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Heritage Park.

Audition call

Spotlight Players will
hold auditions for *Joseph
and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat*
at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8
(children 6-12, with
unchanged voices),
Monday, Aug. 9 (adults)
and Tuesday, Aug. 10 (if
required), in the Ash
Room in the Summit,
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bring sheet music for 16
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Canton in October.

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Summer splendor

The Plymouth
Community Arts Council
is accepting entries for
its August art exhibit,
"Summer Splendor." This
first ever memorial show
is in honor of longtime
Arts Council artist and
volunteer Dee Schulte.

The show will be non-
juried and open to the
first 40 artists submit-
ting framed two-dimen-
sional work depicting
scenes of summer.

The exhibit will be open
to the public Aug. 4-28.
To request an entry form
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Trustees explore art expectations

BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Trustees con-
tributed to Canton's cultural
arts master plan by giving input
during Tuesday's study session.

The group voiced their opin-
ions on what constitutes art and
whether the community is
ready for controversial pieces.

"I think we have a lot of work
to do before we can bring them
along to be exposed," said
Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"I don't think we're there yet."
The trustees said they depend
on the cultural arts commission

and the Village Theater at
Cherry Hill to give the commu-
nity a sense of establishment.

Consultant Brenda Terrell,
who facilitated the chat, con-
ducted several focus groups
with the Canton community
and individual residents. Some
of her questions made the
trustees discuss the cultural arts
commission.

"I want to hear from you. As
you created the cultural arts
commission - why did you do
it?" she asked.

Township Clerk Terry
Bennett answered.

"I think the cultural commis-

sion has a responsibility to
assess where the community is
and develop programming
where the community is at,"
Bennett said.

Yack said the commission will
have a challenge when trying to
provide cross-cultural events.

The intentions for the Village
Theater also came up during
the talk.

"We know that when the the-
ater is open Canton will be dif-
ferent in a year - it'll be differ-
ent in six months," Terrell said.

The board agreed that the
theater should be a venue for
local and regional artists.

"I think we have talent out in
the community that we don't
know about," Bennett said. "I
know we have musical talent
galore in the children."

Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter
said the success of the theater
depends on word of mouth.

"Another sign of success is
outsiders recognizing that
Canton is a different place,"
Yack said.

Along with understanding
the community's acceptance of
what art is, Terrell wanted to
know the board's tolerance
level.

Yack said his art tolerance

level is low because, "if you're
not careful, you're going to turn
people off." But, trustee Bob
Shefferly had a slightly different
point of view.

"I'd like to see something that
appeals to everybody," he said.

The board said the commis-
sion and the theater will make
the community more involved
in the arts.

"I think in a year's time it
(Canton) will all of a sudden be
some place and later on we will
push the envelope," Bennett
said.

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Tierra Williams and Rafael Fuller II sip on drinks while surfing the Web at the new 4 Seasons Internet Cafe in Canton.

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Compromise offered in Big Boy statue battle

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

With potentially no end in sight to
the continuing legal battle over the
plump Big Boy statue - balancing a
hamburger platter - that stands in
front of the Canton restaurant, town-
ship officials are offering a compromise.

"We're not going to reach closure,"
said Supervisor Tom Yack, referring to
court hearings as he introduced the
possible compromise to his colleagues
at a study session Tuesday night.

The statue - which has been the
focus of about four district court hear-
ings - may remain outside the Ford
Road restaurant, under the proposed
compromise reportedly under discus-
sion by township attorney Ron Witthoff
and attorney David Lawrence, who rep-
resents restaurant owners Tony and
Rana Matar.

"They would keep the statue and we
move on," Yack said.

But it's not that simple. The Matars
may keep the statue as long as it is
moved to a landscaped area of property.
The words Big Boy that are under the
statue's bib, however, have to go. The
Matars also have a Big Boy sign on
Ford Road.

If the statue ever broke or was too
damaged for repair, the Matars would
not be allowed to replace it with a larg-
er statue, Yack said.

The proposed compromise comes as
the attorneys and the Matars return to
35th District Court Friday morning. At
the last hearing in June, Judge Ron
Lowe asked Witthoff to produce docu-
ments pertaining to the Big Boy case,
including affidavits from the township
supervisor, board members, planning
commissioners, zoning board of
appeals members and building depart-
ment employees.

After the Matars received their first
ticket, Yack wrote a letter to the couple
saying the statue was OK. The ZBA
then said Yack didn't have authority to
send such the letter. The Matars
received another ticket. According to
Lawrence, Yack has since written a
number of letters about the case.

Meanwhile, the Canton Planning
Commission will revisit the sign ordi-
nance that the Matars were charged
with violating by having the Ford Road

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Logging on

New Internet Cafe becomes a gathering place

BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The Four Seasons Internet
Cafe recently opened for
business and owners Debra
and Jahan Azizi say it's a
place for teens to hang out.

"There really isn't a place
for kids to go in Canton,"
Jahan Azizi said. "I think
that's important to have a
place like this for kids."

Complete with six
Internet-ready PCs, the
2,805-square-foot establish-
ment is equipped with
Internet ports ready for cus-
tomers to use their laptop
computers. "It's extremely
fast and that's all a free ser-
vice," Debra Azizi said.

The cafe has two dining
areas, a study and a lounge.
The two dining areas feature
two flat plasma screen TVs.

"Everything is wireless
(Internet) in here," Debra
Azizi said about the loung-
ing area.

The cafe is decorated with
light blue abstract art, which
matches the walls and the
dining room chairs.

Debra Azizi said local
businessmen meet in her
store every morning.

"I also have a women's
book club that meets here,"
she said.

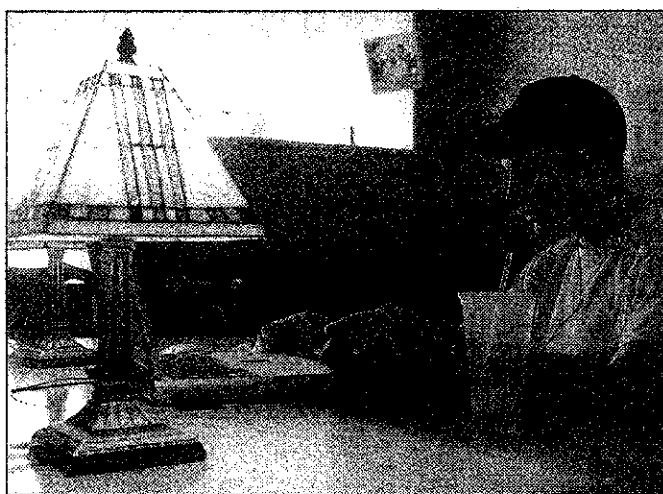
Customers are served by a
crew of teenage employees.
"It's a great crew, they do
everything and they do it
well," Debra Azizi said.

The Four Seasons Internet
Cafe has nine employees
ranging from age 16 to 19.

Shane Azizi, 19, is one of
those employees.

"We get in here around
4:30 a.m. and we have to get
the radio going and Internet
running and TVs on all the
right channels," Shane Azizi
said.

Shane Azizi of Canton,
works Monday through
Friday. He opens the cafe,
around 5 a.m., and said the



Andrew Hafell sits in front of his personal laptop computer while studying physics in a cozy home office-like corner of the 4 Seasons Internet Cafe in Canton.

most frequently ordered
item during his shift is one
of the eight different freshly
brewed coffee drinks.

"Toward the end of my
shift I start seeing people
come in and get our sand-
wiches," he said.

The Azizis' top marketing
plan is word of mouth.
Because the cafe is three
weeks old, they hope their
customers will tell the com-
munity how pleasant the shop

is. "Well it's a real nice and
clean setup, it's a real classy
setup and the Internet (serv-
ice) is free," Shane Azizi said.

One way the Four Seasons
Internet Cafe plans to retain
customers is by offering low
prices, Jahan Azizi said.

"Really, nothing is higher
than \$4.95," Debra Azizi
said.

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Candidate calls himself a 'moderate Democrat'

We are under way with coverage of the
2004 election. In each issue, we will
highlight one of the 10 Republican and
Democratic candidates vying for one of
the four, four-year seats on the Canton
Township Board of Trustees. The 10 candi-
dates will be on the Aug. 3 primary ballot.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Don't call him a flaming liber-
al just because he is a Democrat.
"I am for working families,"
Bill Rice said. "I am a born-
again Christian with strong

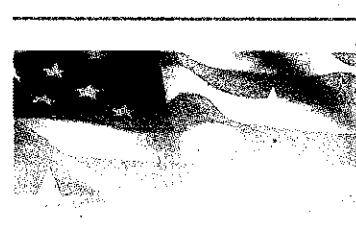


Rice

family values.
You can have a
Democratic
Christian as
much as you can
have a
Republican
Christian."

Rice, 52, is
one of 10 candi-
dates who is seeking one of the
four open trustee seats on the
Canton Township board. And he
is one of two Democrats in the
race. Godfrey Aguwa is the
other Democrat.

A 19-year Canton resident,



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Rice, who is retired from
General Motors, said he finally
has time to work in the commu-
nity. "I always told my wife that

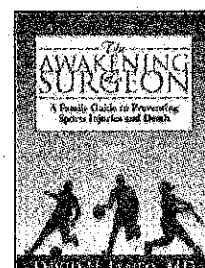
when I retire, I want to get
involved in the local commu-
nity," said the former union stew-
ard and international health
and safety representative.

Rice is a member of the board
of directors for the Unified
Credit Union (formerly the
Willow Run Credit Union) and
former Plymouth Symphony
Board of Directors. He also is a
graduate of the Leadership
Canton program.

The father of two grown chil-
dren and four grandchildren is

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Career closes for district court chief New prez promises work toward goals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's 35th District Court Administrator Kerry Erdman is leaving the position he's held for seven years because of health problems.

"I've had 11 operations for bone disease, and I'm going through treatment for degenerative disc disease," said Erdman, 52, a Redford Township resident.

Erdman said he started having health problems in 1971, battling osteoarthritis, and eventually had both knees replaced.

"Sitting in a chair, walking, standing up, it doesn't matter what I'm doing it's very uncomfortable," Erdman said.

"It makes it difficult to function - period."

Erdman has taken a temporary leave of absence from his job at the court, but said last Friday was probably his last day on

the job as he expects to take a medical retirement.

"I do believe so, without question," he said.

Erdman was appointed administrator of 35th District Court in April 1977.

He held the same position, as well as serving as magistrate, in Redford's 17th District Court for three years prior to that.

Erdman began his career in Detroit's Common Pleas Court in 1980, which a year later was reorganized as 36th District Court.

He spent 14 years there before moving to Redford district court.

Erdman was instrumental in the construction of the current courthouse after a fire destroyed the previous one-story court in July 1997.

"He did a very good job during the fire situation," said Chief Judge John MacDonald. "He was very instrumental in

getting the court running again. We're going to miss him."

Erdman also played a major part in getting a third judge for the local court because of the high number of cases from the five communities - Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township - the court serves.

MacDonald said with Erdman gone, the judges are looking at reorganizing 35th District Court.

"We're taking a look at possible restructuring of administrative duties," said MacDonald.

"We've appointed Pam Avdoulos, the court controller, as interim court administrator. She knows the issues and the personnel, so she should do a fine job."

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mark Slavens of Canton Township is the new president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education for the 2004-05 school year.

Slavens, serving his sixth year on the board, was elected unanimously by trustees at Tuesday's meeting.

"We want to continue what we've started, with regard to how we're going to measure academic success in this community and school district," said Slavens. "We not only want to measure academic success, but how we're going to improve academic success for our students and make that a bigger priority."

Slavens, who has led the fight to get more state foundation grant money for Plymouth-Canton, said the issue will continue to be a top goal.

"We're going to continue to speak with our legislators about giving us fair and equitable funding for this school district," he said.

Slavens said passage of the September bond issue - which will ask voters to approve nearly \$109 million to build a new elementary school in Canton and for renovations at all the district's school buildings - will also be a top priority.

"I'm hoping we'll continue the positive influence that Dr. (Superintendent Jim) Ryan and his team and the board has brought in regard to the way this district has been administered in the last year," added Slavens.

"I look forward to continuing that this year."

Meanwhile, board member Tom Wysocki was elected vice president; Joanne Lamar was voted board secretary; and Judy Mardigan was elected the district's treasurer.

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Raining on Plymouth's parade

Weather can't stop traditional Fourth of July festivities

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It never rains on a parade. Well, almost never. But, despite Mother Nature precipitating several downpours Sunday, it didn't matter because the Good Morning USA Fourth of July Parade went off as scheduled without a hitch.

In fact, organizer Fred Hill said only two of the more than 80 entries bowed out because of the storms.

"What an incredible event!" said Hill. "The same with the spectators. They really hung in there despite the rain. It's a good feeling to know we had the support of both the spectators and participants. What a community!"

The rain didn't seem to faze George Marco of Plymouth, who was with his daughter, Bailey, 8, and son Mckenzie, 5.

"We knew it was going to rain, so if we got wet we got wet," said Marco, who has been at all eight Good Morning USA parades. "It will probably be more memorable because we'll talk about being in the rain."

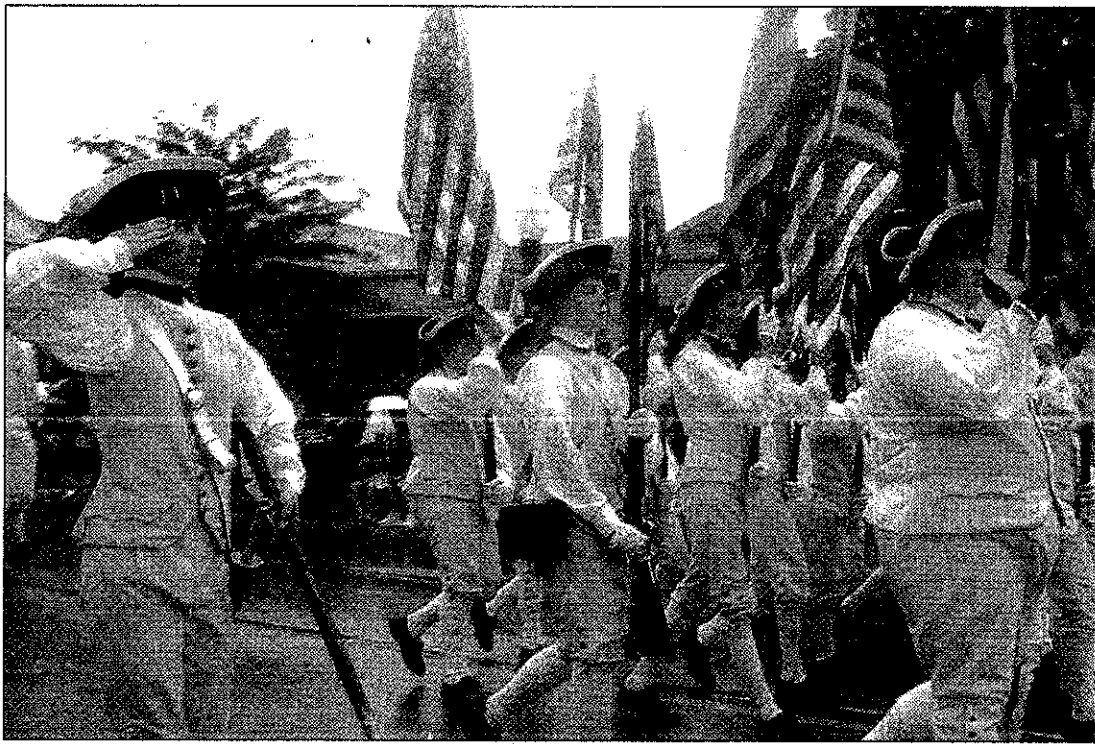
"I liked the loud music and the clowns because they ride in little cars," said Bailey.

"I liked the bagpipes because I like the music," added Mckenzie.

Kathy LeFevre of Canton Township said it was worth standing in the rain to see the annual festivities.

"I just love this parade," she said. "I like the drum and bugle corps and the bands. This is what small towns are supposed to do."

Even for those who participated, the rain appeared to be nothing more than a nuisance. "It wasn't much of a prob-



Members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps march during Plymouth's rain-soaked Fourth of July parade.

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lem. We've marched in it before," said Craig DeCrane, captain of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War re-enactment group. "We want to educate the public about the Civil War. Where we are as a nation today is a direct result of the Civil War."

For the Vietnam Veterans of America, the parade is a way to remember those who helped create and preserve America's independence.

"We like being the one military group that stands out," said Rick Ciaramitaro of Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528. "We get a lot of ovations, and a lot of welcome homes we didn't get when we did come home. Just to see the people cheer us on, it's an honor to do it."

Several hours after the parade, the eighth annual Plymouth Township picnic saw its share of off-and-on rain in between the sunshine. But, for the most part, families huddled underneath shelters and umbrellas when it rained and participated in games, the bicycle decorating contest and



Ladies with the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band march with the Fourth of July parade in Plymouth. The Fifth Michigan Regiment Band participates in historical re-enactments as well as concerts and parades.

fishing derby when it wasn't.

And, of course, there were the five-cent hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream.

"It's good fun for kids and families," said Joanne Callegari of Plymouth Township. "It's also a cheap way to feed a family of five."

For Bob Weiland of Plymouth Township, the event "is like a big family picnic with lots of activities and food."

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards began the event eight years ago as a way to bring the community together for some holiday fun.

"This year's event was probably the best one of the eight," said Edwards. "The kids loved the fire department demonstrations, and the playscape was jammed. Despite the rain, a good time was had by everyone."

First-ever fine arts show slated for Cherry Hill

Local artists are encouraged to submit their work for the Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Arts and Antiques Show Sept. 18-19 in Cherry Hill Village.

Oil, water and acrylic paintings are just some of the types of art that will be displayed and judged at the Cherry Hill Village schoolhouse. Artists must submit three slides or photos of their work by July 14 to be considered for one of the show's 50 exhibition spots.

"It's really an ideal location for a fine arts show," event organizer Joyce Murphy said. "Displays will be set up around and inside the schoolhouse. Several pieces may be at the new Village Theater, too."

Canton's Leisure Services Department and Beechwood Inc. are sponsoring the show, which is in its first year. The public is invited to attend the Cherry Hill Invitational from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, and on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Admission and parking will be free," said Murphy. Besides paintings, graphic

arts, glass, ceramics, photography, jewelry and sculptures will be displayed at the fine arts show. Murphy said a number of antique pieces will be shown as well.

Several kinds of art will not be accepted for the show. Dried flower arrangements, kit work, pressed flowers, poured molds, manufactured goods, pre-manufactured wearable art, including T-shirts, will not be accepted. Mass produced paintings, woodwork, jewelry, post and note cards are also not acceptable.

Best of Show awards will be given to artists producing 2-D and 3-D pieces. A Best of Show will also be given to the top antique. All pieces displayed in the Cherry Hill Fine Arts and Antiques Show will be available for purchase, Murphy said.

The Cherry Hill Village schoolhouse is located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. For more information or artists wishing to apply to the show, please contact Beechwood Inc. owner Kris Darby at (734) 398-6598.

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seeking election because he believes the township board would do well with some change.

"We need some new eyes," he said. "Much of the board has been there a long, long time."

He also has his own ideas of what Canton needs.

Municipal financing is of concern. While he credits the township leadership "with doing a fairly good job" so far, he is worried about the future and the shrinking dollars from Lansing.

"Why wait until we get to the train wreck?," he said. "Why not start pulling in the reins now?" But Rice does not believe there is any need now to consider consolidating any township services.

Trimming costs and holding down municipal employee salaries would be one of Rice's first efforts. One such effort is to forget burying power lines along Ford Road, as is being worked on by the Downtown Development Authority.

"I am not sure we should spend millions on that," he said. "They should have thought of all that before they allowed it to be built up."

Speaking of money, Rice is steadfastly opposed to any move toward cityhood, primarily because of the expected increase in the local tax rate and consequently what homeowners would be asked to pay. Cityhood also would bring more bureaucracy and red tape, Rice said.

His vision for the future would include bringing "expenses under control," as well as establishing satellite police stations, such as in the fire stations throughout the township. "I like what they have done with community policing," he said. "I think that is just phenomenal."

Rice also would like to see improved relations with Wayne County. In particular, a better relationship may help with Canton's roads. He also wants a continuing push with state road officials for another interchange off I-275.

Ideally, Rick would like the school district boundaries redrawn and believes the township board should lead

the charge to include all of Canton in the Plymouth-Canton district. "It makes no sense," he said.

Rice suggests regionalizing the Detroit water board so communities such as Canton have a greater voice. He also believes that the current township leadership is well-known for its Republican leanings and anti-Wayne County sentiments. "How can Canton go to them and ask them to work with us?" he said.

The skills Rice said he will bring to the township board include familiarity with the budgeting process, negotiating contracts and building consensus. "It's not who is right and who is wrong," he said. "Let's bring people together."

Rice has been endorsed by the United Auto Workers and the Canton Democratic Club. He plans to campaign by door-to-door visits. He and his wife, Alice, are planning to have coffees and teas to introduce Rice to the community.

"Look at me as a human being, then as a Democrat," he said.

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BIG BOY

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sign and the statue, Yack said Tuesday.

"They need to develop language to clearly speak to the community about icons and images, etc.," Yack said.

Under the proposed

compromise, the Matars' ticket would be withdrawn and no fine assessed.

"I personally think this is a real good compromise," said trustee Melissa McLaughlin, a planning commissioner. "The test of an ordinance is how well it is written. In this case, the language was not as clear as it should be."

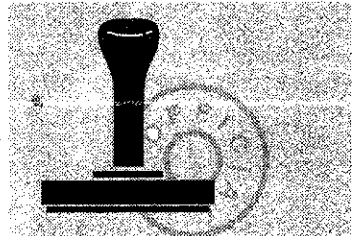
The district court hearings

have been plagued with delays, particularly once Lowe questioned whether the Big Boy statue could be considered art.

"We never got to the substance of the ordinance," Yack said, referring to the court hearings.

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FOR THE RECORD



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STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A cashier at the Speedway Gas Station on Lilley Road was wrestled to the ground about 4 a.m. Thursday by two males, who then took an undisclosed amount of cash and left the station.

A third male was reportedly waiting outside in the getaway car.

One suspect was identified as a 22-year-old Canton resident. As of Friday afternoon, he was not in custody. They other two suspects have not been identified.

WINDOW BROKEN

A resident of the 45000 block of Geddes told police someone broke the

outer glass on the window of her second floor apartment.

The incident happened between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. June 30. Damage was estimated at \$300.

CHAIRS MISSING

About 30 chairs borrowed from Holiday Estates on Geddes Road in June have not been returned.

They were reported missing on July 1. The chairs are valued at \$15 each.

DISHWASHER STOLEN

Someone stole a dishwasher from a home under construction in Cherry Hill Village between June 27 and June 29.

They entered the home by forcing open a door from an attached garage. The dishwasher was valued at \$400.

MIRRORS TAKEN

An employee of Valley Force Inc. on North Haggerty reported two mirrors stolen from a pickup truck parked on the property. He said someone punched two holes in the driver's side window and removed the mirrors, which were valued at \$200.

PAINT STOLEN

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Physical Therapy UPDATE

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REPLACING LOST FLUIDS

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Plymouth celebrates 24th Art in the Park

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's Art in the Park time in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Friday through Sunday, July 9-11.

"We've been working hard all year to make this show fabulous, and it certainly will be," said Dianne Quinn, organizer of the summertime event. "People want cool stuff for their homes, and we think it's the best place to find it."

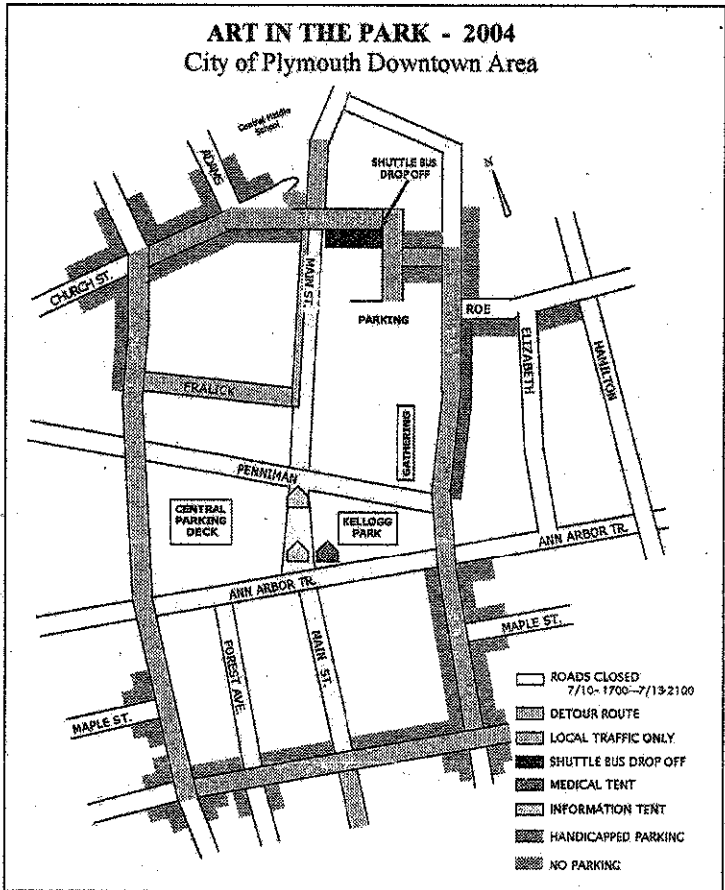
On Friday the show operates from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual event celebrates its 24th year, growing from a few booths and tables in Kellogg Park to one which takes over downtown streets with more than 400 vendors.

Art in the Park is listed by Sunshine Artist magazine as one of the top 50 art fairs in the country, and Quinn - along with her daughter, Raychel Rork - spends hours looking at more than a thousand applications from those who want to be part of the three-day event.

"When your reputation gets better and grows, you're going to attract better and more talent," said Quinn. "We use the 'wow' factor in determining who gets in. When we open their packet and application, we want to go 'wow.'"

This year, according to Quinn, there will be 135 new artists among the more than 400 who will have displays, from more than 30 states.



One of those returning for his seventh Art in the Park is Bob Sturk of Plymouth, who sells wooden pens he makes on a lathe.

"I used to make furniture, so I started making the pens six years ago and do about six-eight shows a summer," said Sturk, an automotive company engineer. "Art in the Park is probably the biggest show I participate in each year, and it's always a very good show for me because of the people who attend. My pens are a very personalized item, and not everyone will pay \$30-\$40 for a set, when you can buy a Bic for 29 cents."

Sturk sells fountain and ballpoint pens, as well as pen and pencil sets.

"I've had people debate for an hour, and try the different types I have on display, to get just the right balance for their hand," said Sturk.

Rork said one of the

highlights of this year's event will be Phillip Delacruz of Carlsbad, Calif., a street painter who will demonstrate his craft at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street.

"He specializes in doing classical paintings with chalk on the street," said Rork. "It's something that's popular in Europe, but hasn't quite caught on yet here."

"We always like to have art demonstrated and created during the show," she said. "He'll be here all three days, so people can come back and see the progress of his street mural."

As in the past few years, children will be able to participate by painting squares on a mural that will eventually be displayed at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The canvass will be painted in Kellogg Park.

Mom takes comfort knowing her murdered son has found peace

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Phyllis Henry of Canton takes comfort in knowing her son, Jermaine, is safe in God's arms.

"I have peace about that," she said Monday after burying her son. "I'm just angry about the way it happened."

Jermaine Henry, 27, of Detroit was shot and killed June 29 in Detroit in a crime that left two others dead and several wounded. He often stayed with his mom and family in Canton, where she works as music director for Geneva Presbyterian Church.

"I would like for people to know he loved people, he loved God and he loved to make you laugh, and he loved to share," Phyllis Henry said. "He was the most giving person."

Jermaine Henry, who leaves behind a toddler son, Jordan Jermaine, had worked at the Meijer store on Ford Road in Canton and had Geneva Presbyterian as his church home. Faith has helped to sustain his mother in the days following his slaying.

"Without my faith, I could not have dealt with this death," said Henry, also a music teacher, most recently at St. Joseph's in Trenton. Henry expressed thanks for all her family and friends, including those at Geneva and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne.

Jermaine Henry was a severe asthmatic and had been in and out of hospitals since infancy. "He was very sick. Because of his sickness, he couldn't con-



Mr. Henry

tinue to work," his mother said.

Phyllis Henry has a Detroit News story on Jermaine's illness done when he was a

young boy. Jermaine, a drummer who played with his mom, would give coats, shoes and other items to needy people in Detroit.

"That's what he loved to do. He was a loving, loving person," Henry said. Her son, whom she wants remembered as Brother Angel (his middle name was Angelo), didn't complain about his illness.

"He was very good with his hands," his mother said. Jermaine would fix people's cars and other things in need of repair.

She recalled how her son, who had been on life support 11 times, had begun to get better in recent years. He found Christ, but his health began to deteriorate recently.

"It was time for him to go home and rest," Phyllis Henry said.

During Sunday worship at Geneva, pastoral intern Beth Delaney noted, "We have a number of prayers for Phyllis and her family."

Henry's message that morning was: "My heart cannot express how much I love you all." She noted Jermaine was at peace now.

She knows her son is in heaven, but still has a message for those here. "Stop the violence and love just like I tried

to love. That's what he would say."

In addition to his mother and son, Jermaine Henry is survived by brothers, Sgt. Joseph Henry, a Marine, Phillip Henry Jr. and Michael Crockett Jr.; grandparents, Mary Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry; stepfather Phillip Henry Sr.; and many other family members and friends.

Visitation was July 1-2 at Geneva. A Celebration of Life service was held July 3 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne, with the Rev. Virgil Humes officiating. The Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva did the eulogy and message, and the Spirit of Detroit Choir presented music.

Burial was in the memorial garden at Geneva. Memorial donations to Geneva Presbyterian Church will be used to defray funeral costs. The church address is 5835 Sheldon, Canton, MI 48187. Arrangements were by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

A suspect has been charged in the June 29 killings.

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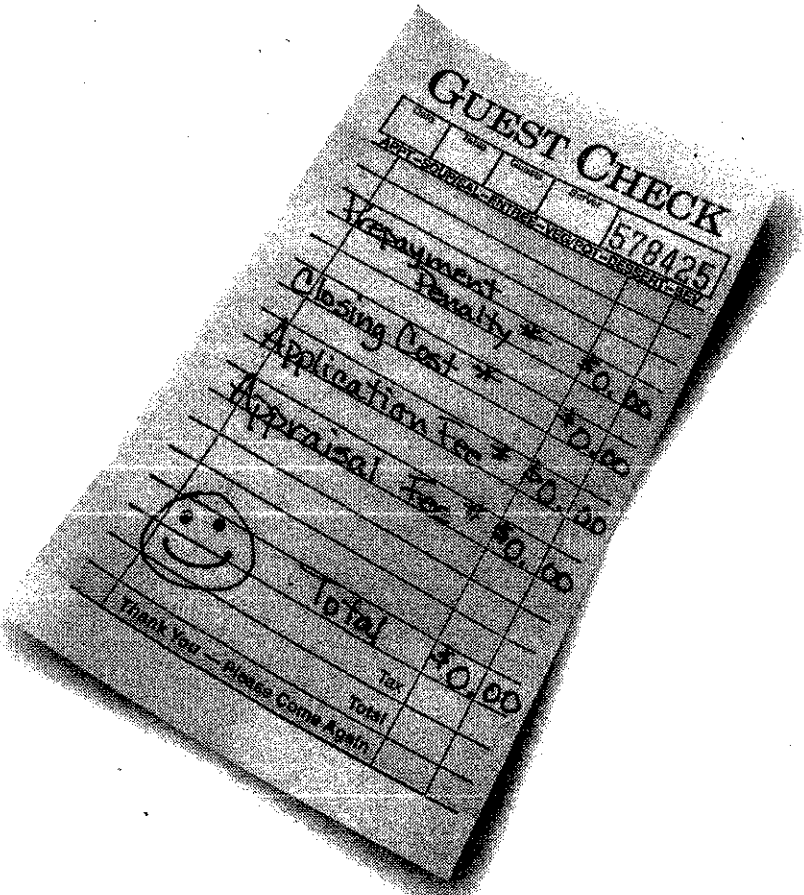
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OUR VIEWS

No more delays on Sheldon Place

Patience is the key word when talking about the fate of Sheldon Place, the abandoned senior citizen housing center at Ford and Sheldon roads.

Again, the owner, National Church Residences of Ohio, has been given a reprieve.

The building has been vacant since August 2001 when leaks and cracks appeared in the then three-year-old \$4.4 million structure. Residents were removed from the building, which has since been shored up but not repaired.

A number of dangerous building hearings have come and gone, each one delaying action on repairing or tearing down the multi-story facility that sits next to its sister senior building, Canton Place.

Earlier this year, a hearing officer ordered the building fixed or torn down - with application for either action to be made by July 1.

Now NCR's attorney Bryan Amann has asked and gotten yet another reprieve, pending the outcome of the company's action against DeMaria Construction Co., the contractors who built the building, and other subcontractors.

It is unfortunate that the process has taken so long. It is unfortunate that many seniors were dislocated from their homes when they were evacuated from the building in 2001.

Township officials have been nothing but patient in attempting to resolve problems with the building. But this has to be the final effort.

Should NCR win against the builder and subcontractors, township officials must get tougher and force the owner to act as soon as possible. It is clear NCR wants to save the building rather than have it demolished.

The question is if NCR wins, how long will it take to repair the building? Equally important, how long will it take to repair the credibility NCR has lost in the past few years?

There appears to be enough blame to go around in the history of Sheldon Place, including those who were charged with inspecting the building during construction, the builders, and NCR.

When Aug. 1 rolls around - the date given by the hearing officer earlier this year when the building must be fixed or demolished - township officials are urged to take immediate action.

NCR has been given plenty of reprieves. Enough is enough.

Cut politics out of state budget work

If state lawmakers haven't been able to come to grips with the state's budget deficit, it's no wonder that taxpayers' eyes tend to glaze over when they hear talk about the numbers.

This year's deficit is pegged at \$250 million and next year's at a whopping \$1.3 billion. You have to stop and think how many zeros that is.

It's frustrating that some lawmakers have stonewalled progress in dealing with the deficit, saying that budget cuts had to be made before the recently passed cigarette tax could be approved.

There has been too much talk and too little action.

Wayne County has had its share of budget problems as well. While County Executive Robert Ficano earlier this year said that his office was able to erase a \$54 million deficit without service cuts or layoffs, it appears financial problems could be continuing as it deals with regional problems.

Both entities would do well to take a page from Oakland County. Budgeting practices there, resulting in a 15-percent fund balance, have earned an impressive AAA bond rating. That rating is reflective of the county's financial health and can attract a lower interest rate for bonds.

The county's financial health, however, doesn't come just because of its wealth. It is the result of sound planning that starts with the unusual move of forecasting a budget two years into the future.

That work bore fruit this year with a balanced budget that began in 2002 with the realization that there were hard times ahead.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson says it's a practice that would serve the state well, allowing school districts to plan budgets better.

Certainly it would allow school financial officials to weigh expenses before the money is spent.

Still, there is no magic to sound budget practices. Oakland County utilized measures ranging from a hiring freeze to increases in prescription co-pays and medical contributions to balance the ledger.

The point is, it's possible.

There's no place for political posturing in coming up with a balanced state budget. Get to work.



LETTERS

Frustrated

I would like to vent my frustration about the way the employees of the Canton Ford Road Dunkin' Donuts were treated during the time of its closing.

I have worked there for 11 years, loyally, so when rumors were overheard, a couple of us went directly to the owner. We were told, "no way, absolutely not, we'll retire together." The fact was the sale was almost a done deal. Most of us who worked the morning shift relied on our jobs to survive.

We were deceived, up until a customer, who attended a community meeting in Canton, told us to watch the Canton TV channel. We did and found the truth.

Our morning crew helped him build a strong customer base, and we thought of some of our customers as almost like family and we didn't get to say goodbye to a lot of them.

We could not have been treated more poorly and lied and deceived to more hurtfully. We all found out about by phone three days before he closed. Is this the way all business owners treat long, loyal employees?

Our final paychecks were sent to each of us and not even a simple goodbye or good luck for our years of loyalty and service. I truly miss my regular customers' smiling faces and would like to say goodbye. It was my pleasure to serve you.

Patricia Craske
Canton

(Editor's note: Dunkin' Donuts was closed to make way for a new franchisee, who will create a Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin & Robbins store.)

Feeling betrayed

I've been loyal to the Ford Road Canton Dunkin' Donuts for 15-plus years. For the past 12 years, it was a daily part of my morning routine. It was a joy to deal with the ladies who always had a smile and a genuine good morning. They went out of their way to get to know you on a personal level (which doesn't happen very often).

During the past months you could tell something was wrong. What it boiled down to were lies, denials and betrayals. I miss my friends. That's right, I consider them friends. And I think it was a very terrible way to treat good people who did a great job.

I just happened to be there the afternoon the owner phoned to tell one of the teens to tell everyone that the next Tuesday at noon the store would close. You could tell they were stunned and in shock. This is after he had assured everyone that rumors of a sale were just that.

If I owned a business I would hire the morning crew because that is the way I would want my employees to treat my customers. I'm not the only one who will take my morning business elsewhere.

Bob and Lori Cetta
Livonia

Cartoon appalling

I am appalled by the loathsome dishonesty displayed in the editorial cartoon by

Anna Anderson
Clarkston

Geoff Brooks, printed in the *Observer & Eccentric* of July 1.

Whatever you think about the fairness or accuracy of Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*, it is specifically an attack on the Bush administration, not on the United States, our values, or our founding fathers.

To contrive a situation, as Brooks did in this cartoon, attribute it to someone else, and then ridicule it, is even more dishonest than misquoting, or taking a quote out of context. Worse still is the scam of accusing anyone who disagrees with current policy of being anti-American. Unfortunately, this technique has become a calling card of right-wing spokespersons in all forms of media. Brooks, to his discredit, is wallowing in Ann Coulter's mud.

It is time for Americans to face up to the same truth that has been impressed on the Iraqi people with so much suffering over the past three decades: It is possible to love your country while feeling the uttermost contempt for the current ruling administration.

Ron Toth
West Bloomfield

Protect marriage

I am writing this letter to urge you to support the Michigan Marriage Amendment and the Federal Marriage Amendment. These amendments would amend the Michigan Constitution and the United States Constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

It is imperative that We The People protect the institution of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The ultimate purpose of marriage is to join together a man and woman to raise children, the future generations who will run our country.

Same-sex couples also want the right to marry and raise children; however, research has proven that children do best in a home with a married mother and father. Two women cannot teach their "son" how to become a man or teach him masculinity. Nor can two men teach their "daughter" what it feels like to experience her first menstruation or how to become a woman.

I strongly urge you to evaluate your position on the issue of allowing same-sex marriage. If we allow same-sex unions, marriage will become meaningless and the next person who wants to challenge the definition of marriage or other social laws to meet their agenda will be knocking on the capitol's door.

We must stand strong and support the Michigan Marriage Amendment and the Federal Marriage Amendment. I urge you to contact your government representatives and let them know your opinion. For contact information for your government representatives or more information about the issue, please visit www.formarriage.org.

Protecting peace

I agree with Matthew Albracht's opinion that a Department of Peace is needed and is long overdue. As a person who has studied and observed human behavior for many years, I continue to be amazed at how primitive we are in handling problems and conflicts.

As a Children's Protective Services worker in Wayne County, I saw and heard many stories of parents who hurt their children not out of a lack of love for them but because they lacked the skills needed to be effective parents.

In more recent years, as a social worker in Detroit Public Schools, I again taught people (usually boys) skills to solve conflicts. I saw clear changes in both settings. Humans are capable of learning peaceful, nonviolent ways of living together and resolving problems if given the opportunity to learn how.

The United States has made many great contributions to the world in science, medicine and technology, however, we have not made any significant progress in the way we solve problems. Bullies are not thought well of in the school yard nor are they respected in the world community.

Isn't it time we as a nation began to learn ways to deal with disagreements without using force and violence? If 10-year-old boys can be taught how to "talk it out," why can't our leaders also be taught this skill?

The Department of Peace could be the vehicle for bringing these skills not only to our national leaders but also to domestic policy makers.

Kathryn Schmidt
Livonia

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- Bryan Amann, attorney for National Church Residences of Ohio, which owns the vacant Sheldon Place senior facility at Ford and Sheldon roads

Government has no business in trying to influence market

American economic history is chock full of attempts by government to support various industries and even specific businesses — usually by providing them with some sort of subsidy.

In the 19th century, the U.S. government promoted the railroad and telegraph industries on the grounds that they were vital infrastructure to speed settlement and development as the frontier moved West. (Abraham Lincoln first attracted attention not as a railsplitter, by the way, but as a rather successful railroad lawyer.) Over the past century, the feds have subsidized the oil, beef cattle and agriculture industries (among others), mainly through various tax breaks and price supports.

In Michigan, the lumber and mining interests received their full share of bennies from state government for more than a century. It's generally acknowledged that the Single Business Tax was written by lobbyists for General Motors and passed by the Legislature largely sight unseen (or, at least, unread). The Granholm administration has made no bones about promoting an economic strategy designed to selectively support the flexible manufacturing, homeland security and life sciences industries.

This practice is generally called "picking the winners" and it's been the subject of scorching debate for years. Some economists, most business types and virtually all conservative ideologues argue that government has no business picking the winners, in part because governments shouldn't be fooling around with the workings of the market, and in part because of the bad track record when governments have tried. Other economists, those business types whose businesses get favorable treatment and most public policy activists, contend governments simply must intervene to achieve prompt and widespread economic development.

I've been of two minds about this debate. Certainly, the Strategic Fund in the Blanchard administration produced a spectacular record of bungled winner-picking. On the other hand, the Engler administration's advocacy of the Life Sciences Corridor ("advocacy" is far too weak a word; they poured \$200 million in tobacco settlement money into it) seems to have worked out fairly well in creating good-paying jobs.

Picking winners and losers might be fun — think of all the campaign contributions you get by favoring a particular industry. But on balance, I've concluded it's bad public policy. Governments, unlike venture capital firms, are just not set up to do this kind of thing very well. Nobody knows how the complex flux of changing technology, market demand, product development and business conditions will evolve over the life of any subsidy program. And when you add political pressures into the mix, the result, all too often, is wasted tax dollars and clumsy economic policy.

Far better for governments to identify what general infrastructures best help economic development and job growth and then make investments in them, thereby avoiding picking specific winners or losers. Instead, government should try to create an environment broadly conducive to economic development in which industry sectors or individual businesses or entrepreneurs have an equally good chance of succeeding (or failing, for that matter) on the strength of their own ideas and competitive juices.

Government subsidies for railroad and telegraph networks were good examples of investing in general infrastructure to benefit economic growth. So, too, is investing in colleges and universities and in the high-tech research they support, or in building an easily accessible system of lifelong learning and job training opportunities.

A current example has to do with high-speed Internet, commonly called broadband. Spreading access to broadband throughout the state is obviously an essential tool for economic development. Back in 2001, I asked the Michigan Economic Development Corporation if it could produce a map showing where broadband capability was located in Michigan. Turns out the phone and cable companies, at that point the dominant providers by far, were refusing to say where their fiber was, on grounds of business confidentiality.

The MEDC ultimately proposed creating the Michigan Broadband Development Authority (MBDA) to help finance providing broadband connections to Michigan communities that were not otherwise served and to provide a competitive spur where monopoly providers were overcharging. Gov. Granholm recently added a goal of fully wiring the state by 2007. The authority so far has received 19 loan applications, representing projects that would affect nearly 300 of Michigan's 414 cities and 58 of our 83 counties. A total of \$6 million in loans has been approved, and the MBDA now has some \$20 million in projects in the pipeline.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, is grumpy about all this, on the grounds that the MBDA has no written business plan to show how it gets to self-sufficiency. He's been holding hearings on the subject, "largely to get the attention of somebody over there," but with the unspoken threat that he might attempt to eliminate the authority altogether.

Frankly, I think Patterson is too sensible to try to zero out the one institution that is successfully engaged in providing the essential infrastructure necessary for successful economic development for all. But the fact that he's making noises about the broadband authority is ample demonstration that the argument about governments picking winners and losers is far from over.

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 by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Did you miss the news? Economy's in recovery

Perhaps the Michigan media missed the brief: Our economy is in great recovery.

Positive news on the economy and job creation continues to roll in, yet the media and, worse, Sen. John Kerry, continue to ignore it and focus on negative news.

What is wrong with reporting the creation of 1.4 million new jobs in the last nine months, with 25,000 Michigan jobs created in April and May?

What is wrong with telling our citizens that 96 percent of the April Michigan payroll job growth was in industries paying above the national average?

These new jobs are not minimum-wage, part-time jobs. They are high-paying employment opportunities for Michigan workers. Small business owners like me already realize the local economic atmosphere has greatly improved since the historic tax cuts were passed.

Let's look at the facts. Our unemployment rate is down significantly from last year at this time and personal income has swelled. The 2001 tax relief gave our economy a timely boost and made the recession one of the shortest and shallowest of history.

Surprisingly, after reading recent news stories, I was even informed that charitable contributions are up in Michigan and across the country.

The media often write stories about outsourcing, but fail to tell the story of foreign companies creating 244,200 "insourced" jobs here in Michigan. That means that Michigan is receiving these jobs from foreign companies, not the other way around. To put that simply, we are not sending our jobs abroad, they are coming here for American workers.

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Health care costs are becoming more affordable for small business, allowing for reinvestment in our companies. Our industry, small business, remains a cornerstone of the strong American economy and continues to put the unemployed back to work.

John Kerry has a 19-year record of blocking pro-small business policies. He continues to support tax increases on the middle class and not support tax credits for small businesses to purchase health insurance. Kerry's downbeat economic talk, coupled with his lose-lose approach to promoting business growth are a lethal combination to the economic upturn we are seeing.

It's our community, the small business owners and employees, that provide 85 percent of the job growth and I am excited about where our economy is going. The pro-business policies that jump-started our economy are working precisely as intended and there is no doubt they have had a positive effect.

I'm proud to be a part of the strongest economic recovery in years and I am confident that we will continue to keep this economy rolling.

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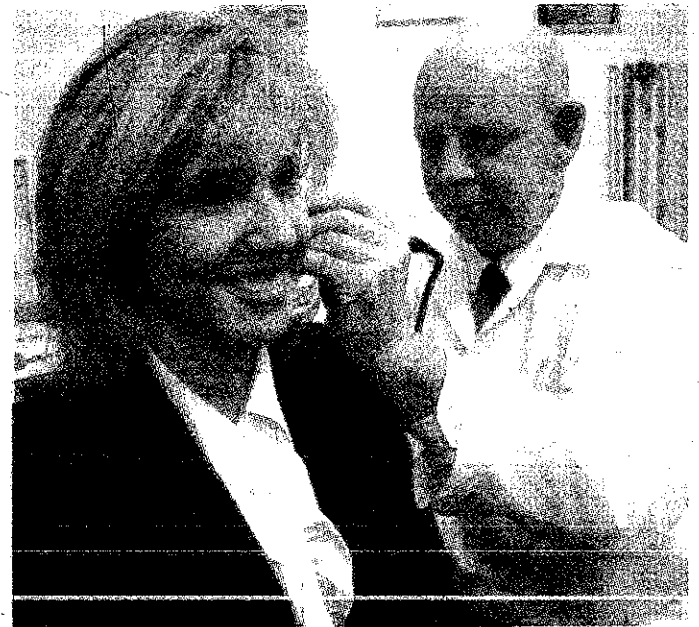
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Agape pastor spins wheels at Flatrock Speedway

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

After doing his best to save souls and mortals for the better part of the last 23 years at Garden City Christian Center, maybe Saturday night was a way for a higher power to rescue Pastor Don Mullett.

Then again, maybe it was some sound advice before the race.

For Mullett provided much of the entertainment in a 10-lap "Faster Pastor" race at Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday night. None of it was by design and just about all of it was fun — now.

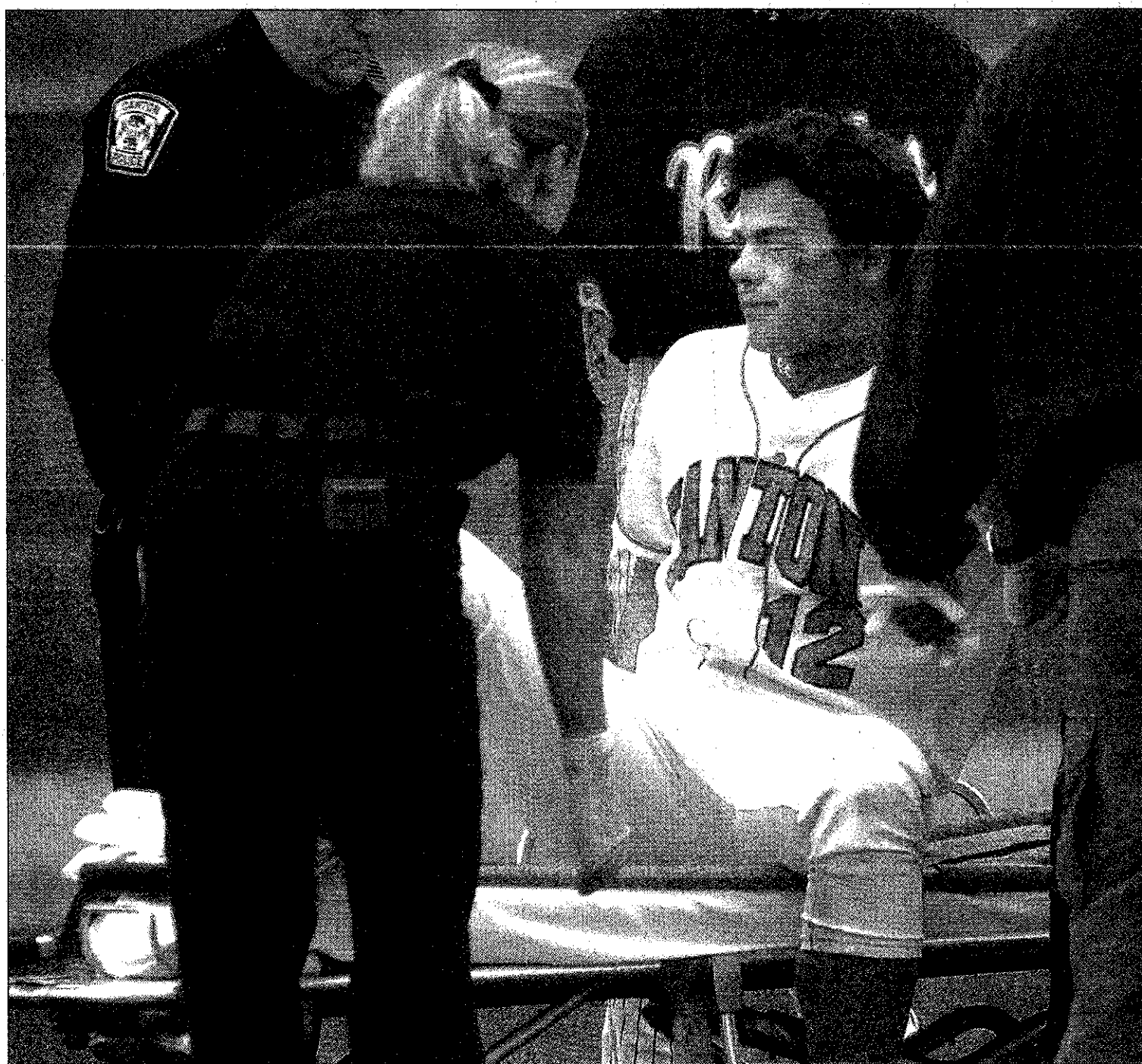
"The thing we feared most was crashing in the first lap and I almost did," laughed Mullett, the Westland resident who is also a minister out of Agape Christian Academy in Canton. "But I also think there was a little divine intervention involved."

The "Faster Pastor" race was cooked up as a way to get more fans to Saturday night's card in what is normally a slow July 4 weekend. The pastors would try to sell tickets to the congregation and, in return, the speedway would give half the proceeds back.

"Most of the other pastors sold a lot, but we didn't get our tickets until 10 days before the race," said Mullett, whose proceeds went back to Agape. "One pastor sold 400 tickets and we only sold \$248 worth. But next year, we'll do this well in advance."

All four pastors — one from Monroe, Allen Park and the eventual winner, Pastor Dan Russell from Lincoln Park — were running in sim-

PLEASE SEE RACE, B5



Canton pitcher Jake Powers is taken off the field on a stretcher after being hit just below the left eye by a line drive on the second pitch of the April 22 game against Salem.

Aluminum bat usage spurs debate

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At 6-foot-2 and 230 pounds, Canton pitcher Jake Powers was arguably one of the best-conditioned athletes to step onto a high school baseball mound this past spring.

A Division I college football recruit at

linebacker, the junior possessed a rare combination of speed, power and hand-eye coordination.

But Powers was no match for the baseball that rocketed off the aluminum bat of Salem's Brian Bradley on the afternoon of April 22. The ball, traveling in excess of 100 mph, slammed into Powers' face, just below his left eye.

When the ball finally came to rest several feet away, it had broken 17 bones — including the sinus cavity, orbital, cheek and jaw bones — on the left side of Powers' face.

"You could have heard a pin drop after that ball hit Jake," Canton coach Scott Dickey remembered. "He is one of the

PLEASE SEE BATS, B6

UD-Mercy baseball team hopes to survive crisis

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

The reports concerning the demise of the University of Detroit-Mercy's baseball team have been greatly exaggerated.

Or, at least, they've been premature. While that could prove good news for the pair of area baseball players on the team — Garden City's Dominic Noonan and Catholic Central grad Kyle Crepeau — the Titans have a long way to go before the team is saved.

The school announced last month that it was folding the program after 107 years in a cost-cutting move. But after meeting with a group of parents last week, Athletic Director Brad Kinsman told them there was a way to save their program — come up with \$550,000 in pledges.

"They need to raise \$110,000, through corporate entities, annually for the next five years," Kinsman said. "They need to have a full five-year commitment, but they need it by July 14."

Throw in the poor timing of a July 4 weekend and it basically gave the group eight days to come up with the pledges and just six days are left.

"We haven't raised any money yet, but we've made tremendous inroads," said Jim Darga, the Pinckney High School principal who has more or less assumed the point role in the fund-raising. Darga's son Ben is a freshman pitcher/infielder on the team.

"We've set meeting dates and times with people in the corporate world that will occur between now and Friday. Some parents have taken time off work to help set up meetings and do some of the legwork."

The players have been asked to help, too. "We've been instructed to call corporations we know of that could donate," said Noonan, a freshman catcher who attended U-D Jesuit High School. "I've called a few people, but I'm not having much luck. My dad is trying at work. No one saw this coming."

Kinsman saw problems coming, but wasn't quite sure whether to cut from each program or cut baseball — the sport with the second-highest budget at the school. In the end, and after looking at what schools such

as Bowling Green, Western and Central Michigan and Toledo have done, Kinsman said it came down to cutting one sport.

"Every school has to do what's right for them. It's certainly not something to take any pride in," Kinsman said. "It affects so many people; not just the players and staff in the program, but alumni and others. Unfortunately, it's a sign of the times."

The baseball budget is roughly \$250,000 per year, but the overall cuts in the athletic department exceeded that figure. Kinsman told the group if it came up with its part, the school would reinstate baseball and "be aggressive in fund-raising efforts in the next five years to ... try and make the support of the baseball program self-sustaining."

But before the baseball backers get there, they need to find immediate financial help.

"All we asked for was a shot to make that happen," Darga said. "If we do, then we've done our part. If we don't succeed, we'll feel better knowing that we've at least tried."

Kinsman said the move also surprised the team's longtime coach, Redford's Bob Miller, who was told of the decision personally. Miller coached the team from 1965-2000 before stepping down because of a salary dispute involving his assistant coaches. Miller was replaced by current coach Chris Czarnik.

Trying and not succeeding isn't going to make the players feel any better, however.

"There was nothing we saw to make us think this would happen," said Noonan, who transferred to UDM from Cornell. "It's terrible; a complete surprise. It's like something out of a movie to think that this could go wrong so late in the game."

As for the future without UDM baseball, the local players aren't sure what they'd do. It's almost too late for them to get scholarship offers from other schools.

"I can try to go to another school and play or get an education at UDM," Noonan said. "We're just hoping we can get this together."

Those interested in helping out can call Darga at (248) 684-5290 or visit the Web site: <http://hstrial-detroitititans.homestead.com/mainpage.html>.

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Colony swimmers sail past Fairview Farms

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Colony Swim Club Crocodiles have been moving through their Independent Swim League schedule, well, like a crocodile through Jell-O.

Colony earned its third consecutive lopsided victory Tuesday, defeating Livonia-based Fairview Farms. The Canton-based Crocodiles are now 3-1 heading into Tuesday's meet at Northville.

Colony coach Kathy Sonnanstine said an increased commitment from her swimmers is one reason for her team's early success.

"A lot more of the kids swim year-round now with the Canton Cruisers and other clubs, and it shows with their performances," Sonnanstine said. "The kids get fired up for all the meets, and they have fun because there isn't as much pressure on them as there is for more competitive meets."

The Crocodiles' lone loss this season — a one-point defeat — came in their opening meet against the arch-rival Newburgh Swim Club. Colony will get another shot at the undefeated Newburgh squad July 20.

"The last few years it has come down to us against them, so that should be an exciting meet," Sonnanstine said.

Two Crocodiles have broken long-standing records this season. Abby Madison broke Amy Sonnanstine's 15-year-old record in the girls 10-and-under 25-meter freestyle event. A week later, Madison's record was eclipsed by Lauren Seroka.

Seroka also set the club record in the 10-and-under 25-meter breaststroke.

"With 190 swimmers, we have the biggest team by far (in the



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hannah Nowaske, 8, of the Colony Swim Club Crocodiles, finished second in the 25-meter backstroke in Tuesday's victory over Fairview Farms.

Independent Swim League)," Sonnanstine said. "We have a lot of real good swimmers who don't even get to swim for points in the meets."

Sidelines

Mustangs rule

The Canton Mustangs U12 boys travel baseball team won the USSSA AA State Championship tournament that took place the weekend of June 25 at the Canton Softball Center. The Mustangs went undefeated in the tournament.

The team consists of Jackson Burdette, Casey Clark, Preston Currie, Alex Dixon, Joe Galanty, Joshua Gatt, Alex King, Kevin Lozier, Pat Smiatacz and Carter Staffeld.

The team is coached by Jeff Gatt, Tom Dixon, Dave Smiatacz and Dave Currie.

Fall baseball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will be holding registration for the 2004 Open Fall Co-Ed Baseball season 2-5 p.m. Sunday and 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. The registration will be held in the Arts II room in the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-13 who are residents of Canton or Plymouth, or those who attend school in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district.

All registrants must show proof of age and residency at the time of registration. Fees will range from \$70 to \$110 for recreation leagues.

Forms are also available in the lobby of the Summit and can be mailed in with a copy of the player's birth certificate and fee to the address printed on the flyer.

Parents of players aged 14-18 should contact the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600 or Bob Unis at (734) 454-5725 for more information and registration forms.

Practices will begin at the end of August with games beginning after Labor Day. The season runs until the end of October.

Those parents interested in coaching should note their interest on the registration form.

CCJBSA forum

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will be holding an Open Forum at 5 p.m. July 11 in the auditorium at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

The forum is open to all parents, coaches and directors of the CCJBSA. Several members of the CCJBSA will be present to answer all questions.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

Bucks win

The Michigan Bucks stayed alive in the hunt for a Premier Development League playoff spot with a 6-3 victory Sunday over the Indiana Blast.

The Berkley-based Bucks, now 6-3-2 and in third place in the PDL's Great Lakes Division, got three goals from Joseph Kabwe and two from Simon Omekanda. Jeff Wiese earned the win in goal for the Bucks, who host the West Michigan Edge at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hurley Field in Berkley.

Softball: Perfect way to spend a summer night?

Is there a better way to spend a cool summer evening than playing slow-pitch softball with friends and co-workers under the bright lights of the Canton Softball Center?

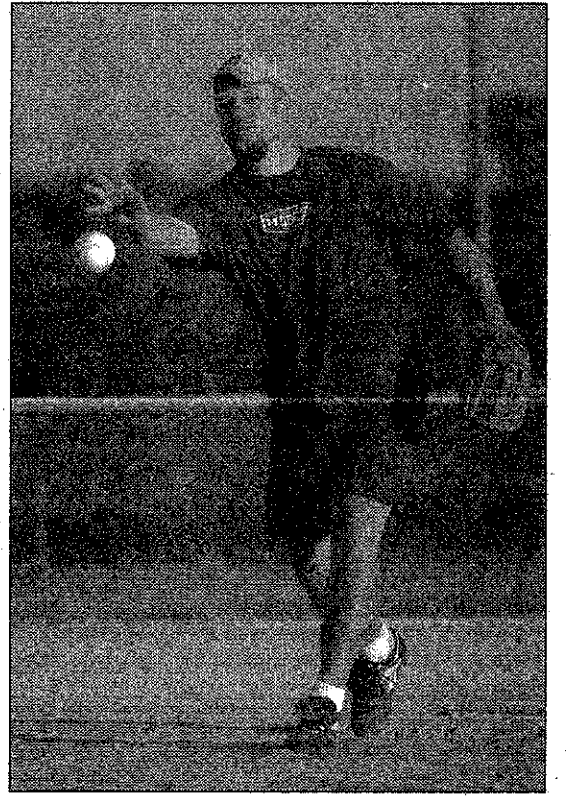
Team members of the Crow's Nest and Michelob Light – the two teams featured in the accompanying photos – would probably argue that this is about as good as it gets.

While many of the thousands of games played at the CSC between April and October are ripe with competitive fire, this match-up – which unfolded June 28 – was more on the laid-back side. While both teams wanted to win, the thrill of victory didn't overwhelm their desire to have a good time and enjoy the moment.

There was no barking at the umpire, trash-talking or poor sportsmanship. It was slow-pitch softball the way it was meant to be played – for the fun of it.



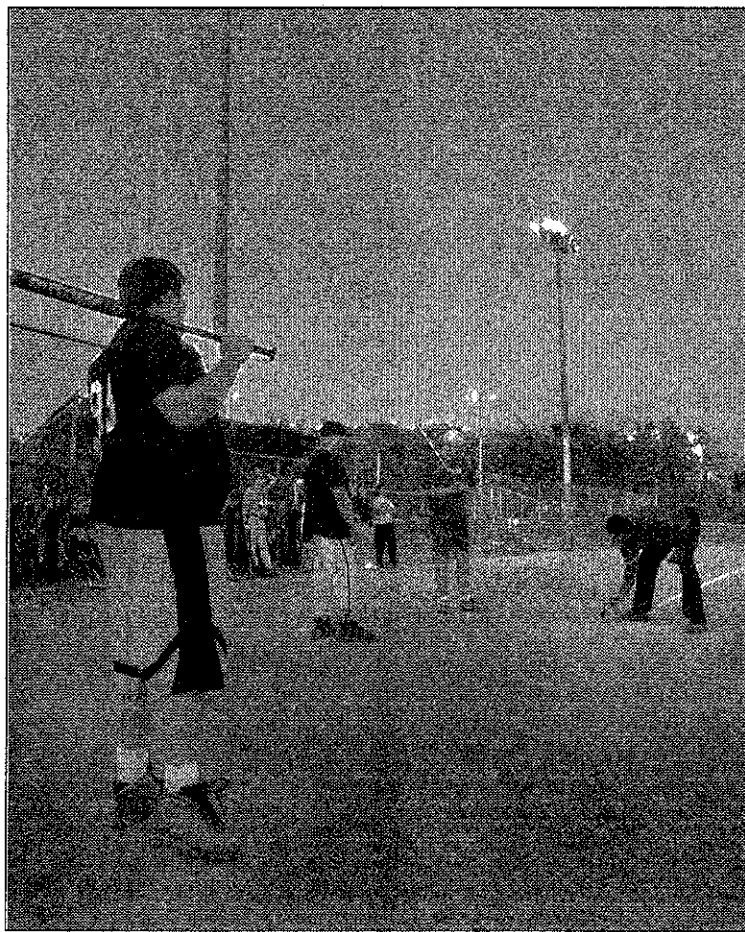
Charles Way of the Michelob Light team waits for his turn to bat during a slow-pitch softball game at the Canton Softball Center.



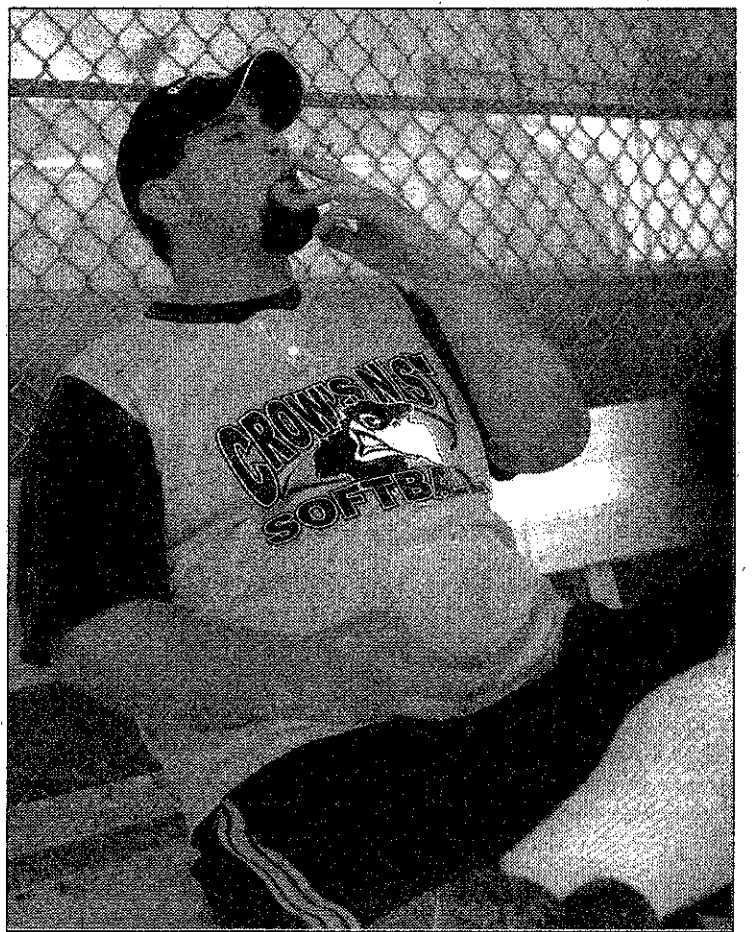
John Brannan launches a pitch towards the plate for the Crow's Nest team.




Umpire Elliott Wilson calls a strike.



The Crow's Nest's on-deck batter waits patiently while umpire Elliott Wilson sweeps home plate.




Rob Shepley, a former running back for the Plymouth Salem football team, takes a cigarette break between innings of the Crow's Nest's game.



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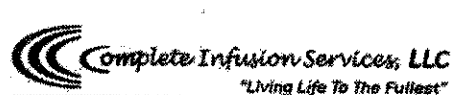


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Maki's hat trick leads Wildcats

Ryan Maki recorded a hat trick and added an assist in the Wildcats' 6-4 victory over the Lakers Tuesday night in the Metro Summer Hockey League.

The Wildcats were bolstered by a rare complete-game effort from Matt Modelski in net.

The winners led 3-1 after one period and 3-2 following the second intermission. The Lakers tallied two goals in the third, but couldn't catch the Wildcats.

Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) scored a goal and handed out two assists for the Lakers, who also received a strong effort from Nick Jardine (three assists).

Falcons 10, Buckeyes 3: After trailing 2-1 following the first period, the Falcons stormed back with five unanswered goals in the second period to skate away with an easy victory.

John May (Livonia) led the winners with a goal and four assists. Zeyad Kassem and

Mark Nebus both added two goals and two assists. Jake Archer (Livonia) and Ross Tashjian (Farmington Hills) split time in goal for the Falcons.

Dan Moore scored twice and Chris Wilson slapped in one goal for the Buckeyes.

Huskies 9, Wolverines 5: The Huskies overcame a 4-1 first-period deficit to record the victory. Dwight Helminen led a balanced scoring attack for the winners with two goals and an assist. Joseph Rutherford and Rob Wagener shared the victory in net.

Ryan Anderson popped in two goals for the Wolverines, who got strong play in net from Bill Ruggerio and Ryan Gregory.

Warriors 11, Falcons 11: John May (Livonia) scored two goals - including the game winner with 3:26 left to give the Falcons (4-0-2) the tie. May also had two assists, while Zach

Archer (Livonia) had four goals and two assists. Bill Hodges (Farmington Hills) and Mark Nebus also had two goals each while Justin Liut had one.

Jason Moul (Livonia/Thurston) had three goals and five assists to lead the Warriors (3-2-1), while Adam Krug (Canton) had three goals and three assists. Dan Riedel added two goals and three assists, while Matt Krug (Livonia), Bill McSween (Redford) and Steve Kuza all had a goal.

The Warriors' Jimmy Spratt and the Falcons' Ross Tashjian and Jake Archer (Livonia) played in goal for the tie.

Redhawks 9, Lakers 7:

Zeyad Kassem scored four goals for the Redhawks, John May (Livonia) had two goals and four assists and Todd Bentley (Livonia) scored twice for the winners. Sean Burke (Livonia) also added a solo goal.

Rob Gillis had three goals in a losing cause for the Lakers, while Eric Dolesh (Farmington

Hills), Nick Jardine, Andy Howard and Stavros Paskaris had one each.

Bernie McDonnell (Livonia) and William Wood shared the win in goal for the Redhawks, while Matt Howard and Lanny Jardine took the loss.

Whalers 12, Bulldogs 7: The Whalers (5-3) jumped out to a 9-2 lead and never looked back as Sean Perkins had three goals and three assists and Todd Kesler kicked in with three goals. Chris Conner (Westland) also had two goals and four assists, Pat Nagorsen had two goals, while Eric Roman and Aaron Jakubowski (Livonia) had one each.

Marco Trevino led the Bulldogs with two goals and three assists, James Crank had two goals and an assist, and Jason Basile, Dan Rieckhoff and Adam Griffin had a goal each.

Brad Smith and Brian Markowicz shared the win in goal for the Whalers, while Ryan Rathbun took the loss.

Poll picks Picard as Crusaders' Male Athlete-of-the-Year

Madonna University baseball player Preston Picard, a graduate of Farmington High, was voted the Crusaders' Online Male Athlete-of-the-Year in a poll conducted on the Madonna athletic department's Web site.

The honor was one of many this season for Picard, who was the first Crusader baseball player since 2000 to be named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American and All-Region.

A transfer from Florida Community College in Jacksonville, Fla., Picard returned to his native Michigan and put together one of the best all-around seasons by a Madonna player in school history.

The sophomore led the Crusaders in eight offensive categories, including batting average (.382), at-bats (186), runs (43), hits (71), triples (five), home runs (eight), total bases (117) and slugging percentage (.629).

In addition to his team-leading numbers, Picard was also second in doubles (12) and RBI (32) while stealing 15 of 21 bases.

Picard was also named first team All-Conference earlier this season and was the conference's player of the week March 29. He was also recognized as the Crusaders' Offensive MVP at the team's banquet in May.

Former Tiger enjoys helping cats and dogs

A former Detroit Tiger is helping dogs and cats.

Milt Wilcox, a starting pitcher on the 1984 World Series champs, has teamed up with the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN) to raise funds for the group's free pet shot clinic program.

MAAN provides free vaccinations to over 5,000 pets in the metro Detroit every year, at a cost of roughly \$20,000.

These pets typically belong to senior citizens, the unemployed, people who have incurred substantial medical bills themselves, or others who, for one reason or another, are financially pressed. Rather than leave these pets unprotected against rabies, distemper and other diseases, MAAN has stepped in with its shot clinic program.

A pet lover all of his life, and an avid supporter of MAAN, Wilcox has become the spokesperson for the group's shot clinic program. Milt and his dog "Sparky

Anderson Wilcox" will be appearing at a fund-raiser between 3 and 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14, at the MAAN Adoption Center in Livonia.

Milt and MAAN will be auctioning off three autographed baseballs, each signed by a current Tiger star. There will also be a Tigers trivia contest with the winner receiving free tickets to the upcoming Bark In The Park baseball game and a \$25 Pet Supplies Plus gift certificate.

All money raised from this event will go to the shot clinic program.

Wilcox will also be giving a canine agility demonstration with Sparky. A great athlete in his own right, Sparky is a nationally ranked "Dock Dog" competitor who has appeared on ESPN 2 events.

The Bark in the Park baseball game will be Tuesday, July 20 at Comerica Park between the Tigers and Minnesota Twins. Dogs with special pet tickets will be

allowed to watch the game with their owners from the Pooch Pavilion in left field.

This is the second time in the 103-year history of the Tigers that the team has welcomed four-footed fans to a game. Last season, a crowd of roughly 200 dogs saw the Tigers top the White Sox in the first Bark in the Park, one of the team's few victories.

The Tigers are hoping that history repeats itself this year, with a much larger canine crowd. Milt and Sparky will be at the MAAN booth at Comerica Park during the game.

Canine tickets are available at metro-area Pet Supplies Plus stores. The tickets are free (along with two tickets for a dog's human companions) with the purchase of a 37.5-pound bag of Purina Pro Plan or Purina ONE dog food.

For more information, call the Michigan Animal Adoption Network at (248) 474-2646.

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More girls than ever competing in athletics

For the second straight year, girls' participation in high school sports set a new record at Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools across the state during the 2003-04 school year. The total of 124,978 female participants in sports in which the Association sponsors post-season tournaments during the past school year topped last year's mark of 124,393.

Among all student-athletes, a total of 293,957 took part, falling just short of the 294,012 record set a year ago. Boys participation was the second highest ever, the 168,979 figure just behind the 2002-03 high of 169,619. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

The participation figures in MHSAA tournament sports for girls are up 19 percent since the 1994-95 school year. Boys are up nine percent over the same time period, and overall participation is up 13 percent.

Volleyball continues to be the most popular sport for girls, with 21,320 participants in 2003-04. Girls sports hitting their all-time highs in participation last year were competitive cheer and soccer.

The most popular boys sport continues to be football, with 42,717 participants last year. The only boys sport to hit a new participation high in 2003-04 was ice hockey.

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Bowling, the newest MHSAA post-season tournament sport, had 1,866 boys participants and 1,480 girls in its inaugural 2003-04 school year. Lacrosse joins the MHSAA schedule in the spring of 2005.

The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling its national participation survey.

The results of the survey from the 2000-01 school year to the present may be viewed on the NFHS Web Site - <http://www.nfhs.org>. Nation-wide results for 2003-04 will be available later this summer.

The following chart shows participation figures for the 2003-04 school year from MHSAA member schools in sports in which the Association sponsors a post-season tournament.

New law allows sportsmen to hunt mourning doves

Late last month, history was made when Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed HB 5029 into law.

The controversial bill changed the classification of the mourning dove from a songbird to a gamebird and paves the way for Michigan's first-ever managed dove-hunting season.

Michigan hunters will join hunters in 40 other states this fall in hunting for the most popular gamebird in America.

The Governor signed the bill after she and the state Natural Resources Commission agreed to a compromise, which was initiated by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Under the compromise, the NRC will establish a trial hunt for a three-year period in six counties of southern Michigan - Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee. At the end of the trial period, results of the hunt will be evaluated and a decision on whether to expand, reduce or eliminate the hunt will be made.

That means, for the next three years, dove hunting remains illegal in 95 percent of the state.

While on its long and winding path through the state House and Senate, language for the creation of a \$2 dove stamp was added to the bill. Half of the money generated from the sale of the stamp will be deposited into the state's Non-game Wildlife Fund, which has watched its annual revenue decline since the elimination a few years ago of the non-game donation checkoff on the Michigan income tax form.

Some Michigan residents are concerned that a dove hunting season will decimate the population. Some worry that hunters will be shooting doves off bird feeders and power lines, and that this season was established solely for target practice.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

Nothing could be further from the truth. All these negative scenarios were fueled by the anti-dove hunting crowd in an effort to rile up opposition. In reality, most people won't even know a dove hunt is taking place.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages all migratory birds in this country, there are between 400 and 500 million doves in the United States and about 4 million in Michigan each fall. Mourning dove hunting occurs in 40 other states and only about 15 percent of the mourning doves that die each year are killed by hunters.

The normal life expectancy of a mourning dove is approximately one year so most of the doves that migrate south each winter die of natural causes - not the gun - and don't return in the spring.

Each pair of adult doves produces six to eight young per year and states that allow dove hunting have seen no noticeable decline in dove numbers since hunting seasons were established.

Dove hunting in Michigan will be regulated with season dates and bag limits.

It will be illegal to shoot doves off bird feeders and power lines, just like it is now for squirrels, quail or any other huntable species that may perch in such places. There won't be a widespread problem with such illegal activity.

As far as hunters decimating the population, let's get serious. No game species has EVER been put on the endangered species list because of managed hunting. (Not to be confused with the unregulated commercial hunting, which took place on many species in the 1800s and early 1900s before the creation, at the request of sport hunters, of state game and fish commissions.)

In fact, there are more white-tailed deer, Canada geese, black bear, wild turkeys and many other hunted species than ever before because of, not in spite of, managed hunting. Remember, hunters, not anti-hunters, finance the DNR and other state agencies that manage fish and game. Hunter money, not anti-hunter money, is used to create habitat and improve existing habitat, which results in thriving populations - of both game and non-game species - not dwindling ones.

And, yes, doves are great tablefare. A dove breast is about the size of a bluegill or a perch fillet and we've been dining on those delicacies for centuries.

This isn't a season simply for target practice, as I have heard some people profess. State game laws stipulate that every effort must be made to recover game animals and game birds that have been harvested and the dove will be no exception.

The state Natural Resources Commission is considering implementation of a limited, trial dove season for later this year, most likely in September.

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

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (July 19, 2004), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

- B-44 Caron Robb Fernimos - Furniture, Dresser, Dining Chairs
- D-136 Carol Panik - Household, furniture
- F-209 Brian Waskienewicz - Tools, Wood bedroom set, 10 speed bikes
- C-88 Geraldine Givens - Freezer, household
- D-118 Debra Morgan - Cages, misc., furniture

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CH CANTON, LLC, EMAGINE THEATER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-32, of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an actin to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of CH Canton LLC, for issuance of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Official Permit to Serve Food and to have Movie Showings Between the Hours of 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Sundays and an Entertainment Permit to be located at 39535 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI, 48188 prior to the hearing date.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All members present except Mr. Munnfakh who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the June 29, 2004, Board of Trustees Special Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

In answer to resident Jim Karell's question, Mr. Mann noted it had been decided to forego the Pledge of Allegiance at this meeting.

There was no objection Mr. Mann's request to abstain from voting on the following resolution to avoid any possible conflict of interest because of his future relationship with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 04-06-29-28, accepting the bid from Banc One Capital Markets, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for the 2004 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds for the new Township Hall, Police and Fire complex. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote with Mr. Mann abstaining and Mr. Munnfakh excused. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Herriman echoed Mr. Mann's comments regarding Mr. Edwards and his department for their work in gathering documents and making a presentation in order to secure the best possible bond rating attainable in Wayne County and Ms. Arnold agreed.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

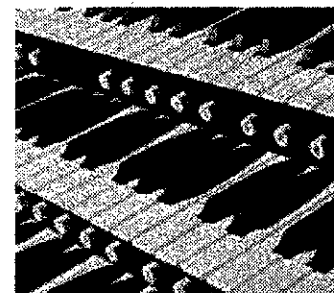
The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on June 29, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on July 13, 2004.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp for grades 6-10 will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 26-28, at the high school.

For more information, call Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704 or e-mail bigju016@yahoo.com.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth Wildcat football golf outing is scheduled for July 31 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads. Registration is from noon until the 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$100 per golfer, \$50 for dinner only. There will also be games and drawings.

Money and entry information may be sent to: PHS Football Golf Outing, 47450 Wallingford Ct., Canton, MI 48818.

GOLF INFO

Tryouts for Madonna University's men's and women's golf teams will be at noon on July 26 and at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

Scholarships are still available for both teams. For further information, call coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or contact via email at billdurham@pga.com.

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all levels of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course near Plymouth. For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

COACHES WANTED

Plymouth HS currently has coaching openings for the following athletic teams: girls cross country, boys cross country and girls/boys diving.

Anyone interested in these

positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700, or stop by the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton to pick up an application.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

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

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries.

Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.

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

PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS GOLF OUTING

There will be a golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department Sunday, Sept. 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads in Canton. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a t-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf.

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and

skins competitions available to the golfers.

For more information, contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

JOHN 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.

STEVENSON GRID REUNION

Livonia Stevenson High School plans to stage a 40-year football all-player reunion, Friday, Sept. 10, during its game against Livonia Churchill.

For more information, call coach Tim Gabel at (734) 744-2660 or e-mail tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us. You can also visit http://shs.freewebspace.com

LIVONIA GOLF PRACTICE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is offering golf practice from 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at the Community Recreation Center, located at Hubbard and Five Mile roads.

An annual pass or daily fee is required in addition to the \$6 bucket fee. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

Could Elvis be skating for Whalers this fall?

Members of the Plymouth Whalers' front office are working to assure that fans leave games satisfied next season - no matter what the final score is.

Armed with a new marketing slogan - "Catch the Wave" - Whalers' director of corporate sales and marketing Rob Murphy and staff are examining different ways to help make watching a Whalers game a fun, family-friendly experience.

To that end, Elvis recently entered the building - or in this case, the Computware Sports Arena.

Murphy is considering hosting an "Elvis Night" or two next season during a Whalers game, so Lou Richards - owner of Lou Richards Entertainment - visited the arena in full Presley regalia, including jet-black hair in a pompadour.

It's understood hard-core Whaler fans come for the game. But what about the family looking for a fun night out?

Murphy - starting his first full season with the Whalers - is looking to connect with a potentially lucrative market.

"Our front office objective is no different than the Whalers on the ice," said Murphy. "We want to be the best in the Ontario Hockey League. That means providing our guests with a premier, clean and safe environment that supports some of the best hockey played in Michigan."

"The Whalers' total-game experience - from the moment you enter the arena to the time you leave - is designed to support the cornerstone of our brand - excitement, excellence, fun and value."

RACE

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ple 4-cylinder race cars. At the prerace meeting, someone told Mullett that if he spun out, he needed to remember not to brake, but slow down until he felt the tires grab the pavement.

Sure enough, heading into the third turn on the first lap, Mullett had to heed the advice.

"The car in front of me started to go high on the track, so I tried to pass him down low," Mullett said. "He cut back low to block me and I went on the grass and

just spun out. It was just like on snow."

And when the tires finally grabbed, Mullett found himself in a second predicament - headed right for the wall in Turn 3.

"I was probably going about 50 miles per hour when I went into the turn," Mullett said. "It looked bleak in the first lap. My heart didn't have time to get into my throat."


Half a lap down, Mullett did his best to catch up to the pack. He caught them into the 10th lap, but couldn't pass them. He was so intent on winning that he failed to see the checkered flag - his other miscue of the night.

"I passed them all on the 11th lap, not knowing it was the 11th lap," Mullett said. "It was a little embarrassing. Someone said that I provided all of the entertainment that night. And someone else after the race came up to me and said, 'Thanks for not crashing our car.'"

If the speedway decides to hold the event again, Mullett is right there ready to volunteer. If not, he still has his memories of his 10 laps behind the wheel.

"I do believe God gave his angels charge over me," Mullett laughed. "But it was a lot of fun. I'd do it again."

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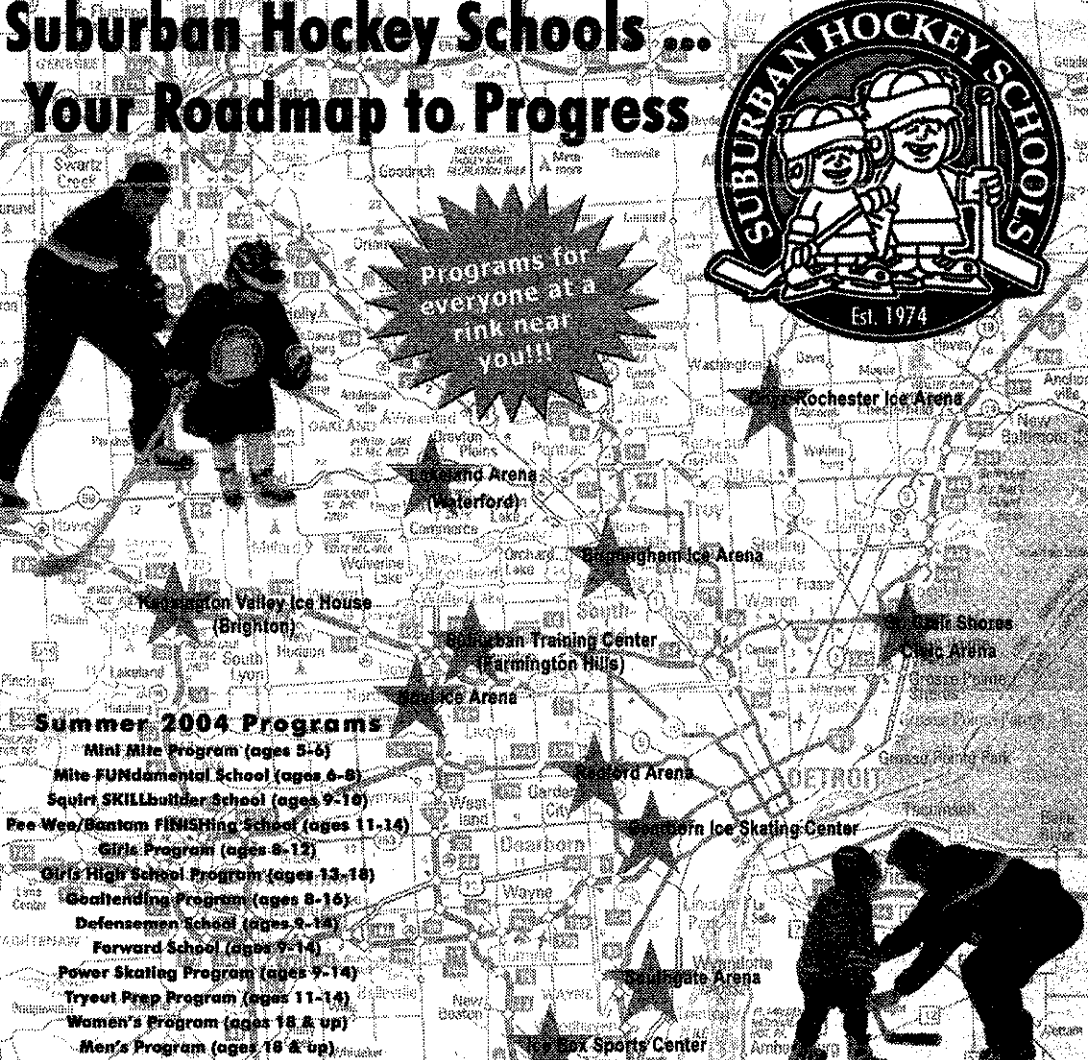
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BATS

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toughest, most athletic guys I know, but that ball came off the bat so fast that there was no way he could react quick enough to protect himself. It was at that moment that I realized how potentially dangerous aluminum bats can be."

YEARS-OLD DEBATE

Proponents of aluminum bat use argue that they are not only more economical for budget-strapped high school and college programs, but that ongoing restrictions put in place have made them as safe as wood. Opponents feel the speed generated by a baseball, when struck by an aluminum bat, creates more of an injury risk for pitchers.

Dr. David Janda, an orthopedic surgeon and director of the Ann Arbor-based Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, said the restrictions may have lessened the risk factor, but not totally eliminated it.

"It's a good start," said Janda, whose institute has completed several safety-related sports studies. "But the bottom line is that, due to the injury risk, there is no valid reason aluminum bats should be used in competitive baseball games."

"The primary reason aluminum bats are allowed is because they make a lot of money for the companies that manufacture them."

Janda said that when today's high-tech metal bats connect squarely with the baseball, they can create a dangerous situation for the pitcher — just 55 feet away from the batter after his release and follow-through.

"Tests have shown that a baseball comes off an aluminum bat 1.5 times faster than it does a wood bat," he said. "So if a ball comes off a wood bat at 90 miles per hour, it comes off an aluminum bat at 135. That doesn't leave the pitcher — or the first or third basemen, for that matter — any time to react."

Janda said this extra fraction of a second could have allowed Powers to raise his glove to more of a defensive position.

"The motor skills of athletes who are between 15 and 19 years old are peaking," Janda said. "So a tiny fraction of a second can matter."

BAT RESTRICTIONS

Rick Redman, vice president of corporate communications for Louisville Slugger, said recent restrictions on bat manufacturers have eliminated the injury risk that aluminum bat usage may have created.

One such restriction is the minus-three rule, which states that the length (in inches) of aluminum bats used by Michigan high school and college players cannot exceed the weight (in ounces) by more than three. So the minimum weight of a 33-inch bat is 30 ounces.

"The thing that makes the ball come off the bat so fast is the bat speed created by the hitter," said former Redford Union and current Madonna assistant baseball coach Rick Berryman. "The lighter the bat, the greater the bat speed. Before the minus-three rule, you could have, for example, a 34-inch bat that only weighed 22 ounces. Hitters could create tremendous bat speed with these bats."

Another new restriction placed on aluminum bat manufacturers is the ball exit speed ratio (BESR). All bats used in competitive baseball games in Michigan — from Little League up through college — need to be tested and certified that their BESR is below allowable limits.

"Due to these restrictions, aluminum bats are now as safe as wood bats," Redman said. "In fact, independent research firms that study baseball injuries have documented that there has been a decrease in injuries the past few years."

POPULAR AND CHEAP

The popularity of aluminum bats grew in the early '70s because of their low cost and home run hitting effectiveness.

"From a financial standpoint, aluminum bats are beneficial for high schools," said Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette, a former standout pitcher for the Rocks and at

North Carolina State University. "Wooden bats break frequently and have to be replaced, while aluminum bats can be used for a few years before they need to be replaced."

"But along with this financial benefit comes a risk to pitchers, who have less time to react to balls hit up the middle off aluminum bats. You'd still see pitchers getting injured with wood bats, but I don't think there would be as many because the ball doesn't jump off wooden bats like with aluminum."

Aluminum bats are banned in the wood bat-only Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, a summer league for college players.

"You look at most college games played in the spring with aluminum bats and the scores are often in the double digits," said Berryman, a coach in the LCBL. "But we get a lot of 3-2, 2-1 games because

there are no aluminum bats allowed. With the aluminum bats, the sweet spot is very big, so if a hitter hits the ball with the handle of the bat, he can muscle it over the infield. With the wood bats, if you hit the ball on the handle, either the bat is going to break or it's going to be a nubber in the infield."

"I'd love to see the wooden bats make a comeback," Dickey said. "I (watch the LCBL) and it's a totally different brand of baseball. Along with being safer for the pitchers, the outfielders don't have to play so deep, and there seems to be more strategy involved."

ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE

Jan Hippler knows all too well the risks high school and college pitchers face when they take the mound. Her son, Nick, a former star catcher at Farmington High School and current player at Madonna,

was seriously injured while serving as a fill-in pitcher during a tour of Europe with the Baseball All-Stars traveling team in July 2001.

A line drive off the aluminum bat of an opponent struck Hippler above the right ear as he completed his follow-through. He remained in intensive care for over a month due to brain swelling.

"Nick's team had run out of pitchers, and they knew he had a strong arm so they asked him to pitch," Jan Hippler remembered. "It was against the German national team, and they had a lot of big players. He's a real good athlete, but he had no time to react to the ball."

If budgetary concerns are going to prevent the demise of the aluminum bat, Jan Hippler said she would like to see some kind of head protection developed for pitchers.

"I've talked to some people about the possibility of coming

up with a custom-fit helmet for pitchers to wear, at least for the upper levels of baseball," she said. "I have a 17-year-old son who pitches, plus Nick is talking about giving pitching another shot, so it makes me nervous."

HAPPY MEDIUM

A happy medium for wood-bat traditionalists and tight budgets may be the composite bat, which is a wood bat encased in a clear, composite shell. The shell makes the bats much more durable than ordinary wood bats, so much so that Louisville Slugger offers a 30-day warranty on some of its composite models.

Also, manufacturers fill grooves in the bats' barrel with resin, which supports and absorbs the impact of the ball.

"Composite bats cost anywhere from \$80 to \$90," said Dave Carroll, owner of Canton

Sports. "They're more expensive than wood, which run from \$30 to \$60, but not as expensive as aluminum, which cost anywhere from \$200 to \$350. Plus, they're more durable than wood bats because of the material that is on the outside."

Both Powers and Hippler have made remarkable recoveries from their injuries. After sitting out one season to recover, Hippler joined Madonna's baseball team and has thrived — much to the surprise of doctors and to the delight of his mother.

And Powers? "I have just one more doctor's appointment," said Powers, who will play line-backer again for the Chiefs' football team in the fall. "I plan on playing baseball again next year, but I won't pitch. Even now, when I'm watching a game, if there is a hard-hit ball at someone, I flinch a little."

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Set and the city

Local designers make over loft for HGTV

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

It was a made-for-TV "drama": Renovate a home, staying within a certain budget and time frame. TV cameras would record presentations by interior designers and the finished project.

That was the scenario, and the reality, for West Bloomfield interior designer Barbi Krass and Detroit resident Scott Damman. Krass, owner of Colorworks Design Studio, completed a design project on Damman's Detroit loft.

And as if scripted, the challenge had a happy ending for all. It was a triumph of creativity and construction. And it will be seen nationally on HGTV's *Designers' Challenge* 8 p.m. Thursday, July 15.

"He (Damman) was great to work with," said Krass, who was assisted by Colorworks interior designers Amy Cowan and Andrea Davis.

"We had a very good relationship. He definitely knew what he wanted." "Everybody was tremendous ... I'm very happy," said Damman, formerly of Rochester Hills.

The project will also be one of 22 featured in *Best of Designers' Challenge*, a coffee table book due out in January.

CHALLENGE ISSUED

Every week, *Designers' Challenge* features three different interior designers presenting proposals for an actual home project. The homeowners pick one of the proposals, which is then carried out.

To find the designers, show producers Pie Town Productions research



Scott Damman and Barbi Krass, owner of Colorworks Design Studio, sit in the entertaining area of Damman's Detroit loft. In back are interior designers Andrea Davis (left) and Amy Cowan.

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through the American Society of Interior Designers.

Damman, a sales and distribution representative for a medical equipment company, moved to the seventh-floor loft near the MGM Grand Detroit Casino in December 2001. It is the entire top floor of a former Westinghouse warehouse.

"I wanted to have an area that I could use for dining and entertaining," Damman said of the project.

Damman contacted *Designers' Challenge* on a friend's recommendation in January 2003. It happened that the timing was ideal. The program was just going to start featuring projects from outside California, and Detroit was one of the cities it wanted to film.

Krass' daughter had sent information about her mother's business to the program.

Krass and the other designers had six weeks to come up with their presentations. During this time, they met with Damman and did field measures.

HGTV interviewed the designers and filmed the presentations they gave to Damman last June. He had one week to decide.

"They were receptive to what I was looking for," he said of his selection of Krass' presentation.

"It's very important to have confidence in the team."

The makeover was to be completed within 15 weeks, working within a budget of \$40,000.

It involved about 1/3 of the 6,000-square-foot, open loft.

Damman wanted the dining table to be the focal point of the space, like a



Beyond the 14-foot dining table is the entertaining area, with solar shades on the windows and a steel ramp.

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■ **Use the ashtray.** The ashtray was meant to hold cigarette butts, ashes and other trash. According to the California Department of Transportation, the most commonly littered item is cigarette butts.

■ **Clean out your pickup truck bed.** Random trash left in the back of your truck can easily blow out onto roadways.

Everyday ideas

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Heeding a few hints and identifying the right tools for the job can help make these projects easier.

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Tour presents water gardens

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

When Bruce Modetz of Livonia sits by the pond in his back yard, the scene is so tranquil that he is unaware of the traffic on a nearby busy street.

"When you're in my back yard and you stay by my water feature, you forget about everything," he said.

You have a special opportunity to enjoy the tranquility and beauty of ponds and water gardens this weekend, as the Michigan Koi and Pond Club, Southeast Chapter, presents its seventh annual water garden tour Saturday.

The self-guided tour will feature 13 ponds at 11 houses in Livonia, Garden

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What: A tour of 13 ponds in Livonia, Garden City and Westland.

The tour will start at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren roads and west of Wayne Road.

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Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 ages 5-15.

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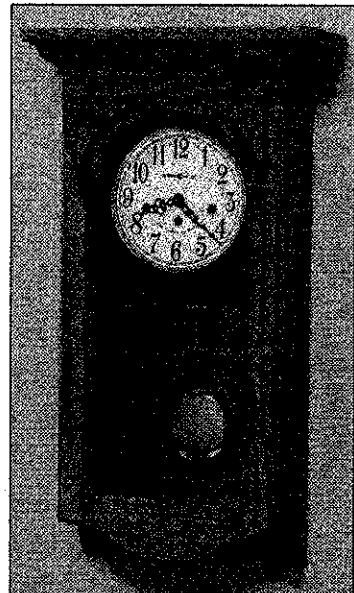
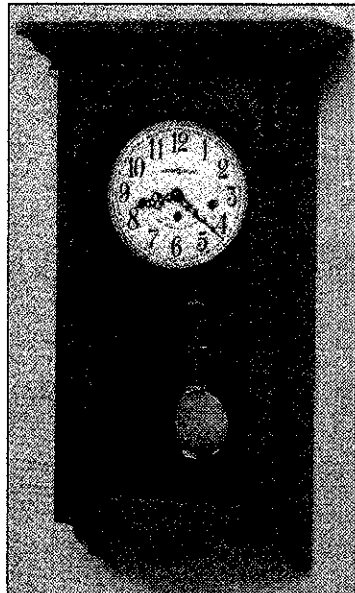
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Ron and Sue Kardynski's pond at their Westland home is an example of how beautiful and peaceful such water features can be. A tour presented Saturday by the Michigan Koi and Pond Club, Southeast Chapter, will give the public a chance to visit 13 ponds in Livonia, Garden City and Westland.

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GARDENS

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City and Westland (see related item).

"It's fun, a special tour," said Westland resident Ron Kardynski, who, like Modetz, is a member of the MKPC.

"You'll see anything from small ponds to large ponds, wildlife from koi to goldfish, bullfrogs."

This is the first year the tour is in a western area. Previous events have taken place in communities more to the east, including Harper Woods and Shelby Township.

Although in three communities, the locations of the ponds and water gardens on the tour aren't far apart.

"You could probably see every pond in 2-1/2 hours," Modetz said.

Visitors will be able to go directly to the ponds at each location. MKPC members will be present to answer questions.

The tour will also provide information about a class presented by the club, Ponding 101, that will take place Saturday, July 17, at the Civic Center Library at Five Mile and Farmington Road in Livonia.

The MKPC was formed in 1996 to promote the hobbies of fish ponds and water gardens in the state.

Its mission, according to its Web site, is to educate members and others about the do's and don'ts for successful water gardening. It has developed slide and video presentations that it has given to other organizations, and won an award for an exhibit at Bloomfest in 1999.

The club has about 150 members throughout south-east Michigan.

You don't have to have a pond to attend the meetings or join the organization. Many members don't have a water garden or pond in their yard, but are in the group to learn about such water features

before constructing one.

"It's open to everybody ... It's such fun," Modetz said.

"The people really try to help," Kardynski said.

Members share information on a wide variety of questions, about such topic as water clarity and keeping herons and raccoons out of the ponds, he said.

Yearly membership fees are \$25 per household. The club meets once a month from April to November, with an event at every meeting - such as visiting a pond or hearing a talk from an expert. It also has a newsletter.

"This is our major fund-raiser," said Modetz, who has a 4,400-gallon pond.

The relaxation provided by ponds and water gardens are what Kardynski and Modetz like the most about them.

"It's so peaceful ... The serenity is incredible," Modetz said.

Proceeds from the tour will go to Cornerstone Middle School.

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Don't cover up bed maintenance

After a hard day, my bed is my best friend, but the rest of the time, it is a nuisance. Beds take up a lot of space, requiring me to cover, decorate and clean them. How can I simplify these tasks, short of pitching the beds out the door?

The bed is generally the largest piece of furniture in your bedroom.

Choose your bedspread and build the room theme around it. Other decorations such as drapes, wall coverings and dresser decor will accent your bedding.

Choose a bedspread that will compliment your taste but requires minimum maintenance.

If you choose to decorate with a Victorian theme, you will want to avoid an ivory bedspread with frills and ruffles unless you are willing to spend time cleaning and ironing. An alternative would be a quilted bedspread.

If you insist on displaying Grandmother's beautiful crocheted bedspread, this heirloom would work best in a guest room that doesn't require daily maintenance.

Comforter type bedspreads are very common and can be bought in many colors and styles. They are easy to care for because they don't require ironing and they hide wrinkles in underlying blankets and sheets.

Some comforter bedspreads are short and need a dust ruffle to cover the box spring. Dust ruffles are a nuisance because they can become caught between the mattress and box spring when you are changing sheets.

You can do three things to keep your bedspread clean:

- Don't sit on the bedspread.
- Make sure your hands are clean when you make or unmake the bed.
- Don't use the bedspread as a blanket.

Your bedspread will last longer if you minimize the number of times you wash it.

The same principle works with quilts and blankets. You can wash your blankets and quilts less frequently if you pull the sheets high enough to fold the ends over your covers, protecting them from your body.

Pillow shams are time savers. It is faster to make a bed if you don't spend time tucking the bedspread under the pillow. Buy an extra pillow to stuff into a sham. Store your sleeping pillow in your closet or under your bed.

Keep at least one extra set of sheets for your

bed in case of accidents or sickness, or if guests drop in and are using a family member's bed.

Otherwise, I change my bed linens weekly, washing the set that is on the bed and immediately putting the same set back on the bed. This saves time folding sheets.

Organize your sheets in the linen closet by putting like-sized sheets together. Separate pillowcases from sheets and stack them together by sets.

Another alternative to folding the sheets is to roll the sheets. You can access them quickly on the shelf and you don't have to fuss with folding the fitted sheet into a neat square.

MAKE THE BED

Make the bed every day and your bedroom will look neat and tidy despite a little clutter. Establish a house rule that everyone should make their bed each morning. This should be one of the tasks performed before beginning the day's activities. However, don't make it your first morning chore.

Pull the blanket and top sheet down slightly for about 10 minutes so the bed linens can breathe. Any moisture on the sheets will dry in a short amount of time. This will keep your linens fresh.

Bathe and wear clean sleepwear each night and your sheets will stay clean longer. It is faster to wash sleepwear than to strip bed linens. If you are a fanatic about clean linens, change your sheets more often.

If you expect small children to make their beds, you need an easy system for them to use.

Teach them how to properly make a bed. Pull beds away from the wall so the bedspread and blankets will fit. Use a bedspread that doesn't require them to smooth out wrinkles or tuck in pillows. At age 6, my children were given the responsibility to make their beds each morning.

By following a few simple rules you can minimize the time required to care for your bed linens.

I enjoy clean linens with minimal effort by washing sheets weekly, mattress pads and blankets twice a year, and bedspreads every two years.

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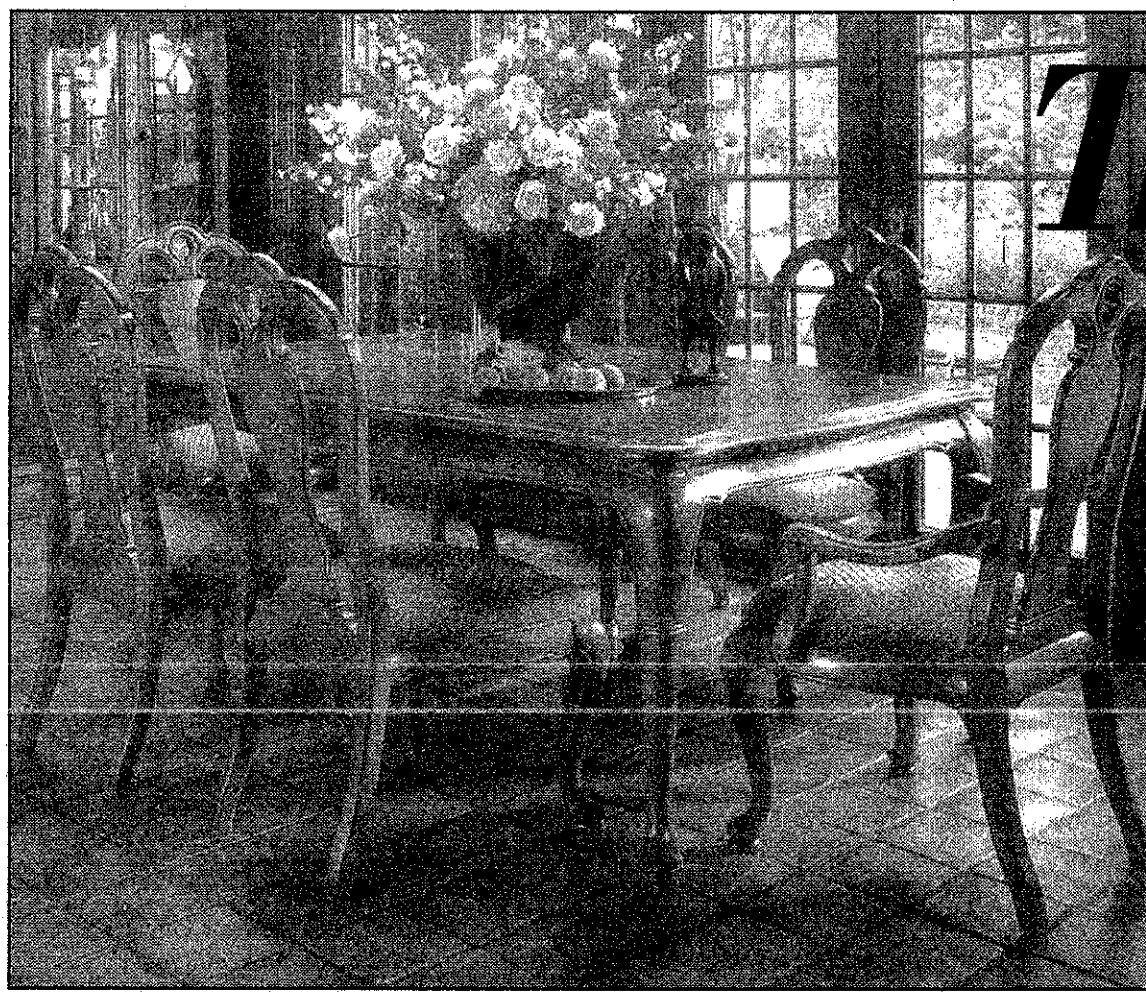


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work of art. He also wanted an area where guests could congregate and look out at the city through the large windows, and a living area by a TV.

The finished effect is contemporary and comfortable. Custom furniture and custom rugs blend with the exposed beams and brick walls of the site to create an urban, sophisticated ambiance. The designers consulted Damman during the process.

Davis became the "design police," solving problems that arose.

An example involved the 14-foot-long dining table, which has a concrete base and walnut top. It was too large to fit in the elevator to the loft, so part of the elevator had to be removed.

CHALLENGE MET

For the entertaining area, Krass and her staff designed a raised level in one corner of the loft. Solar shades were put on the windows. The shades don't interfere with the view, and help with energy.

The platform is furnished with small sofas, and round ottomans and square floor pillows in shades of terra-cotta, lime and blue. New flooring was made of distressed wood so it would be similar to the original floor. At one side of the platform is a steel ramp.

Krass and her team designed furnishings, including a mobile bar made of scrap metal that can be rolled up and down the ramp. Davis designed a standing bar around one of the floor-to-ceiling beams in the space.

Lighting was designed that resembles street lamps. The lighting consists of welded metal fixtures attached to vertical beams.

All of the metal furnishings, designed by Colorworks, were fabricated by Scott Brazeau of Pontiac.

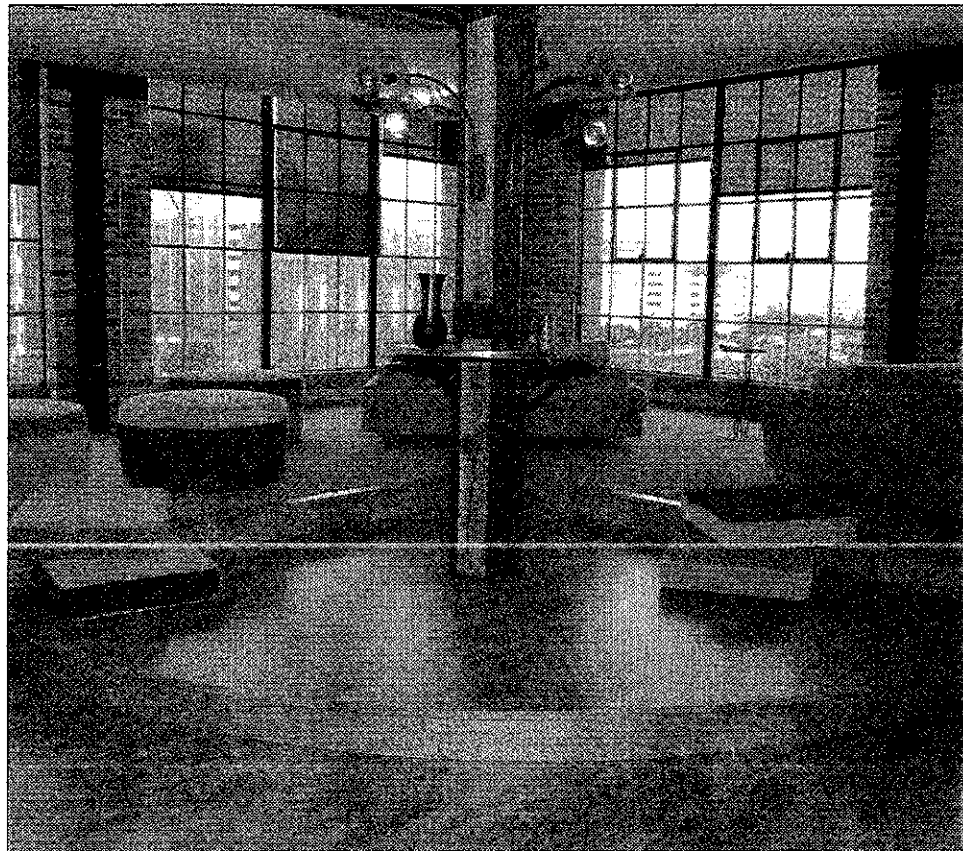
Near the party area is a round dining or game table, made of corrugated metal with a rust patina.

Laminate display unit furnishings - one with drawers and shelves, one with shelves and niches - separate the TV area from the rest of the loft, without shutting it out.

The space is also furnished with a walnut and brass veneer entertainment center, a double day bed that serves as a sofa, an area rug, and a lounge and footstool by Thayer Coggin. There is also a room divider on casters that is made of the same steel as the round dining table; it mimics the curve of the chair.

Others involved in the makeover were Petrucci Homes of Bloomfield; Janet's Upholstery of Farmington; Surface Concrete of Detroit (table); Brian Murphy Floors of Royal Oak; and Atlas (rugs) and Distinctive Carpet, both of North Carolina.

Damman, whose father was CEO of



The entertaining area in one corner of the loft includes small sofas, large ottomans and floor pillows, and a standing bar around one column.



The 14-foot dining table is a focal point. A smaller, round table is to the left; a TV area is behind the larger table.

Damman Hardware, threw a cocktail party for all the designers last summer. The guests watched the downtown fireworks from the loft.

"I always wanted to live down here," Damman said. "It's a small big city."

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Making most of next-generation burners

Now that DVD recorders (better known as burners) have dropped below the \$100 mark, you're probably tempted to add one to your PC.

And why not? With one of these drives and increasingly cheap media (blank DVDs can now be had for as little as \$1 apiece), you can copy old VHS tapes, new home movies, and PC-recorded TV shows to discs that will play in your set-top DVD player.

I'm much more enthusiastic about all this than I was a year ago, when I wrote about my frustration with expensive drives and buggy software. You may recall my experience burning a DVD that contained (no joke) upside-down video.

Thankfully, things have improved considerably.

For instance, want to copy old VHS tapes? Look no further than the HP DVD Movie Writer dc4000, a speedy burner you can connect right to your VCR - no computer or software required. It's on the pricey side at \$299.99, but for this particular task it's hard to beat.

As for home movies shot with your digital camcorder and edited on your PC, all the latest video-editing programs - including the two I mentioned in my last column, Pinnacle Studio 9 and Ulead VideoStudio 8 - feature DVD-authoring capabilities.

That means in addition to creating your movie masterpiece, you can add menus and chapters and then burn the entire thing to a DVD, all from one program.

OK, I know what you're thinking: What about copying DVDs?

For many users, this is the Holy Grail of DVD burning. Not because they want to sell bootlegs of *Spider-Man* on street corners, as most movie-studio execs believe, but because they want to make backups of their personal



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

movie collections.

The reason is simple: DVDs scratch very easily, and a scratched DVD is more or less a ruined DVD. That's \$20 down the tube.

Thanks to second-generation DVD burners that are now coming to market, it just got a little easier to copy movies. That's because the drives support double-layer (DL) media, the same kind used by commercial DVDs.

Previous drives were limited to single-layer discs, which don't have quite enough room to hold feature-length movies and all the menus and special features that usually accompany them.

The good news is, DL drives aren't much more expensive than their single-layer counterparts. Lite-On's SOHW-832S sells for \$149.99; Sony's DRU-700a, for \$199.99.

The bad news is, DL media is rather expensive: about \$10 per disc. What's more, the drives are fast at burning single-layer discs, but slow with DL. All this will change with time.

Even if copying movies isn't on your mind, your next DVD burner should definitely be a DL model. They offer twice the storage capacity and backward-compatibility with single-layer media. It's a no-brainer.

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The 2004 Utica Antiques Market will take place Saturday-Sunday, July 10-11, at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on 21 Mile, 1 mile east of Van Dyke Road in Utica. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The market will take place rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for ages 12 and under. Parking is free. Food and beverages will be available on site. For information, call (800) 645-6466. The Utica market brings together more than 200 dealers from all over the country, specializing in pieces from all periods for the serious collector or the novice. Numerous experts will appraise pieces on site. Now in its 18th year, the event is the largest open air market of its kind in southeastern Michigan. It is recognized throughout the Midwest for the great variety, quality and affordability of the antiques and collectibles. The market has a beautiful setting: lakeside on the tree-lined Knights of Columbus grounds.

Meadow Brook Hall
Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, offers a variety of tours and delicious food. Meadow Brook Hall's Thoroughly Modern Tillie tour showcases Matilda Rausch Dodge-Wilson as a modern and progressive woman beyond her time. All three levels of Meadow Brook Hall are included on the 1-1/2-hour tour, which takes place 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Admission is \$15, free for ages 2 and under. The general tour at Meadow Brook Hall includes the main and entertainment levels of the house. Tours last approx-

imately 45 minutes and take place 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. daily, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$12.50, free for ages 2 and under. The new Garden and Architectural Tour explores the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall and amazing architectural structures surrounding it. Tours are available 12:45 p.m. Monday-Sunday, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$8, free for ages 2 and under. Knole Cottage has undergone some renovations to ready itself for the summer months. New landscaping provides the perfect setting to enjoy a lemonade and cookie stand, oversized tic-tac-toe game, and croquet on the lawn outside the cottage. Inside the cottage children can enjoy an activity center and kid-friendly music. Meadow Brook Hall's Café Cappuccino is the perfect place for a refreshing mid-afternoon snack. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, now to Labor Day, Café Cappuccino offers snacks, sandwiches and popular summer beverages and cocktails. Inspired by luxurious picnics of old, full-service summer lunches with champagne are served 12:30-2 p.m. daily on the sun porch. Reservations are required for summer lunches. Cost is \$55 per person, \$50 for members. All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall programs support its preservation and interpretation. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Fresh garden
Garden designer and writer Janet Macunovich will present a program, Keeping Your Garden Fresh and Colorful All Season, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at Shades of Green, 496 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills. Admission is \$10. Call ahead at (248) 651-1620. It isn't just the combination of plant species and varieties that make for bloom in a perennial garden from April through October. What really counts in midsummer are tricks for tweaking the garden - staking, deadheading, cutting back and other techniques that augment and fine tune the plants' overall appearance while extending, delaying or coaxing repeat bloom. The program will cover the best species and practical techniques that add up to a really long show.

Cutting remarks
Learn about annual and perennial cut flowers, including many rare and underused plants, in The Cutting Garden, a program 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, at Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy. Judy Cornellier will discuss the many varieties that are available, as well as how to grow and use them to beautify our lives. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Daylily dig
It's time for the annual Daylily Dig at Merrittscape Inc., 5940 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. "You pick 'em, we dig 'em." The dig will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 10-11. A daylily lecture will take place at noon, and a hostas lecture at 3 p.m. Come prepared with questions. Thousands of hybrid daylilies are now in bloom, as well as a large variety of perennials. All plants are 20 percent off. Call (248) 681-7955 for information.

French gardens
Learn how to re-create the look of southern France in your garden using plants and materials available in Michigan in Gardens of Southern France, a class offered at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class will take place 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 13. Fee is \$40. The class is an elective for the Michigan School of Gardening Certificate of Landscape and Garden Design.

Instructor Pam Palechek is a senior instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening. She owns and operates Petal Pushers, and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years, specializing in perennial gardens. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Seminars
English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all five locations. The stores are at 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple, in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506); 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500); 22650 Ford at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433); 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100); and 22501 Kelly at Nine Mile in Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Want to enjoy the soothing sound of water and nature in your back yard? In Introduction to Water Gardening (July 14), learn the basics of how to create a healthy ecosystem, including selecting a site, pond construction, keeping the water clean, and adding plants and fish. The right landscaping can increase the value of your home by 15 percent. Landscaping Ideas (July 21) will show you how to create a workable outdoor area. Learn how to add color to your yard and garden with seasonal favorites, with the proper planting tips to ensure your success. For more information, visit www.englishgardens.com.

Michigan School of Gardening
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michiangardening.com. The schedule includes Computer-assisted Design, three sessions beginning Monday, July 12, in Livonia (fee is \$132); Effective Hand-drawn Design, four sessions beginning Wednesday, July 14, in Livonia (\$162); and Vegetable Garden Pests, two sessions beginning Thursday, July 22, in Livonia (\$69).

Rose problems
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are presenting a series of fast-paced programs 1 p.m. Saturdays that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens this summer. Insect and Disease Control for Roses will be the topic July 17. The free program will feature a slide lecture and tour of the Lindleys' "less-than-perfect" garden, with special emphasis on problem identification and natural controls. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation or workshop will last for about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather; bring a hat if it's sunny. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Northville Farmers Market. Great Lakes Roses is open only Fridays and Saturdays now to Aug. 25, but its phone is answered 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. It will be open five days a week beginning Aug. 28.

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English gardens
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Rugosa roses
Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, will conduct a series of fast-paced programs 1 p.m. Saturdays that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens this summer. Wonderful Rugosa Roses, a slide lecture and garden tour highlighting the rugged, fragrant and beautiful rugosa roses, will take place July 10. Admission is free and reservations aren't needed. Each presentation or workshop will last for about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather; bring a hat if it's sunny. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Northville Farmers Market. Great Lakes Roses is open only Fridays and Saturdays now to Aug. 25, but its phone is answered 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. It will be open five days a week beginning Aug. 28. For information about Great Lakes Roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

HerbFest
The Daytime and Evening Herb Study Groups of the Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will again host HerbFest. HerbFest will take place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Gardens, 800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The afternoon will include a weed walk on the trails with community herbalist Jim McDonald, educational displays, herbal treats such as lavender or sumac lemonade and dandelion petal cookies, and a presentation, Simple Remedies from Herbs and Common Items in the Kitchen Pantry, by herbalist Joan Wysocki. Come stroll the Gardens and meet with herb enthusiasts for a delightful Sunday afternoon. Dress appropriately for the weed walk. Admission is \$10 for Friends of Matthaei, \$15 for the public. To register, call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or call (248) 349-5310.

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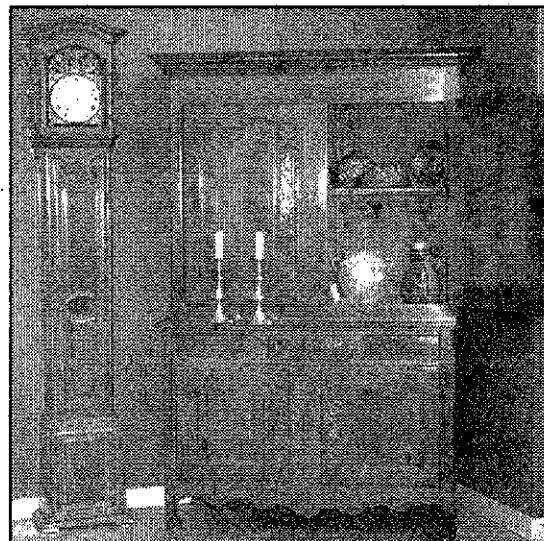
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Helping others fix old dryer belts

A few days ago I was playing golf with some friends. We were backed up at one of the holes when a golfer walked up to my cart and introduced himself.

He told me that he had come into my old appliance repair shop some 10 years ago and I had helped him change the belt on his Kenmore clothes dryer. He explained his pride at his ability to do this repair on his own and felt a bit of gratitude at my taking the time to show him how to do it.

We talked for a few more minutes and he proceeded to go on and play golf with his foursome. I have been glowing since that day. I miss the old days when I would instruct homeowners how to make repairs themselves and it's a great feeling to be thanked so many years later.

Replacing the belt on an old Kenmore dryer was one of the simple "prescriptions" I used to dish out several times a day. A customer would call the store and usually ask for a technician to service the product. I asked what it was not doing. If I thought the problem was due to a broken belt, I asked the

customer to come to the store with their model number. I kept a used model on the sales floor - which was very similar to theirs - and explain the procedure for changing the belt. I also gave them an instruction sheet going over every step that I had shown them.

Usually those instructions went as follows: Unplug the electrical cord which connects into the wall plug so you don't electrocute yourself. Remove the lint filter which is located on the top right hand side and take out the two screws which you will see when you remove the filter.

Place a flat paint scraper or screwdriver under the front top panel in each corner and pop it upwards. You will now have access to the screws which hold the front panel in place. By removing these screws and disconnecting the wires to the door switch, you can remove the front panel. That allows you to wrap a new belt around the drum. Place the grooves of the belt against the surface of the drum and you will see the old mark where the belt has been riding on the drum.

On the bottom of the dryer is an idler wheel which takes up the slack in the belt. This idler wheel is mounted in an S-shaped bracket which fits into two slots in the floor panel. The belt doubles up and goes through the bracket before it connects onto the shaft of the

motor.

On the shaft of the motor is a pulley which has grooves. Make sure the grooves of the belt fit onto the grooves of the motor pulley. The idler pulley often is responsible for breaking the belt because the bearing wore out so I suggest you replace it as well. You can check for bearing wear by turning it with your hand. It should turn freely when spinning it.

You have just replaced the belt on your dryer and at today's service rates, have saved yourself well over \$100.

I spent 20 years in that little repair shop. I do not regret one day of that life and even though I never made any money to speak of, it was a great life. I've met many wonderful people, in particular, Martha Breen. She always tells me that she fixed the clothes dryer when her husband couldn't.

Martha approached me years ago and expressed doubt as to whether or not she could change the belt on the dryer. I asked her if she had done something her husband couldn't do and she replied, "I had three children."

I told her to go home and change the belt. And she did. Stay tuned.

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.

Here's how to stay sharp in the kitchen

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Back when we were kids, there was no color photography; only black and white.

When it came to pictures, we got our kicks out of browsing through albums filled with old sepia-toned photos of ladies in bustles and gentlemen in derby hats.

Truth is, times are constantly changing and nothing seems to stay the same. Well, at least that's the way it is for most things.

And although there are new and interesting ways to sharpen knives, for example, the way that works the best is still the same as it was a thousand years ago.

All you need to do is rub the dull edge of the knife against some sort of rough or textured edge, and in very short order the knife begins to get sharp.

Restaurant cooks send their knives out for sharpening on a weekly basis. There is nothing worse than a tool that doesn't work right, and for a cook there is nothing more dangerous than a dull knife. The same holds true in your kitchen.

If you find yourself applying pressure to get that knife to work, you may be setting yourself up for an injury.

With a sharp knife, a gentle touch is all that it takes to cut properly. When you don't have to exert excessive pressure to cut through something, using the knife becomes safer.

No, you probably won't have to send your kitchen knives out for sharpening every week. But you may want to consider doing so once or twice a year.

STEEL USE

Keep in mind that even a commercially sharpened knife must be fine-tuned with a steel, a long, cylindrical tool used to hone a fine edge on a knife that is already pretty sharp.

A steel isn't really designed to sharpen a knife; its purpose is to keep an already sharpened knife sharp.

If you look closely at a steel, you will see grooves that run the length of the tool.

When the edge of the knife is drawn across the grooved surface of the steel, the curled edge of the knife blade is cut away and the knife is more finely sharpened.

There is no specific angle. However, we have found that holding the knife edge at about a 15-degree angle to the steel works well.

It is important to note that the length of the

knife blade should be drawn across the steel so that the grooves in the steel are almost parallel to the length of the knife.

Most of us have seen a cowboy movie where the hero slowly rubs the blade of his knife against a rock to hone its edge. Well, you don't have to go out and sit in the garden and rub your knife on a rock, and you don't have to send your knife out, either.

All you really need is a small electric knife sharpener (about \$50). Electric knife sharpeners work really well, and the built-in guide helps the user grind the edge at a pretty consistent angle on both sides of the blade.

Again, a specific angle isn't an imperative, but having a built-in guide makes cutting the primary edge a little easier.

OIL STONE

By the way, if you really want to do it the old-fashioned way and use an oil stone, keep in mind that canola oil is a good substitute for petroleum-based oils, especially if you are going to use your knife to cut foods. It isn't harmful, unlike petroleum products and some synthetic oils.

Olive oil works, but it dries out and can gum up the process. Canola oil seems to stay thin.

Soap and water is all you will need to clean up, as even canola oil thickens up over time.

Here's a neat trick: Mark the edge of the knife with a black, indelible Magic Marker before starting the sharpening process.

The marker comes off on the areas that touch the sharpening stone, so you can check to determine how consistent you are in holding the angle constant and if all of the edge is being sharpened to the same degree.

You can reapply the marker during the process to continue checking.

Oil will remove the marker when you have finished. And that's all there is to it.

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GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Open Day

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program gives the public an opportunity to visit private gardens around the country.

An Open Day is scheduled in Oakland County 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 11, rain or shine. Eight private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills and White Lake will be featured. Start at the Hartwig Garden, 1320 Covington Road in Bloomfield Hills. Covington Road runs north and south, between Telegraph and I-75. The address is just south of 16 Mile. (16 Mile is Quarter west of Woodward and Big Beaver Road east of Woodward.) At the Hartwig Garden, buy the 2004 Open Days Directory, Midwest Edition for \$5. The soft-cover directory includes directions to the other gardens and a coupon for one free garden admission. (The Midwest edition, which lists more than 40 private gardens in Michigan, Illinois and Missouri, is also sold in book stores.) Admission is \$5 to each garden. Reservations aren't required. For information and wheelchair accessibility, call (888) 842-2442.

Troy

The Troy Garden Club's 30th annual Garden Walk, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Six beautiful gardens around Troy will be featured. A boutique and raffle will take place at the Troy Historical Museum gazebo, 60 W. Wattles. Tickets are \$10, and are available in limited numbers at Telly's Greenhouse, (248) 689-8735; the Troy Historical Museum, (248) 524-3570; Wilkop Landscaping, (248) 828-0030; and Uncle Luke's Feed Store, (248) 879-9147; or by calling the Troy Garden Club at (248) 879-8621.

Northville

The Gardens of Northville 11th annual Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville. Six gardens will be featured, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. In Mill Race Village, the Cady Inn will be a farmhouse kitchen where complimentary homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served. Enjoy music as you browse through plants and garden items offered by local vendors. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village the day of the walk. Tickets sold in advance only, \$10, available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main.

Coventry Gardens

The first Coventry Gardens Neighborhood Garden Walk, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 17, north of Five Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Ten lovely gardens will be featured. Tickets are \$5. Call (734) 421-0478 or (734) 422-1289 for information.

Huntington Woods

The Seed and Sod Garden Club of Huntington Woods will present a Summer Garden Tour noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 18. Nine unusual and lovely Huntington Woods gardens, a garden boutique, and refreshments will be featured. Master gardeners and plein air painters will set up easels in each garden. Proceeds from the tour will be used to plant and maintain a children's garden at the Huntington Woods Library. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available at Huntington Woods city

offices (Scotia at 11 Mile), the library and the recreation center (both four blocks south of 11 Mile and Scotia). For more information, call Karen at (248) 398-2004.

Shelby Township

Garden Walk 2004, presented by the Shelby Gardeners Club, will take place noon to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, rain or shine. Proceeds benefit public garden projects. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. Advance tickets are available at the Shelby Library and Parks and Recreation Department; or by sending a check to the Shelby Gardeners Club, P.O. Box 183324, Shelby Township 48318, before Monday, July 12. The walk will start at Heritage Gardens, Shelby Township Municipal Building, 52700 Van Dyke (Jack Millard Boulevard), south of 24 Mile. For information, call Ann at (586) 731-9367, Jan at (586) 781-2821, or Sonja at (248) 651-9180.

Garden City

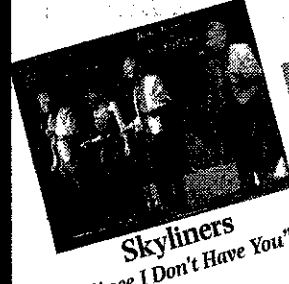
The Garden City Garden Club will host the 11th annual Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 24, rain or shine. The self-guided tour will feature seven beautiful gardens, including four ponds. Refreshments will be available, along with a bake sale at one home. Tickets are \$6 and available at Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, and from club members. Tickets will also be sold at each home the day of the walk. For information, call Paula Relich at (734) 525-2524 or Cheryl Guck at (734) 525-7299.

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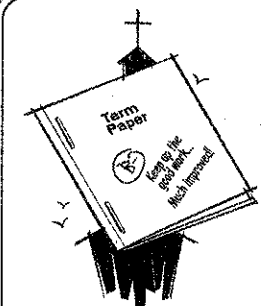
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The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

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

JULY

Rummage Sale

St. Anne's Church is having a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, at 23310 Joy Road and Hazelton, five blocks east of Telegraph, Redford.

Vacation Bible School

The Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally for age 3 through sixth grade 6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16, at Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road. Call (248) 476-0080 for more information. The school kicks off with a picnic and party including a clown, fun, games and food 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

Carillon Series

10 a.m. and noon Sundays, July 11 and 25; and Aug. 1, 8 and 15; at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 626-2515.

Lava Lava Island

Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 12-15, and VBS 5:30-7:30 p.m. and closing program 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 16. Luau follows with ice cream, games and fun, at Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church & School, 9600 Leverage, east of Inkster, north of West Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 937-2233.

Aglow international meeting

6-8 p.m. Monday, July 12 (doors open at 5:30 p.m.), at Farmington Public Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Aglow is an interdenominational organization of Christian women that builds faith.

Summer Series

ADD/ADHA: The Latest Research Findings. Defining, diagnosing and treating ADD/ADHA. Recognizing common myths and understandings about this condition. Transforming the Difficult Child. Raising a child with discipline and love and what to do after the child behaves positively. Utilizing the Nurtured Heart approach in parenting a child with challenging behavior. 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14 and 21, in the Msgr. Alex Burnett Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Vacation Bible School

SonGames 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 19-23, at St. Damian Catholic School, for ages 3-12. Cost is \$15 per child. To register, contact Carol Neilus at (734) 721-4758.

Soccer Camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an opportunity for the begin-

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King's Brass Concert

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. For more information, call (734) 455-0022.

SonGames

Vacation Bible School for age 4 through grade 6 graduates 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 19-23, at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. Program includes Bible stories, songs, crafts, snacks and puppet shows. Closing program and carnival 6 p.m. Sunday, July 25. No charge. For information, call (734) 453-5534 or visit www.plymouthbc.org.

Sports Camp

Begins with a Bible study followed by instruction in various sporting activities and participation by children age 4 through sixth grade 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 8, at Harvest Ministries Church, 23233 Drake, Farmington Hills. Call Bob Trejo for information, (248) 478-1511.

CBC Day Camp

Began Monday, June 14 and continues for 11 weeks. There will be fun field trips, Christian-based lessons and lunch provided daily. The cost is \$160 per camper each week. Camp is limited to the first 14 campers and there is a \$25 deposit due in order to hold the camper's spot for each week. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with pre-care (8-9 a.m.) and post-care (4-5 p.m.) available for an extra \$35. To register or for more information, call camp director Ethan Allen at (734) 306-2391.

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Sunday Summer Worship

Continues Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Sept. 5, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. A contemporary "Praise Forth" service takes place every fourth Sunday. Visitors always welcome. Antioch Lutheran Preschool starts its 2004-2005 program year for 3- and 4-

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UPCOMING

Theater training classes

Ages 8-16 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6, and noon to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills, 29200 Shilwassee, south of Nine Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$60 for each session. Prerequisite for week two is week one training. To register, call (248) 442-7854. For information, call (734) 425-5942.

Vacation Bible School

Davey and Goliath's Camp Creation 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6, for ages 3 through fifth grade, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Cost is \$15 for first child in family, \$10 for second, \$8 for each remaining child. Call (248) 442-0307.

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Spirit Days

5-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, and 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 8. Spirit Days will explore the life and worship of Christians around the world, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile, Redford. Light meals each evening with worship and activities. Call (313) 537-3778.

SonGames

A week of sporting fun. Children will discover how to live as members of God's team as they take part in songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible stories and snacks 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford. Call (313) 937-3170 for registration information.

St. Mary's Festival

Annual Family Festival hosted by The Basilica of St. Mary, includes Middle Eastern food and entertainment, games for children, church tours 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, August 13, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 14, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at 18100 Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0010. Lamentation and procession with shroud of Virgin Mary 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

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Registration time

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Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

Synagogue services

Services are 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

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Prayer group

After a short recess, the St. Edith "Disciple of Love" prayer group resumes its weekly meetings 7 p.m. Thursday in the A.V. room, back entrance 2, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-8906, (734) 464-3656 or (734) 464-1896.

Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.



AVERY GARFIELD CAMERON

Age 89, June 30, 2004. Husband of Lara M. Cameron. Father of David G. Cameron. Grandfather of David Garfield Cameron and Andrew Grant Cameron. Memorial service, WM. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Monday, July 12th at 11:00am.

ELIZABETH HELEN TREGENZA

Age 94, July 5, 2004. Beloved wife of the late W. Kenneth Tregenza, M.D. Dear Mother of Nancy Little, W. Kenneth Jr., Arthur R. and Donald C. Tregenza. Also survived by Thirteen Grandchildren and six Great Grandchildren. Memorial service, Kirk In The Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Friday, July 9th, at 2:00 p.m. in lieu of flowers, tributes to Charity of choice appreciated. Arrangements by WM. R. Hamilton Co., 1-248-644-6000

JOSEPH KLUCK

Age 46, passed away July 5, 2004. Beloved husband of Deborah. Loving father of Destiny (Jesse) Stillwagon and Trisha Kluck. Dear grandfather of Devon, MacKenzie, Michaela and one on the way. Loving son of Donald and Marjorie Kluck. Brother of David (Tessie) Kluck, Suzanne (George) Cromwell, Nancy (Joe) DeMaria and Daniel (Vicky) Kluck. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Instate 9:00am until time of Mass 10:00am Thursday at St. Hilary Catholic Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford. Family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

MARYLYN SCHOFF

Age 71, passed unexpectedly on July 4, 2004. Beloved wife of Leon. Loving mother of Barbara (Steve) Erickson, Kathy (George) Halow, Bob, Larry (Colleen) and Pat (Kathy). Dear grandmother of 15. Gathering Friday 5-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, Mass Saturday 10 am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. By her request body donation to University of Michigan Anatomical Society. Donations may be made to local Special Olympics.

RONALD BROOKS BENNETT

Age 70, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Died June 16, 2004 in his home. Mr. Bennett was born in Detroit and has resided in Bloomfield Hills since 1966. He married Janet Noeller in Grace Episcopal Church at Mt. Clemens, MI in 1958. After graduating from Albion College in 1956, Ronald became employed by the Westward Co., a family business manufacturing and supplying parts for major appliances. He became President of Westward in 1964 when "The Westward Co." moved from Detroit to Troy, MI in 1972. They purchased a local firm called "Plastics Specialties, Inc." He headed these two companies until 1986 when they both were sold. Retirement wasn't for him. In 1992, he and his wife Janet purchased "Clymer Manufacturing Co." located in Rochester Hills. A manufacturer of precision cutting tools and ID form tools. While at Clymer, Ronald obtained 3 patents with 1 patent still pending. He was chairman of Clymer when he died. Mr. Bennett was a member of Oakland University's President's Club and board member of the College of Arts & Sciences advisory Board, Oakland University. Mr. Bennett is survived by his wife Janet Bennett, two daughters, Kimberly (Kevin) Houlihan of Spotsylvania, Virginia and Judith (David) Roberts of Oxford, Michigan, and grandchildren: Janel, Kelli, Jonathan, Jacqueline and Joshua. There will be a Memorial Service at Kirk in the Hills of Bloomfield Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., with a private interment on Friday, July 9, 2004 at 11am. The officiating clergymen are the Reverend Dr. Raymond Knudsen and The Reverend Dr. F. Morgan Roberts. Memorial Tributes may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 or to Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Ct., Ste. 300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-0303.



MARVIN WEISMAN, O.D.

Age 79, formerly of Rochester, Michigan, died at his residence in Raleigh on Monday. Born March 20, 1925, he was the son of Irving and Rose Weisman. A native of Detroit, he graduated from Southeastern High School and Wayne University in Detroit and Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a B-17 tail gunner and radio operator during World War II, where he was stationed in Italy. He retired from practicing optometry in Rochester, Michigan, after 41 years and relocated in Pine Knolls Shores, N.C. in 1991 and then moved to Raleigh in 2001. During his professional career he was appointed by the Governor of Michigan to vice chairman of the State Board of Examiners and received an outstanding service award for exceptional service as a member of the Michigan State Board of Examiners in optometry from 1984-1991. He was President of the Michigan Optometric Association in 1974-1975, and during this time was instrumental in starting the College of Optometry at Ferris State University, and served on the Advisory Committee. He also was a member and Chairman of four committees and trustee-treasurer of the Michigan Optometric Association, where he received the Key Man Award. He was past president of the Oakland County Optometric Society, a 40-year member of the American Optometric Association, a member of the Better Vision Institute, and American Optometric Association Sports Committee. He was the team visual consultant for the Detroit Lions Professional Football team for 21 years and was the first optometrist to check eyes in the National Football League. He was past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Rochester Rotary Club and received the Outstanding Rotarian Award in 1977, past president of the Rochester Shrine Club, member of Rochester Elks Club, member of Masonic Lodge #530, member of Scottish Rite, member of Moslem Temple and member of the Advisory Council and Board of Directors for leader dogs for the blind where he received a Distinguished Service Award. Surviving are his wife, Genevieve (Gen) Weisman; daughters, Kimberly (Kim) Max of Waterford, MI, Sheryl (Sherrie) Weisman of Farmington Hills, MI and Ilanna (Lannie) Kaplan and her husband Lawrence (Larry) of Raleigh; son, Bradley (Brad) Weisman and his wife Denise of Wixom, MI; grandchildren, David and Brandon Max and Brooke, Jordan and Austin Weisman; sister, Joyce Borovoy of West Bloomfield, MI; aunt, Goldie Plotkin of LaJolla, CA; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jack and Lovie Sigmon of Hickory, NC; sisters-in-law, Jackie & Ray Fox, Lana and Bernie McNamara of Hickory, NC; brothers-in-law, Rick and Carolyn Sigmon of Hickory, NC; and Ron and Teri Sigmon of Charlotte, NC. A memorial service will be held 11 am Thursday, July 8, 2004, at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, Millbrook Road. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the funeral home. Condolences may be made to the family at Mem.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Wake County at 1300 St. Mary's Street, Fourth Floor, Raleigh, NC, 27605, or Leader Dogs for the Blind at 1039 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Arrangements by Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC. 919-876-6900.

Elastomeric system helps preserve deck

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Dan asks: "Is there something we can do with a 3/4-inch plywood deck to preserve it besides continually painting and water sealing? A neighbor put roofing material with gravel on his deck, but we wouldn't want that. It doesn't look very appealing and isn't all nice to walk on. Someone mentioned outdoor carpet, but wouldn't the plywood get moldy and rot under the carpet? Heavens, what would we do with our flowerpots?"

A: Exterior grade plywood is typically used as a substrate for decks or balconies that are above living space where

weather protection is a must. The protection is not only important to the dwelling below, but will also maintain the integrity of the plywood and keep it from rotting. Needless to say, carpet won't offer any kind of weather protection, and when soaked with water will speed the deterioration of the plywood. Rolled roofing or other built-up roofing systems aren't designed for traffic. Furthermore, roofing products in general don't offer the kind of appearance that one would typically prefer for a deck. What you're looking for is an elastomeric waterproofing system. In simple terms, it's a seamless

and skid-resistant synthetic rubber coating system that is designed to be installed directly over exterior plywood or concrete decks. It cures in place to provide an attractive finish for surfaces that are both floors and roofs. One of the most positive aspects of the elastomeric system is that it expands and contracts with the substrate, avoiding cracks and other damage resulting from movement. An added bonus is that many of these systems are available in a variety of colors and textures and with slip-resistant surfaces. Due to the complexity of installation, this is a project that should probably be reserved for a professional.

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Solar window film can be replaced

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Natalie asks: "You referred to a removable solar window film on your radio program that can be removed and reapplied to reduce solar heat. Can you tell me more about it?"

The solar protection film that is added to windows is a very cost-effective way of reducing heat (and light as well, if you like) in the summer.

It is certainly removable and replaceable, but not as simply as you might think.

What we meant by removable was that after the material had deteriorated from use (two to 10 years), it could be removed and then replaced (or not replaced).

Removal is easier to do now than it has been in the past. The window film industry is only about 25 years young. We're just now seeing products that aren't so susceptible to scratching and deterioration. Techniques have been developed that can be relied upon to remove the film without damage to the glass onto which it is affixed.

Window films are made of acetate (plastic sheeting) and aluminum particles.

The sun will eventually discolor and break down the plastic and aluminum to a point where the film is no longer effective and where it looks bad as well (it discolors, splits and peels). Hence, removability is very important.

New product has a 'blast' clearing drains

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Got a clogged drain? Reaching for a plunger or a "snake" auger? Perhaps there's a better way.

A brand-new product blasts right through tough drain clogs with a burst of compressed air.

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Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Zinfandel pairs excellently with grilled lamb

We're frequently asked, "What's your favorite wine?" We can't answer that.

Principally, we drink wine with food at the table. Therefore, we have favorite wines with particular food styles. With marinated grilled lamb, we like zinfandel.

The following recipe works because zinfandel is a versatile red wine. Its berry, bramble-bush aromas and flavors with a hint of peppery spice make it an easy match with the succulence and savory flavors of long-marinated grilled lamb.

GRILLED MARINATED LEG OF LAMB

- 4-5 pound boned, butterflied leg of lamb
- 6 cloves garlic, slivered
- 1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1-1/2 cups zinfandel of choice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 shallots, minced
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1-1/2 cups extra-virgin olive oil

Trim excess fat from lamb leg. Using a small, sharp paring knife, pierce the lamb to a depth of about 1/2-inch and insert slivers of garlic, spaced about every 2 inches around entire surface of the leg.

In a medium-size glass bowl, combine mustard, soy sauce, brown sugar, wine, rosemary, shallots and black pepper. Whisk in olive oil.

Place lamb in a glass dish of appropriate size and cover with the marinade. Refrigerate in marinade for 48 hours, turning meat at least twice daily.

Grill lamb until medium-rare, basting with marinade every five to 10 minutes.

For best flavors, lamb should be grilled to medium-rare on an instant meat thermometer. Serves 8 generously.

POULTRY AND OTHER MEATS

The spiciness of zinfandel is well-suited to most Italian, Mexican and southwest U.S. cuisine, as well as barbecued foods.

Zinfandel can be paired with beef or pork main dishes. It's

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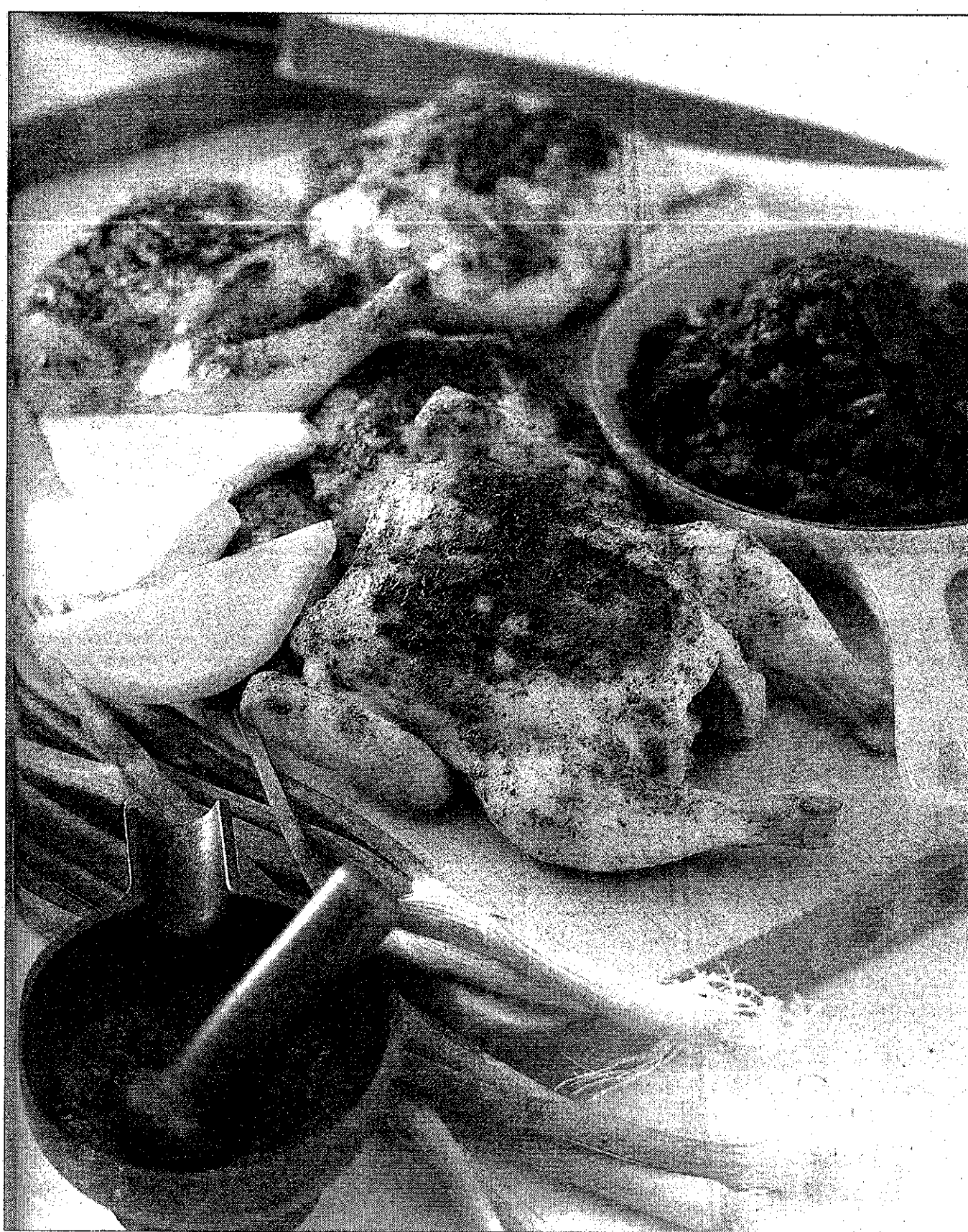
The following ZINFANDELS bested our recent tasting.

■ Pick of the pack: 2001 Beringer Vineyards Clear Lake \$14. Powerful, big mouthful and a knockout value.

■ Other ZINFANDELS we ranked near the top: 2002 Dutton Goldfield Morelli Lane Vineyard \$35; 2001 Rancho Zabaco Stefani Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley \$28; 2001 Deux Amis Belle Canyon Vineyards \$25; 2002 Preston of Dry Creek Old Vines \$24; and 2001 Deux Amis Sonoma County \$19.

■ Wallet friendly: 2002 Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull \$10.

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



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LATIN FLAVORS ON THE GRILL

Cornish game hens are grilled slowly over indirect heat, and basted with a honey-mustard-garlic-cilantro glaze. Douglas Rodriguez uses Latin rubs and flavors, then fires up the grill in his new cookbook, 'Latin Flavors on the Grill,' Ten Speed Press, \$24.95.

Lively Latin

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

OK, you've grilled this summer and you want literally a little spice in your cooking repertoire.

Douglas Rodriguez has written a cookbook that celebrates Latin cooking and takes it to higher levels (and temperatures) with *Latin Flavors on the Grill* (Ten Speed Press, \$24.95).

Rodriguez is the executive chef of OLA in Manhattan, and Alma de Cuba in Philadelphia. Previous cookbooks include *The Great Ceviche Book*, *Nuevo Latino* and *Latin Ladles*.

Rodriguez writes that the book was "an excuse to have a huge party at my house every weekend and try all the recipes."

He describes his Latin Connection, started when he was a child and his family traveled often.

"In the end, fire is fire whether you're in Toledo or Tierra del Fuego," Rodriguez writes. "The magic's in the rubs, marinades and adobos, the sauces, mojitos and salsa that can transform a nice steak or fresh piece of fish into a Latin all-star."

PLEASE SEE LATIN, D3

LAMB LOIN WITH PLANTAIN AND PINE NUT CRUST

- 1 quart oil, for frying chips
- 2 green plantains, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup pine nuts, lightly toasted and coarsely ground
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons American-style yellow mustard
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Kosher salt
- 6 lamb loins, trimmed of sinew
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Recipes courtesy of Douglas Rodriguez's *Latin Flavors on the Grill*, Ten Speed Press, \$24.95.

PLEASE SEE RECIPES, D3

Cookbook lights up the grill, spices



Plantains and pine nuts combine with honey mustard to give a crunchy, golden brown crust to this lamb loin.

Side dish

Prize pasta

ELENA'S®, an Auburn Hills manufacturer of gourmet pasta and pasta sauces, has announced that a new ELENA'S pasta was selected as a finalist in the 2004 National Association of Specialty Food Traders (NASFT) Product Awards Competition, in the Outstanding Packaging and Design Category.



The selected product, Quattro Capelli d'Angelo Pasta™, a thin, lacy, four-flavored angel hair, was originated by ELENA'S. Final judging took place at the NASFT's 50th annual International Fancy Food Show in New York City last month.

This year, ELENA'S celebrates 15 years of creating and manufacturing products for the gourmet food industry. Its products include the popular tomato-based ELENA'S Bread Dipping Sauce™, introduced in 1990, and a Pasta Piatto™ "meal in a bag" line, introduced in 1994.

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superb with wild game meats and fowl, particularly duck. It makes a good alternative to merlot in a pairing of roast lamb with garlic and rosemary.

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Pecorino and all cheddar types are delicious with zinfandel. Blue-veined cheeses, such as roquefort and gorgonzola, also match well, which isn't the case with big Italian reds or powerfully fruity cabernet sauvignon. More often than not, blue cheeses destroy the taste profile of red wines, but not zinfandel. The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines*, and Troy residents who write about wine, spir- its and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Toss pasta with asparagus for quick dishes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a light but nourishing summer main dish to toss together in about half an hour. It combines pasta, prosciutto and asparagus with style and good taste, and you can make the sauce while the pasta cooks. The recipe gets its Italian flair from its creator, Antonio Ceconi, an Italian-born chef who is based in Minneapolis, where he runs a catering business.

SPAGHETTI WITH PROSCIUTTO AND ASPARAGUS (SPAGHETTI AL PROSCIUTTO E ASPARAGI)

- (Cooking and preparation time about 30 minutes)
- 16 ounces spaghetti
- 8 ounces fresh asparagus (6 to 10 spears)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 2 ounces prosciutto, chopped
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh cracked black pepper

Wash asparagus and cut into 1-inch pieces. Discard tough bottoms. Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Saute garlic and onion in oil for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add prosciutto and parsley and cook 3 more minutes. Stir in cream and add asparagus; season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Heat to boiling, reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain well and toss in serving bowl with asparagus and prosciutto sauce. Top with Parmesan cheese and serve. Garnish individual servings with additional Parmesan cheese and fresh cracked black pepper. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe by Antonio Ceconi for Dreamfields, maker of low-carb pasta)

Blueberry has hidden charms

FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The blueberry is one of the most attractive summer fruits, but it's more than just another pretty face. It is packed with natural substances that provide a variety of health benefits.

One of the oldest known fruits, blueberries have long been valued for their medicinal value. American Indians ate wild blueberries fresh and also dried them in the sun for later use.

The national passion for the deep blue, sweet and juicy berries - both wild and cultivated - has never abated. Americans eat millions of tons of blueberries every year.

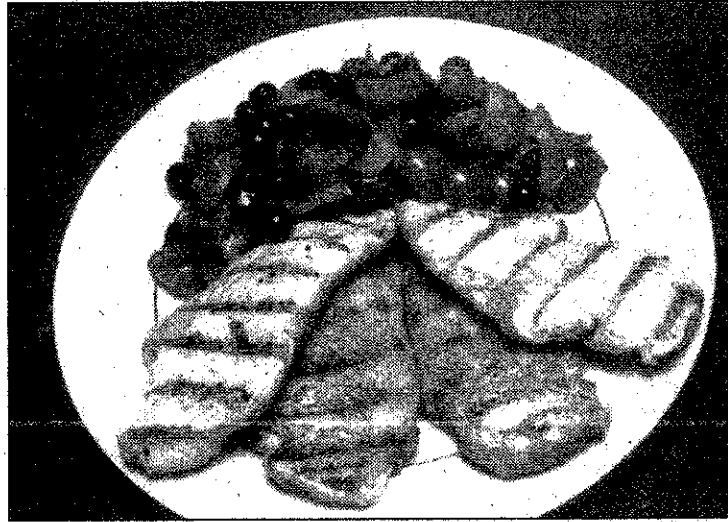
Modern science has found that blueberries are one of the best sources of antioxidants, substances believed to slow the aging process and reduce the cell damage that can lead to cancer.

USDA researchers have ranked blueberries number one in antioxidant activity when compared to 40 other fresh fruits and vegetables.

Antioxidants help neutralize some of the harmful by-products of metabolism, called free radicals, that can lead to cancer and other age-related illnesses.

Blueberries contain anthocyanin - the compound that makes the berries blue. Anthocyanins help to protect against many chronic diseases.

In laboratory tests, the antioxidants in blueberries were found to slow age-related memory loss. Antioxidants in blueberries also may reduce the buildup of the "bad" cholesterol that contributes to heart disease and stroke. European studies have even found a relationship between blueberries and good eyesight.



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Dress up grilled chicken with a relish made with blueberries.

Blueberries also are a low-fat, low-sodium source of vitamins A and C, potassium, folate and fiber.

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH BLUEBERRY-ONION RELISH

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 small bay leaf
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, thyme or oregano (or 1/2 tsp. dried)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 lb.)
- Canola oil spray
- 2 medium onions
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup sherry
- 2 Tbsp. Balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup fresh (or frozen) blueberries
- 1 cup chopped cherry tomatoes

Make a marinade for the chicken. Mix together in a non-metal container the juice, canola oil, bay leaf, herb and garlic. Add chicken, cover and marinate in the refrigerator at least 30 minutes or up to 3 hours. Periodically turn food to distribute flavors evenly. When ready to grill, drain

chicken and pat dry with paper towels.

Meanwhile, make the relish. Cut onions in half, then cut each half crosswise in thirds. Cut each in thin slices. Spray a large skillet with canola oil spray and heat over medium-high heat. Add onions, salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are golden, about 10 minutes.

Add sherry, vinegar, blueberries and tomatoes. Bring to a boil, immediately reduce heat to low and gently simmer 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer relish to a serving bowl.

Prepare grill for cooking. Rinse chicken and pat dry. Spray lightly with canola oil spray and season with salt and pepper. Grill about 5 to 6 inches above heat source until cooked through (4 to 5 minutes per side). Serve with the blueberry relish.

Makes 4 servings, with 3-1/2 cups of relish.

Per serving with 1/2 cup relish: 195 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 28 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 244 mg. sodium.

Grill low-fat Caribbean turkey burgers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooks are increasingly turning to their grills for making meals. It's an entertainingly flexible way of cooking, and experimenting with it produces countless variations of standard dishes.

The burger is one of those variables. Here's a burger recipe with two characteristics that many people currently think very desirable: it's low in fat, and it has bold seasoning - with a sweet undertone to help lift the flavor to lively heights.

CARIBBEAN TURKEY BURGERS WITH HONEY PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY

- 1 large onion, peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup red-wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, minced
- 20-ounce package extra-lean ground turkey
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Jamaican jerk seasoning
- 4 Hawaiian sweet sandwich rolls or potato hamburger buns, toasted
- Butter-lettuce leaves

- 1 ripe fresh pineapple, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices

To make the chutney: Grill pineapple and onions on lightly oiled grill for about 5 minutes per side over medium-high heat or until lightly charred; remove and let cool slightly. Discard tough pineapple core. Finely chop pineapple and

onion and place in a medium saucepan with honey, vinegar, orange peel, ginger and allspice; stir well. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 45 minutes. Add bell pepper and cook for 10 minutes more; let cool.

In a medium bowl, stir together the ground turkey, 1/2 cup pineapple chutney, jerk seasoning and pepper. Shape into 4 large flat patties. Grill over medium coals for 5 to 8 minutes per side or until cooked through. Serve on toasted buns lined with lettuce leaves. Place a heaping spoonful of chutney on top of each burger.

Makes 4 servings. Nutrition information per serving: 460 cal., 6 g fat (1 g saturated).

Recipe developed for the AP by the National Honey Board.

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LATIN

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He breaks down the Top 10 necessary tools needed for grilling — tongs, spatula (large enough to flip everything), vegetable grill rack, grilling basket (to flip fish and vegetables more easily), basting brush, spray bottle, grill fork (but don't stab meat with it), fireproof mitts, wire brush and flashlight.

Rodriguez says he always uses rubs. Rubs can add instant flavor, but he highly recommends putting marinade on the meat, poultry or fish the night before.

"Marinades need at least 20 minutes or so to start working," Rodriguez said. "When you're using tougher cuts of meat that need to be tenderized, marinate them overnight; and remember, without acid, a marinade may add great flavor, but it won't do much in the tenderizing department."

Add any glazes at the end of cooking to prevent the sugars in them from burning.

Rodriguez recommends that food should be patted dry before putting it on the grill, which reduces flare-ups.

Marinades that have been used to soak the meats should be boiled first to kill bacteria that may be present from the meat. (You can avoid any potential problems by making extra marinade.)

The cookbook's recipes take a wonderful journey through Latin flavors.

Cornish game hens are flavored with a honey-mustard-garlic-cilantro glaze. Lamb loin mingles with a plantain and pine nut crust. Grilled asparagus with crab mayonnaise will tantalize as an appetizer.

Like rubs and oils? You'll get a flavor of Rodriguez's molé rub and barbecue spice rub, his lemon oil, garlic oil and red chile oil.

Grilling is the perfect way to entertain, Rodriguez writes.

"Everyone gets to hang out in the fresh air, people eat in stages as the food comes off the grill and that means all the stress of formal courses and dinner party etiquette are nowhere to be found," he writes.

Putting together family or friends, a grill with plenty of food, and the bold and lively flavors of Latin cooking, and you can have yourself a great outdoor party this summer.

RECIPES

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Recipes courtesy of Douglas Rodriguez's *Latin Flavors on the Grill*, Ten Speed Press, \$24.95.

LAMB LOIN WITH PLANTAIN AND PINE NUT CRUST

To prepare the crust, heat the oil to 350°F in a 3-quart saucepan. Carefully add the plantain slices, one by one, to the oil and fry for 2 to 3 minutes, until crisp and golden brown. Remove the chips from the oil with tongs and transfer to a plate lined with paper towels. When the chips have cooled, break them up with your hands. In a food processor, pulse to grind the chips into coarse crumbs; do not overprocess to a powder or the crust will lose its crunch. Place the plantain crumbs in a mixing bowl along with the ground pine nuts.

In a smaller separate bowl, combine the honey with the mustard. Add all but 3 teaspoons to the crumb mixture. Then add the rosemary, cayenne, and salt and mix thoroughly. Set aside.

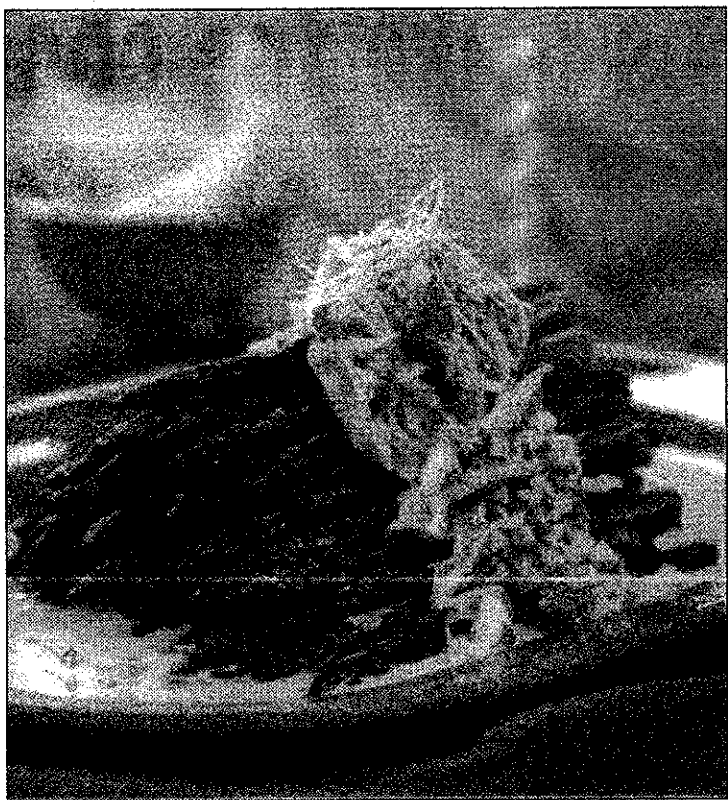
Prepare a medium-hot fire in the grill with all the coals piled on one side of the grill or by firing only one side of a gas grill.

Season the lamb with salt and pepper. Place on the hot grate directly over the hot coals and grill for 5 to 6 minutes, turning and rolling to sear in the juices. Move the lamb to a part of the grate that is over medium heat and continue to grill, turning and rolling to ensure even cooking, for 4 to 5 minutes longer, until the internal temperature registers 135°F on an instant-read thermometer (for medium-rare).

Remove the loins from the grill to a plate and spread with the reserved honey mustard. Then roll the lamb in the plantain crumb mixture, gently but firmly pressing the crumbs into place.

Return the lamb to a part of the grill that is not directly over the coals, cover the grill, and roast for another 3 to 4 minutes, until the crust browns slightly.

Transfer the meat to a cutting board and let rest before slicing. Serves six.



LATIN FLAVORS ON THE GRILL

Grill asparagus, then top with crab mayonnaise as an appetizer.

CORNISH GAME HENS WITH HONEY-MUSTARD-GARLIC-CILANTRO GLAZE

3 tablespoons toasted celery seeds
3 tablespoons toasted black mustard seeds
2 cups honey
½ cup mustard oil
3 tablespoons Colman's mustard powder
6 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
½ cup packed fresh cilantro leaves
3 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
2 tablespoons salt
3 tablespoons cracked black pepper
3 Cornish game hens, split in half lengthwise

To make the glaze, combine the celery and mustard seeds in a spice grinder and coarsely grind. Combine the ground seeds in a blender with the honey, mustard oil, mustard powder, garlic, cilantro, vinegar, salt and pepper. Pulse on and off for about 15 seconds. Set aside.

Place the hens in a large non-reactive glass dish or container. Add half the glaze, cover, and marinate in the refrigerator for

at least 8 hours or overnight.

Prepare a medium fire in the grill with the coals piled on one side of the grill or with only one side of a gas grill fired up.

Place the hens skin side down on the grate opposite the heat source for indirect heat, cover the grill, and grill for 20 to 30 minutes, turning frequently and brushing with the reserved glaze, until the meat is tender and cooked through and the juices run clear. Transfer hens to serving plates and serve. Serves six.

GRILLED ASPARAGUS WITH CRAB MAYONNAISE

1 pound asparagus
2 tablespoons oil
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 cup mayonnaise

zest and juice of 3 lemons
2 tablespoons adobo sauce (from canned chipotles in adobo)
1 pound Alaskan crabmeat, picked clean of shells
¼ cup finely sliced chives
½ cup finely diced red onion
2 tablespoons julienned cilantro
4 red jalapenos, stemmed, seeded and diced

Blanch the asparagus in boiling salted water for 4 to 6 minutes, depending on the thickness of the stalks. Plunge into ice water to stop the cooking. Drain. Peel away the tough outer skin.

Prepare a medium-low fire in the grill.

In a bowl, toss the asparagus with oil and season with salt and pepper. Arrange the asparagus cross-wise on the hot grate to prevent them from falling through. Grill for 1 to 2 minutes on both sides, until lightly charred, and transfer to a serving dish.

In another bowl, combine the mayonnaise with the lemon zest and juice, adobo sauce, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Gently fold in the crabmeat, chives, red onion, cilantro, and jalapenos.

Spoon the crab mayonnaise over the asparagus and serve. Serves six to eight.

MOLÉ RUB

The goal for molés is to achieve balance and complexity by harmoniously combining flavors, such as chiles, sweet plantains, caramelized onions, prunes, nuts, spices, and about 15 other ingredients, including chocolate.

¼ cup cocoa powder
¼ cup powdered sugar
¼ cup salt
2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
2 tablespoons finely ground

roasted peanuts
1 tablespoon ground pepper
1 tablespoon ground New Mexican red chile
1 tablespoon ground ancho chile
1 tablespoon ground chipotle chile
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground star anise
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves
1-½ teaspoons ground coriander
½ teaspoon ground dried oregano
½ teaspoon ground dried marjoram
½ teaspoon ground allspice

Thoroughly mix together all the ingredients.

Use at once or store in an airtight jar at room temperature. Makes about 1-½ cups.

BARBECUE SPICE RUB

Keep this on hand for seasoning everything from chicken to steaks or even a coating for potato chips. When applied to meat, fish, or chicken the night before, the salt and sugar content draws out moisture while infusing flavor — essentially curing the food.

1 cup Spanish paprika
½ cup ground ancho chile
½ cup kosher salt
¼ cup ground chipotle chile
¼ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
¼ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup granulated garlic
¼ cup granulated onion
¼ cup freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons ground cumin

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Summertime recipes make the cooking easy, fun

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
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Does summer seem too hot for cooking?

The season still has its hungry moments. We do the grilling thing, which is quick and simple, and we scoot into the air conditioning for formal dining.

That leaves long stretches of golden days with time to relax, to nibble a sweet mouthful, sip a cool something, and forget all sense of purpose even if we're not officially on vacation.

So here's a plan. Get up early, do a batch of easy baking, finish off the chores. Then spend lazy hours in the heat of the day just kicking back, perhaps lounging on the porch, or on the grass under a tree, or by the pool as early shadows creep in.

Load a tray with a fresh pitcher of homemade lemonade, chilly glasses of milk or iced tea; make space for a little dessert or a plate of cookies, perhaps including a touch of chocolate flavor.

The livin' can be that easy. *The White Barn Inn Cookbook* (Running Press, 2003, \$35) features menus and recipes for all four seasons from a renowned inn at Kennebunkport, Maine, a region where summer has a special aura.

The text by Susan Sully is illustrated with evocative color photos; recipes by executive chef Jonathan Cartwright include stylish food for fall, winter, spring, and summer — including the following cool delights.

HOMEMADE LEMONADE

- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar (or to taste)
- 1 cup ice
- Fresh mint, optional garnish

In a medium pitcher, combine the lemon juice and sugar with 2 cups of cold water and stir until the sugar dissolves. This mixture can be made a day ahead and refrigerated.

When ready to serve, add the ice to the pitcher of lemonade, stir, and serve immediately. For extra flavor, garnish with fresh mint. Makes 4 cups.

(Recipe from *White Barn Inn Cookbook*, Running Press)

HOMEMADE BROWNIES

- 1/2 ounces semisweet baking chocolate
- 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup cake flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Lightly butter and flour a 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Melt the chocolate and butter in the top of a double boiler, then let cool. In a small bowl beat eggs and sugar until light in color and add to the chocolate mixture. In another bowl sift together the flour, salt and baking powder; add to the chocolate mixture along with the vanilla and nuts. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares. Makes 1 dozen brownies.

(Recipe for AP from the California Milk Advisory Board)

Green tea sorbet is not only easy to make, but its main ingredient may bring health benefits, as current medical research on tea increasingly seems to suggest.

GREEN TEA SORBET

- 2 cups boiling water
- 8 green-tea bags
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

In a teapot, pour boiling water over the tea bags. Cover teapot and brew for 5 minutes. Remove the tea bags and gently squeeze the remaining flavor out of them. In a medium-sized sauce pan, bring the 2 cups of water and sugar to a boil. Boil for 1 minute. Remove pan from heat and stir in the tea, corn syrup and lemon juice. Pour into a metal bowl. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, about 1 hour. Process in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's instructions. Makes 1 quart of sorbet.

(Recipe from *Salada Green Tea*)

Ice cream and brownies may be near the top of any national popularity poll, separately or together. Here's a festive, summery combination to enjoy; the recipe makes two sundaes and can be multiplied as desired.

ALL-AMERICAN CHOCOLATE BROWNIE SUNDAE

- 6 small squares of homemade chocolate brownies
- 1/2 cup warm (prepared) bittersweet chocolate sauce
- 1 cup vanilla ice cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped, salted pecans
- 6 fresh Bing cherries with stem attached

Arrange 3 brownie squares on each of 2 serving plates or shallow bowls. Top each square with a small scoop of ice cream. Drizzle chocolate sauce over ice cream and brownies. Sprinkle nuts over the top. Top each scoop of ice cream with a cherry and serve.

Makes 2 sundaes.

If you want to take this peach tea on a picnic, pour it into a pitcher and chill it before transferring it to an insulated thermal container. Rub some extra lemon juice on the peach wedges to keep them from discoloring, and store them in a separate container.

PEACH ICED TEA

- 1 cup sugar
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 4 firm, ripe peaches
- 4 tablespoons Darjeeling tea leaves

In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar with 1 cup of water and bring to a boil over high heat. Continue to cook over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. When the sugar is dissolved, add the lemon juice and remove from the heat.

Meanwhile, remove the pits from two peaches and roughly dice the flesh, leaving the peaches unpeeled.

In the jar of a blender, combine the sugar syrup and diced peaches and puree until smooth. Strain through a sieve and reserve in a small pitcher.

In a kettle, bring 4 cups of water to a boil. While the water is boiling, remove the pit from one of the remaining peaches and roughly dice the flesh. Place the tea leaves and diced peach in a heat-resistant pitcher. Add the boiling water and infuse for 3 minutes.

Add 4 cups of cold water to the pitcher and stir vigorously with a wooden spoon, smashing the peach pieces to a pulp.

Remove the pit from the remaining peach and cut the peach into 6 wedges, leaving the peach unpeeled. Combine the wedges in a serving pitcher with 4 cups of ice. Put another 4 cups of ice in a large sieve and place it over the serving pitcher. Strain the peach and tea infusion through the ice-filled sieve into the pitcher. Add peach syrup to taste and stir to mix. Serve immediately. The remaining syrup can be served with the iced tea for those who prefer their tea sweeter. Makes about 3 quarts.

(Recipe from *White Barn Inn Cookbook*, Running Press)

These glazed lemon cookies are guaranteed to have bright flavor and emerge from the oven thin and crisp, with golden brown edges — if you follow the recipe worked out by the testers of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine. Their new cookbook, *Baking Illustrated* (America's Test Kitchen, 2004, \$35) offers the recipe among about 350 others and enough helpful information to encourage any would-be baker.

You will need a food processor to make the lemon cookies. The dough, formed into a log and wrapped in parchment paper and then plastic wrap, will keep in the refrigerator for up to 3 days, or in the freezer for up to 2 weeks. The cookies are best eaten the day they are glazed.

GLAZED LEMON COOKIES

For the Lemon Cookies:

- 1/2 cup (5 1/4 ounces) granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons grated zest plus 2 tablespoons juice from 2 lemons
- 1/2 cups (83/4 ounces) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the Lemon Glaze:

- 1 tablespoon cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons juice from 1 lemon
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) confectioners' sugar

For the cookies:

In a food processor, process the granulated sugar and lemon zest until the sugar looks damp and the zest is thoroughly incorporated, about 30 seconds. Add the flour, baking powder and salt; pulse to combine, about ten 1-second pulses. Scatter the butter pieces over; pulse until the mixture resembles fine cornmeal, about fifteen 1-second pulses. In a measuring cup or small bowl, beat together the lemon juice, egg yolk and vanilla with a fork to combine. With the machine running, add the juice mixture in a slow, steady stream (the process should take about 10 seconds); continue processing until the dough begins to form into a ball, 10 to 15 seconds longer.

Turn the dough and any dry bits onto a clean work surface; working quickly, gently knead together to ensure that no dry bits remain and the dough is homogenous. Shape the dough into a log about 10 inches long and 2 inches in diameter, wrap the dough in parchment or plastic wrap, and twist to seal. Chill the dough until firm and cold, about 45 minutes in the freezer or 2 hours in the refrigerator.

Meanwhile, adjust the oven racks to the upper- and

lower-middle position; heat the oven to 375° F.

Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper or spray them with nonstick cooking spray.

Remove the dough log from its wrapper and, using a sharp chef's knife, slice the dough into rounds 1/2-inch thick; place the rounds on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Bake until the centers of the cookies just begin to color and the edges are golden brown, 14 to 16 minutes, rotating the baking sheets front to back and top to bottom halfway through the baking time. Cool the cookies on the baking sheets about 5 minutes; using a wide metal spatula, transfer the cookies to a wire rack and cool to room temperature before glazing.

For the glaze: Whisk the cream cheese and lemon juice in a medium nonreactive bowl until no lumps remain. Add the confectioners' sugar and whisk until smooth.

To glaze the cookies: When the cookies have cooled, working 1 at a time, spoon a scant teaspoon of glaze onto each cookie and spread evenly with the back of the spoon. Let the cookies stand on a wire rack until the glaze is set and dry, about 1 hour. Makes about 30 cookies.

(Recipe from *Baking Illustrated*, America's Test Kitchen)

A classic can often be given an extra nudge toward perfection with some inspired tinkering. Take the chocolate chip cookie — here's an evolution that calls for using two kinds of chocolate, plus espresso coffee powder and pecans.

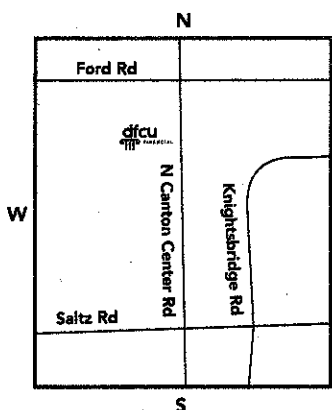
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Try Lowcountry Southern cooking

BY DANA JACOBI
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Southern cooking usually brings to mind dishes like fried chicken or catfish with hushpuppies, po' boys and black-eyed peas in the "deep South," not to mention Louisiana's beignets, gumbo and andouille sausage. What few people think of is the Lowcountry cooking of South Carolina.

The Lowcountry is roughly a triangle that runs along the Atlantic coast and reaches about 80 miles inland. Charleston and Hilton Head Island are its best-known spots.

Starting in the 17th century, this semi-tropical, wet, coastal plain was colonized by the English, French Protestants and Sephardic Jews.

It is quintessential plantation country, devoted to growing long-grain rice. It is also a land of fishermen, hunters and sailors.

Many of its British settlers came from the Caribbean, bringing slaves from there or directly from West Africa to work the Carolina Lowcountry plantations.

Part of the heritage created by the slaves was a local language called Gullah. They also produced more African influence on the cooking of the Lowcountry than you find in Louisiana and other plantation regions.

If Lowcountry cooking seems unfamiliar, think of tomato-red Spanish rice. What Lowcountry cooks call tomato pilau is typical of the region's down-home cooking, and also uses lots of seafood, particularly cooked with a seasoning called crab boil.

Frogmore Stew, named after an ancestral home in England, is a good example of shrimp cooked with crab boil.

This spiced, though not



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Southern Shrimp Stew is a Lowcountry Southern style dish.

necessarily spicy, blend includes mustard seed, clove, allspice and bay leaf. It complements the sweet flavor of shrimp and crabs.

Adding rice makes it more of a pilaf-style stew. A touch of chipotle adds flavor akin to that of the hot smoked sausage that Lowcountry cooks use.

SOUTHERN SHRIMP STEW

- 2 quarts cold water
- 2 Tbsp. salt-free crab and shrimp boil
- 2 ears fresh yellow corn
- 1 pound medium shrimp
- 1 tsp. canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large celery rib, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- Pinch ground chipotle chile powder, or to taste
- 1/4 cup brown rice
- 4 ripe plum tomatoes, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1 Tbsp. reduced-sodium Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 tsp. chopped flat-leaf parsley, for garnish (optional)

Place water and crab boil in a large pot. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Add corn and cook uncovered for 3 min-

utes at a moderate boil. Add shrimp and cook 3 minutes more (liquid may not return to a boil).

Remove corn and set aside. Remove and shell shrimp, cover and set aside. Cut cooled corn from cobs and set aside. Strain liquid, reserving 6 cups.

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté onion and celery until onion is translucent, 4 minutes. Add chile pepper, rice, tomatoes, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, 1 teaspoon salt, and 4 cups reserved liquid. Bring it to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until the rice is tender but still soupy, about 35 minutes. (Add more reserved liquid if needed.)

Stir corn and shrimp into the stew. Heat at a low simmer until warm. Serve with parsley as garnish.

Makes 9 servings.

Per serving: 146 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 19 g. carbohydrate, 13 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 347 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy*, and recipe creator for the AICR's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

CALENDAR

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Gregory Zotos of Livonia will sign his new book, *Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes*, 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores (phone 586) 779-6111). The book signing will take place at the church's annual Greek Festival. A percentage of the book sales from the event will be donated to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Wine tasting

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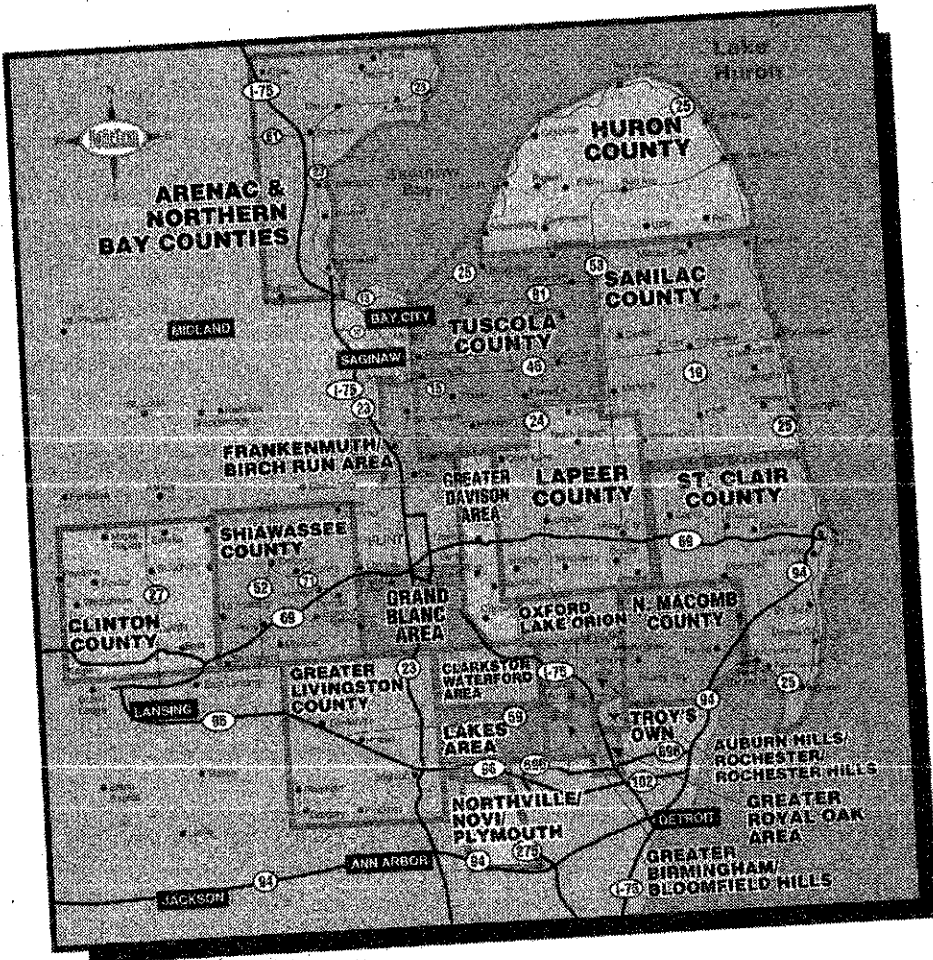
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Picadillo pork chili makes easy family supper

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Picadillo Pork Chili is a versatile choice for a variety of occasions, with an all-around appeal. First things first: For the cook it's an easy, yet festive one-dish meal, a version of a traditional Latin American favorite, picadillo.

It could grace a party buffet or a family get-together, to please sophisticated tastes as well as children. Spicy seasonings mixed with the sweetness of raisins deliver plenty of taste with every mouthful.

Serve inside warmed flour tortillas, rolled into wraps, with grated cheese, sour cream, salsa or guacamole on the side, to add color, favor and fun to the meal. Alternatively, the picadillo chili can be served in bowls with a choice of toppings.

PICADILLO PORK CHILI

- Vegetable oil, as needed
- 5 pounds pork butt, finely chopped (or ground coarsely)
- 8 ounces smoked bacon, finely chopped
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh garlic
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 4 large jalapeno chilies, seeded and minced
- Four 28-ounce cans diced tomatoes with their juices
- 1/4 cup raisin paste (fine puree, see note)

- 1/2 cup masa harina (corn flour)
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 4 cups hot, cooked long-grain white rice
- 16 to 20 warm flour tortillas

Toppings: grated cheese, sour cream, salsa, guacamole or avocado slices, finely chopped red onion, crisp-fried corn tortilla strips, as desired.

Heat oil over high heat in a 12-quart, heavy-bottomed pot. Add the chopped pork and cook, stirring occasionally until the meat is browned (about 10 minutes). Add the bacon. Continue cooking for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Lower heat to medium and add salt and pepper to taste.

Stir in the onion, cumin, cinnamon, chili powder, cloves and garlic. Cook, stirring for 1 minute and add water, vinegar, jalapenos, tomatoes, raisin paste and masa. Stir until raisin paste is completely dissolved. Then stir in raisins. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Skim any fat that has risen to the top. If sauce is too thick, add a little chicken stock and reheat.

(At this point, the picadillo chili may be served in heated bowls, topped with cheese, sour cream, avocado slices, finely chopped red onion or crisp-fried corn tortilla strips, as desired.)

Add hot rice to picadillo chili, and mix in; serve rolled up in warm tortillas, with toppings on the side, as desired. Makes 16 to 20 servings.

Note: To make 1/4 cup raisin paste, process 1/2 cups of raisins in food processor or blender until finely chopped and smooth.

(Recipe developed for AP by the California Raisin Marketing Board)

More information and recipes on the Web: <http://www.calraisins.org>

Grill safely as you celebrate the season

With summer as the peak season for foodborne illness, it's important for grillers to take a few simple, but necessary, food safety precautions.

Celebrate safe and flavorful fare from the grill by practicing these food safety tips:

■ Wash your hands with hot, soapy water - before handling, cooking or serving food - and make sure all cooking utensils, equipment and surfaces are clean.

■ Separate utensils and dishware used for raw and cooked foods.

■ Thaw meat and other frozen foods in the refrigerator, microwave or under running water.

■ Marinate foods in the refrigerator and then dispose of the marinade after using.

■ Cook ground meat and pork to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit, cook white meat poultry to at least 170 degrees Fahrenheit, and cook dark meat to at least 180 degrees Fahrenheit.

Verify with a food thermometer to ensure meats are cooked thoroughly. Cooking foods to the proper temperature is one of the most effective ways to prevent foodborne illness.

It is equally important to

consider fire precautions to ensure that the celebration is as enjoyable as it is safe.

Always set up your grill at least 10 feet away from any house or building, and never use it under a surface that can catch fire.

Prevent burns by keeping children and pets away from the grill, by not wearing loose clothing, and by keeping dangling attire - such as shirts, aprons and cuffs - away from the grill.

Practice charcoal-grill safety by using the grill on a level surface, by keeping water nearby when the coals are burning, by not adding additional fuel when the fire is started, and by letting the fire completely expire and the grill cool before covering.

Practice food and grill safety while taking advantage of zesty Grilled Santa Fe Burgers. Lean ground beef, flavorful Sargento 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese, tortilla chips and salsa comprise these patties.

Top off your char-grilled fare with a patriotic sampling of all-American apple pie. And don't forget the savory slice of Cheddar melted on top of each wedge of the pie.

Visit sargento.com for other grill-based recipes that

are sure to suit your summer tastes while you observe food and fire-safety precautions.

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GRILLED SANTA FE BURGERS

- 1 pound lean ground beef or ground turkey
- 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) Sargento 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup salsa, divided
- 1/2 cup crushed tortilla chips
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin or chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 4 hamburger buns, split or sourdough bread
- lettuce
- 4 tomato slices (optional)

Combine ground beef, 1 cup cheese, 1/2 cup salsa, tortilla chips, green onions, cumin and garlic salt in medium bowl. Shape into 4 patties, 4 inches in diameter and 1/2-inch thick.

Preheat grill or broiler. Grill patties, 5 minutes per side or to desired doneness. Grill or lightly toast hamburger buns. Place burgers on buns; top with remaining salsa; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Serve with lettuce and, if desired, tomato.

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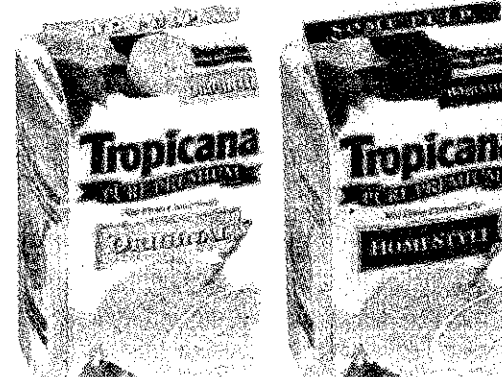


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Ask attorney about removing board members

We live in a homeowner's association and our board of directors has done certain things which we believe are well beyond their authority. We want to remove them but don't know what to do. What do you suggest?

There is normally a provision in the bylaws for the removal of directors of a community association. You should consult with an attorney to ensure that you are complying with the dictates of the bylaws which generally require a certain percentage of owners having signed a petition which is then served on the secretary of the association who is required to call a special meeting of the association in accordance with the bylaws. However, there are usually certain requirements for satisfaction of this requirement and you want to make sure you do it right the first time by consulting with an attorney knowledgeable in this area of the law.

I live in a subdivision and the person behind me has put up a fence around her pool which is in excess of the limits in the condo. What can I do about it?

Assuming that the fence is in violation of the deed restrictions, you as a co-owner may have a right to enforce them against your neighbor or you may seek assistance from the association by speaking with its architectural control committee and/or the board of directors depending upon who is in charge of enforcing the deed restrictions. There is case law to the effect that someone who intentionally does not seek approval from the board for deed restriction modifications can be held accountable, notwithstanding the fact that it is for a "justifiable cause."

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Housing still a great investment, even if rates and prices go up

BY KEELY KALESKI
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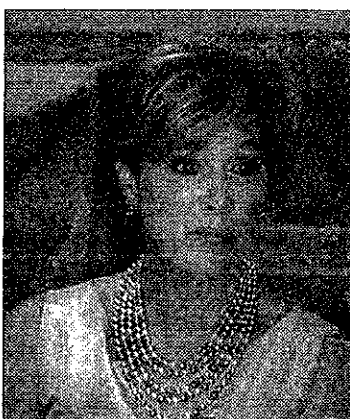
Despite rising interest rates, local Realtors say business is fabulous, the economy is growing, and people are spending.

Still, they're concerned about the growing number of foreclosures, people buying houses with nothing down, obtaining interest-only loans, and making home buying decisions based on amount of their monthly payment.

"Interest rates may be going up, but buying a house is still a long-term proposition," said Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications, Inc. the parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, during a Realtor breakfast at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham on June 30. "Rates are going up, but they're still lower than they were 10 years ago. There are two kinds of buyers today. Some people buy a house and keep it two to three years, others keep it for 10 or more years."

Power invited the Realtors to breakfast to talk about current market conditions and trends.

"After 9/11 we saw a lot of



Realtor Ronni Keating of Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating listens to a discussion about real estate market trends.

home buyers in the \$250,000 to \$600,000 range who didn't need a new house but wanted one go by the wayside," said Linda Gratz, marketing director for Century 21 in Farmington Hills. "Instead of buying a home they went to Disneyland or bought a Lexus. They were uncertain about the



Bonnie Brow (left to right), Kathy Coon and Cindy Reed discuss real estate trends at a breakfast sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

economy. We sold a tremendous amount of \$100,000 product. Now, of late, we're starting to see a turn-around. Things are stabilized, we're starting to see higher end stuff moving."

Ronni Keating, a Realtor with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating in Birmingham, says her high end, homes priced \$1.5 to \$3 million are moving better. "A lot of people were nervous, and not in the mood to move," she said.

Kathy Coon, broker owner of GMAC Great Lakes Real Estate in Rochester Hills, says the market has changed to become more regional. "People are looking in Novi and Rochester," she said. "It depends on where they work. They're looking at their commute."

People who are transferred to the metro Detroit area pre-



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fer new housing. They want to be able to move in and out quickly with a minimal amount of redecorating.

In some communities like Birmingham, homeowners who used to move from street-to-street are staying put and renovating. Realtors believe it's a consequence of Proposal A, which causes inequities in the tax rate of similar properties depending on how long the homeowner has lived there.

When you sell your house it is reassessed at market value. The new owners' tax rate will be based on this new assessed value, which is higher.

Housing prices are going up, but not excessively. Realtors are more concerned about the impact of 100 percent financing, interest-only loans, refinancing and home equity loans.

"The foreclosure rate is just

unbelievable, in all price ranges," said Coon. "It was easy, low cost money. A lot of people borrowed more than their house was worth. You get sellers who are writing checks at closing."

Buying a house used to be about building equity and stability. That's not the case anymore. "Almost everyone gets an adjustable mortgage to lower their payment," said Keating.

Still, despite the risk, you could lose your job and the ability to pay your mortgage or interest rates could go up substantially, real estate is still a good investment.

"Young people want to put money in brick and mortar," said Coon. "It has a domino effect, people will be buying and selling no matter what the interest rates are."

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Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



If it sounds too good to be true, it's probably not true

I pick up the broken pieces to these situations at least twice a year. A frustrated homebuyer phoned me because her mortgage loan officer could not get her the deal he had promised her. Almost crying, she explained to me that she was supposed to get a no-cost, no-point, no-fee mortgage at an interest rate about 1/2 percent better than the market had seen in months.

I silently thought, "If something sounds too good to be true, it's probably not true." Even optimists must balance fantasy with reality.

Every mortgage has expenses that must be covered - appraisals, surveys, credit reports, title searches, often more. Borrowers may also incur processing and underwriting fees, a closing fee, and a filing fee. Lenders may refer to these costs by different names, but these expenses are real and they must be satisfied.

COVERING COSTS

For a given loan, mortgage lenders who are at all competitive in the market usually do not have a large enough profit margin to fully cover a borrower's costs. If they do cover costs, they usually do so by hiking the borrower's interest rate a bit - not by discounting it. Unfortunately, some mortgage loan officers, most likely unknowingly, make promises they cannot keep.

In the above scenario, the loan was simply impossible under the loan officer's promised terms. He offered an interest rate that was so close to wholesale that he had only a puny profit margin, if any at all. From there, he offered to cover all of her loan's costs. It was no surprise (to me anyway) that her loan officer let her loan die, too embarrassed to disclose his error. His only possible action was to actually pay her expenses from his own pocket to complete her loan as he promised. He sold her a deal that was "too good to be true" and she bought it.

This week, an excited borrower explained to me about the "deal" her loan officer is offering. She's got a "firm" interest rate commitment at today's rates for a loan that is to close nine months from now. What do you think?

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Mortgage rates fall, higher than same time last year

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages fell, but are up considerably when compared to the same period last year.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly nationwide survey, reported Thursday that rates on benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages declined to 6.25 percent, down from 6.32 percent. A year ago, rates were lower, averaging 5.24 percent.

Thirty-year mortgage rates hit a low this year of 5.38 percent the week ending March 18. Since then, they have slowly moved upward.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 5.64 percent. That was down from 5.70 percent, but up from the average rate of 4.63 percent registered a year ago.

For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, rates stood at 4.13 percent, unchanged from a week ago. A year ago, rates on one-year ARMs averaged 3.45 percent.

"This week's easing off in mortgage rates is rooted in the market's wait-and-see posture with regard to the Federal Reserve Board's upcoming actions on interest rates," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist on July 1.

Economists expect the Fed will raise short-term rates for the first time in four years when they meet today.

Rates on 30-year mortgages could rise to 6.9 percent by the end of this year, which would still be considered low by historical standards, according to some economists' estimates. An improved labor market should help offset the impact of higher rates, they said. Some economists are forecasting home sales to set new records this year.

In May, new-home sales surged by 14.8 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.37 million, an all-time monthly high, the Commerce Department reported.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year loans each carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

In a separate report, refinancings accounted for 33.4 percent of total mortgage loan applications filed last week, down from 33.8 percent in the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association said.

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(NAPSI) - Credit card users have been able to turn reward points into airline tickets, new cars, hotel rooms, even groceries. Now they can also use the rewards to help pay for their homes.

A new no-annual-fee credit card helps cardholders pay down their mortgage balance by applying the points directly to the mortgage principal.

Cardholders earn one point for every dollar in net retail purchases charged to the card. Each time a GMAC Mortgage Equity Rewards MasterCard holder accumulates 2,500 points, \$25 is credited automatically to their GMAC mortgage. There's no annual limit to the number of points you can accrue, and there are no forms to complete.

Based on a \$150,000 mortgage, a 30-year term and a 6.5 percent fixed APR, for example, quarterly payments of \$50 will save a cardholder \$16,975 and reduce the mortgage term by 17 months.

The card is offered at a 7.9 percent APR and includes an introductory rate of zero percent on cash advance checks and balance transfers until April 2005.

Applications are available to those who call (800) 821-8758.

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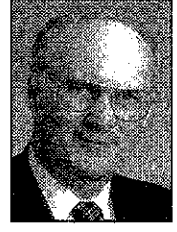
Home buyer seminars

■ **Baldwin Public Library**, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, one block south of Maple, one block east of Southfield Road - 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20 and 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. For more information, call (248) 649-1062, Ext. 246. Sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Christine Kageff, loan officer and Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse Realtors, Jenne Bartosik, Realtor. Find out what price house you can afford and how your credit history can influence your purchase decision. Learn about various mortgage options, get help determining your housing requirements and understanding the purchase process.

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Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate

Tom Kotzian was recently appointed director of education & coaching for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate. "I look forward to the opportunity of being part of the finest real estate training and coaching program in Michigan. Coldwell Banker Schweitzer is focusing on the nationally acclaimed Mike Ferry System, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of this excellence in training," Kotzian said. He is president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, a 6,000-member organization covering Macomb and Oakland counties, and vice chairman of the Michigan Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons. Coldwell

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Portland continues to draw young and educated

(AP) - Young people continue to migrate to Portland, and they are bringing their college degrees with them.

A new study discovered that Portland's population of college-educated people between the ages 25 to 34 is growing at five times the national rate, putting the city in an enviable position for future job growth.

The researchers, Joe Cortright, a Portland economist, and Carol Coletta, an urban consultant in Memphis, Tenn., also found that Portland's proportion of such residents is much higher in the

city's central areas than in other cities with similar geography.

The percentage of the young and educated is twice as high in central city as it is outside, making Portland more similar to New York and Chicago than to Phoenix or Denver, where growth is in the suburbs.

The study combines data from the 1990 Census and 2000 Census, the 2002 American Community survey and driver's license surrender lists.

Their findings reinforce the data about the influx of young

educated people that emerged from the 2000 Census.

Despite Portland's economic difficulties over the past few years, "we're pretty confident that these trends are continuing," Cortright said.

The study was paid for by the Westside Economic Alliance, a trade group, and the Portland Development Commission, a public economic development agency. Additional financing came from Nike and the cities of Hillsboro, Beaverton and Tualatin.

Cortright said his study's

findings should comfort those who lament Oregon's scarcity of Fortune 500 companies.

"Over the next five to 10 years, the creativity and entrepreneurship of people in this age group will create companies that we can no more imagine than the timber barons could imagine a shoe company being in the Fortune 500," he said.

Nike is the only Oregon company on the magazine's list of largest public companies.

Information from: The Oregonian

Positive changes are observed in Benton Harbor

BY JAMES PRICHARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

From one end of the shop to the other, Richard's Retro Store is filled with hundreds of colorful, kitschy items from the past half-century.

Vintage clothing, art deco furniture, lava lamps and mannequins abound on the main level, and more items

await customers in the basement. The phone booth in the back is for sale, as is the bar set made from beer barrels and Naugahyde near the checkout counter.

But the real eye-catcher is the message flashing just inside the front entrance of the downtown Benton Harbor boutique. The sign declares, over and over, "It's a riot at Richard's Retro!"

A few feet away, a similar message adorns the front of the "I had a riot in Benton Harbor, Michigan" T-shirts that sell for \$15 apiece.

The sign and the shirts might not otherwise merit a second thought except that a year ago, this distressed, mostly black Lake

Michigan city of 11,000 exploded into two nights of rioting sparked by the death of a black motorcyclist during a high-speed police chase.

A day after the disturbances ended, Gov. Jennifer Granholm came to Benton Harbor and promised changes would be made to improve the quality of life in the city. She quickly appointed a 22-member task force to identify ongoing problems and suggest possible solutions. In an October report, the task force said residents need more job training, educational opportunities, good housing, affordable health care, police officers and youth-recreation pro-

grams. A year after the riots, some progress is visible though the city still faces many challenges.

The city has received numerous grants to help fulfill some of the task force's recommendations.

The largest so far is for \$15.9 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in the demolition of old public housing and the development of new homes.

The rioting started after Terrance Shurn, 27, a lifelong Benton Harbor resident, crashed his motorcycle while two police officers from neighboring Benton Township pursued him into a Benton

Harbor residential neighborhood in the early morning hours of June 16. One of the officers was white, the other of mixed heritage. Tensions had simmered for years between citizens and the mostly white township police force.

That evening and again the following night, angry rioters burned down a total of 21 buildings and set fire to seven others.

Ten people were arrested, dozens of minor injuries were reported, several emergency vehicles were damaged or destroyed and a Michigan State Police trooper was fired upon.

PLYMOUTH APPEALING "Country Style" colonial located in Plymouth's desirable Rolling Oaks Sub on 1/3 acre! High ceilings, formal dining/living, study w/French door, master w/cath ceiling, kitchen w/island & dinette area open to large family room w/rplc. Custom wood deck, prof landscaping & Home Warranty. \$369,900 (D977a)

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REDFORD WONDERFUL 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch in move-in condition! Beautiful bay window, hardwood floors, master bdrm w/attached lav, new AC in '98, large, partially fin bsmt w/plenty of storage, 2 car garage w/opener, fenced yard, copper plumbing & all appls. Home Warranty! \$134,999 (L15Roy)

REDFORD LOVELY 3 bedroom brick ranch h as open floor plan, modern kitchen, neutral decor, 2 full baths, full finished basement with rec room, office and glass block windows. New windows, A/C, beautiful landscaped yard with sprinkler system. Walk to park & elementary school! A great home! \$162,000 (L35Cat)

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Feb. 23-27 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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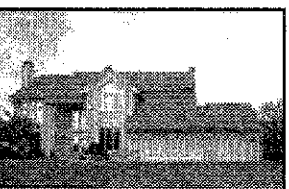

















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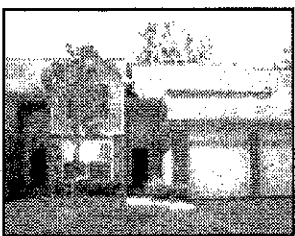
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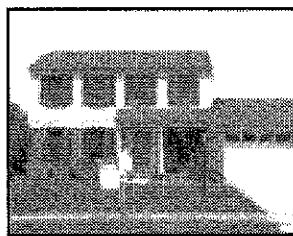
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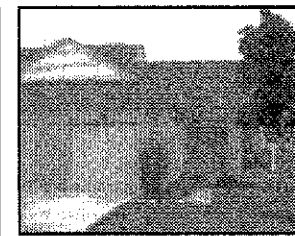
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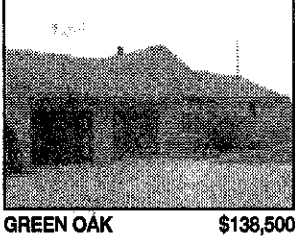
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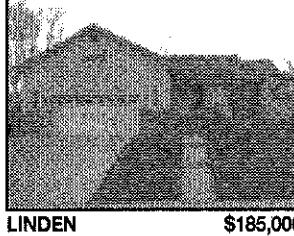
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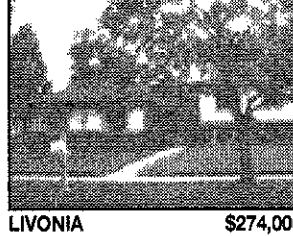
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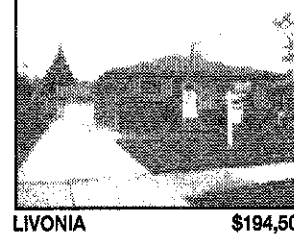
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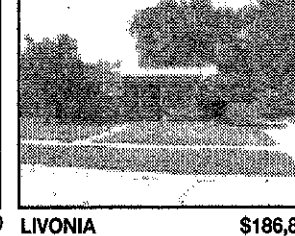
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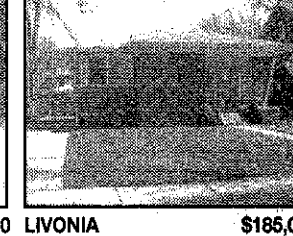
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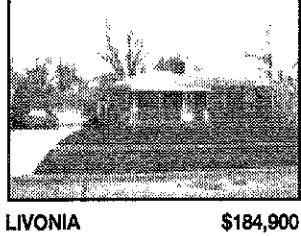
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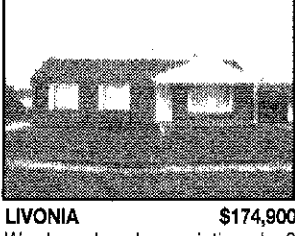
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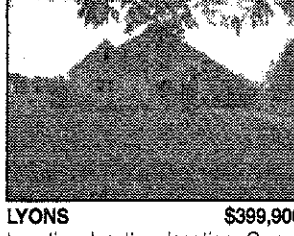
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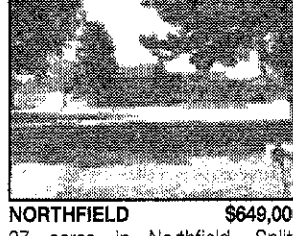
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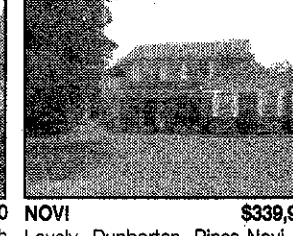
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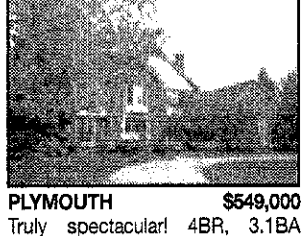
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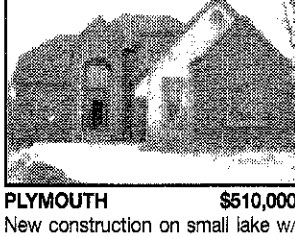
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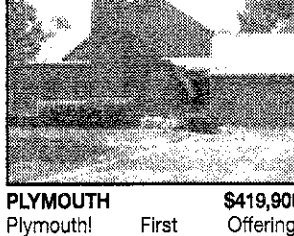
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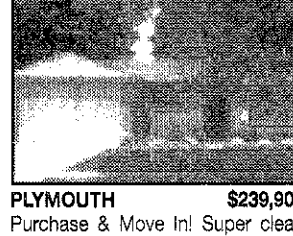
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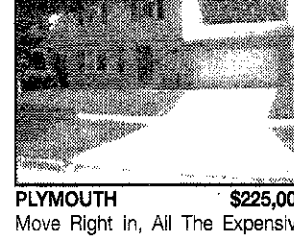
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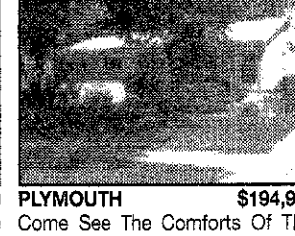
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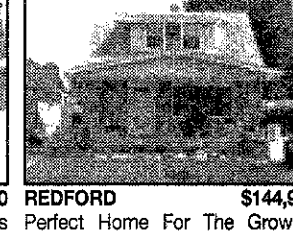
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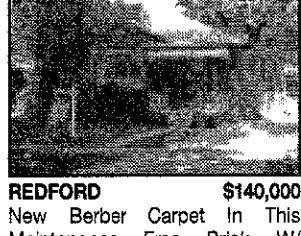
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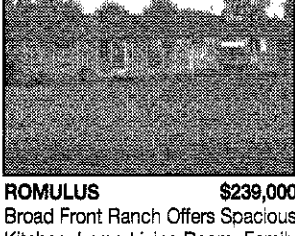
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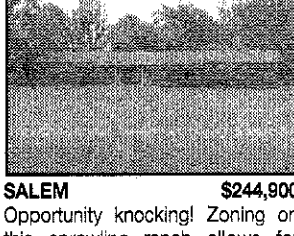
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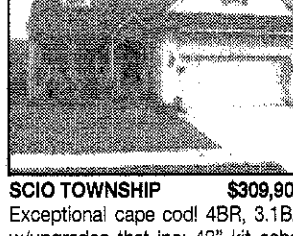
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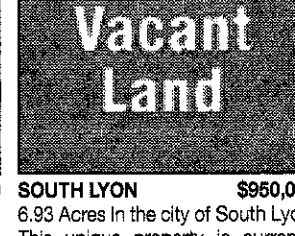
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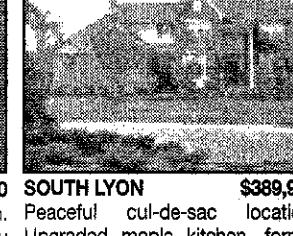
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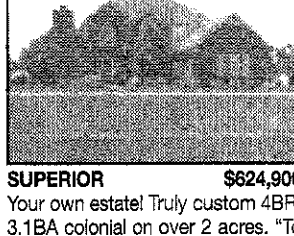
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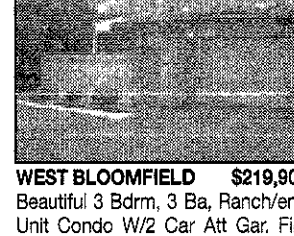
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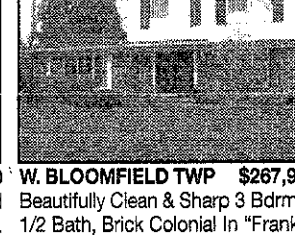
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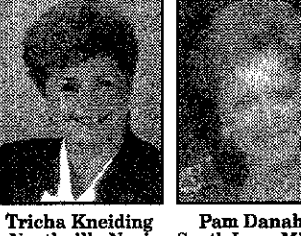
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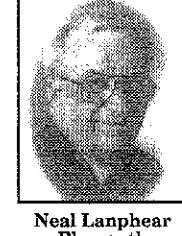


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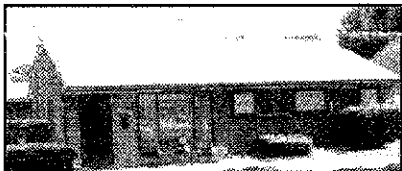


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CANTON Beautiful End Unit
2 bedroom, 3 bath ranch with attached garage, prof fin bsmt, master suite w/jacuzzi tub and separate shower, kitchen w/cherry cabinets & matching panels on stove & frig. FP in LR, formal DR w/wintered wall.

(E09COP) 734-455-5600 \$223,900



SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
Convenient country living for the buyer who seeks peace & quiet yet needs quick drive to Ann Arbor or metro. Nestled high on a hill with approx. 2.74 acres, 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, kitchen w/cherry cabinets, hwdw frs.

(E26FOX) 248-349-5600 \$699,900



LIVONIA Attention Car Buys
2 garages - room for 5+ cars. Spacious ranch has 3 BR, 2.5 BA, FR laundry, GR w/frplc, country kit, DR, tin bsmt & more. Huge approx. 1.22 acre lot w/park-like setting, 4.5 car heated garage plus a 1.5 car gar.

(E18SCH) 248-349-5600 \$267,900



VAN BUREN Awesome Cape Cod
Elegance from the front door to the backyard, presenting 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached gar bsmt ready for your custom finishing. Dining room, family room w/frplc & lib. Built in 2001 & ready for you!

(E32WAL) 734-455-5600 \$315,900



WESTLAND Fabulous Brick Ranch
Great 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home on large lot! Finished basement with office and bath. 2.5 car garage w/wipener and appliances.

(E28JEA) 734-455-5600 \$169,999



DEARBORN Old World Charm & Character
Spacious brick bungalow. Hwdw frs. Neutral woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths & 1 1/2 updated. Most w/wow replaced. Newer turn, C/A, roof, elec, insulation, HWH & sprinklers. Formal DR, FR, bsmt, 2 car gar.

(E05MOR) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



YPSILANTI Cute Ranch
Great 3 BR, 1 BA home for first time buyers or investors. Newer windows, roof & HWH. Remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets and an updated bath. Brick paver patio in backyard. Home warranty included.

(E41GRO) 248-349-5600 \$105,000



WESTLAND Beautifully Updated Colonial
Absolute move-in condition. Newer carpet, all new cabinets, HWH, central air, windows & more. 2 full updated baths. Formal LR & DP. Finished basement, 2 car attached garage. Large lot.

(E03SEC) 248-349-5600 \$160,000



DEARBORN HGTS. This One Won't Last!
3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch offers family room with fireplace, living room and dining room with wood floors, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, full basement & newer windows.

(E24JOH) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



CANTON Edenbrooke Estates
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with 2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, newer roof and vinyl windows, C/A, privacy fence and deck. Updated oak kitchen with island.

(E27HYS) 734-455-5600 \$208,500



NORTHVILLE Goffer? This is For You!
Beautiful home with extensive upgrades. 4 BR, 3.5 BA, first floor MBR, maple cabinets & floors throughout. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite. Professionally landscaped & invisible fence.

(E77BAY) 248-349-5600 \$649,900



NORTHVILLE Smile, You Found It
Sharp 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial family home. GR w/frplc off well-appointed kitchen. Door to multi-tiered deck, finished walk-out LL. Master suite, 3rd ice sized BR's. Plenty of storage, 3 car garage and more.

(E57HOL) 248-349-5600 \$439,900



NORTHVILLE Peaceful Country Setting
In-town residence loaded with charm & character. Artful architectural features both in original & incorporated in updates. Surprise sq ft. in heated garage. Loft & custom fin bsmt. Low maintenance gardens.

(E79SUN) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



WESTLAND Emerald Pointe Raised Ranch
Freshly painted neutral decor. Living room w/vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace opens to kitchen & dining room. Kitchen has loads of cabinets & counter space. Family room w/walkout to paver patio. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Livonia Schs.

(E82TER) 734-455-5600 \$219,500



PITTSFIELD Exceptional Condo
1st floor end unit with a balcony overlooking commons area. Open flowing floor plan with lots of windows. White Merril cabinets complement a great kitchen. Detached garage.

(E99MIL) 734-455-5600 \$163,000



SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
55+ ranch end unit w/2 BR & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from dining room window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio. Single car garage. Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.

(E52CAM) 248-349-5600 \$136,500



NORTHVILLE In Town Location
Old world charm with newer amenities. 3 bedrooms full basement, newer maple kitchen, newer bath too. Walk to health club, cider mill, parks or shops downtown. Home is located with charm. One year home warranty.

(E60HUB) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



NORTHVILLE Hard To Find Cape Condo
Golf course location. Desirable 1st floor master suite. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, full basement, 2 car attached garage. Upper loft FR overlooks 17' vaulted ceiling. First floor laundry, security system. Behind island for reduced traffic.

(E56VIL) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



SHELBY TWP. Outstanding Open Floor Plan
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on large premium part wooded lot presents 2 story great room with fireplace, large kitchen w/island, 2 car att gar, part fin bsmt, doorwall leads to lg deck & stamped concrete.

(E79STR) 734-455-5600 \$324,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Dream House For A Starter
3 bedroom ranch with ceramic tile, built-in desk and cabinets in 3rd bedroom, newer carpet, 6 panel doors. Mechanics dream garage with heat, Florida room, fireplace, oak kitchen and more.

(E10GRA) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



HIGHLAND TWP. Go For It!
Great golf community, 18 holes golf, exquisite clubhouse, swimming & tennis. Beautiful vistas - 4 BR, 3.5 BA 2-story w/dn of light. 3 car side entry garage. Totally neutral. Lots of light. Huge kitchen, ready.

(E42CAR) 248-349-5600 \$379,900



DEARBORN WOW!
Bring your fuzziest buyers to this 3 bedroom bungalow. Some fresh paint & hwdw frs. Newer siding, windows, updated and landscaped. Patio and sprinklers. All appliances stay. What more could you ask for?

(E60HUB) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Lakefront
Townhouse is a rare find. Newer kit cabinets, countertops, floors & apps. Full bsmt. Generous bedroom sizes. Newer windows & doorwall overlooking recently redone patio area. Lake view. Quick occupy. 1 yr. home warr.

(E13ALT) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



LIVONIA A Wonderful Find
Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/frplc and doorwall to deck, 1st floor laundry. Newer roof and most windows.

(E90NOR) 734-455-5600 \$263,500



CANTON Contemporary Ranch
On approximately 1.47 acres with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, deck needs TLC. Additional acre parcel available!

(E80DEN) 734-455-5600 \$299,900



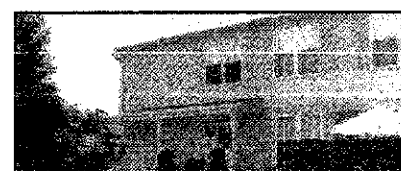
WEST BLOOMFIELD Hills of Chelsea Park
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/numerous upgrades. Grand Swarovski chandelier, granite in kitchen, foyer, formal dining & living room. Private library, 2nd playroom, grand master suite & 2nd master bath.

(E31CHA) 248-349-5600 \$675,000



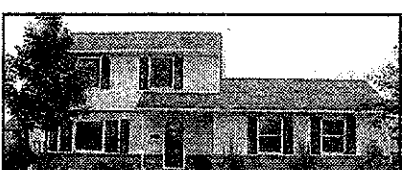
NORTHVILLE Simply The Best
3 BR, 1.5 BA condo. Fabulous great room with built-in bookcase/glass shelving. Updated white light eat-in kitchen & formal dining room. Finished lower level can be used as 2nd office. Newer windows and more.

(E89LEI) 248-349-5600 \$173,900



NOVI Move In Ready
Charming, clean & re-done. Newer: kit & bath, carpet, windows, light fixtures. Also closet organizers, FFL w/extra cabinets. Tastefully painted. French doors to MBR. Complex offers pool & tot lot. Mom would approve.

(E12VIL) 248-349-5600 \$122,900



LYONS Martindale Meadows Home
Located across from walking park. Less than 20 year new home with updates. Neutral decor and beautiful landscaping. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths.

(E15STE) 734-455-5600 \$234,900



TAYLOR Gorgeous Brick Ranch
3 bedrooms, finished basement with 1/2 bath, 2.5 car attached garage, double lot, many updates, sprinkler system, C/A.

(E46WES) 734-455-5600 \$139,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful Chelsea Park
Tucked away in the Woods of Chelsea Park. Designer perfect. Neutral decor. Cooks delight kitchen w/granite & hardwood, formal LR & dining area. First floor laundry, Jack & Jill bath & princess suite.

(E06CHA) 248-349-5600 \$624,000



NORTHVILLE Golf Course 2 BR Condo
Outstanding 2-story w/open floor plan. Ideal for entertaining. Natural maple cabinets t/o. Hwdw frs, DR, eat-in kit. Huge MBR ste w/dressing rm. 2 WIC's, skylight in MBR BA. 2nd BR w/private bath, FFL & 2 car gar.

(E64LYO) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



COMMERCE Brick Ranch
With finished LL. Solid best describes this well cared for brick ranch. Many updates include: fin LL, furnace/AC, roof, carpet, electric, windows/marble slits, brick wet bar w/lighting, beach/boat on Lower Straits Lk.

(E50PIT) 248-363-1200 \$178,900

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NORTHVILLE **\$629,900**
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, grand foyer w/hdwd flrs extending to gourmet kit & nook. Kit has granite island, 42 inch cabs, FR has a bay, soaring ceiling & balcony. Much more! (D44243)

734-591-9200



NOVI **\$514,900**
WONDERFUL HOME IN POPULAR CHASE FARMS Home w/a great open flr plan, spacious kit & brkfst area, formal LR & DR, comfortable den, FR w/cathedral ceiling, brick patio, deck & great fin bsmt. (24040687)

248-348-6430



CANTON **\$479,900**
CENTRAL PARK ESTATES has a new beauty that just hit the market. Belmont 3,464 SF home with many upgrades. 4 BRs, 3 baths, 2 lavs. Cherry cabinets throughout & much more. (23C48828)

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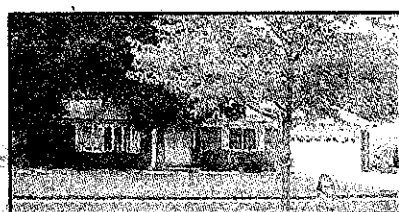
NORTHVILLE **\$360,000**
A BEAUTIFUL SETTING WILL SURROUND YOU. Located on a tree lot in Meadowbrook Hills, this 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 2-story home offers spacious rooms and many updates. Neutral decor. Northville mailing. (24057709)

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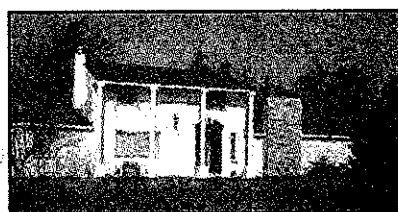
NOVI **\$359,900**
OUTSTANDING! TOTALLY UPDATED COLONIAL Situated on pleasant park-like 3/4 acre lot. 4 BRs, 2.1 BAs, white kit w/hdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/snack bar, 3 car gar, deck, patio & walk. Move in condition! (24036674)

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LIVONIA **\$344,900**
"LIKE NEW" SPACIOUS LIVONIA COLONIAL. Excellent location, condition & price! Beautifully updated thru-out with fieldstone fireplace, finished basement, central air, patio & more! "Move right in". (24063438)

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NOVI **\$329,900**
LARGE BRICK COLONIAL ON AN ACRE! Lots of space! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 22x21 bonus room with separate entrance. Great for home biz or in-laws. Plus 4 car garage, pole barn & pool. Novi schools! (24052069)

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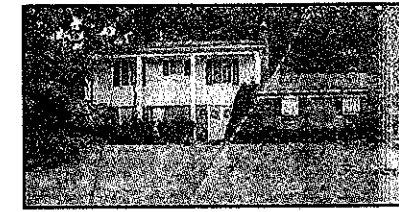
COMMERCE **\$324,900**
ALL SPORTS LAKE SHERWOOD-BOAT LIFT-DOCK 2000 SF colonial, hardwood floors. 2.5 baths, Form DR, LR, nat FR, 90 day rate lock for buyer. Mature tree lot. 1st fir huge Indry/ mud room. Gorgeous. .38 acre lot. (23L5404)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE **\$299,900**
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! (90C0U2)

248-348-6430



BRIGHTON **\$289,900**
GORGEOUS STately COLONIAL This 2,100 SF beauty has 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths. Family room w/fireplace, form DR, lg kit w/breakfast nook, unfinished bsmt, 2 car garage all on a 1/2 acre lot. (O324)

734-326-2000



CANTON **\$289,500**
BEAUTIFUL CONDO! Enjoy links of Pheasant Run! Lovely 1st floor master suite w/California closets & garden tub, two-way fp between great room & hearth room, hdwd floors. (24057738)

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LIVONIA **\$269,900**
ORIGINALLY 4 BR, CAN CONVERT BACK 2.5 BAs, big mstr with his/her closets, tons of updates incl new kit, bath, flrs, wndws, paint, gar dr, HWH. FR w/doorwall to patio, FP. Beautiful garden. (W35043)

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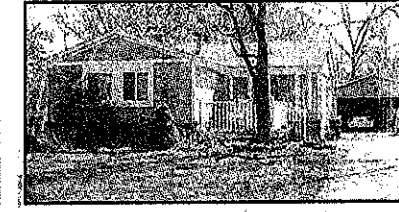
BRIGHTON **\$264,900**
EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION Beautiful home on lg cul-de-sac. GR w/cath ceiling & gas fireplace. 2nd floor loft. 2 BRs & full bath. 1st fir master ste. Prof finished bsmt. Many Upgrades. (25AIR2)

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NOVI **\$239,900**
CHARMING 3 BR, 3.25 BA RANCH w/custom Amish kitchen & oak cabinets. Fieldstone fp in hearth dining area. Finished lower level. 3 car garage. (24035230)

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NORTHVILLE **\$239,900**
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY! Updates: HWH, furn, frnt porch, Indscp, big deck, privacy fence, ext paint, gar dr & rf. Pergo kit flr, french dr to deck, pond & more! Nice bsmt w/ bar. (M15862)

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YPSILANTI **\$236,000**
SPACIOUS CAPE COD 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2248 SF Cape Cod. Master Ste & Indry on 1st floor. Cathedral ceilings in GR. FR w/gas FP. Lincoln Consolidated schools. (23T7896)

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NOVI **\$219,900**
MAPLES OF NOVI CONDO. Two bedrooms, 3.5 baths. GR w/fp, 1st floor master. Doorwall to large deck overlooking 5th green. Full fin basement w/full bath. 1 car att garage. Immed occupancy! (24069321)

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SOUTH LYON **\$219,900**
EXCELLENT VALUE IN DESIRABLE SUB! Enjoy a 3 BR colonial on a corner lot w/deck that overlooks nature area. Walk to downtown South Lyon. Huge mstr ste w/bath, lg kit w/bkfst area & sep DR. (E115)

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PLYMOUTH **\$204,989**
WE HAVE THE KEY... to your future. 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch in Lake Pointe Village. Home offers bright neutral rooms, fenced backyard, finished bsmt, open white kit. Call now for appt. (23S14231)

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LIVONIA **\$194,900**
UPDATED RANCH! Spacious 3 BR, 2 full bath ranch on a great interior fenced lot. New furnace, A/C, roof, kit & bath. Great finished bsmt w/fp, wet bar & huge storage. (23H29655)

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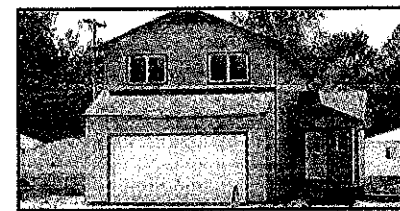
REDFORD **\$194,900**
3 BR, 2.5 BA BRK RANCH ON CUL-DE-SAC 2.5 car garage, finished basement w/bar, beautiful fenced in backyard, park like setting on 2 lots, additional storage bldg, many updates, central air. Must see! (W26164)

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LIVONIA **\$193,900**
QUEEN'S PARK CONDOMINIUMS Only 3 units, over 1560 SF of living space. Each feat 3 BRs up, den on main flr, 2.5 BAs, full bsmt, 1st fir Indry, oak cabs & so much more! \$189,900-193,900 (M9103)

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DEARBORN HGTS **\$179,900**
DON'T DREAM TOO LONG This brand new 1,690 SF 3 BR, vinyl, 2-story colonial won't wait. Featuring C/A, master suite w/full bath & shower, 2 1/2 total baths, att 2 1/2 car garage. (P444)

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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$179,900**
READY TO MOVE IN COLONIAL with hdwd flrs thru-out. New paint, ceramic baths, dining area w/doorwall to nice deck, newer wndws & HWH. Some new appl. Fin bsmt w/rec rm & office area. More! (P23045)

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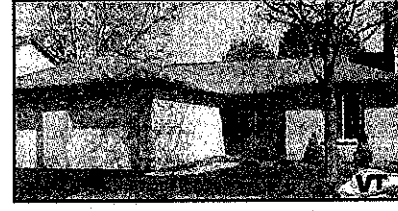
WESTLAND **\$179,500**
EXTRA DEEP LOT 265 FT deep with room for everything, 3 bedrooms, 2-story w/1.5 baths, family room w/fireplace, full basement, att 2 car garage, C/A, pool, patio & deck. (S152)

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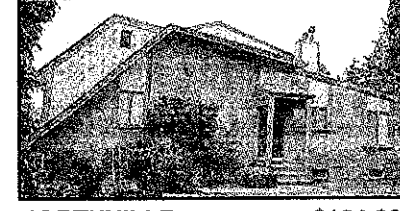
LIVONIA **\$171,500**
READY TO MOVE? You'll stop looking when you see this A-one condition 3 BR, 2 bath brk ranch on huge wooded lot. Updated kitchen, main bath, furnace, c/a, fin bsmt, att gar. (L19851)

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WESTLAND **\$169,900**
DESIRABLE RANCH CONDO & AIRY. Move right in, neutral color throughout, 2 BRs, 2 BAs, 1st fir laundry, all appliances stay, newer Pergo flr in kit & entry area. Seller motivated. Quick occupancy. (24052798)

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NORTHVILLE **\$164,900**
WALKING DISTANCE TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE 2 BR, 2.5 bath condo. Tons of storage, WIC, nicely fin rec rm w/wet bar, prof decorated, newer carpet, deck, 2 car att garage. Affordable! (N958)

734-591-9200



CANTON **\$162,000**
THE NICEST UNIT IN THE COMPLEX! Featuring extra lg deck, huge mstr bath w/Jack & Jill sinks, full bsmt, gas FP, loads of upgrades, fresh neutral paint, 1st fir Indry & so much more! (H4464)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND **\$159,900**
AN ANSWER TO A DREAM Is this 3 BR brick ranch. Full bsmt & 2 car garage w/opener, all on a large 77x120 lot. Enjoy newer furnace, windows, carpeting, roof shingles and C/A. (P124)

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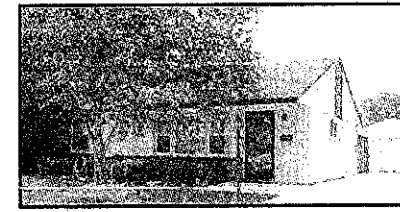
REDFORD **\$159,900**
TRULY A 101 New kit w/ceramic flr & glass/oak cabs, vinyl wndws, tear off, updated main bath, mstr has half bath, refinished hdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/full bath, wet bar & more. (C12081)

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REDFORD **\$139,900**
CHARACTER AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD! Stop by this charming 3 BR, 1.5 bath brk ranch. Updates incl fr, wndws, furn, ac, main bath, security sys, fin bsmt, custom deck & much more! (O24317)

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GARDEN CITY **\$129,953**
SCOTTY...BEAM ME HOME to this 3 BR, 1 BA ranch w/updates galore-wndws, furnace, A/C, roof, carpet, gorgeous kitchen etc,etc,etc. 2 of the BRs are huge. Call now for appointment! (23W29773)

734-455-7000



CANTON **\$126,999**
YES, A quiet 2 BR, 1.5 BA condo. New windows & doorwall to 15x14 deck. Kit has white cathedral cabs & appl. Lg walk-in closet, family room, library, bsmt & privacy. (23N41012)

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SOUTHFIELD **\$120,000**
PERFECT STARTER HOME New roof, patio, and furnace. A must see! Smaller sub. Shed in backyard that is fenced. Clean shows it all. Perfect for starter or empty nester. Describe & Sell! (S218)

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WAYNE **\$115,500**
GREAT STARTER HOME 3 BR bungalow w/full basement (partially finished). Close to schools, parks & fantastic community center w/pool, ice rink, exercise facility & much more! (R343)

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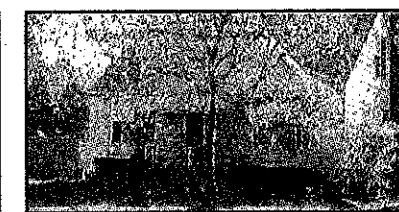
WESTLAND **\$102,500**
HOTTEST BUY TODAY! This 2 or 3 BR alum ranch on a nice lot. Clean w/lots of updates including furnace, carpeting, fr shingles, C/A & vinyl windows. Lg kit w/good table space. (P324)

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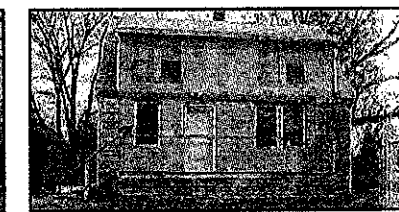
DETROIT **\$95,000**
COZY WARRENDALE BUNGALOW Many updates in this 3 BR, 1 BA home incl: furn, hwh, c/a, elect, roof, ceramic tile all appliances. 2 car gar w/elec & heat. Walking dist to elem school. Home warranty. (60BRA2)

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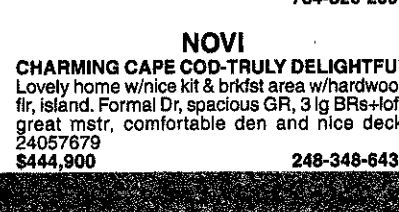
DETROIT **\$84,900**
ROOMY, REDECORATED HOME Freshly painted and carpeted. Newer home W/ND, HWH, driveway and more. Above ground pool. All appliances included. Immediate occupancy. One year home warranty. (R635)

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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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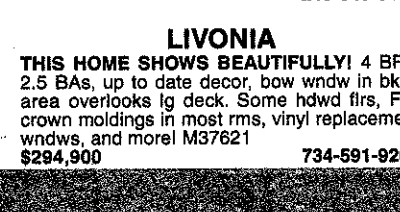
NOVI **\$444,900**
CHARMING CAPE COD-TRULY DELIGHTFUL Lovely home w/nice kit & brkfst area w/hardwood flr, island. Formal Dr, spacious GR, 3 lg BRs-loft, great mstr, comfortable den and nice deck. 24057679

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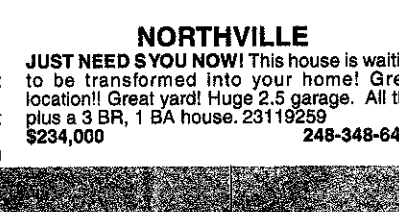
NOVI **\$389,900**
ONE OF THE NICEST FLOOR PLANS! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, lg kit w/island, recessed lvs, updated ceramic flrs, kit, FR, sun rm, deck, prvt deck & yd, lg mstr ste, new fr, almost 3 car gar, w/2 car gar. A22179

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LIVONIA **\$294,900**
THIS HOME SHOWS BEAUTIFULLY! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, up to date decor, bow wndw in bkfst area overlooks lg deck. Some hdwd flrs, FR, crown moldings in most rms, vinyl replacement wndws, and more! M37621

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NORTHVILLE **\$234,000**
JUST NEED S YOU NOW! This house is waiting to be transformed into your home! Great location!! Great yard! Huge 2.5 garage. All this plus a 3 BR, 1 BA house. 23119259

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PLYMOUTH **\$78,900**
LOCATION IS EVERYTHING! Ground floor 1 bedroom condo. Central air, private basement. All appliances included. Great "commons view". Lowest price lowered. 23S1199

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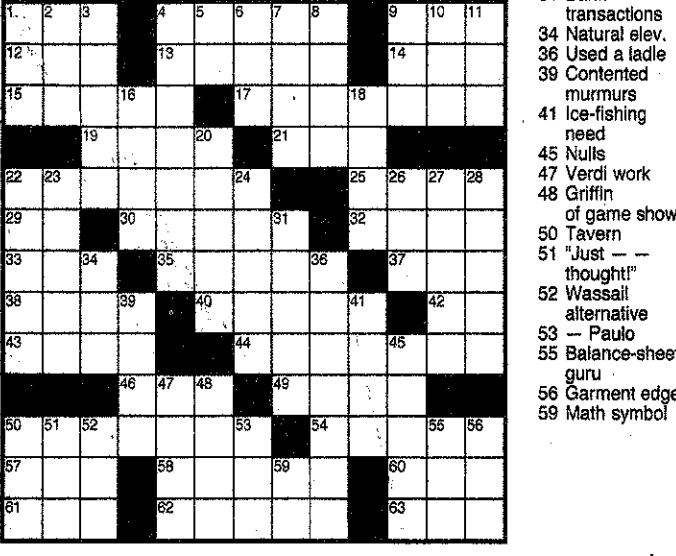
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- Kind of area
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- Bedding plants
- Roost
- Bob Hope's sponsor
- Arrange gracefully
- Unfold, in poetry
- Kindhearted
- Keep away from
- "Play it again, -"
- Candied item
- Be in debt
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The 2004 Lincoln Aviator/LS

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Ford Motor Co. is profitable again, but arguably it has the furthest to go of the traditional Big Three in restoring excitement to its vehicle lineup. General Motors has revived Cadillac with a macho chiseled design theme and is fielding interesting new concepts such as the Pontiac Vibe. Chrysler seems to be succeeding with out-there new models such as the 300C and Dodge Magnum.

True, there is the GT, Ford's revival of its famous racing machine. And more help is on the way, for example, in the person of Peter Horbury, the veteran auto designer who came up with Volvo's new look in the Nineties and recently became Ford's executive director of design for the Americas. "You will see at Ford in the near future cars coming through that make a stronger statement," he promised me.

In the meantime, however, what has been helping Ford return to the black is that its Lincoln luxury-car division has been doing an especially good job with a limited lineup of vehicles. I recently drove two of those, the 2004 Aviator sport-utility vehicle, and the 2004 LS sedan, and I can easily see why these two entries are leading the new-product charge for Ford.

The LS may be a Lincoln, but the marque's flagship model has come a long way from the days when a big Lincoln (or Cadillac, or the Chrysler New Yorker) was a rolling living room whose ride and appointments were meant largely for the senior set. In styling, style and performance, LS very much is cast in the mode of a European sports sedan, and in many ways it is a worthy competitor. For example, LS is a rear-wheel-drive vehicle like the sports sedans produced by Mercedes and BMW. Last year, Ford gave LS a major revision, including more than 500 new or redesigned com-



Aviator combines a rugged truck based platform with a smooth, luxurious ride.

ponents, and the car just feels like a substantive machine.

Stylewise, with its long wheelbase, short overhangs and bulky rear end, LS presents a classy and conservative design, incorporating several styling changes that kicked in with last year's models, including a new grille and tail lamps. Its ride is more than pleasant: quiet with an excellent balance of crisp handling and a smooth ride, anchored by a suspension system that proved capable of swallowing some huge potholes on gravel and dirt-covered roads. It's quiet in the LS cabin as it's propelled capably by a 232-horsepower V6 engine that has one of the highest specific outputs of any available V6. At 18 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway, LS gets respectable gas mileage too.

In terms of amenities, LS offers what you'd expect: classy upholstery and interior trim and all the bells and whistles that are required. For example, the power tilt-and-telescope steering wheel and exterior mirrors are tied to the memory buttons that are specific to separate drivers, which is handy, and the driver's seat automatically moves back for easy ins and outs once the igni-

tion is switched off.

In some ways, Aviator is an even more remarkable accomplishment for Lincoln than LS, because it has capably occupied the mid-size, near-luxury SUV segment that can be a very tricky assignment. Lincoln already has a flagship SUV in the Navigator, but Aviator does a nice job of delivering style in a smaller, more manageable, less expensive package.

Aviator is based on the Ford Explorer, but Aviator combines a rugged, truck-based platform with a smooth, luxurious ride that gives you a feeling of tremendous control. The vehicle's 4.6-liter, 302-horsepower, V8 engine delivers plenty of power, instilling lots of driver confidence (and also proving capable of towing up to 7,300 pounds, a big haul for a vehicle of this size).

Interior amenities include a symmetrical dash, plenty of real wood trim, power-adjustable pedals and leather seating. And at 77 cubic feet of space, the cargo area is plenty ample.

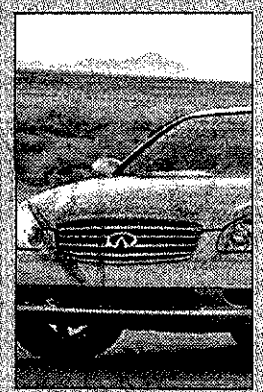
Between LS and Aviator, a big part of Lincoln's vehicle lineup is covered more than capably. Now, Ford promises, reinforcements are on the way.

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