60. Ad#:659405

**SEEKS FRIENDSHIP**  
SWF, 50, 5'7", weight proportionate, retired. Loves dancing, time at home, and people. Looking for a SWM, 47-60. Ad#:656897

**ONE IN A MILLION**  
Professional, educated, DWF, 43, with one child. Enjoys movies, dining out, swimming, bike riding, and more. Looking for an honest, sincere, SWM, 35-52, who's not into games, knows what they want and enjoys the outdoors. Ad#:656668

**HUSBAND WANTED...**  
SWF, 38, attractive, blonde, likes to cuddle, care arts/dining, movies, fishing and retired. Enjoys traveling, good conversation and more. Seeking a SWM, 35-55, 6', attractive, stable, serious relationship, passion for spending quality time, no sports/race type. Ad#:656162

**ALL OUR TOMORROWS**  
DWF, 43, enjoys spending time with her children, reading, cooking and cooking. Seeks a special SWM, 40-50, who's fun, likes to have a good time and likes children. Ad#:656043

**END MY SEARCH!**  
I'm an honest, dependable, SW Mom, 25, 5'5", 105 lbs., smoker with brown hair & hazel eyes. Looking for a long-term relationship with a tall, SW gentleman, 30-50, who enjoys summer and winter activities, and has time for me. Ad#:655797

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SW Mom, 24, 5'6", 120 lbs. Enjoys shopping, movies, etc. Seeks a SBF, 25-30, who enjoys going to church and trying new things. Ad#:655731

**CONTACT ME**  
Brown-eyed, SBF, 30 years old, medium build, looking for a SWM, over 30, who respects a woman, over 30, who respects a woman. Ad#:640890

**LET'S SHARE LIFE TOGETHER**  
SBF, 27, weight proportionate, 47, enjoys travel, weekend getaways, camping, movies, fishing, dining out, romantic days. In search of a SWM, 45-65, family-oriented, with similar interests. Ad#:640890

**SEEKING CHURCH-GOING MAN**  
SBF, 22, enjoys going to church, looking for a fun, respectable, clean-cut, SW gentleman, 18-30, N/S, N/D, who is serious about a committed relationship. Ad#:640709

**LOOKING TO BE SPOILED...**  
SBF, 27, mother of 3 boys. Seeking SWM, over 30, for a possible relationship. Ad#:640217

**TRY IT OUT**  
SWF, 49, beautiful blonde, who is romantic, and sophisticated. Enjoys the bookstore, entertaining and cooking. Seeks a special SWM, to make her house a home. He should be intelligent, financially/mentally secure, handsome, generous & marriage-minded. Ad#:640606

**SIMPLE LIFE**  
SWF, 47, 5'4", 110 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys sports, beach, golf, cooking, dancing. Seeking SWM, who is outgoing, friendly, loyal and good hearted. Let's have fun and good times together. Ad#:640037

**LOVABLE SWEETIE**  
SWF, 42, I enjoy life, family, cooking and movies. Seeking an SWM who is honest, sincere. You must enjoy life and good conversations. Ad#:639222

**A DIFFERENT KIND OF AD**  
Pette, WF, 61, sort of cute, smart, spiritual & spirited. I am living with some health challenges, and am seeking a happy, honest, senior male, who's tired of facing his challenges alone & needs someone tender, loving care. Great cook, writer, philosopher. Ad#:637233

**COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST**  
I'm a sincere, SBF, 21, with one son. I'm searching for an energetic, fun, honest, SWM who believes that honesty is the key to a strong relationship. Ad#:635745

**LIKE GOOD SURPRISES?**  
SBF, 28, 5'11", big-boned, N/S, N/D. Enjoys bowling, movies, casinos, travel and time with friends. Looking for an honest, personable, SM. Ad#:636802

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SBF, 31, 5'7", 145 lbs., light complexion. Looking for a sweet, spontaneous, level-headed, good-looking SWM, 25-35. Ad#:636499

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**LET'S LIVE**  
51, WF, independent. I like movies, travel, dining out, dancing. Looking for a SWM, 50-60, with same interests. No couch potatoes and if interested give me a call. Thank You. Ad#:616570

**WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?**  
Witty, faithful, outgoing, SWF, 41, blue-eyed blonde, 5'2". Loves roller coasters, computers, cards, racing, camping and fishing. Looking for a good-humored, open-minded, passionate, SM, 35-55, who enjoys life. Ad#:538207

**READY TO SETTLE DOWN**  
SWF, 47, 5'2", attractive blonde, hazel eyes with a beautiful smile. Seeking a honest and caring SWM, 40-52, who enjoys spending time with that special someone. Ad#:641159

**GOOD NATURED**  
SBF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, outgoing, sincere and fun-loving. Enjoys shopping, travel, dining, concerts, the outdoors, picnics and more. Seeking a SWM, 40-60, who is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving, family-oriented and is a kid at heart. Ad#:442747

**LOVE TO GIVE**  
SWF, 27, 5'9", 145 lbs, blonde hair, green eyes. She is seeking a man who loves children, has a sense of humor, is honest and enjoys quiet times at home. Ad#:633192

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**IN SEARCH OF LOVE**  
SWM, 52, with brown hair and a mustache. Enjoys dining out, the outdoors, etc. Looking for a SWF, 40-53, who is looking for a long-term relationship. Flint area. Ad#:420370

**THE FIRST TO BE THE LAST?**  
57, WF, 5'7", athletic build, dark hair, blue eyes. Enjoys dancing and life at the lake. Looking for an open-minded, fun, attractive, fit, SF, 35-47. Ad#:714636

**LIFE IS BETTER SHARED**  
White male, dentist, 6', 173 lbs., 54, very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit, who loves fine dining, travel, cuddling and is seeking a best friend. Ad#:403950.

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Tall, SWM, 29, who is looking for a long term relationship with a SWF, 28-33, who is pretty, fun-loving and enjoys life. Ad#:571725

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**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SBM, 18, 5'6", enjoys skating and kicking back watching TV. Looking for a SBF, 18-28, who would like to get to know me. Ad#:713076

**I'M WAITING**  
SWM, 40, 6'3", 390 lbs, knows how to treat a lady, someone who has a nice build and a pleasant personality. I am looking for a woman that is looking for a good man. Hope to hear from you as soon as possible. Redford area. Ad#:411507

**ONE IN A MILLION**  
SBM, 27, father, college graduate enjoys music, basketball, movies and traveling. Seeking a SF, who is sweet and motivated. Ad#:712237

**TAKE A CHANCE ON ME**  
SBM, 33, hazel eyes, 5'11", 210 lbs., tattoo. Looking for a nice, outgoing, SBF, with similar interests. Ad#:687211

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBM, 58, 6'2", with an average build, and is a vegetarian. He loves culture, doing the right thing and living right. Looking for an honest, open minded, healthy, intelligent, SF, age and race not important, to share special times with. Ad#:687189

**FIRST MATE WANTED**  
Tall, disheveled SWM, 65, seeks fun-loving SWF, 35-55, for boating, dining and summer fun aboard his yacht in St. Claire. If you are open-minded and ready for adventure, call now! Ad#:686977

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**FAITHFUL & LOYAL**  
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**WHAT'S UP LADIES**  
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**LET-S MEET**  
SBM, 28, 5'9", 160 lbs., hardworking. Likes going out and having fun, going to the movies, hanging out with friends and bowling. Seeking a SBF, 20+, with similar interests. Ad#:706974

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**FUN TIMES**  
SBM, 27, 5'9", short hair, light brown complexion. Seeking a SF, 20-41, to have fun with. Ad#:706374

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SWM, 66, 6'6", N/S, N/D. Enjoys crafts, craft shows, casinos and movies. Looking for a very outgoing, slim to medium-built, SWF, 50-65, with no children at home, who likes crafts and would like companionship. Ad#:705654

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# The New Mercedes Benz E-320

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## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

E320 review by Dale Buss

Facing more intense competition from other luxury marques from Europe as well as Japan, Mercedes-Benz has been making huge outlays to overhaul much of its fleet over the past few years. Among other things, that exercise resulted in the introduction of a highly satisfying class of sport-utility vehicles.

But more than anywhere else, Mercedes-Benz made significant progress in updating its best-selling E-class sedans, the hub of its lineup - the cars that you think of when you envision Mercedes luxury. And in doing so, the company has done an excellent job of fortifying its mainstay models and, for at least a while longer, holding off the advancing hordes of BMWs, Audis, Lexus and Acura models.

I drove an E320 for a week, the most popular of Mercedes-Benz's E-series line. It is equipped with a six-liter engine and can retail for as much as the mid-\$50,000s, if it's really packed with features. E-class vehicles also come in two other variants: the E500, which is powered with a 5.0-liter V8 engine that yields a monstrous 302 horsepower, and whose prices begin in the mid-\$50,000s; and the E55, a high-performance sedan powered by a 5.4-liter V8. Wagon versions of the E320 and E500 also are available.

The 2004 E320 is a second-model-year iteration of the completely new E-series vehicles, and Mercedes-Benz already has done a pretty good job of keeping this niche nailed down.

Begin with the styling. While the new E-series vehicles edge into the same wedge-shaped theme that dominates the entire luxury-sedan segment these days, it has a distinctively Mercedes look. The four-headlight theme introduced on the previous E-class, which now is the standard at Mercedes, has been refined in the new vehicles, and the new front end is lower and is more steeply raked. And overall,



The Mercedes E-320 is smooth and offers the cornering command of a true sports sedan.

The new version actually is about an inch longer in wheelbase and overall length and a half-inch taller in overall height than the 2002 model - even though the 2004 E320 is distinctly sleeker-looking.

Like any good German sedan, what keeps the E320 at the top of its segment is its sheer driveability. The car cruises well at high speeds and is smooth throughout the gear range. Naturally it isn't quite as responsive as V8-powered competitors, and that is a bit of a drawback. Also, the five-speed automatic transmission that comes in the E320 seemed a little bit slow to respond compared with competitors.

But the car offered the cornering of a true sports sedan and always lent the driver a feeling of being in command of the vehicle and the road. Quick steering is a strong attribute of the car, thanks to a variable power-steering system with more boost for easy turning at low speeds and less for more progressive steering response and feedback at higher speeds. All of this is helped along by the presence of the 4Matic all-wheel-drive system, which is optional on the E320.

Fuel economy is very respectable for a sedan of this size and power: 18 miles per gallon in the city and 24 on the highway. Naturally, the car allows only premium fuel.

Inside, true to its tradition, E320 absolutely defines the lap of luxury. Begin with its attractive

interior, with a dashboard sweeping from each side and blending into the center console, wood trim complemented by splashes of chrome, real wood trim and a three-spoke steering wheel. Room abounds, of course, even in the trunk, which is impressively large.

An interesting feature is ambient cabin lighting, the latest trend in interior design. These strips of soft, low-level lighting, emanating from the ceiling of the car, remain on during darkness. I found this feature to be a bit annoying at first, because I was trying to figure out how to turn off the dome lights. Even after I understood that these lights were supposed to remain on at night, however, I remained unimpressed by the results: I wasn't sure what their purpose was.

A few other nits to pick about the E320 included the fact that the turn signal and the cruise-control lever are way too close together on the left side of the steering column, resulting in frequent confusion between the two. And the windshield wipers seemed to ping with every sweep, although that might have been a problem particular to this individual vehicle.

Overall, however, with the E320, Mercedes-Benz can still say to the Johnny-come-latelies in the luxury-car market: Bring it on.

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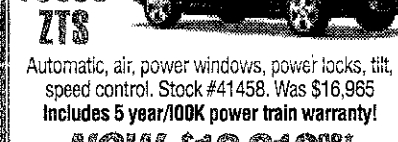
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39 Month Lease Renewal**		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$235 <sup>08</sup>	\$519 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$261 <sup>08</sup>	\$547 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$267 <sup>08</sup>	\$553 <sup>08</sup>

66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$188 <sup>08</sup>	\$1000
X Plan	\$202 <sup>08</sup>	\$1000
"DD" Plan	\$255 <sup>08</sup>	\$1000

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	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$196 <sup>08</sup>	\$373 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$219 <sup>08</sup>	\$397 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$225 <sup>08</sup>	\$404 <sup>08</sup>

66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$255 <sup>08</sup>	\$586 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$293 <sup>08</sup>	\$625 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$313 <sup>08</sup>	\$617 <sup>08</sup>

**2005 ESCAPE LIMITED**



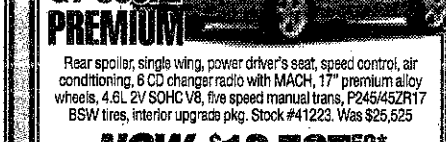
4rd. leather ontrt grp, pwr 8-way driver seat, floor mats, spd cntrl, rctbl cargo cover, perimeter alarm, duratec 3.0L V6 eng, 4 spd auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S BSW tires, pwr mirror, MACH AM/FM stereo w/6-CD in-dash. Stock #50027. Was \$28,105

**NOW \$21,051<sup>16\*</sup>**

24 Mo. Lease Renewal**		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$221 <sup>07</sup>	\$369 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$270 <sup>08</sup>	\$421 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$279 <sup>08</sup>	\$430 <sup>08</sup>

66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$171 <sup>08</sup>	\$332 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$222 <sup>08</sup>	\$385 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$231 <sup>08</sup>	\$395 <sup>08</sup>

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24 Mo. Lease Renewal**		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$196 <sup>08</sup>	\$728 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$242 <sup>08</sup>	\$777 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$251 <sup>08</sup>	\$786 <sup>08</sup>

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**NOW \$19,789<sup>02\*</sup>**

39 Month Lease Renewal**		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$299 <sup>08</sup>	\$583 <sup>08</sup>
X Plan	\$327 <sup>08</sup>	\$617 <sup>08</sup>
"DD" Plan	\$333 <sup>08</sup>	\$623 <sup>08</sup>

66 Mo. Flexbuy with renewal		
	Mo. pymt.	Due at Signing
A Plan	\$299 <sup>08</sup>	\$2000
X Plan	\$317 <sup>08</sup>	\$2000
"DD" Plan	\$328 <sup>08</sup>	\$2000

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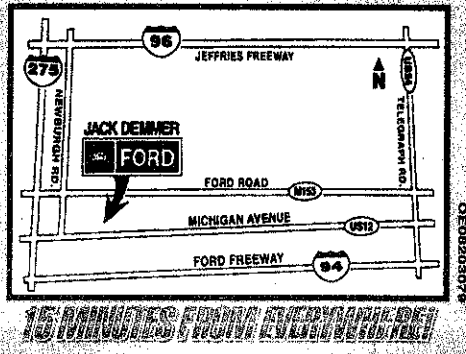
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<p><b>CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED</b></p> <p>2002 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC XLT 4X4 Stk. #41750007A</p> <p>Certified, air, power locks, tilt and cruise, ABS brakes, power drivers seat, towing package, V6 4.0 auto, power steering, power windows, AM/FM w/single CD player, leather interior, roof rack, premium wheels.</p> <p><b>\$21,999</b></p>	<p><b>COMMERCIAL TRUCKS</b></p> <p>2001 F-150 XLT Stk. #411285A</p> <p>Certified, air, power windows, tilt, cruise, dual front air bags, power drivers seat, premium wheels, V6 5.4 auto, power steering/locks, AM/FM w/single CD player, ABS brakes, bed liner, Fx4 package.</p> <p><b>\$26,575</b></p>
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<p><b>VALUE &amp; SELECT VEHICLES</b></p> <p>1999 CLUZ WAGON Stk. #411150A</p> <p>V8 4.6 auto, power windows, power locks, AM/FM w/cassette, ABS brakes, air, power steering, tilt, cruise, dual front air bags.</p> <p><b>\$11,999</b></p>	<p><b>VALUE &amp; SELECT VEHICLES</b></p> <p>2001 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LTD Stk. #4177086A</p> <p>Fully loaded with moon roof.</p> <p><b>\$11,999</b></p>

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