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### **Best of Broadway**

Tickets are still available for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Best of Broadway pops benefit dinner, concert and auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road. Livonia.

The concert will feature songs from favorite Broadway musicals, including selections from Chicago, Cats, My Fair Lady, and the Music Man. Dinner, catered by Laurel Manor, will be served before the concert. The

## VOLUME 29 NUMBER 82 Sign, art, icon? What is Big Boy?

Is it a sign? Is it an icon? Is it art? Is it an architectural feature of the building?

Just what the heck is that little Big Boy on Ford Road just east of Canton Center?

Those were some questions that were raised – somewhat unexpectedly - by 35th District Judge Ron Lowe at a Tuesday hearing that presumably was to determine the fate of the roly-poly little guy with a hamburger on a platter.

Restaurant owners Tony and Rana Matar were in court to challenge a ticket that had been issued by the township citing the statue for being in violation of Canton's sign ordinance. In addition to the Big Boy, which stands near the entrance to the restaurant, the Matars also have a small street sign along Ford Road.

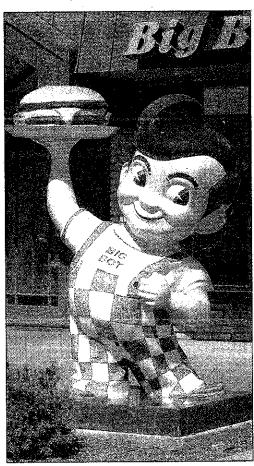
The ordinance only allows one sign. But the Matars maintain that the Big Boy is not a sign but an "icon" that's been around since the 1930s.

As Tuesday's hearing got under way, attorney David Lawrence, representing the Matars, requested a three-week adjournment for discovery.

Lowe questioned why another three weeks were necessary for the case that first got going in January.

"Mr. Lawrence has just recently filed his appearance," said Ron Witthoff, attorney for Canton Township. "He has asked for some documents, zoning board of appeals records and some other township records that are in the ordinance department file."

PLEASE SEE BIG BOY, A5



This little guy is the center of controversy in Canton as the owners of the Big Boy restaurant and their attorney and the township attorney debate in court.

## **New Salem** graduate is a candidate for his 1st vote BY TONY BRUSCATO

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STAFF WRITER

William Gibbins will vote in his first school board election June 14, and one of the candidates he's expected to vote for is: William Gibbins.

The Salem High School senior tossed his hat into the ring to run for one of two seats in the Plymouth-Canton school board election.

"I don't think there's a viewpoint from students, those who are affected most by the decisions of the board," said Gibbins, who turns 19 Saturday. "I think that with someone who can directly connect with students, there could be decisions made that are most fitted to students, and education overall." Gibbins said he plans to attend Schoolcraft College, and later the University of Michigan, where he will major in political science. According to Gibbins, he's got the support of fellow students, parents, teachers and administrators to run for the school board.

"I'm appealing to more than just students, but also the parents of students," Gibbins said. "Many parents are helping me out because I would be helping their students, and overall education throughout the district."

Gibbins will have competition. School board President Judy Mardigian is seeking re-election. Former Hulsing Principal Becky Moore has filed petitions. Plymouth resident Barry Simescu said he wants a shot at the board. And Canton resident Roy McCutcheon will run for the second year in a row.

"A lot of the issues of last year are the same (this year)," McCutcheon said, "but one is more critical: bigger budget problems.

"Plus, the administration is talking about putting up a new elementary school, but not having the \$700,000 to run it," he added. "That's a real issue."

Both board seats are four-year terms. Board member Elizabeth Givens is not seeking re-election. District residents have until May 17 to register to vote in the June 14 election. According to Gibbins,

the top issues facing the board are: Finances. "The biggest issue is the

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evening will include silent and live auctions.

The event is sponsored by Target and supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Mike and Mary Gladchun of RE/MAX on the Trail sponsored the invitations.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children. Table sponsorships for aroups are available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or online at plymouthsymphony@aol.com

Palazzolos and Maniaci have worked long and hard to perfect what they

Honored, but not surprised. The

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center on Ford Road.

rant.

"Our secret is all fresh ingredients," Paul said. "We make fresh dough daily. We use fresh vegetables, cut and sliced daily. There is nothing old."

The sauce is about 30 years of experience making pizzas. "It is our own sauce and our own recipe," Paul said.

But Fay and Paul also believe that what sets Palermo apart is that they will make "customer specific" pizzas. "We make it the way they want it," Paul said. "That's what makes us unique."

One of the most popular pizzas ordered is the super deluxe that features pepperoni, ham, sausage, bacon, cheese, green pepper and optional onions or anchovies.

"When they come out, they look picture perfect," Fay said. Pizza is big, but it isn't the only



Readers of the Canton Observer say Fay and Paul Palazzolo of Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant in the PLEASE SEE BEST OF, A5 Canton Landing shopping center make the best pizza in Canton.

### budget because the deficit is so huge," he said. "Where those cuts are made will affect everything, and I want to make sure they won't harm the education of students as much as possible."

Class size. "Class sizes have been growing across the board, and the one reason we built the new high school and other schools is to reduce class sizes."

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Classroom materials. "There aren't enough take-home books and other materials for students, but the decision was made to put in the Astroturf on the football field.

Gibbins said he already has a campaign committee, and he plans to spend less than a thousand dollars to keep from having to file campaign finance reports. "I already have most of it," he said.

Some of Gibbins' help is expected to come from his mother, Patricia, who owns her own marketing company.

"This was something he came up with on his own," she said. "He really hopes to make a difference in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

## Former clerk Chuhran dies after heart attack

Linda B. Chuhran, who served as Canton Township clerk from 1984 to 1988, died Sunday after suffering an apparent heart attack at her home in Brighton. She was 54.

Her husband, Terry, said he and his wife were watching a movie when she collapsed. He said she hadn't been ill.

Chuhran, who had been a fraud examiner for General Motors Corp., was elected Canton clerk in 1984. A Republican, she was running against incumbent Clerk John Flodin, a Democrat, who had



served as clerk since 1956. Flodin died in October 1984, just before the election.

Chuhran's four years in office were marked with

controversy and litigation. Known for her fashionable attire, big hats and long fingernails, she was a counterpoint to Supervisor Jim Poole, whose trademark was his cowboy hat. That was when the Liberty Fest

was known as the Canton Country Festival and the highlight was the "cowchip fling."

On Wednesday afternoon, Poole said he was going to put on that cowboy hat for the first time since he left office.

"I'm going to see Linda," he said.

The two had their differences while in office.

"She was very litigious," Poole said.

At one time, she sued Poole for "interfering with her powers and duties as township clerk." That suit was expanded to

include the entire board of trustees and for a while board meetings were put on hold because different agendas were being produced by the clerk's office and the supervisor's office.

"She tried to do the right thing," Terry Chuhran said this week. "She always tried to do the right thing. She just didn't like the way the former clerk was doing things and she thought she could do better."

She and Poole, while having plenty of differences while in

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### Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer

Author John Grisham has three passions: words, baseball and small towns. He combines all three in his new movie, Mickey.



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### Van Gogh inspired

Canton artist Sharon Dillenbeck of D& M Studio, says you don't have to be a Van Gogh to produce painted floor cloths as in the above photograph. This is an example of work completed by women in Dillenbeck's Floor Cloths Workshop. The reference work is Van Gogh's Sunflowers. The women paint in acrylics and seal the cloths with a varnish finish. The cloths may be used on the floor or hung on a wall.

## **PSO holds auditions**

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra welcomes orchestral musicians for spring open auditions beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1151 William, Plymouth.

Auditions are open for all instruments - substitute and regular positions - for the symphony and Orchestra Canton, which is the chamber orchestra. Orchestra Canton is conducted by Nan Washburn, PSO music director and conductor.



## Lights, cameras, action at Compuware

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

A sign of the past could be in Plymouth Township's future. A Farmington Hills company, Movies at the Drive-in,

wants to erect drive-in movie screens in the Compuware Sports Arena parking lot to show first-run movies between May and September.

Joseph Cobb said his company picked the Plymouth Township location because the area has a family environment.

"It's alternative and affordable entertainment," Cobb said, "Where a family might spend \$60-\$70 at a traditional theater, they'll be able to spend

about \$25 and see two firstrun movies."

Cobb's company is the same one which opened a drive-in in the parking lot of the Pontiac Silverdome last October.

"We were only able to operate it for six weeks, but it exceeded our revenue goals for the window of opportunity we had," he said. The six-screen Pontiac drive-in is scheduled to open this month.

The idea is a good fit for Compuware, which is home to the Plymouth Whalers junior hockey team, as well as a number of youth leagues. Those programs are at their peak in the fall and winter, leaving a

big void in the spring and summer.

"It seems like a perfect fit for us," said Dennis Moore, vice president of arena operations. 'We're a seasonal business, and it's our slow time. So it's a great alternative use for this facility."

The company is currently working with the Plymouth Township planning commission to get approval for the concept, with additional information to be presented at the April 21 meeting.

'We're confident we can work it out with the township," Moore said. "If it doesn't get approved in a couple of weeks, it could be a deal breaker. We

need the time frame (May-September) to capture revenue. Economically, it won't work unless it opens in May."

While the screens at the Silverdome were anchored into the parking lot, Cobb said the three 30-by-60-foot screens at Compuware - with each to accommodate 500 cars - will be inflatable.

"We will inflate the screens, and bring them down when the movies are over so we don't create any problems," he said.

"The sound of the movie will come through the car's FM radio via a transmitter, so there won't be any speakers or poles."

### Do you have a great library story to share?

In celebration of National Library Week, April 18-24, the Canton Public Library is looking for people who are willing to share their "library stories."

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■ "Duck, Duck, Goose! A Covote's on the Loose" - Karen Beaumont (fiction)

"Charlotte in Paris" – Joan MacPhail Knight (fiction)

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### HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

In celebration of National Library Week, April 18-24, we are interested in learning about the role that the Canton Public Library has played in the lives of individuals in our community. If the library has made a positive impact on you or a member of your family, we would love to hear your "library story." Simply fill out the form (available at the library or online at www.cantonpl.org/libstory.html ) and you'll receive a gift certificate redeemable for two free paperback books at Secondhand Prose, the library's used bookshop.

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"Genealogy Online" Internet Class at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. April 24? For more informa-The orchestra will perform in the Village Theatre at Cherry 397-0999. Hill, when construction is

Auditions are by appointment only. Full orchestra rehearsals for the season begin in late September. For more information, to

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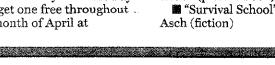
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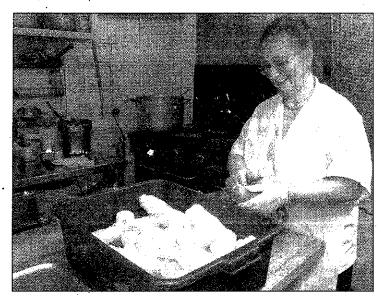


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Rita Ciccerelli, mother of restaurant owner Christina Pescaris, peels boiled spuds in the kitchen of Johnson's Family Restaurant.

## **Still family** New owners maintain the name, menu at Johnson's

Ben Cain is glad to be back on the job. "I'm glad to be making

"I'm glad to be making "I'm glad to be working."

Cain, a longtime familiar face at Johnson's Family Restaurant at Ford and Lilley roads in Canton, was one of more than 30 employees who found themselves out of work in January when the restaurant suddenly closed its doors after about 20 years in business.

Cain worked as a busboy and all of the regular customers knew him — and he knew them.

"I started on July 1, 1986," he said. "I was laid off on Jan. 31, 2004."

But new owners Alex, Tom and Christina Pescaris, who bought the business from Charlie Johnson and his mother, Leah, reopened the establishment March 31, keeping the original name and much of the original menu.

They also rehired a good portion of the old staff, including Cain, whom regular customers had been asking about. And those regulars needn't

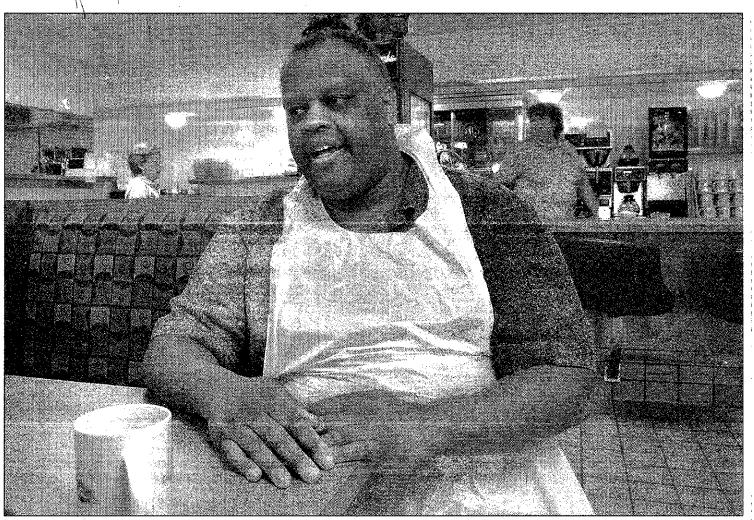
worry about their old favorites being gone from the menu. Dinner specials still feature fish and chips, liver and onions, veal cutlet, fried chicken, barbecued ribs and roast beef.

And breakfast, served anytime, includes multiple omelets, steak and eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy and corned beef hash and eggs. But Alex and Tom, who are

Greek, have added their specialties to the menu.

They include gyros cooked and sliced in the kitchen — Sophia's famous spinach pie platter, a Greek combo platter and, of course, saganaki — Kasseri cheese melted and flamed and served with pita bread and a loud "Opa!" from the waiters and customers.

But Christina is Italian, so she's added her touch to the menu with a little (or a lot) of help from her mother, Rita



Longtime employee Ben Cain talks about his years at Johnson's Family Restaurant that recently reopened with new owners.



Christina Pascaris rings up another breakfast. She is one of the new owners of Johnson's Family Restaurant.

Ciccarelli, who worked at Laurel Manor in Livonia for 15 years and now spends her time in the kitchen of Johnson's whipping up such delights as spaghetti and meatballs, ravioli, chicken or veal parmesan, lasagna and Rita's signature dessert, her homemade tiramisu. Everything, Christina stresses, is fresh and homemade. And the family name may no longer be Johnson, but it's still a family restaurant. Three of the selections are

named for Alex and Christina's children: Tom, 11, Alexis, 8, and Michael, 6. There's two eggs any style (Alexis's favorite) with ham, sausage or bacon and hash browns.

Then there's the chili and cheese omelet (Michael's favorite) made with chili, onions and cheddar cheese. And don't forget Thomas' classic club sandwich, a tripledecker with turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise.

Then there's the burgers, the Coney specials, the sandwiches and soups, the pitas and the low-carb wraps.

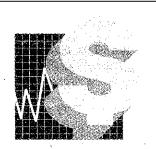
"This is a clean, efficient and organized operation," Christina said.

The family owns and operates three other restaurants, Six Stars in Southgate, Mercury in Dearborn and Astoria in Livonia.

The Canton restaurant's hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Complete carry out is available and catering is offered. Call (734) 981-6877 for more information.



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Business: Johnson's Family Restaurant Address: 42400 Ford Road Owners: Alex, Christina and Tom Pescaris Established: 2004 Principal products: Family restaurant. Number of employees: 40

'This is a clean, efficient and organized operation.' **- Christina Pescaris** 



### DEATHS

В Arnold Patrick Baxendale, 68, of Redford, died April 9.

Jeanne F. Carmichael, 64, of Plymouth, died April 12.

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Miles Nelson Dietrich, 88, of Westland, died April 8.

Gilda Evangelista, 88, of Farmington, died April 11.

Edgar Goodwin, 83, of Livonia, died April 10.

Michele D. Herrst, 37, of Westland, died April 10.

Marie J. Kopack, of Northville, died April 9.

Ruth E. Martin, 69, of Farmington Hills, died April 10. Kathleen Moritz, 51, of Westland, died April 6. Myra M. Mussin, 84, of Westland, died April 11.

Walter H. Noonan, 60, of Farmington Hills, died April 10.

Shirley Beth Bader Solvick, of Farmington Hills, died March 30, Kenneth Szafranski, 64, of Rochester Hills, died April 7.

Robert N. Thornbladh, 78, of New Hudson, formerly of Plymouth, died April 9.

### FOR THE RECORD

## On a wing and a prayer, bird issue postponed

Now it's up to the birds. A court hearing on a motion to dismiss a ticket against Nancy Spencer for feeding birds on her property and in the process attracting pigeons that allegedly damaged a neighbor's roof was postponed for another month on Tuesday. Spencer's attorney, George Shea, told 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe that the problem appears to have been

resolved. "It appears the primary

problem has been alleviated," he said. "For the most part there hasn't been an objectionable congregation of pigeons." Because of the weather and the season, he asked for one more postponement.

"We'd like a 30-day adjournment to see if the problem has been resolved," he said.

Lowe said under the circumstances, he was willing to grant the adjournment.

"Both you and Mr. (Ron) Witthoff (attorney for Canton

### **AROUND CANTON**

Township) were saying in essence that we have détente," Lowe told Shea. "We have a balance of power. We don't want to do anything to shift the balance of power until we see whether the pigeons return."

The case has been ongoing since last year when a neighbor filed a complaint that resulted in Spencer's being ticketed.

Shea moved earlier to dismiss the ticket on the basis

that Spencer was not first issued a notice that a problem existed and given time to fix it before being ticketed.

But Lowe ordered the case sent to neighborhood mediation - a process that failed to solve the problem - and it ended up back in his court-

room. Now it's a matter of waiting another month to see what warmer weather brings.

"We just hope the pigeons cooperate," Shea said.

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the post. Car break-ins

Newspapers.

A resident of 48000 block of Manhattan reported that two of his cars were broken into between 6:30 a.m. April 5 and 7 a.m. April 6. A laptop computer, a Palm Pilot and a digital compass were taken.

He said the box was knocked off

### Heavy shoplifting

An employee of Home Depot on Ford Road reported a shoplifting that occurred about 2:15 p.m. on April 9. He said two men put floor tile and three ceiling fans into a Lincoln Navigator and left the parking lot. They fled east on Ford Road.

### LOGO CONTEST

Have some fun and design a new logo for the Canton

Liberty Fest. From now until 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5 Liberty Fest organizers are accepting entries for a logo contest. Students of all ages are invited to submit a logo for use at the 2005 Liberty Fest.

All entries must use only five colors, fit on the front of an adult sized t-shirt and represent the theme "family fun."

Entries should be dropped off at the Summit on the Park front desk, 46000 Summit Parkway, and directed to the attention of Bob Dates. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and age on the back of your entry. The winning logo will be

of the Canton Observer. The winning artist and his or her family will receive an annual Summit on the Park membership pass valued at up to \$475. All entrants will receive a gift and have their artwork displayed at Liberty Fest 2004 which will be held in Heritage

ing skills. Coffee will be provided; you bring a sack lunch. A couple of times a year the group will make charity quilts and occasionally will have guest speakers or teachers. Non-quilting needle artists are invited to sit and stitch. Diane Cuper is the organizer and can be reached at (734) 340-4807 to answer questions. Dues are \$20.

### **ACTORS WORKSHOP**

Ever After Productions is offering an Actors Workshop for kids 5-15 years of age 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Cherry Hill School.

Kids will be given individual instruction, learn theater terms, get "how to audition" tips and do a performance the final class for your family and friends.

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office, apparently made peace when they each returned to civilian life.

"Jim and she were friends lately," Terry Chuhran said. "He told her later that had he known then what he knows now, things might have been different."

And Poole acknowledged pretty much the same thing. "If she had any shortcom-

ings, they were easy to forgive," he said.

"She wasn't as mean and hateful as she was painted. She got some very bad advice from some people." In recent years, Chuhran was an associate adjunct professor at Schoolcraft College and also taught classes online for the University of Phoenix. She had a total of 13

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

#### PARCEL 3 PARCEL "D (MEDICAL PARCEL)

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#### PARCEL 3 (COLEMAN TRUST) REMAINDER PARCEL

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

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

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

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

> Terry G. Bennett, ClerkCharter Township of Canton

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Survivors include a son, Scott, of Kalamazoo; daughter, Stacey (Brian) Kimble of Howell; granddaughters, Amanda and Katelyn Kimble of Howell; sisters, Pam (Hasan Cicek) Harwell and Debra (Steve) Harwell-Braun.

Services were scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Burn Center.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Saltz Road Grade Establishment Project (Canton Center to Ridge)" along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2004 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

SALTZ ROAD GRADE ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT (Canton Center to Ridge)

Project consists of paving a new bituminous road for Saltz (Canton Center to Ridge) that includes intersection improvements, installation of storm sewers and structures, residential and subdivision drive improvements, excavation, ditching, concrete curb and gutter, permanent lane striping and signage, restoration and all associated work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants. Inc., 6215 Canton Center Road, Suite 301, Canton, MI 48187. A non-refundable fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) will be charged for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order, or a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township DPW Bldg., Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK Publish: 4/15/04 & 4/18/04

### **BIG BOY**

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And Lawrence said he had just learned that morning that a ticket had been filed previously over the same violation and was dismissed.

"My objection is that the township previously dismissed the same ticket before," he said. "We also have a letter from the township supervisor to Mr. Matar indicating that there would be no problem with him having the statue. That was in July of 2003.

"My problem is the township apparently is unable to determine whether the statue is a sign under the ordinance, which I think speaks volumes to whether or not the statue is violative of the defendant's First Amendment rights."

Witthoff disagreed. "It's not a complicated case,"

he said. "It's a zoning case and an interpretation of an ordinance."

Lowe responded that it would probably be germane to the case "if at any time the township signaled in any official capacity that it (the Big Boy) would be allowed."

"I also think it's not surprising that I'm going to have to decide if the statue of the Big Boy is going to constitute a sign and I haven't even gone back to look at the ordinance yet."

He then granted the adjournment, but not before going into a dissertation on signs, art and architecture.

"On Ford Road in Canton, an arts group has been working to get art on the road," he said. "One of the first examples of it were two chairs that were placed on the corner of Canton Center and Ford, which is almost within the immediate vicinity of this Big Boy.

"In the '60s, Campbell's soup cans and other things like that became art. I don't know whether there's a way that this can be justified as pop art."

He cited a P.F. Chang restaurant in Northville that has two horses in front almost as tall as the building.

"I have to believe at some point they are going to be as tied to the name of P.F. Chang as the picture of Big Boy is to the Big Boy Restaurant," he said. "Just how do we differentiate from certain other architectural aspects that designate businesses? Red Roof Inn has the name Red Roof Inn for a reason. It's hard to drive by a Bob Evans and not realize it's a Bob Evans. There's a lot of

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Some Canton Observer readers have questioned why Little Caesars Pizza at Lilley and Ford roads can have a statue, but Big Boy restaurant cannot. The Little Caesars statue apparently is grandfathered into the township's sign ordinance.

was asked if he was surprised by the judge's remarks.

"I find it interesting that neither the ordinance officers nor the township attorney mentioned (public art) as an alternative," he said. "But we'll certainly take Judge Lowe's recommendation and contact the arts commission and find out."

Earlier this year, the township formed a Public Art Committee and approved bylaws for the committee.

A portion of the by-laws reads: "Art in private and public places will enhance Canton's quality of life and solidify Canton as a cultural destination.

"The public environment reveals much about the nature of Canton, the sources of civic pride and the values held by the community. Public art enriches the identity, culture and aesthetics of the community.

"In context, art improves the appearance, energy and atmosphere of public and private spaces through representations of who we are and what we value. Through improving our public and private spaces, public art also affords economic benefits, particularly in retail centers."

Lawrence said he was going to look into the idea of the Big Boy as public art.

"Maybe that's a solution we can all live with," he said. "I can't imagine the arts commission not agreeing that that lovable little statue is, in fact, art."

### CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME HOTLINE REVEALS WHAT SUFFERERS MUST KNOW BEFORE TALKING TO ANY DOCTOR

**Canton, Mi** - If you suffer from carpal tunnel syndrome related symptoms, then you need to know before you take pill, wear a splint, or even consider surgery! Call the Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Hotline toll-free at **1-800-683-1680.** 24 hr. recorded message.



BEST OF

FROM PAGE A1

specialty offered at Palermo. Pasta ranks right up there, as well. When Fay cooks at home, she, of course, makes pasta. But she admits, she can't top the pasta at Palermo. "I try to compete with our pasta chef," she said. "But his are tastier and better."

A full menu is offered. It includes 10 types of salads, sandwiches, hamburgers, fish and sub sandwiches. On the dessert menu are cannolis and tiramisu, both made right at the restaurant. Other desserts are made by a pastry chef in Canada.

Married to Paul when she was 19, Fay admits she "never knew how to boil water." While she worked as a secretary at an insurance agency, Paul was in construction — following a year in college. He really didn't care for college or construction, an inconsistent money maker, especially during the economic recession of the early 1980s. Paul liked the restaurant business. He worked in an Italian restaurant while in school.

That was 23 years ago and Palermo is still going strong.

The first location was in Kennedy Plaza in Canton. The restaurant was there from March 1981 until June 1987. The Palazzolos then moved to Canton Landing, where they have been since. "We started off with one dining room and then extended it for another dining room," Fay said.

The Palazzolos, who have three children, have divided the duties. Fay calls Paul the "head overall" — chef, pizza guy, janitor. She calls herself the "head gopher."

Consistency is what they believe is the key to their success. "Our recipes have never changed. We do not like to experiment. We like consistency," Paul said. "If you come in and you like it, you have your mind made up what you want. If it is not the same, you will be disappointed."

Consistency also applies to the staff of about 20, including family. "I have cooks who have been with us for 15 years," Paul said.

Their children — Tavio, 20, an Albion College student; Manny, a junior at Salem High School; and Rosetta, a seventhgrader at West Middle School — also help at the restaurant. "They are all named after grandparents," Fay said.

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what better name than where I was from?" he said.

Palermo is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; 3-11 p.m. Saturday; and 3-10 p.m. Sunday. The Palazzolos also cater and have room for small parties.



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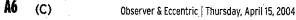
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## **OUR VIEWS Students triple** 'hairy' challenge

The selfiess attitudes of youth never cease to amaze, and Darren Silvester is probably happiest about that.

Silvester is the Plymouth-Canton teacher who vowed students could shave his head if they raised \$2,000 to help the family of Micah Weakland, the Discovery Middle School sixth-grader afflicted with a brain abnormality.

There was also the offer of pizza and doughnuts from fellow government teacher Bill Boyd for whatever class raised the most, but we suspect the prospect of shaving a teacher's head was more of a motivational factor.

Once again showing they're up for a challenge, students nearly tripled the goal, raising \$5,872 for Weakland and his mother, who is fighting breast cancer. Among that money is \$1,000 chipped in by Word Ministry in Royal Oak.

It's the largest – but certainly not the only – donation to a fund set up by Community Financial, which says the pot now includes some \$7,000.

It's an amazing total in such a short time, but just as impressive to Micah's mom, Traci McGuire, a strong believer in God, are the prayers the family has received. McGuire believes they're already helping, saying she saw them "making a difference in Micah" last week.

It's a terrific struggle for McGuire, having to watch her son struggle with his pain while she desperately deals with hers. In the face of that, it was no sweat for Boyd to dig into his wallet to buy some pizza, nor for Silvester to watch his dark locks fall to the floor, with Traci McGuire wielding the shears.

These are two class gentlemen, well-liked teachers who care more about the students than anything else. They're indicative of the atmosphere at the educational park, which really is a microcosm of the community.

"We're beyond grateful. The love and kindness is just amazing," McGuire said. "We cry a lot because the support keeps getting bigger and bigger."

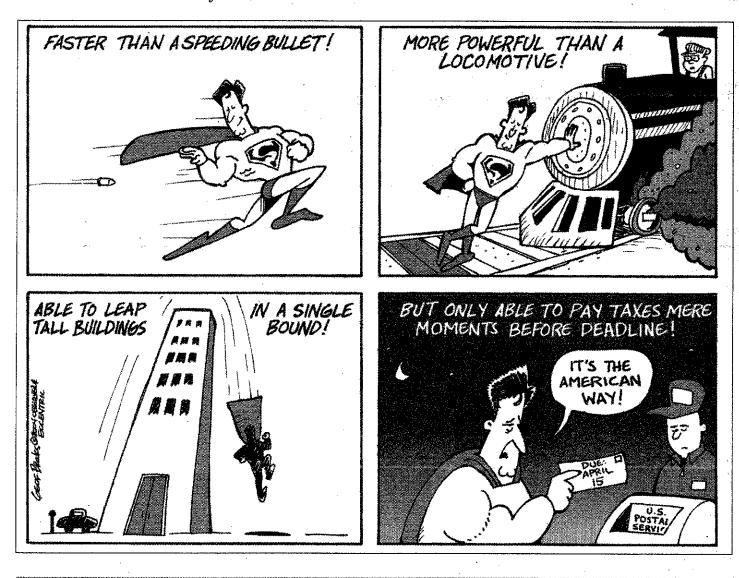
The helping hand is indeed growing. Last week, Plymouth Township police officers sought information on how to get involved. Other groups have had the same question. Here's the answer: Drop off your donations at the Community Financial branches in Plymouth, Canton or Northville, or mail them to 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Just don't be surprised if you have to get in line. In this community, the hearts are just that big.

### **County development** needs leadership

We're pleased that Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is close to naming a new economic development director.

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### **Bad law**

Over the past several weeks, many people have expressed their support for Father Richard Kelly of St. Thomas A'Becket. I am one of those people who support him. I do not believe he did what he was accused of doing. Unfortunately, Father Kelly is being punished based on the mere accusation.

He is put in the position of having to prove himself innocent before the Catholic Church Tribunal. Several weeks ago, an area legislator proposed a radical change to our criminal law. The change concerns sexual assault cases. The proposed legislation says that if a victim says there was no consent to sex, the burden would shift to the accused to prove there was consent.

Currently, all elements of the crime must be proved by the prosecution. This proposed change was prompted by the Kobe Bryant case. It is a bad idea. There is a saying in law school that goes "hard s make bad law Can you imagine how this new burden of proof could be used in Father Kelly's case? The American justice system demands that the prosecutors prove each element of a crime. Guilt by accusation has never been part of our legal system, nor should it be.

### LETTERS

I was pleased to read in her letter that she did state correctly that her problems with the program were, "through no fault of the educational staff in the room." I can assure Mrs. Ham-Kucharski that our three fabulous, wonderfully dedicated teachers and three caring paraprofes-sionals who love and teach these children are seasoned professionals who have years of experience. They will move heaven and earth to be sure your child will "receive the education he deserves."

I understand that your "beef" lies with the current administration. These are tough financial times for our district, with more tough times ahead. Please rest assured that we at Gallimore do all we can to support, include and enhance the educational experience of all of our students.

**Julie Bensinger** 

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### Cockamamie idea

McCotter for staying well past the appointed time so that everyone could have their say. Unfortunately, I came away from this meeting feeling rather troubled by some of the congressman's views and the rude and insulting tone he took with some of his constituents.

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One gentleman, upset over the recently passed prescription drug bill and its effect on him, was advised by Mr. McCotter to not vote for him if he didn't like it. Several of us questioned the Bush administration's reasons for going to war in Iraq and the congressman's response was that it was to fight the war on terror. It was pointed out that there was no evidence to link Iraq to al-Qaeda and that as least two former Bush administration insiders have authored books suggesting that this administration was intent on invading Iraq from the start and that this invasion had made terrorism worse.

McCotter's emphatic response was that Iraq was part of the larger war on terror and that these authors were mere partisans with an ax to grind. Some constituents had concerns about the Bush overtime pay takeaway and the fact that there currently is no federal extension for unemployment benefits. The congressman rightly pointed out that he was one of 39 Republicans in the House who voted to extend benefits. However, this was largely a symbolic vote, which the House Republican leadership "allowed" certain members to vote for in high unemployment districts (Washington Post, Feb. 5). Further, the Senate would have to adopt the measure and these lawmakers would then have to take a separate vote appropriating the funds – which is unlikely to happen. Finally, I would like to remind voters that in the 2002 election, the state Republican majority attempted to take away our right to vote a straight party ballot. Luckily, this proposal was rejected by the voters. Many of us will go to the polls this November, believing that this current administration is taking our country in the wrong direction. I would argue that Mr. McCotter's views certainly mirror those of Mr. Bush (New York Times, Oct. 18, 2002) and I would urge those voters to exercise their right to vote a straight party ticket.

It's about time.

When Ficano came into office last year, he wanted to restructure economic development for the county. He created a committee, headed by businessman Frank Hennessey, to examine how other governments handled economic development. The committee suggested creation of an economic development corporation, modeled after the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

But the wheels of government grind slowly and at a time of economic distress many important projects have been on hold, awaiting the strong leadership of an economic development director.

Ficano has voiced his strong support for continuing the Pinnacle Aeropark, a multi-use development of county land south of Metro Airport. He is also eager to begin work on development of a commercial truck crossing linking Detroit and Windsor, as new security regulations continue to tie up the tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge.

Progress continues on both projects, but slowly.

A core to Wayne County's economic future is the development of the corridor between the county's two airports, Metro and Willow Run. John Kasarda, an expert on airport development projects around the world, was hired by the McNamara administration to consult on the development of an "aerotropolis" for Wayne County.

For this complicated development to come together, it needs a central figure.

"It's absolutely essential that someone take a leadership role," Kasarda said. "The project needs a champion, the staff needs a champion. Who's driving this thing? Who's taking the county to the next level?"

County Executive Ficano needs to step up, outline his vision and make sure the new director hits the ground running. Exciting opportunities are waiting for someone to bring them together and build on the many strengths the county has to offer.

There's no more time for delays. It's time for leadership and action.

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### Saddened

In a recent letter on the opinion page there was a view expressed by Dawn Ham-Kucharski concerning her visitation to a categorical classroom at Gallimore Elementary School in the Plymouth Canton Schools.

As an involved Gallimore parent of four years, and a past PTO co-president, I was saddened by the negative portrayal of Gallimore in her letter. I want to assure readers, especially those who will be sending their precious children to one of Gallimore's two categorical classrooms, that they are not "hidden back in the corner of the school." In fact, one of the categorical classroom is in the main hall, nestled between the second- and third-grade "general ed."

Both of the categorical classrooms are the same size as all other classrooms in the building and sit between "general ed" classrooms. Gallimore's categorical classrooms have approximately 13 students each (half of those in a "general ed" class) so these students have more room for learning.

As is the case with most elementary schools in the district this year every closet and office is being utilized for something due to the increase in student population, but not to "hide students away."

I want to be sure the point is made that the Gallimore family, including parents, staff and students, in no way perceive our categorical classrooms as "being different than general education kids." In fact, a high percentage of parents from the categorical classrooms are very involved with the PTO at Gallimore, and these students attend many after school events with the "home school" students.

I brought my background knowledge to my reading of the article concerning budget cuts in the school district. I know tough decisions must be made. No one wants to cut programs or personnel and different populations of students, parents and staff feel very differently about the various programs and personnel on the chopping block. Then I read the last paragraph. As an excellent reader who monitors her comprehension I was confused, so I reread. "What?" I said as I visualized little people standing before a locked library door during the course of their school day. Someone please help me understand!

As a middle school teacher in this district, I am appalled and frightened. I see the results of students with weak reading skills and no concept of the importance of reading every day. We have to contend with No Child Left Behind and school report cards based on adequate yearly progress and someone thinks closing the media center doors in our elementary schools will allow us to achieve our goals?

Why don't we just tell our students that we want them to learn to read, to learn to love reading but books and access to them aren't important. Why don't we just tell our media specialists that their role in fostering this learning and enjoyment is minimal and we don't really need them. Please, whomever came up with this cockamamie idea as a way to save money, wake up and smell the coffee. It will not save money, but will cost us more.

For some of our students the school library may be the only one they ever enter. Don't take this glorious opportunity away from them, not even for a second. **Rosemary Schimmel** 

### McCotter's wrong direction

I recently attended a "coffee talk" at an area restaurant sponsored by the 11th District Congressional Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and staff, and I would like to share some observations.

First, there was a large crowd who showed up, and I would commend Mr. Kenneth M. Hymes Redford

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### QUOTABLE

"We cry a lot because the support keeps getting bigger and bigger. We're beyond grateful. The love and kindness is just

### amazing."

- Traci McGuire, who has breast cancer, and is the mother of Micah Weakland, who has a brain tumor

## 'Racino' bill is a bad idea to fix state's budget woes

Russia "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." A fair description, it seems to me, of the so-called "racino" bill, now mysteriously Topic A in Lansing scuttlebutt.

There's no mystery about what the bill would do. It would authorize placing slot machines — "video lottery terminals" in bowdlerized legislative language — at Michigan's seven horse racing tracks, including Northville Downs and Hazel Park Harness Raceway in southeastern Michigan. The measure would permit as many as 2,000 machines at each track, yielding the hair-raising



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prospect of as many as another 14,000 slots in Michigan, not counting the four new "tracks" investors want to build as convenient locations for more slots. Readers of a statistical bent will be interested to learn that slots are already spinning at the three casinos in Detroit and 21 other Native American locations around the state. Indeed, devices

for gambling now abound in Michigan: slots, roulette wheels, lottery games, Keno and pull-tab lottery tickets. When he learned

I intended to write about racinos in this column, my colleague at this newspaper, Jack Lessenberry, snorted, "Personally, I think we need another 2,000 video gaming terminals like we need another poisoned cattle feed scandal."

What is mysterious is just why such a blatantly single-purpose bill — a favorite of House of Representatives Speaker Rick Johnson, the Michigan Farm Bureau and various owners of horse tracks, who feel racinos are the only way to save the declining horse racing industry in Michigan from competition by the gambling casinos — has stayed alive for so long.

"Greed is the root of all of this, on all sides," explained Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*. The state is experiencing its third straight year of \$1 billion-plus budget deficits, and after two years of hard budget cutting there's not a whole lot left to cut. Terrified of being charged with raising taxes, however, the Lansing political class is devoting its considerable collective imagination to dreaming up ways to increase state income without calling it a tax.

The House Fiscal Agency estimates that the number of slots initially authorized if the bill passes -500 at each of seven tracks or 3,500 in all - would yield between \$73 million and \$137 million to whatever governmental unit gets a slice of the take. Eventually, Lansing insiders are talking \$200-\$400 million, which would go a long way to help balance the state's budget.

Which, in turn, explains why Gov. Jennifer

Granholm has a love-hate relationship with racinos. She doesn't like the House version of the bill and, in any event, doesn't want it to come to a vote in the Senate "until the budget has been taken care of." But for a governor trying to balance a budget badly in deficit, several hundred million dollars of added revenue (arguably not the result of a tax increase) is not to be taken lightly. A long-time Lansing lobbyist recently told me, "Without the budget crisis, there would be no chance — no chance! — this bill would ever see the light of day."

Another problem with the racino bill is that it would cost the state a vital income stream for economic development and jobs. At present, certain Native American tribes with gaming casinos have agreements with the state to pay 8 percent of their net slot machine take to the Michigan Strategic Fund; last year, the state's share amounted to more than \$13 million. These agreements would be legally terminated if casino-style gaming were to be extended by the state, and "casino-style gaming" certainly includes racinos. Losing this funding for the Strategic Fund would certainly end an effective and successful state economic development program.

Worse, the prevailing Lansing gossip is that a clever deal is cooking to link the racino bill to an effort to raise cigarette taxes by 75 cents a pack. Under the scheme, racinos, having already passed the House, will be brought to a vote in a skeptical Senate. Meanwhile, the cigarette tax increase, now the subject of intense debate in the House Republican caucus, would be brought to a vote in the House.

This kind of cynical log-rolling should be exposed for what it is: Linking a bad idea (racinos) to what might well be a good idea (increasing the cigarette tax). Added to prevailing cynicism about the bill is all the talk about finding ways to deliver a slice of the racino take to Detroit (to buy the votes of the Detroit legislative delegation), to various state agriculture programs (to buy the votes of rural legislators), etc, etc.

As if all this were not enough, most polls (including some paid for by horse track interests) indicate most voters don't want Michigan to turn into Las Vegas North.

The racino bill represents a mysterious device to resolve the riddle of the state's budget deficit. The enigma to me is why the Legislature and Granholm don't simply say "no" to a bad idea and get on with the business of trying to lead the state.

**Phil Power**, in addition to being chairman of the company that owns this newspaper, is also vice chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which uses funds from Native American casinos in some of its programs. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

# Suburban Expatriates strive to save their shrinking city

here is only so much patching and bailing a crew can do before finally abandoning ship.

Heaving and hoeing, the young adults of Detroit are determined and committed to the resumed buoyancy of this sinking city.

The "young adults" of which I speak are Suburban Expatriates. They are the new Creative Class, and hundreds of them proudly call Detroit "home."

These Urban Immigrants are living well. By "well," I do not mean parent-funded-Lincoln Park well. I'm talking about hard-

working, excited, sometimes risky good living.

One Detroiter expressed the ability to live on his own terms — both socially and occupationally — as long as the bills are paid. In fact, he used the term "underground" to describe the feeling of Detroit happenings, both legal and illicit. After spending some time

in the city, I assume that he is speaking about the state of Detroit as the forgotten

great city, everything is sort of happening underneath the surrounding suburbs' noses Marked differences exist between the expe-

riences of Detroit's Urban Pilgrims and their creative siblings flocking southward toward cheap rent and abandoned warehouses.

First and foremost, there is Detroit's schizophrenic history spanning generations and inspiring countless novels, documentaries, lyrics, poems and much more. Secondly, Detroit's amenities are hardly abundant and rent is still relatively high.

These obstacles and inspirations are fuel for the fire. Growing up curious about their sickly urban neighbor, young suburbanites are moving back into this promising ghost town with intention.

Taking ownership over the mess their forefathers left behind, these Suburban Expatriates are reclaiming Detroit by feeding its economy, developing its cultural scene and refurbishing its physical landscape. It's going to be difficult for these budding social reformers to effectively transform the ailing urbanity surrounding them if there is little connection with the mainstream power structures that already exist.

Many Suburban Expats lament Detroit's current political leadership. While there is something to be said for the power of the margins, and the New Detroiter revival is most definitely a marginal movement, the integration of forces is necessary to pool resources and distribute them responsibly.

I hope to see representatives of the budding population rise out of the movement and work with Detroit's governing bodies to implement change at the city as well as state level. Until the main paradigm transforms, there will be no large-scale change.

The New Detroiters are truly grassroots, and they are sprouting, they are spreading, they are bringing more life. However, the future marriage between Urban Hipsters and Detroit depends largely on the young adults integrating as opposed to taking over like an alien species.

It's not enough to set up retail venues and restaurants in fallen neighborhoods, bringing business dollars and hopefully additional residents to the area. Businesses need to act in a cooperative manner with the current residents, training them to work, aiding them in starting their own ventures. By permitting enclave economies, under-development is perpetuated, creating islands of consumerism and profit instead of making healthy linkages with the surrounding population.

The Creative Class has both the educational and material resources to spread and this collaboration must not be neglected in pursuit of some semblance of security.

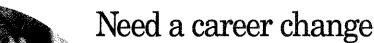
The Urban Hipsters lack the infrastructure many churches and social services agencies already maintain. Perhaps a joint effort by established local leaders to educate these newcomers about the existing efforts to sustain and rehabilitate Detroiters living in poverty could bridge the detrimental voids and inspire fresh transformation. The combination of recognized outreach structures and green ingenuity could lead to fantastic reformation.

It is the responsibility of current and past leaders to acknowledge these new citizens of Detroit and empower them through guidance as well as financial initiatives. The New Detroiters have a responsibility to existing Detroit cultures that entails cooperation and amalgamation, not simply material aid and gentrification. It's a fine line that will only be traversed with mindful balance of power and resources.

Detroit's Suburban Expatriates are a vigorous bunch. They are committed and eager, a fabulous combination, a powerful combination. Michigan can have confidence in their leadership, even if they don't understand their artistic habits.

**Sara Lyon** is a San Diego, Calif., native graduating from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in sociology.

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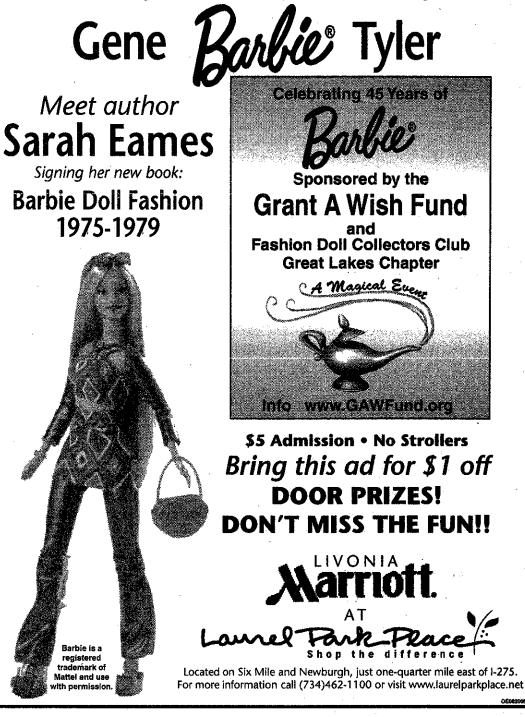


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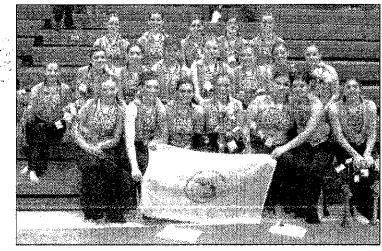
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## Winter Guard takes gold in state championships

The Plymouth Canton Winter Guard - students from Canton, Salem, and Plymouth high schools - took first place gold in the Independent A Class of the Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) State Championships April 3 at Saginaw Valley State University.

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The guard's performance, "The State We're In," received a winning score of 88.25, and was considered a spectacular combination of music and dance using flags, rifles, and sabers.

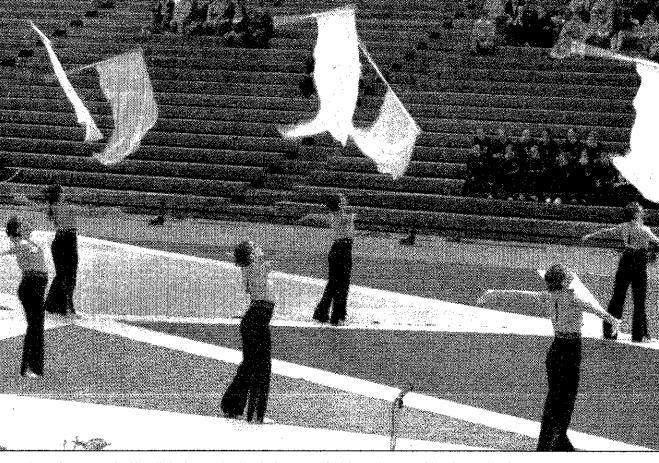
This first-year team has had a great season, as 13 of its 20 members are first-year guard, and the team competes in a

class which includes collegeaged members.

The guard also took first in each of the three MCGC invitational outings in which it participated, and third in the Winter Guard International Regional Competition in Chesterton, Ind., in March.

The young team has only two seniors - captains Joy Shanaberger and Rachel Nelson. They each have four years of guard experience and received "Age-Out Certificates" during the championships.

Juniors include: Lauren Berryman, Alyssa Cercon, Jennie Jansen, Danielle Palarchio, and Brittany Weiss, who received the "100 percent



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Club Member Certificate" for her dedication, motivation, and positive attitude.

Kelly Armbruster, Lauren Blackley, Dawn Bomay, Jessica Eimers, Liz Jadzcak, Natalie Sutherland, and Jenna Volstromer are sophomores. Freshmen include Sarah Cooper, Lyla Ellens, Deanna Koenig, Amanda Meggert-Pierce, Katie Mollenkamp, and Rosalyn Schloemer. Danielle Palarchio and

Jessica Elmers received MCGC \$150 Scholarships that will be applied toward their future participation fees as PCMB Color Guard members. The team will perform as the

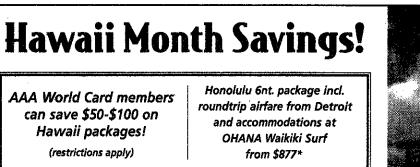
accompanies the award-win-

PCMB Color Guard that

ning P-CEP Marching Band, under the direction of Marc Whitlock.

Head coach Jennifer Leseth and her staff invite anyone who will be a Canton, Salem, or Plymouth High School student in the fall to attend the

Color Guard workshops and auditions from  $3:30-\overline{6}$  p.m. April 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, and 29 in the Plymouth High School band room. For more information, contact Leseth at (734) 582-5666 or pcmbguard@aol.com.



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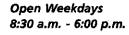
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April 18th is the beginning of National Volunteer Week. Collect newspaper articles about people in your community who offer important services without being paid. List all of the jobs that volunteers do and the agencies or groups that organize them. Find out what special skills or abilities are needed to do certain volunteer jobs. Interview some volunteers (including your parents if they volunteer their time) and ask them why they choose to spend their free time helping others. Report to the class. (Remember, politicians use a lot of volunteers, too, even if it's just being allowed to put a yard sign in the volunteer's front yard!).

National TV Turnoff Week begins on April 19th! Count the number of hours of TV each member of your family watches in a given week. Create bar graphs to illustrate the results. Compare to the number of hours each person read, did homework, exercised, went to school or work, etc., that week. Compute the percentage of time spent on each activity. During TV Turnoff Week, have family members use the newspaper instead of the TV to be entertained and educated.

The Louisiana Purchase was made on April 20, 1803 and it doubled the size of the United States. In 1955 another addition increased the size of the United States by 20%. Name that addition.

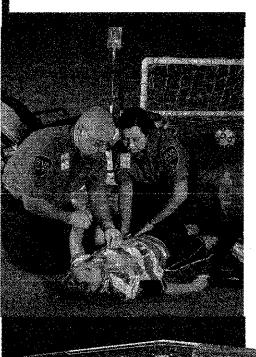
McDonald's first opened on the 15th of April...49 years ago! How would our lives have been different if fast food had never been invented? Do a survey of other classmates to determine how many times they have eaten at McDonald's or other fast food restaurants in the past week. In the past month? Graph your findings. What does this say about our eating habits?

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**OLYMPIC QUEST** - Triathlete seeks third consecutive Olympic berth.

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## Wolcott walks on to success at MSU

The vast majority of nonscholarship athletes who walk on to major college athletic programs usually walk off four or five years later with little to show for their efforts.

Former Canton High School three-sport standout Oliver Wolcott is proving to be an exception to this rule.

Two years after sitting out the year as a redshirt and one year after playing sparingly as a

reserve, Wolcott is a catalyst for the 2004 Michigan State University baseball team, which currently sits atop the Big Ten standings with a 6-2 record. The Spartans had won a school-record 12 consecutive games before losing to Illinois on Saturday.

As of Monday, Wolcott - the Spartans' starting second baseman and No. 2 hitter in the lineup - was punishing opposing pitchers with a .341 batting average, four home runs and 15 RBI. He has also swiped a team-leading seven bases (including four in one game) and played almost flawlessly in the field, having committed just three errors.

How did Wolcott defy the odds and transform himself from a seldom-used reserve to a kev contributor on one of the hottest collegiate baseball teams in the country?

Perseverance and long hours in the weight room.

"I've always worked hard in the off-season, but this past offseason I really pounded the weights, and it has paid off," confirmed Wolcott, who is a junior with two years of baseball eligibility remaining following this season. "I think I only hit four home runs during my entire high school career, and I have four already this year."

Wolcott started this season as a reserve, but soon convinced MSU head coach Ted Mahan that he deserved a spot in the starting lineup. "Coach Mahan told me before the year started that I wouldn't be starting, but he said he knew I could do the job if I ever got the opportunity (to start)," Wolcott said. "I got a start the second game of the season, I played well and he's left me in there ever since."



### Madonna golfers 9th The Madonna

University men's golf team opened its season Saturday with a ninthplace finish in the 14team Findlay University



Oiler Spring Invitational. Jason Rammler was the Crusaders' top individual finisher, shooting a 3-over-par 74, which was good for 11th place. Justin Goit was the next best Crusader fin-

isher, firing a 78 (tie for 39th). Rounding out the field for Madonna were Tom McCall (81), Steve Robinson (83) and Adam DeMara (88).

Madonna finished 59 strokes behind champion Ferris State University.

### Hole-in-one

Canton resident Bud Bailey didn't wait for the weather to warm up to. record the first hole-inone of his 36-year golfing career.

Bailey, 50, found the hole on his tee shot with a 3-wood on the 184-yard ninth hole Monday at Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon.

Bailey shot a 42 for the round.

### **Roller hockey** Canton native Mike

**Chief tennis** team enters season with high hopes last year's 9-5 team, it's easy to understand why Canton tennis coach Barb Lehman has a good feeling heading into the 2004 campaign. Lehman, who is beginning her 13th year as coach. "The biggest benefit of having so many returners is that they've seen a lot of their competition already. They will be playing a lot of the kids they played against last year." Jon-Eric Cornier and Matte Kurd will leave two large holes in the Chiefs' lineup. Lehman is counting on a few

Canton's boys tennis team will be relying on senior Brian Keesey to provide it with leadership and victories this season from the No. 1 singles slot.

## Chiefs' strengths are speed, defense

It's standard practice for pitchers to apply ice to their arms after they pitch to help alleviate the wear and tear



ment. Gone - but not forgotten — are second-team All-State performer Matt Kay, who hit .460; All-Conference pitching standout Carl McDevitt, who finished 7-3 in 2003; All-Division player Andy Howald; and starting catcher Ryan Powell, probably the Chiefs' top defensive player last year. Who will fill the void left by the graduated, heavy-hitting Kay? Canton has several candidates, most notably senior third baseman Kevin

Kwiatowski, who missed his entire junior season in 2003. "Kevin should definitely be one of our top hitters this

PLEASE SEE TENNIS, B4

## geared for special kids

New soccer

program is

Soccer Challenge, a new program offered by Canton's High Velocity Sports, will give special-needs children an opportunity to participate in soccer instead of watching the sport from the sidelines. "We had a couple of moms who have kids with special needs approach us about starting a soccer program for their youngsters," High Velocity Assistant General Manager Elaine Mavridis said. "Whenever we get special requests like this, we do whatever we can to help out. So far, the parents I've talked to whose kids will be participating in the program are very excited. We've also received commitments from some volunteer coaches and helpers, too, which is encouraging."

The inaugural year of the Soccer Challenge will be divided into two sessions: spring and summer. The spring session will run May 2-June 26, while the summer program will go from June 27 to Aug. 29. The deadline to register for the spring session is April 26. The summer deadline is June 23.

The age range of the children eligible for the program is 5-12 years old. The program will be geared around special-needs children with mental and physical challenges, Down syndrome, visual impairments, limited mobility and autism.

"Whenever we start a new program like this, it usually takes some time for the word to get out and let everyone know that it's out there," Mavridis said. "So even if we don't have a great turnout for the spring session, we're confident the momentum will build and the summer session will be filled up. We're getting a lot of support from several schools in the area.

For the \$50 registration fee, players will have an opportunity to participate in two practices and six games, spanning eight weeks. The games will be officiated, but not as tightly as a regular soccer match, Mavridis said.

For more information on Soccer Challenge, contact Tracy Thelen at (734) 487-7678, or visit the High Velocity Sports web site at www.hvsports.com.

their muscles endure during games.

Opponents of this year's Canton High School baseball team may want to have some extra ice cubes ready for their catchers' arms as well, based on the stolen-base potential the speedy Chiefs will bring to the diamond.

"We have a lot of team speed this year," Canton coach Scott Dickey said. "We

should also be strong defensively. Our infield defense is definitely one of our strengths and our outfield is getting better."

Canton lost four key players from last year's team that finished 15-13 overall and captured the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division and the WLAA conference tournayear," Dickey said. "He's very solid at third base, too." Junior first baseman Jake

With seven players returning from

"I'm definitely optimistic," said

The graduation of 2003 co-captains

Powers' potent bat will also be a fixture in the middle of the Chiefs' lineup. As a sophomore, Powers hit .302 and earned WLAA West Division honorable-mention consideration.

The starting infield will be

### PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B3

## Top volleyball coach Sieloff rapid learner

Gail Sieloff could be described as a "self-made" vollevball coach.

Sieloff began following the sport when her daughter, Amy, played in the early 1990s at Lutheran High Westland.

Sieloff spent seven years coaching at Guardian Lutheran Junior High in Dearborn before making the jump to Lutheran Westland in 2001-02, when she coached her younger daughter Bethany as a senior.

The Warriors soared to new heights this winter under Sieloff, going 38-6-5 overall, while winning the Metro Conference crown and reaching the Division 4 regional final at Burton Bendle before losing to Royal Oak Shrine.

For her efforts, Sieloff was named Observerland Coach of the Year.

This year's All-Observer team (see page B3) features three players each from area powers Livonia Churchill and Salem, along with two from Livonia Ladywood.

Lutheran Westland placed one player each on the first, second and third teams. "We had four seniors who

Complete reporting of the 2004 All-Observer Volleyball Team is inside. Page B3.

really knew the game and loved to play," said Sieloff, who is 84-21-4 in three seasons.

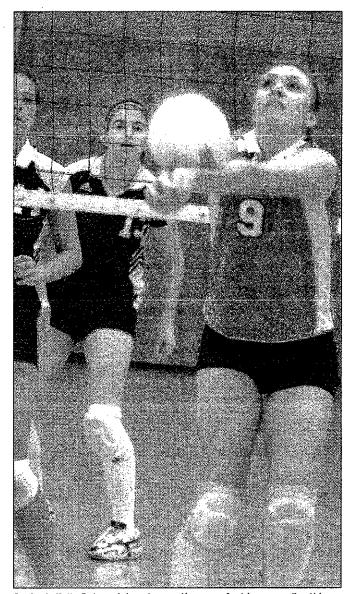
"They also helped the juniors coming up. They wanted to practice and play. They were a fun team to coach. We had good senior leadership."

Sieloff, who doubles as a real estate agent for Mayfair Realty in Livonia and manages Tradewinds Spa in Novi, began her volleyball coaching career "just wanting to help."

"I went to a lot of clinics because you can never stop learning," she said.

After settling for two Metro co-titles, the Warriors were able to win the conference outright and capture their first district title this year.

"My JV coach Dave Ruth does a good job of getting them ready to play at the next level," Sieloff said. "And my athletic director Mike Unger follows through on things and sets things up. I feel blessed having him."



Canton's Kelly Baker, pictured executing a perfect bump earlier this season against Salem, is the Chiefs' lone representative on this year's All-Area Volleyball Team.

Lieberman, a student at Eastern Michigan University, helped the Eagles' roller hockey club to a third-place finish in the Midwest Collegiate Roller Hockey League, ahead of several Big Ten teams, including Illinois (fourth place), Michigan (eighth place), Michigan State (ninth place) and Ohio State (12th place). EMU finished third behind Ball State and Dayton and is one of seven Midwest-based teams invited to play in the national roller hockey tournament scheduled for April 13-20 in California.

### **T-Ball signup**

The city of Plymouth **Recreation Department** is accepting registrations for its 5-and 6-year-

old T-ball league through April 18. Children must be born from July-December

1997, January December 1998 and January-July 1999. **Registration is from 8** a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the **Recreation Department's** offices, located in the **Plymouth Cultural Center** at 525 Farmer. A birth certificate is

required.

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

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

### BASEBALL

### **Crusaders sweep twinbill to reach .500** Salem outslugs Lumberjacks but gets swept in twinbill

The Madonna baseball team worked its way back to the break-even mark for the season Saturday by sweeping a double-header from host Aquinas College, 3-2 and 9-1. The Crusaders are now 18-18 (5-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference). Aquinas fell to 7-18 (1-7 in the WHAC).

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In game one, Madonna jumped ahead 1-0 When Ben Galus reached on a one-out

walk and scored on an errant throw.

After Aquinas knotted the game at 1-1 in the top of the third, the Crusaders regained the lead in the bottom of the frame when Jason Barbeau singled, took second on Preston Picard's sacrifice bunt and scored on Kevin Zerbo's single.

With the game tied at 2-2 in the fifth, Madonna scored the

game-winner when with two outs, Barbeau walked and later scored on a Picard triple.

Dan Duffey pitched the first 3.1 innings for Madonna, striking out two while yielding two runs. Mike Hand relieved Duffey in the fourth and earned the win. Kyle Fedorka was credited with his third save after retiring two batters in the ninth.

Galus paced the Crusaders'

offensive uprising in game two, collecting three hits, an RBI and a run scored. Kellen Fry also carried a hot stick, going 2-for-4 with a run scored.

A pair of seniors sparkled on the mound for Madonna in the nightcap. Chris Behrns (3-0) pitched the first 6.1 innings, striking out a career-high nine batters. Doug Brooks finished up, fanning six of the eight batters he faced in the final 2.2 innings.

### Madonna softball team splits two with Aquinas

Madonna University's softball team rode the overpowering pitching of Kelly Nilson, and the clutch hitting of Kasey DeSutter to a double-header split with Aquinas College Saturday.

The Crusaders, now 21-11-2 overall and 4-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, won the opener, 2-0, before dropping game two, 6-5.

Nilson was close to perfect in game one, retiring the first nine batters she faced before finally allowing a pair of singles in the fourth.

Madonna scored both of its runs in the second on back-toback singles by Krystal Shina and Jamie Bobrowski, and a clutch two-out, two-run double by Kasey DeSutter.

Aquinas threatened in the top of the seventh, putting runners on the corners with two outs. However, Nilson struck out Jaclyn Salzwedel to seal the win and raise her record to 12-6

After the Saints surged to an early 2-0 lead in game two, the Crusaders charged back with one run in the second and two in the third to take a shortlived lead, DeSutter, Shina and Arin Fowler all contributed RBI in the rally.

Trailing 6-3, Madonna battled back to score a pair in the bottom of the seventh when Jen Swanson crossed the plate during a run-down and Emily Cunningham scored on a wild pitch. The Crusaders eventually got the tying run to third before the rally was snuffed

The split left Aquinas with a 19-15 overall mark (9-3 in the WHAC).

Despite out-hitting Saginaw Arthur Hill in both games of a double-header Saturday, Salem's baseball team dropped both ends of the twinbill, 3-2 and 5-2.

The losses dropped the Rocks to 1-3 on the young season heading into their annual spring trip to Cincinnati this weekend.

In the opener, Salem grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when, with two outs, Steve Cox ripped a double. Cox advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on an errant throw by Arthur Hill's catcher. Salem sophomore pitcher Josh Ritter held the Lumberjacks in check until the third when they tied the game on a home run off the bat of lead-off hitter Adam Emmenecker.

Ritter pitched brilliantly in his varsity debut, limiting Arthur Hill to just three hits in four innings.

Salem regained the lead briefly in the top of the sixth

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when Andy Thackaberry doubled, went to third on a ground ball, then scored on Cliff Thomas's sacrifice fly.

The Lumberjacks won the game in the bottom of the sixth when Matt Bradev stroked a two-run double.

Salem finished with six hits and one error, while Arthur Hill managed only five hits.

The Rocks started strongly in game two as well when Andy Ciantar, who had reached on an error, scored on Cox's second double of the day.

With the game tied at 1-1, Salem rebounded with a run in the fourth when Thackaberry singled, advanced to third on a wild pick-off throw, and scored on Scott Holka's sacrifice fly.

The Lumberjacks retaliated quickly, scoring four times in their half of the fourth to put the game on ice.

Arthur Hills collected just two hits against Salem pitchers Mitch Hosch, Dylan Tobin, but they took advantage of several walks. The big blow came in the fourth when Arthur Hill's Melvin Williams blasted a grand slam.

Salem scattered six hits and had no errors in the nightcap.

Arthur Hill is coached by former Salem baseball coach John Gravlin.

**Public Notice County Taxpayers** 2001 Unpaid Property Tax Deadline Extended to April 20, 2004

A request by Wayne County Treasurer, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, to Wayne Circuit Court to extend the deadline date for payment of delinquent 2001 Wayne County real property taxes from the statutory prescribed date of March 31, 2004, has been granted. The new date is April 30, 2004 for taxpayers to either pay their taxes or file an application for financial hardship. Anyone who has delinquent taxes, questions or concerns are encouraged to contact our office as soon as possible for assistance.

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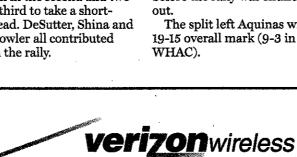


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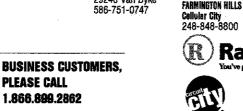
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In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 "Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2004-05 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

JILL F. O'SULLIVAN Vice President for Finance and Business Services Publish: April 15, 2004



### **ALL-OBSERVER VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Jordan Falcusan

Maria Mezzadri

Liv. Stevenson

Salem

Kelsey Mack, Jr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The 6-foot junior outside hitter led the Western Lakes Activities Association and district champions with a team-high 410 kills. She also ranked second on the Charges in blocks (66) and aces (80) to go along with 338 digs.

She is 12th all-time on the MHSAA list for kills in a three-game match with 26 (against Salem). She also made All-Western Lakes and was honorable mention All-State.

#### 2003-04 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM Kelsey Mack, 6-0 Jr. OH, Liv. Churchill Jacqui Gatt, 5-7 Sr. OH, Liv. Churchill Jordan Falcusan, 5-4 Sr. S, Salem Ellen Canale, 5-9 Jr. OH, Salem

Kelly Baker, 5-11 Sr. MB, Canton Danielle Palasak, 6-0 Sr. MH, Liv. Ladywood Amy Szymanski, 5-8 Sr. S, Liv. Ladywood María Mezzadri, 5-9 So. MH, Liv. Stevenson Melissa Kratko, 5-8 Sr. S. Luth. Westland Katie Tuomi, 5-6 Jr. OH, Clarenceville Jenna Kirby, 6-0 Sr. MB, Liv. Churchill Lauren Price, 5-11 So, MB, Salem SECOND TEAM Jennifer Swartz, 5-11 So. MH, John Glenn Sarah Hausch, 5-8 sr. OH. Luth. Westland Teresa Coppiellie, 5-11 Fr. OH, Salem Courtney Phillips, 5-10 Sr. OH, Ladywood

Katie Esper, 5-11 Sr. MB. Canton Ashley Cecil, 5-6 Sr. S, Liv. Churchill THIRD TEAM

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Laura Flaugher, 5-3 Sr. S, Stevenson COACH OF THE YEAR Gail Sieloff, Lutheran Westland

HONORABLE MENTION Churchill: Kim Meyer, Stephanie Gorte:

Franklin: Trisha Morrill, Tonya Obraz, Jenny Schniers, Shannon Powers: Stevenson: Linda Montgomery, Kelly Gibbons, Kristen Hutchins, Mindy Magoulick, Lisa Williamson; Ladywood: Lauren Boehmer; Clarenceville: Whitney Kubera, Ashley Sledz, Jessica Gutierrez: Lutheran Westland: Ashley Degan, Megan Bahr, Elyse Gieschen, Kelsey Ramthun; John Glenn: Erin Phillips, Devin Ross; Wayne Memorial: Sarah Smith, Jennifer Hardy; Huron Valley Lutheran: Becky Schultz, Amanda Gruenewald; Canton: Elizabeth Alexander, Kara Jones, Katie Mills, Andrea Johnson; Salem: Jill Niemi, Cortney Edwards; St. Katharine: Alice Arutoff, Tiffany Foley; Thurston: Katie Moran, Madison McCoy; Redford Union: Kirsten Gwizdala; Plymouth Christian Academy: Lindsay Pew, Kelsie Tietjen, Kelli Sieler; Canton Agape Christian: A.J. Creps, Emily Tong.

"Kelsey is developing into one of the most dominant players in the area," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "She is a tireless worker in season and out of season. She is very coachable and has improved her defense, passing and serving to complement a great swing. Kelsey's future is very bright and she should have a great senior season."

Jacqui Gatt, Sr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The 5-7 senior outside hitter ranked second on the team in total kills (377) and set school records for total aces (83) and digs (612). She also served received at a 96.5 percent clip (381 of 395).

Gatt, headed to NAIA power Madonna University, also made All-WLAA and was honorable mention All-State.

"Jacqui is one of the most competitive individuals I've coached in 13 years," Grenier said. "She was a captain; our leader both on and off the court. Jacqui is an outstanding athlete who did everything for us. She is one of the best defensive players Churchill has ever had.

"We're going to miss her, but look forward to seeing her play at Madonna." Jordan Falcusan, Sr. Setter, Salem: The four-year starter capped a brilliant career by finishing her senior season with 1,047 assists, along with 86 aces, 157 digs and 39 kills en route to All-

Western Lakes honors. She had only 16 ball-handling errors all year.

The 5-4 senior setter is headed to Texas A&M on a soccer scholarship.

"This year, Jordan became an extremely consistent setter and one of our best defenders," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "She played all the way around and scored more points off the second ball.

"She was a spectacular player for us. There was a big difference between her iunior and senior year."

Eilen Canale, Jr. OH, Salem: The 5-9 junior finished with a total of 293 kills in 976 attempts to go along with 22 aces, 200 digs and 60 blocks (including 17 solo).

Canale overcame a sore shoulder to make All-Western Lakes.

"Ellen had a fast arm swing and the highest jump on our team," Teeters said. "The stats don't tell what she did for us. Jordan and Ellen made a great combination. She could also go to the middle blocker on occasion.

Kelly Baker, Sr. MB, Canton: The 5-10 senior middle hitter made All-WLAA and Academic All-State.

Jacqui Gatt

Churchill



Amy Szymanski Liv. Ladywood

She finished the year with a total of 223 kills (.251 hitting percentage) with 216 digs, 99 aces and a 92 percent serving rate.

"Kelly was the key for us defensively as a middle attacker, which is not an easy thing to do." Canton coach Steve Anderson said. "She also had one of the best serves I've coached in all my years. She has a good float serve."

Danielle Palasak, Sr. MH, Liv. Ladywood: The 6-foot senior middle hitter made second-team All-State in Class B, along with earning All-Catholic honors as the Blazers reached the state quarterfinals.

Palasak had a total of 347 kills with a .295 hitting percentage. She also added 450 digs and 63 aces.

"Danielle stepped up this year as a ao-to player and she did well stepping into that role," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "She was more of a force and will be missed next year."

Amy Szymanski, Sr. Setter, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-8 senior setter helped Blazers to the state Class B guarterfi-

Ellen Canale

Salem

Melissa Kratko Lutheran Westland

nals with a team-high 517 assists. The All-Catholic League and All-Region pick is headed in the to Madonna in the fall

The third-year starter also finished with 72 aces and had a .427 assist-to-kill percentage.

"Amy took control of the court and knew who to go to in certain situations," Craggs said. "She was an extension of the coach on the court.

Maria Mezzadri, Soph. MH, Liv. Stevenson: The 5-9 sophomore middle hitter made All-Western Lakes while leading the Spartans in kills.

"Volleyball is her sport," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She was our best offensive player and stepped into her starting role like a three-year varsity player. She improved as the season went along and became one of the league's top hitters.

"If she continues to improve, she could be a Division I player."

Melissa Kratko, Sr. Setter, Luth. Westland: The 5-8 senior setter led the



Kelly Baker Canton

Katie Tuomi

Clarenceville

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Lauren Price

Salem

the Metro Conference and Class C dis-

trict title. She also earned Metro

kills (six per game) with a 93 percent

serve percentage and a 28 percent

front row, could pass and hit," Lutheran

Westland coach Gail Sieloff said, "She

ran the floor for us. She was quick. She

could set anywhere. She was our team

Katie Tuomi, Jr. OH, Liv. Clarenceville:

The 5-6 junior outside hitter led the

Trojans in all statistical categories with

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the best all-around athletes, make that

one of the best student-athletes ever to

come out of Clarenceville." coach Alisha

Love said. "She had that intestinal forti-

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Jenna Kirby, Sr. MB, Liv. Churchill:

"Katie was our best player and one of

because we ran a 5-1 (attack)."

Kratko had a total of 398 assist-to-

'Melissa also blocked for us on the

**Kelsey Mack** 

Western Lakes and led the Chargers in total blocks with 94.

kills (third on the squad).

Grenier said. "On many occasions, she was dominant force blocking or running

tial. I would expect her to continue to improve and be able to contribute for Madonna next season.

average, also made Academic All-State.

Lauren Price, Soph. MB, Salem: The 5-11 sophomore middle blocker made All-Lakes Division after finishing with a total of 144 kills in 321 attempts.

Price also had 259 digs, 47 aces, 27 solo blocks and 54 block-assists.

"Lauren was our top hitter last year could play in the back and front row."

### BASEBALL

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rounded out by slick-fielding, fleet-footed junior second baseman Dave Neu and senior shortstop Dave Mintz, who garnered All-Division honors last year.

Backing up the infielders will be junior Scott Steffes, senior Richard DeMeyere, junior Brian Whiting and junior Russ

Bruner. Junior Reece McCabe will handle most of the Chiefs' catching duties, with junior Scott Steffes serving in a reserve role.

ior Steve Campbell in right. Little, who started at third last year as a freshman, compiled an impressive .323 batting average and received All-Division honorable mention

recognition. Shane Gring, Craig Galarnau, Kyle McKinney, Eric Byrne and Joe Mishler will serve as outfield reserves for

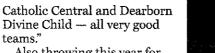
the Chiefs. The Chiefs' mound staff is deep and talented as nine players can be called on to pitch. Little, junior Matt

Divine Child — all very good teams."

Also throwing this year for Canton will be Byrne, Mintz, Mishler, Whiting and Bruner. "We have a lot of depth with

our pitching staff this year, options," Dickey said.

Canton will be tested early and often this year with a nonconference schedule that rates as one of the most competitive in the state. "I like to compare our non-conference schedule



which gives me a lot of



**FIRST TEAM** 

Jenna Kirby Liv. Ladywood

**Danielle Palasak** Liv. Ladywood 4.0

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Liv. Churchill

She also finished the year with 265,

"Jenna had a breakout senior year,"

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Kirby, who carries a 3.87 grade-point

as a freshman and we moved her to right side to fast-attack, which is the best place to score from," Teeters said; "She was a primary serve receiver who

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Canton's starting outfield will consist of junior Brad Gallison in left, sophomore Shawn Little in center and sen-

Hemmelgarn, DeMeyere and Powers head the rotation. DeMeyere finished 2-4 in 2003 with an impressive 2.44 earned-run average.

"Richard's won-loss record was deceptive," Dickey said. "Three of his losses were to Birmingham Brother Rice,

to the difficult one Michigan State's basketball team had this past year," Dickey joked. "I just hope it doesn't wear us out like State's did. We'll definitely learn a lot about our team after playing so many good teams. It should prepare us nicely for the conference schedule.

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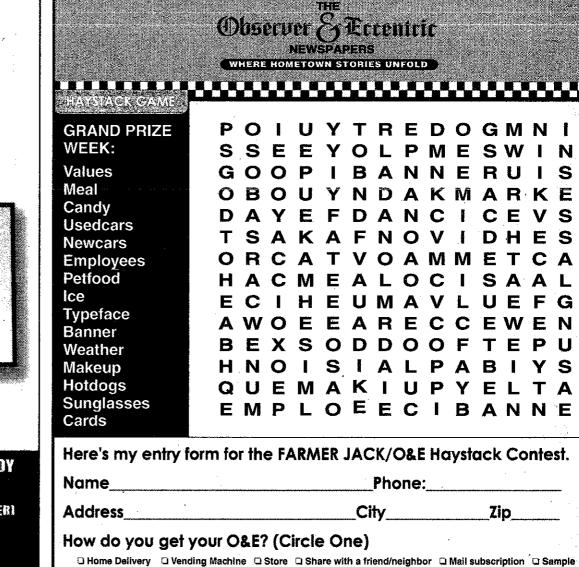
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Western Lakes Activities

### Salem tennis squad looks to feast on foes in 2004 TENNIS

In an effort to build team unity, Salem's tennis team will be meeting every Wednesday evening for a mid-week dinner.

With several outstanding players returning from last year's team, the Rocks very well could be feasting on many of their opponents as well this year.

"We have 40 players showing up for practice on a regular basis, and tennis is the only sport for at least half of them, so there is a lot of interest in the program," said coach Bill Nelson, who is in his 10th sea-

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son at the helm. "We lost a few good players to graduation, but we're getting a lot of good ones back, so I'm optimistic about the season."

Absent from last year's squad that finished fifth in the region in 2003 are graduated players Sameer Dohadwaga (fourth singles), Pat Pokarski (one doubles), Scott Foess, Blake Heidenreich, Scott Lytle and Jason Master.

The Rocks' top returner is senior Mike Ware, Jr., who played number one last year too.

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April 21, 2004

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48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in

the Meeting Room at Township Hall, which is located at 42350 Ann

Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the

Planning Commission may approve the Master Plan amendment as

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KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary

Planning Commission

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7:00 P.M.

### "Mike is a very smart player with great strokes," Nelson said. "He worked really hard over the off-season and is ready to step it up a notch this year."

Senior Pat Shaw will open the season as the Rocks' number two singles player and serve as a Co-captain along with Ware.

"Pat is a great athlete with good court presence," Nelson

said. "He's very quick, too." Juniors Chris Treadwell and Robbie Wallen earned the third and fourth singles slots, respectively. Wallen played number-one

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Publish: April 15, 18 & 22, 2004

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN** INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS TECHNOLOGY COMPANY FOR REHABILITATION TO AN EXISTING FACILITY TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Johnson Controls Technology Company for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for rehabilitation of an existing facility located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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younger players to step up and fill the void.

Three of Canton's four singles players return, led by sen-

ior co-captain Brian Keesey. "My expectations are high this year for Brian," Lehman said. "The mental part of Brian's game is so strong, I expect a great season out of him. He's a very talented player." Junior Zach Hoernschemeyer will hold

down the No. 2 singles slot. "He may even play some No. 1, depending on how things

go," Lehman said. Senior co-captain Steve West and sophomore Alex Fabiszewski will play three and four singles, respectively, for Lehman.

"I'm real impressed with how much improvement I've seen out of Alex since last year,"

Lehman said. "He played doubles last year, but he's earn a chance to move up to singles this year."

Jeremy Romer and Alex Marinica will team up to form the Chiefs' No. 1 doubles duo.

"Both Jeremy and Alex are very competitive, powerful players and they play well together," Lehman said.

Senior Sam Kaufman and sophomore Mike Keesey will compete at No. 2 doubles while junior Duke Kapelanski and senior Amul Patel are slotted for the No. 3 slot.

The No. 4 doubles tandem of senior Matt Shichtman and sophomore Mike Palmer round out Canton's lineup.

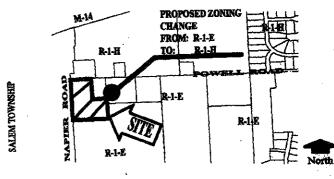
"Northville will be strong as always, and it will be interesting to see what kinds of changes Stevenson has made to its lineup," Lehman said, sizing up the Western Lakes Activities Association competition. "Salem should be strong as well."

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP	
<b>REZONE FROM:</b>	R-1-E, Single Family Residential	
	District, Minimum 1 acre lot	
<b>REZONE TO:</b>	R-1-H, Single Family Residential	
	District, Minimum 1/2 acre lot	
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, April 21, 2004	
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.	
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann	

Arbor Road NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78-046-99-0003-000 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential

District to R-1-H, Single Family Residential District.



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 145 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Application 1830. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83. KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.76°09'37"W., A RADIAL DISTANCE FEET THENCE SOUTHER Y ALONG THE ARC THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET; THENCE S.89359'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET; THENCE N.00°00'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E., TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S.00°32'02" E., A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD

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#### IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER <u>TOWNSHIP OF</u> CANTON BOARD

### TO ALL OWNERS OF THE

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FOLLOWING -DESCRIBED LANDS:

#### PARCEL 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION PHASE 2 EXCLUDING GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2.S., CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN; R.8E., THENCE N.00°35'21"W.,60.00'; THENCE N.89°58'42" W., 59.99' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES, N.89°58' 42" W., A DISTANCE OF 281.51 FEET; AND S.00°00'00" W. A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET ; AND N.89°58'42" W., A DISTANCE OF 452.69 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E., A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET, THENCE N. 26°55'56" E., A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET, THENCE S.89°59'02"E., A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET: THENCE N.26°55'55"E., A DISTANCE OF 86.81 FEET: THENCE N.63°04'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.30°58'50" W., A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET; THENCE N.59°01'10" W., A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET; THENCE N.89°58'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.89°30'55: E., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3,107.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57'26", A DISTANCE OF 51.92 FEET; THENCE N.01°26'32" E. A DISTANCE OF 137.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.01°38'44" W., A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4,045.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01'39", A DISTANCE OF 1.95 FEET; THENCE N.88°22'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 11.34 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12'48"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178.74 FEET; THENCE N.00°56'09"W., A DISTANCE OF 60.62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,308.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56'18"; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.32 FEET; THENCE N.08°00'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.68 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 89.50 FEET; THENCE S.89°14'13"E., A DISTANCE OF 388.06 FEET; THENCE S.81°05'42"E., A DISTANCE OF 315.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59'32"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60.54 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23'19"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC, A DISTANCE OF 67.58 FEET; THENCE N.81°30'31'E., A DISTANCE OF 57.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57'21"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66.42 FEET; THENCE N.56°33'10" E., TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 34.09 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120'WIDE), S. 33°26'50"E., A DISTANCE OF 84.71 FEET; THENCE S.56°32'13"W., A DISTANCE OF 53.80 FEET; THENCE S.05°00'01" W., A DISTANCE OF 318.63 FEET; THENCE N.90°00'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 157.70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03'44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET; THENCE \* S.11°03'44"E., A DISTANCE OF 35.61 FEET TO A POINT OF - CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH

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#### PARCEL 2 71-072-99-0005-003

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

BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18, T.2S, R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.00°35'21"E., 1077.81'; THENCE S.89°53'35"W, 1311.53'; THENCE N.80°24'05"W, 427.01'; THENCE N.89°47'22"W, TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) AS MONUMENTED, 442.52'; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD, N.30°21'18"E., 28.23'; THENCE S.89°51'16"W., 401.15'; THENCE S.43°26'10"W., 274.59'; THENCE S.89°51'16"W., TO A POINT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 307.41'; THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE N.00°18'09"W., TO THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 18; 817.58'; THENCE ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 N.89°45'51"E. 741.54'; THENCE S.30°27'16"W., 162.80'; THENCE S.59°42'27"E. TO A POINT OF THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) 451.50'; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD, N.30°21'18"E., TO A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, 429.06'; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SALTZ ROAD (66.00' WIDE), N.89°45'51" E. 1367.67' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 50.2540 ACRES. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN RIDGE ROAD AND THE NORTHERLY 33.00' (SALTZ ROAD).

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

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

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

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

> Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Charter Township of Canton

> > OE08204023

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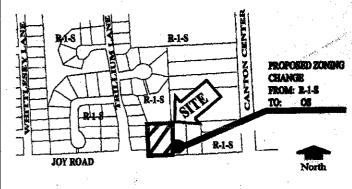
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** PLANNING COMMISSION

1	PROPOSED ACTION:	AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
	REZONE FROM:	<b>R-1-S. Single Family Residential District</b>
	REZONE TO:	OS. Office Service District
	DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, April 21, 2004
	TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 P.M.
	PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann
		Arbor Boad

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78-056-99-0030-002 from R-1-S, Single Family Residential District to OS, Office Service District. The property address is 45600 Joy Road. Application 1826.



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 144 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-056-99-0030-002.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

#### KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

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

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

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

### WALKING CLUB

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

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

### CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course. Tee time start is 5:29 p.m.

The cost is \$450.

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

### ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

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

The entry fee is \$240 per team (umpire fees extra). There will be double-headers. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

### **BADMINTON EQUIPMENT**

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering any level school badminton program free used feathered badminton shuttlecocks. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

### BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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■ The Motor City Cobras 11and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series. For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-

■ The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

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



■ The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

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

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

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

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

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

### SOFTBALL LEAGUES

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

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

webpage thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com. The Thunderbirds are not affiliated with the CCJBSA or its subsidiary, Pride Fastpitch. The 501(c)3 nonprofit group offers ASA-certified coaches and fun fund-raising opportunities.

Girls seeking community service work should also call coach Bruce.

■ Northville Parks and

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

Cost for each league (12 games) is \$410 per team. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.





CANTON, MICHIGAN -Automobile loan closures, lease termination's and seized vehicles are extremely common in today's volatile economy. Because these vehicles can be purchased for as much as thousands below market value, they are highly sought after in auction houses and at car dealerships alike. Now, because of current market conditions, there is an unusual abundance of these vehicles and they will be offered direct to the public for a fraction of the original price. This Wednesday through Saturday, April 14, 15, 16 and 17th, over 120+ of these "Exceptional Value" vehicles will be disposed of at the sale location: Dick Scott Nissan, 42175 Michigan Avenue, 1/4 Mile West of I-275 in Canton, Michigan regardless of loss of profit. Market conditions have allowed us to acquire a large selection of these vehicles from auctions, banks and vehicle dealers for immediate disposal. Vehicles will be sold direct to the public for up to thousands below normal values! Some payments as low as \$79 per month\*, with only \$29.00 Down\*. The vehicles and their titles have been inspected and are ready for immediate delivery\*. The U.S. Fleet Liquidators Team will be on hand to ensure that every buyer is waited on in a timely manner. In this sale, most vehicles will be available with only \$29.00 Down\*, then just start making payments\*. SUV's, Cars, Trucks and Vans, Domestic and Imports alike will be offered and the remainder of the factory warranty will be passed along to the buyer.

on site. National and Local lenders will be on hand with millions of auto loan dollars available to assure these vehicles will be sold in Canton and no transported back to auction. Its never been so easy to save thousands and take immediate delivery\* of a quality, pre-owned vehicle.

Lenders specializing in below

DICK SCOTT NISSAN 42175 MIGHIGAN AVE 1/4 MILE WEST IF I-275 CANTON, MICHIGAN

Financing will also be available

average credit will also be available and are aggressively seeking new customers. Bankruptcy, divorce and past bad credit are no problem here\*. These lenders were selected specifically for their ability to provide credit to customers with past credit problems. To expedite delivery, bring a current drivers license, home phone bill and current paycheck stubs.

Trade-ins will be accepted. Certified appraisers will be on hand to assure top dollar for your trade. Please have your trade title and payment book available.

Smart shoppers, deep discount buyers and bargain seekers alike are all welcome to this once in a lifetime savings event. No wholesalers, dealers or curbstoners will be permitted. Vehicles will be disposed of on a first come first serve basis. Although, vehicles will be arriving daily, come early for the best selection. No overnight camping will be permitted.

This sale ends Saturday, April 17th, at 5 pm. Many of the remaining vehicles will be sent to auction, so don't wait. Starting Wednesday, April 14th, questions can be directed toll free to 877-559-2689.

This will be held for four days only: This Wednesday through Saturday, April 14, 15, 16 and 17th Event location: TOLL FREE 877-559-2689 EVENT DATES: 4 DAYS ONLY! WEDNESDAY APRIL 14 10AM - 8PM THURSDAY APRIL 15 10AM - 8PM FRIDAY APRIL 15 10AM - 8PM SATURDAY APRIL 17 10AM - 5PM

\*Rights reserved to end sale when every vehicle disposed. Example: 2001 Chevy Cavalier sale price \$5,850. \$79/mo. for 66 mos. @ 6.5% APR (or lower with approved credit). \$29 down plus tax. Additional down payment may be required for credit approval. Subject to credit approval and prior sale. Subject to lenders final approval. Vehicles provided by Dick Scott Nissan.



## Redford hoops team takes 2nd in state Triathlete starts 3rd Olympic quest

They went up to Holt figuring on playing just one game. But it turned out that the New Car Alternatives/Great Lakes Mitsubishi men's basketball team did more than that.

The team, regular-season champion of the Redford Parks and Recreation Department 18-and-over league, finished second at the Michigan **Recreation and Parks** Association Tourney.

"We were just happy to be there and it turned out great," said Doug Herriman of Plymouth, who played college ball at Michigan-Dearborn. "It was great and intense. We played against a lot of guys we played with and against in college."

The team breezed through the first three games of the tourney, held April 2-4 at Holt High School. They beat Royal Oak (74-55), Troy (98-51) and

then Brighton in the semifinals (67-58).

But a funny thing happened on the way to Sunday's finals.

The finals were a tough situation," Herriman said. "We had a 10 a.m. game, lost an hour to the time change and we all had a suite at the Red Wings game on Saturday night. We had no sleep and we were driving up to Lansing for the third time in 36 hours, when we were used to playing one game a week for five months in Redford."

Needless to say, the team lost in the finals to Clarkston, 71-60.

"We've been in the league four years and last year we lost to Northville in the first round, so this was a bonus," Herriman said. "We were hoping to win one game and it was phenomenal."

The team has several former

local and high school players: Al Tanski (Plymouth), Will Marcoux (Redford/UM-Dearborn), Nick Hurley (Plymouth/Hope College), Jason Maschke (Livonia/Madonna), Narvin Russaw (Milan/Madonna), Will McDonald (Pontiac/Grambling), Ryan Beane (Pontiac/Tennessee State), Rob White (Plymouth/Baptist Bible College) and Justin Bascom (Lansing/Siena Heights). White was more or less the player-coach and Tanski was the team's sponsor. The team still has one more game to play this season — at 3 p.m. Sunday at Redford's Hilbert Junior High for the league's playoff

title.

Coming off a win in the International Triathlon Union Pan American Championships held last month in Acapulco, Mexico, the race to Athens is on again for Livonia triathlete Sheila Taormina, who is seeking her third consecutive Olympic berth.

The first attempt begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Kapiolani Park in Honolulu, Hawaii, the first of three Olympic Trials qualifying races.

The second race will be May 8 at Madeira, Portugal, followed by a June 13 qualifier in Bellingham, Wash. (The Olympic women's triathlon will be Aug. 25 in Athens, Greece.) Ranked No. 3 in both the U.S. and the world (ITU), the

35-year-old Taormina must fend off challenges from No. 1ranked Barb Lindquist (Victor, Idaho) and No. 2 Laura Reback (North Palm Beach, Fla.).

Also lurking again is Joanna Zeiger (Boulder, Colo.), who placed fourth in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, two spots ahead of Taormina in the inaugural women's triathlon.

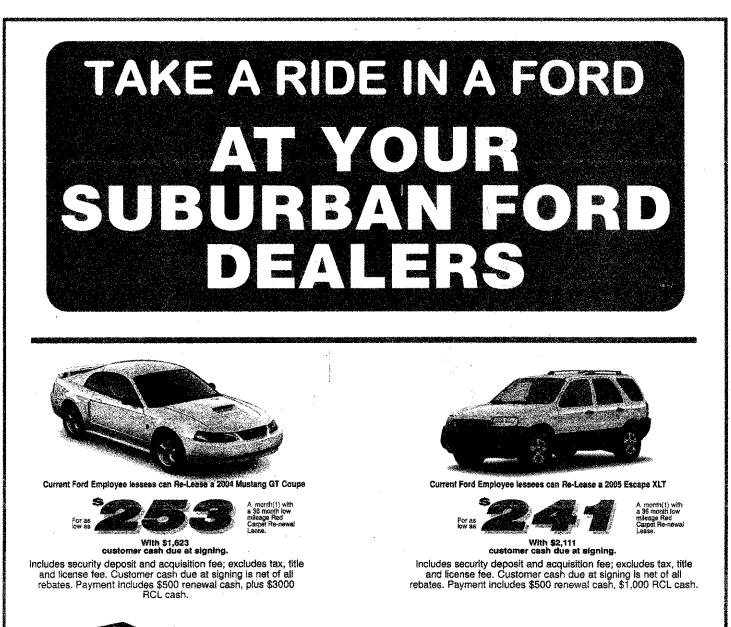
Only three U.S. spots are available with the top American finisher earning a berth in each of the three qualifiers.

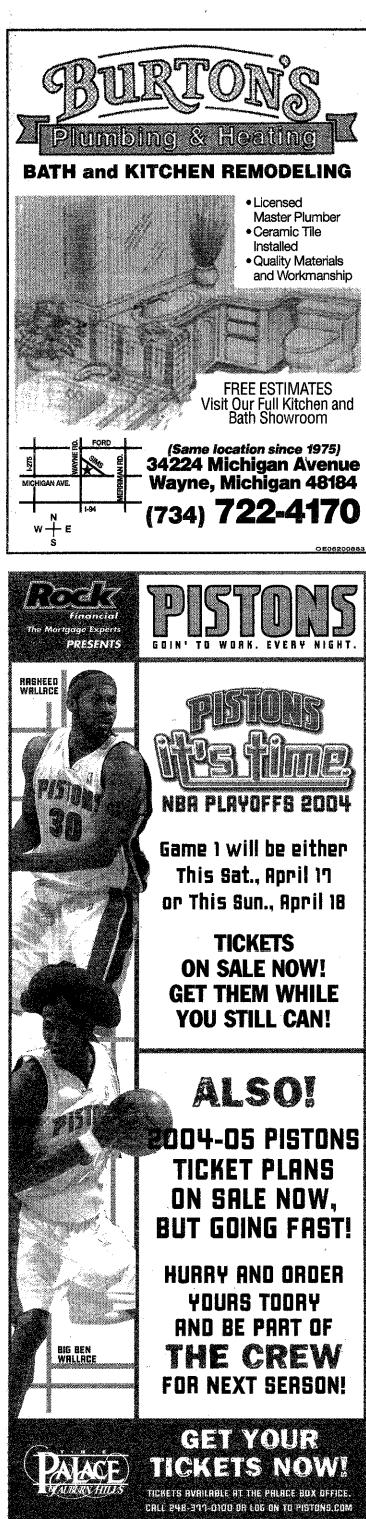
In 1996, Taormina won a gold medal in women's swimming at the Atlanta, Ga., Summer Olympics as part of the 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay. She is a former AllAmerica swimmer at the University of Georgia and Stevenson High graduate.

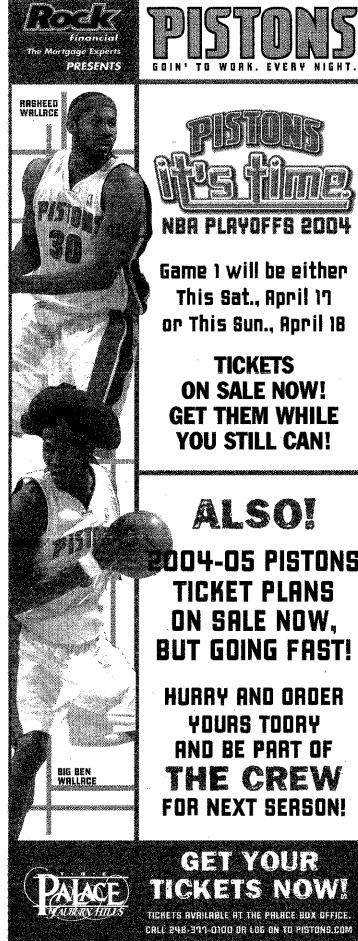
Last season, Taormina finished first in three races and was the top American in three others.

She also took seven seconds and wound up 13th in the ITU World Championships, Dec. 6 in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Taormina opened the 2004 season on March 22 by covering the Acapulco race, which consisted of a 1,500meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2-mile run, in 1 hour, 57 minutes and 51 seconds. She recorded the fastest 10K run split with time of 35:12. Zeiger, meanwhile, placed fourth in 1:58:23.







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ASK DAD - Beware box elder bugs.

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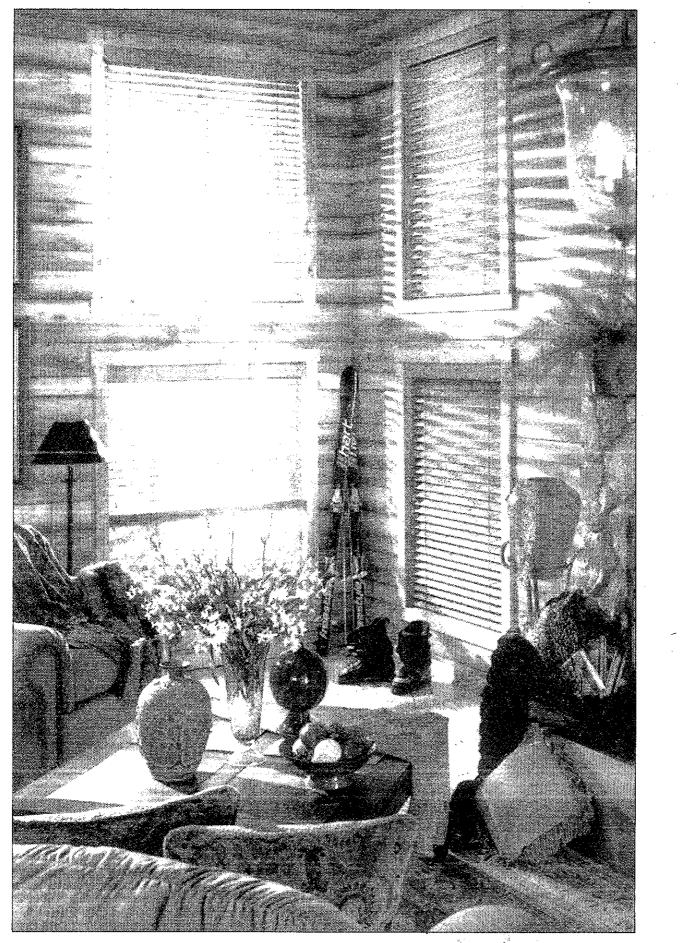
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GARDEN SPOT- Start dahlia bulbs this month.

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will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during April 2004 as part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees



for America campaign. The 10 shade trees are red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, green ash, thorniess honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes and beautiful fall colors," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution

to Ten Free Shade Trees

National Arbor Day

Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by April 30. **Battle allergies** During the winter, dust and dirt take over homes. Cleaning is key to help combat seasonal allergies. Be sure to check for rats or mice. An estimated 21 million homes are invaded by them each year. Follow these five tips from Lou Manfredini, Mr. Fix-It, to keep your home

The Country Woods Collection offering from Hunter Douglas features new wood species, a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch slat size and more in four lines. These 2-inch Knotty Pine Amber wood blinds contain wood knots and a darker grain pattern that enriches their rustic appearance.

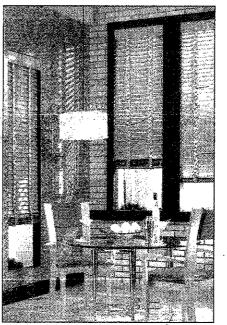
They block the sunlight and look - cool, too When you say "pull the blinds," you can now enjoy a cool decorative trend. No longer do you need to put up shades to simply block out the bright sunlight. Wood blinds have dark finishes on three-inch slats to provide plenty of cover and plenty of privacy. But homeowners are purchasing them for other reasons. If homeowners have mahogany

woods, a cherry cabinet or oak floors, they may want to accent that wood, rather than match it.

It's all customer preference, according to Annette Popiel, sales designer at Aero Pacific Custom Draperies in Garden City.

"We'll ask them, 'Are you trying to accomplish privacy, or are you just blocking out the light? Where are the

PLEASE SEE BLINDS, C3



This Sage in the Country Woods Classic wood blind has a 2-inch slat wood blind, Oriental Garden decorative tapes and a 4½-inch Havencrest valance for a stately touch.

## try Woods s a 2-inch

Give your home a good sweep. Clean the house from basement to attic, making sure to tackle those tiny corners and hard-to-reach places. Always wash dishes and wipe down counters.

rodent-free.

Clean up with bleach. Bleach is a great antiseptic that can kill the bacteria that rodents may leave behind. Mix one part bleach to 10 parts water. Wipe down kitchen counters, cabinets and drawers.

Keep all food and garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids. Never leave your pet's food and water out overnight.

Seal up spaces. Mice can squeeze through spaces as small as a dime and rats through spaces the size of a quarter. Seal up all potential entrances with sheet metal, steel wool or cement, paying close attention to spaces around pipes, ducts and vents. Use rodenticides. Use baits and traps that are safe when used in accordance with label instructions.

For more information on how to prevent rodent infestation and for a free brochure, call (800) 395-3266.

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**HGTV** host to visit Pontiac

Paul James, host of HGTV's Gardening by the Yard, will appear Saturday, May 1, at Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac.

James will demonstrate how to prepare vegetables for his grilled vegetable salad, a recipe featured in Goldner Walsh Nursery's *Golden Anniversary* & *Celebrity Cookbook*. The master gardener also will provide downto-earth advice about gardening basics in a question-and-answer session.



James will conduct two demonstrations (11 a.m. and 4 p.m.). He will be signing purchased copies of the book following each event. James

obtained his master gardener designation in 1983. He studied botany, plant physiology and

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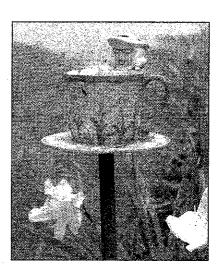
### - MARKET PLACE -

### Submissions

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

### Garden group

PartyLite Gifts Inc., a direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories, offers a variety of springtime candle collections. The selection includes Garden Gals, handpainted, glazed ceramic figures that add a whimsical touch to any home or garden. Shown here is the Garden Gals garden stake, \$29.95 each. Other pieces in the collection include a multi-tealight holder, a pillar holder and a pair of votive holders. For more information about PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100, or visit www.partylite.com.





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## 'Box out' those box elders from your home

ow that the cold weather is losing its grip, many of us are finding something else to gripe about - those redstriped, black bugs that crawl on windows,

walls and fly around inside our homes.

These nuisance critters are box elder bugs. They are found all over our area. These bugs feed primarily on the seed-bearing, female box elder tree, and occasionally on

silver maples. I've found a lot

of them congregating on our

So why are they inside our

homes? They apparently don't

like the cold. First they'll con-

gregate on the exterior walls of

our homes in the late summer

and fall, then once the weather

cools a bit, they crawl in a tiny

crack or crevice to spend the

As the weather starts to

warm, the bugs become active

and seek to return outside for

food, but they often lose their

The good news is that they

are mostly harmless and don't

live too long inside. The bad

way. They fly into the living

Crimson King maple.

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winter.

rid of.

Still, I'm sure you are like me in that you really don't want to share your home with these insects.

The most effective way to keep them out of your home is to remove their source of food. One way would be to remove all female box elder trees (the ones with flowers and seeds) from a several block radius around your home. Since this is rather impractical (even removing any elder trees on your property may be difficult), other methods will be helpful.

Caulk all cracks, crevices or other openings being careful not to seal weep holes since they are needed for drainage. These need to be screened. Weep holes are small openings often found where the window screens meet the sill, the lower tracks of storm windows, near the base of brick work or anywhere water should not be allowed to accumulate. Spraying an insecticide with permethrin in cracks and crevices may help some but no over-the-counter insecticide seems very effective. You can also try applying diatomaceous earth or borax around these openings.

Some say spraying WD-40 around areas the bugs congregate in will discourage these critters from entering. I've

news is they are not easy to get heard of people making box elder traps. These traps consist of plywood or similar material painted a light color and coated with petroleum jelly or other sticky substance. The traps are placed near a swarm. When the trap is full, scrape it, then recoat it.

> In the house, a vacuum cleaner with a hose or spraying them with soapy water seems to work best. It's not good to leave them in the vacuum for any length of time because they have a tendency to produce a foul odor. Crushing them can cause stains. In fact, their excrement will leave spots on walls and fabric that is difficult to remove, which is really about the only real problem they create.

> Other than a fungus disease, box elder bugs have no natural enemies. They let off a foul odor when attacked and are said to taste bad.

Now, how does someone know for certain about the latter?

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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areas instead.

plant pathology at the University of Oklahoma. His interests include plant origins, wildlife gardening, shade gardening and growing unusual and hard-to-find vegetable varieties

"Gardening is therapy and I frankly can't imagine life without it," James said.

The event starts with a gour-

met-boxed lunch including James' own recipe, which he will prepare from start to finish at the demonstration.

The cookbook will be introduced that day, as the nursery celebrates its spring open house.

Goldner Walsh decided to put together a collection of recipes from some special guest speakers, garden writers, local chefs, customers and employees and create the cookbook. Nidah Daher, certified sommelier, will be pairing

appropriate wines with many of the recipes.

The cookbook is priced at \$21.95. The entire proceeds from sales of the cookbook will benefit The Foodbank of Oakland County.

Reservations for the James appearance are required for admission. Tickets are \$40, which includes lunch. A portion of the ticket price benefits The Food Bank of Oakland County.

For information, call (248) 332-6430.

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Country Wood Reflections feature a 2%-inch slat size in a new Weathered line. Above, the two-tone Weathered Driftwood with the 3¼-inch Grandover valance and Navy Nautical decorative tapes.

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windows located in relation to the sun entering the house on the south, east or west side of the home?" Popiel said.

Wood blind choices also vary depending on the room. Solid wood may make more sense for a living room or family room, but not for the kitchen, where a faux wood will be more easily maintained, especially over windows directly above the sink.

"You know about kitchens, and how everyone has that splash of spaghetti sauce they need to clean. You want to be able to get that out," Popiel said.

Wood blinds generally cost in a range of \$600-\$1,000 for a living room, with most projects at about \$800, give or take a few dollars.

"It depends on the window size," Popiel said. A true wood blind in a 30- by 48-inch window costs about \$200. A faux wood blind costs about \$125 for the same window.

Shannon Webb, showroom manager of American Blinds, Wallpaper and More in Plymouth, said most customers want to match natural wood. Among the woods available are cherry, walnut, light oak, dark oak and honey oak.

"They're easy to clean, easy to dust and easy to care for,' Webb said. "Customers will look at using them as accents, but they'll buy them because of the ease of use and how easy it is to care for them. It looks like you spent a little money, too."

Real wood blinds can range from \$120-\$480 for one window, Webb said.

The wood blinds are also available with cloth tapes,

which block the light through the openings on the blinds, and cover the strings. These tapes also can be used to match or accent a sofa's fabric, Webb said, adding another design use of the wood blinds.

HUNTER DOUGLAS

Wood blinds from Hunter Douglas feature upgraded decorative valances, to enhance the Country Woods line of blinds. Customers can select from three different styles of valances in 27 finishes. These valances also can be used as stand-alone cornices.

Remote control motorization continues to be offered on all two-inch and 2 5/8-inch wood blinds.

They are expensive, but they add class. They are great for privacy and keep sun and heat out of a room, which homeowners may not think about right now, but probably will during the summer days ahead.



### BY LEE REICH FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Pruning grape and berry plants is an annual affair necessary to keep them manageable, healthy, and bearing oodles of fruit.

Although the objectives for pruning these plants are the same, details differ. So sharpen your pruning shears and loppers, and let's prune. Prune grapes when their

buds swell. They'll bleed sap but this does them no harm.

trained to the Four-Arm Kniffin system, consisting of a trunk from which grow four horizontal "canes," two in either direction along a high and a low wire.

grew the previous season, and is the only type of wood that bears fruit.

For this year's fruit, select four canes originating near the trunk, two growing in opposite directions at each wire.

Next, create renewal spurs, which are short stubs from which grow shoots that will be next year's fruiting canes. Make the four spurs by selecting four branches originating near the trunk, two near each wire, then shortening each to three buds.

Now grit your teeth and cut away everything else, finally shortening each cane to about 5 feet. Also prune blueberries with a progression of larger to smaller cuts. First cut away, either to its base or to a vigorous side branch, any stem

more than 6 years old. Next, cut away or to an upright branch any drooping or crowding stems.

Pruning bramble fruits, except "everbearers," begins with cutting away all canes that have borne fruit, either immediately after harvest or, sometime before growth begins in spring.

During the growing season, pinch out the tips of any blackberry or purple or black raspberry shoots when they are 3 feet tall.

Do all subsequent pruning of brambles – no matter what kind - in spring.

If you grow brambles in a row, cut to the ground enough canes so those remaining are 6 inches apart and the row is a foot wide.



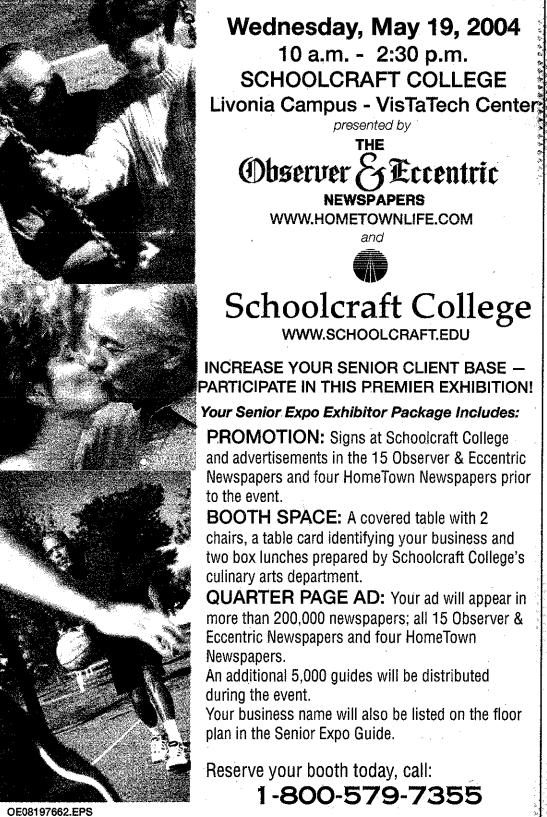


Grapes are commonly

A "cane" is a branch that



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## Start your beautiful dahlia bulbs now

popular and exotic flower, the dahlia, was named in honor of Andreas Dahl, an 18th-century Swedish botanist and a pupil of Carolus Linnaeus.



Many species of dahlia can be found in the wild in Mexico and Guatemala.

The flower

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advises it's time to start summer bulbs, such as dahlias, indoors, so that they'll get a jump on the season. When choosing a dahlia, look for a bulb with a green

garden - more bang for the

bud at the top. Set the tuber in a 6-inch pot of soilless mixture, with the green bud above the surface (about halfway down the pot), so there's room to add soil when the bud begins to grow into a stem.

Water thoroughly, then put in a warm, humid place. Lay a page from a newspaper, loosely, over the pot. Time the pregrowing up to a month before the weather reaches a consistent 70 degrees, about the time the lilacs stop blooming,

When the threat of frost is passed and when the soil temperature is 55° F, they can be set directly in the ground. A soil thermometer for home gardeners works well. A sunny location. and a rich, but welldrained, soil that contains good amounts of organic matter will produce lovely flowers. Set the tuber at the depth it grew in the pot. If you grow a tall variety, put a stake in the ground when you plant the tuber because it will need support.

As I mentioned earlier,

dahlias grow from tubers, which produce a stem that consequently produces a bud at the top of the stem. This is known as the break bud. When that bud appears, the growth of this main stem stops, then side shoots begin to grow. The growing shoot can be pinched out after the plants have produced from four to six pairs of good strong leaves, or when the plant has grown to a height of 10-12 inches. This encourages the plants to be bushy. Begin fertilizing with either granular fertilizer (every 4 to 6 weeks), or organic liquid fertilizer each week. Keep plant moist; never let them dry out. If all the buds are allowed to



MARTY FIGLEY

This gorgeous "Jean Marie" dahlia bloomed in the garden of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

flower the size will be reduced, but, if the buds are nipped out as soon as they appear, the shoots that remain will grow larger flowers. Some growers only allow one bud to develop in order to have a very large flower. These are the flowers often seen at shows that are ' judged.

Beautiful dahlias have many cultivars and choosing one may be a problem because they come in so many forms They include single, anemone-flowered, peony-flowered, formal decorative, show, pompon, semi-cactus, and star. The bright, rich colors add a happy addition to the garden.

As the growing season winds down, before the onset of any frost, label the plants so you will remember which is which. Dahlia tubers look quite the same. Allow the tubers to ripen as much as possible. Notice when the plants seem to have no more 'get-up-and-go' – the blooms are not so colorful and bud production is slowed. This is a sign that the tubers are ripening.

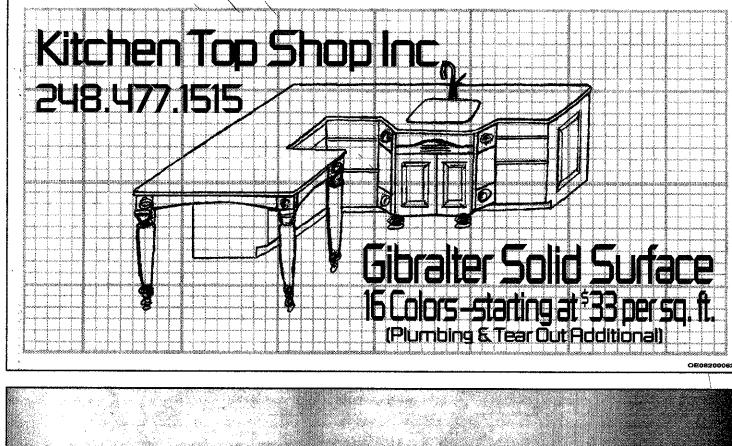
Lifting should be done in mid- to late October; after a hot, dry summer, the plants will ripen quickly; even if they ripen later they will be ready by early November. Cut the toliage down to soil level. Try to cut the stem through a node where it will be solid. If you cut above or just below a node a space for a hollow stem to collect rain, that will be the result. To lift the tubers, take a spade and cut into the soil about 8 to 10 inches away from the stem.

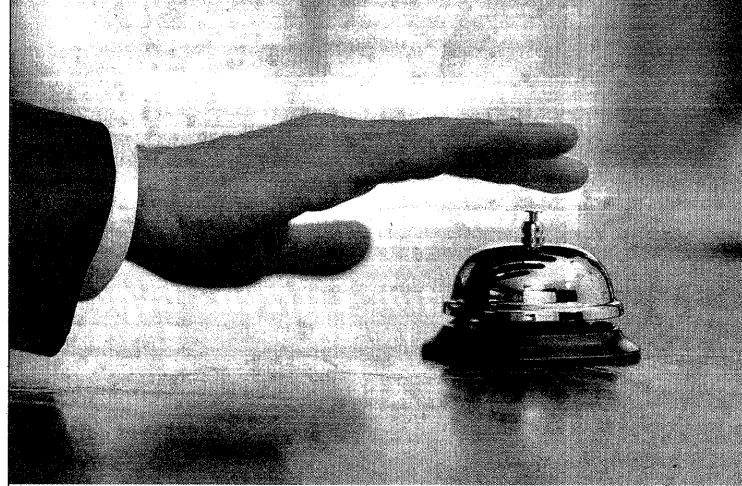
and firmly remove it with the ball of soil. Remove all the loose soil but leave some on the tuber to prevent moisture loss. If the weather is dry, allow the tubers to remain outside for a day or two. If it's rainy, take them indoors.

A few days later more soil will have dried and can be removed. Store the tubers in a place where the temperatures will be around 40°F neither very dry nor very moist. Store close together and cover with sand or peat, but do not cover the stems.

Check the tubers monthly; look for soft spots and remove them with a sharp knife and dust the cut surfaces with a fungicide to prevent rot. Then enjoy flowers again the next season. To see these beauties at their best, plan to visit the Dahlia show during mall hours Sept. 11-12 at Orchard Mall Shopping Center, 6445 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

To learn more about dahlias and 'visit' a dahlia farm via slides, plan to attend a special program at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Rd. in Pontiac, Thursday, April 22. Julia Janiak, garden center manager, will share her adventure at a dahlia show, and present GWN's 2004 dahlia collection. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; lecture begins at 7 p.m., \$5 per person. Call (248) 332-6420 for your reservation, which is required in order to attend. At the same time, reserve your space for the Paul James Backyard Barbecue at 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1. James, a popular TV personality will cook up some barbecue recipes from "down home," featured in GWN's Golden Anniversary Celebrity Cookbook. A portion of the ticket sales and proceeds from the cookbook will be donated to the Food Bank of Oakland Co. The cost is \$40 per person (includes lunch). Seating is limited.





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Lift gently to pry the roots away from the soil, then place the spade right under the tuber

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



### **HOME CALENDAR**

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### Starting decorating

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

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

Bring a few photos of one room that will become your initial success. Try to capture all views of the room and any special items that you want to retain, such as furniture, art or accessories. Then collect a few pictures from magazines, books or the Internet that help explain what you'd like to achieve.

will learn design concepts collectively,

present Quilt Celebration 2004, a quilt show/contest, Friday-Saturday, April Orion, 255 E. Scripps Road in Lake Orion.

April 27), learn to make a custom-fit-Upholstery (Wednesday, April 28), using all the latest products available.

#### communities.

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

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

Meet the Kids Castle characters and get an April Showers Bring May Flowers activity sheet, while supplies last, Saturday, April 24, at some Art

show and sale featuring examples of pieces of 20th century design, will take place Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive, between I-696 and 10 Mile. Luminaries representing the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie, Arts and Crafts, Surrealistic and Neo-Classical schools of design will be presented. Designers will include Frank Llovd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Heywood Wakefield, the Stickleys and Salvador Dali. Admission is \$8. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 24, noon to 5 p.m. April 25. A grand opening preview party will kick off the event 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 23. The preview will benefit ArtServe Michigan. Preview party tickets are \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door, \$150 patron. Anyone interested in attend-

For more information, visit http://search.antiqnet.com/m&m/. Murals

A class at The Community House in Birmingham, Mural Painting and Installation, will instruct the artist on how to take an ambiguous idea through the stages of development, proportion and perspective to the final application techniques. The class will meet for five sessions beginning 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24. Fee is \$75. Pencils, a sketchbook and a tape measure will be needed. Bring photos and measurements of the installation area to the first class.

Instructor Kim Fay has been a professional artist for 12 years. Her murals have been included in the DSO and Grosse Pointe Junior League Designers Showhouses. She executed the first notable public mural painted by a woman in Eastern Market. Her paintings are currently represented by the TRA Art Group at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

### Egg decorating

The Ann Arbor Art Center will offer a free workshop, Wax Resist Egg Decorating, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Learn how to design eggs to celebrate spring, using the Ukrainian method of eag decorating, Burning candles will be used. Registration is recommended, but drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call (734) 994-8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

### **Basement** remodeling

Walled Lake Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, will offer an eight-hour basement remodeling seminar 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

Cost is \$99, plus a textbook fee of \$8. Pre-registration with payment is

required no later than Friday, April 30,85 to Walled Lake Community Education. To register, call (248) 956-5000 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The instructor, a licensed builder, will explain the many facets of basement remodeling, including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating materials, the basics of home construction, working with subcontractors, finish-..., ing techniques, and tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating systems. For a free brochure and current schedule of class locations, call Oakland Builders Institute at (800) 940-2014.



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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

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## Create focal point in still life photos

still life can be defined as an inanimate object or group of objects, arranged as the subject of a picture. Accomplished effectively, a still life can be a dramatic expression of taste



Still lifes painted by the great artists throughout history prove a point; it's not so much what you do but

rather the way

you do it. Like

the painter, the

photographer

of still lifes has

and mood.

Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

all the ingredients to express textures, tones, balance, style, and harmony. And because the subject is

inanimate, the photographer is able to concentrate more than usual on composition and lighting.

Setting up your own still life can be very exciting because vou have complete control over subject choice and arrangement. Give your potential still life thought and planning in your mind before you begin.

When you're ready to start, begin with one object as a focal point and then gradually build up a composition in which various elements relate to each other.

For example, in the photograph shown here, the violin and bow are obviously the central subjects. I added the sheet music and rose for added impact and to help "tell the story." Before you begin to arrange your still life, think

about a suitable background. In my photograph, an antique wood table was perfect.

Begin by setting up your still life with the most important subject (here, it's the violin), always viewing it through the viewfinder until you are satisfied. Add the second object, adjusting its position until once again you are satisfied. In this manner, you can build up your still life one piece at a time.

Balance is important as is lighting. Shadows and highlights are most significant in a still life so pay particular attention to them.

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



Balance and arrangement are most important in this Monte Nagler still life.

### Healthy lawn care

- A healthy lawn care workshop will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Green Room of the Bloomfield Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph.
- Kevin Frank of Michigan State University will speak. Topics will be soil care, mowing, fertilizing and pest management for Rouge River water quality.
- The workshop is free to all Oakland County residents. Register in advance by calling Karen Bever at the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, (248) 288-5150.

#### Ponds

Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will conduct free pond opening seminars 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays, April 17 and 24. Call (734) 421-5959 for information. **Plymouth Nursery** 

Plymouth Nursery will have an open house Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18. The free event will feature vendor representatives, door prizes and

refreshments. Master gardener and writer Janet Macunovich will speak on Saving Time on Yardwork: Low-maintenance Yards and Gardens 2 p.m. Sunday.

Plymouth Nursery is at 9900 Plymouth/Ann Arbor Road at the corner of Gotfredson in Plymouth, 7 miles east of US-23, 7 miles west of I-275, and 1-1/2 miles south of M-14. For more information, call Steve Zoumbaris at (734) 453-5500

### Garden demonstrations

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, has scheduled

is free. The system is easy to set up; can water patio pots, beds and hanging baskets; and can be installed to water automatically.

In the Early Bloomers event, learn about selections that can help keep your garden blooming up to 10 months of the year. In the topiary event, Judy

Cornellier will demonstrate techniques that are used to create and maintain topiaries of different varieties and styles. Admission is free. The Collector's Plants event will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites, and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials. Join master composter volunteers for a hands-on demonstration of easy composting in What a Way to Grow!. Topics will include getting started. maintaining a nuisance-free compost pile and methods of using compost. Register by phone, (248) 288-5150, or e-mail, LFDean@aol.com. In the tour, Telly's owner George Papadelis will stroll through the

greenhouse and highlight some of the newer plants and how to use them. Admission is free.

🖀 In What's New for 2004, George Papadelis will discuss the many new annuals and perennials that will be available for the 2004 season. Slides from the Perennial Plant Symposium, field trials and numerous conventions will be shown. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Garden design A course on garden design will be offered for five Saturdays beginning April 17 at The Community House in

Arbor, which designs, installs and maintains residential gardens and landscapes **Bromeliads** 

**GARDEN CALENDAR** 

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

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

### Underused annuals

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, Rediscovering Underused Annuals, 7 p.m. Monday, April 19. The program will take place at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward.

George Papadelis, the owner of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy, will give a presentation that will include descriptions and arowing tips for new, forgotten or underused annuals.

The presentation will last one hour. A 15-minute question-and-answer period will be featured. Guest fee \$5. For more information,

call Pat Jerzy at The Community House, (248) 644-5832.

Herb study group niversity of The Friends of the

Old US-12, just east of Freer Road near Cheisea.

The event is free. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310, or call Kern Road Farm-at (734) 433-0738.

#### Grounds for Gardening The Grounds for Gardening series of classes offered by the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will add some green to your thumb this season, covown garden. ering the latest trends in horticulture. The classes are led by Nancy Szerlag,

a master gardener and writer, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Activities Center. Cost is \$8. To make reservations, call (313) 884-4222.

The schedule includes New Plants for Free (April 21) and Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design (April 28). In New Plants for Free, discover how to propagate plants by dividing, cutting, seeding and layering - fun, easy ways to really make your garden grow. In Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design, hear about trade secrets from professionals in the field, and how you can use the information in your

For more information about Ford House, visit www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

#### MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m.

Friday, April 23, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester. Columnist Nancy Szerlag will speak on Feeding Your Soil: The Secret to Great Gardening. Non-member donation \$5.

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Reservations aren't required.

Junior gardeners The Hill and Dale Garden Club will sponsor Junior Gardeners for ages 3 and up 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Downtown Farmington Library. Youngsters will enjoy making a spring nature craft. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jeanine Gundle at (248) 478-8295.



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classes and other events. The offerings include Automatic Watering System Demonstration, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15; Early Bloomers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17: Topiary Demonstration, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17; Collector's Plants, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24; What a Way to Grow!, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24; Greenhouse Tour, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28; and What's New for 2004, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Guest speaker Denny Snell will demonstrate a new do-it-yourself watering system Thursday. Admission

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

gardener, earned her Certificate of Gardening of Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening. She owns and operates Through the

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

Kern Road Farm maintains a booth at the Ann Arbor farmers' market and produces a vast array of delicious jams, jellies, vinegars and sauces. Members, and anyone else interested, will meet in the front parking lot at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The car pool will leave at 11:30 a.m. for a bag lunch (bring your own) at Kern Road Farm, followed by a tour at 1 p.m. Those who miss the car pool can meet the group at 13877 E.

### CARL ADLER

Age 80, of Plymouth Township, died April 12, 2004 at his home. Beloved husband of the late Joyce. Devoted father of Tim (Barbara) of Ann Arbor; George (Sandy) of Niles; and Scott (Theresa) of Northville. Loving grandfather of Christopher and Lindsay. Dear brother of Edward (Edna) of St. Joseph, Michigan; Marilyn McKinley of St. Joseph, Michigan; and the late Robert and Carol. Carl retired in 1985 from Boise Cascade Office Products in Warren. He brought his family to Plymouth in 1970 from Redford Township. Carl was a Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and was very active in the VFW Post #6695 in Plymouth, where he served in numerous leadership positions. He was committed to serving others and did so by delivering Meals on Wheels for nearly 20 years. Carl was an avid golfer and a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His family meant everything to him. His wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation Wednesday 6-9pm and Thursday 2-5pm and 6-9pm at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). Funeral Service Friday 11am. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #6695, 1426 Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

11, 2004, age 84, of Alma, MI (formerly of Wayne, MI) passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2004 at Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma. A memorial service for Carol will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Alma with Rev. Edward Pankow officiating. The family will receive friends and relatives at the church from 10:30 until the time of the servce. Carol was born on January 24, 1920 in Camden, NJ to Raymond and Elizabeth (Quigley) Bordier. She served in the military in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. On December 2, 1944 she married Karl Franz in New York. She worked for many years as a school secretary for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools until her retirement. Surviving are two sons, Ronald (Debby) Franz of New York, NY, and Kevin (Grace) Franz of Richmond Hills, NY; a daughter, Sharyn (Jon) Greening of Alma; four grandchildren, Karla and Megan reening and Paul Franz and Brandon Franz; and her dear friend, Rose Bell of Cherry Hill, NJ. Memorial contributions in Carol's name may be given to the City of Wayne Senior Activity Center, Peace Lutheran Church of Alma, or Heart's Content Adult Foster Care in Breckenridge. The family is

being served by the Dewey Funeral

Home of Alma.

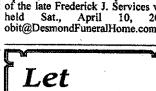
JEANNE F. CARMICHAEL age 64, of Plymouth, died April 12, 2004.She was born August 1, 1939, in Detroit. She was a 35-year resident of Plymouth. She was noteworthy for teaching quilting and fabric design classes throughout Southeast Michigan. She was recognized for her unique artistry within a traditional medium. She is survived by her husband, John; her son, Grant (Sonja Zoe) Carmichael; her daughter, Lesley

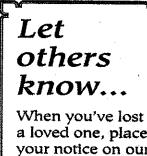
Carmichael; and her granddaughters, Natalie and Vivienne. Memorials may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, For further information, please contact Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 734-453-3333.

### SHIRLEY BETH BADER, SOLVICK

Of Farmington Holls, died March 30, 2004. Beloved wife of Stanley. Funeral service and burial were held in Florida. A celebration of Shirley' life will be held April 18, 2004, 1:30 pm. at the Pixley Funeral HOme, Godhardt-Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor. Memorial contributions may be made to: Wellesley College, Student Aid Society-Green Hall 26, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481, attn: The Shirley Bader Solvick Book Fund.

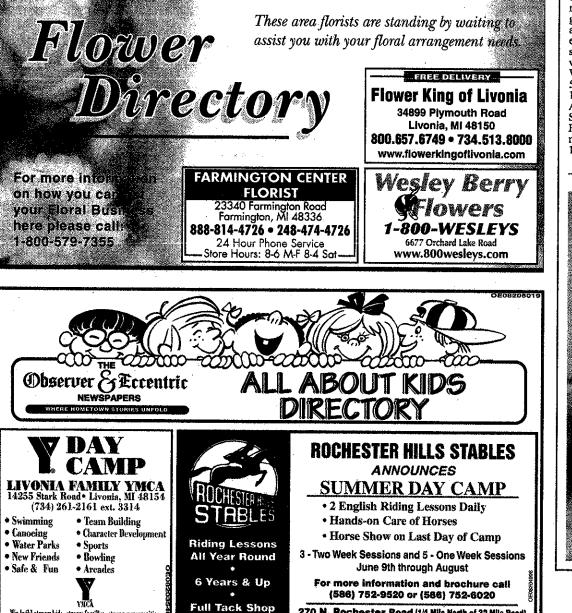
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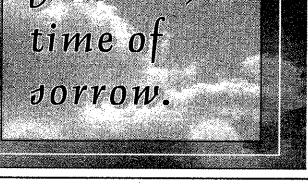
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## Free workshop on energy efficiency set

Oakland Community College will present a workshop on energy efficiency and pollution reduction Friday, April 23, at the Royal Oak Campus.

Admission is free. The public may attend. Offered in cooperation with Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, the event will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

Workshop instructor will be

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OCC faculty member Debra Rowe, who has taught this material as part of the college's environmental technology program for more than 25 years. Rowe is chief author of a

national model curriculum in energy technology developed for the U.S. Department of Energy.

She has served as a consultant with colleges throughout

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the United States to set up similar programs, and has offered numerous workshops for facilities personnel in partnership with the state of Michigan.

"Simply, the bottom line for this workshop is that it will help you reduce your energy consumption, your energy bills and your energy pollution while making your organiza-

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tion economically healthier," Rowe said.

To reserve a space at the OCC Facilities Managers Workshop, fax (810) 231-8704, or e-mail ssantoro@chartermi.net. For more information. call Rowe at (248) 246-2553. Among the topics to be cov-

ered: Reducing utility costs in

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Conducting utility bill analyses, including power factor and demand charges

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The campus is at 739 S. Washington, at the corner of Lincoln. Ample free parking is available in college parking structures across the street from the campus.





the only feasible answer for homeowners who want to fix a problem once and be done with it.

"The highest priority for building product manufacturers is to find long-lasting, durable solutions for homeowners," said Steed.

"For consumers it's a 'have your cake and eat it, too' phenomenon because while they want a product to perform well, the product also has to have aesthetic qualities."

Roofing maker Owens Corning has beefed up the thickness and warranty of shingles that in some cases are mistaken for wood shakes.

Siding firms, such as Hardie, offer moisture-resistant fiber cement siding with curb appeal: a wood-grain effect is embossed right into the lowmaintenance board.

The replacement window market is really taking off, according to Steed, as vinyl windows earn high marks for improved energy efficiency and overall appearance.

Those features have been built into entry and storm doors as well.

Yet the king of low-maintenance products is anything composite. Composites can be a mix of plastic and wood or a blend of other plastics.

All share common traits of low-maintenance and near imperviousness to water and weather.

After a slow introduction period of two to three years, Steed predicts a "watershed year for composite decking because people now understand it.

"It has wood grain and color and has a lot more options for railings and fascia board. It's the real deal."

Composite materials also have surfaced in door seals and jambs, and brick molding.

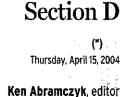
"Once people have experienced composite products, they just become convinced that is the way to go," said Steed.

"Look for broader use of these low-maintenance materials throughout the home."



### GIVE THANKS - Gerald Matthes on Artisan bread.

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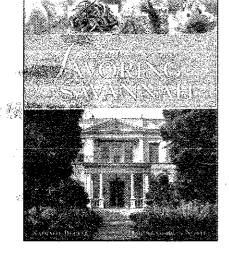
**Books signed** Two cookbook authors will be visiting the Detroit area within the next two months to promote their new books. Patricia Wells; author of seven French cookbooks and champion of simple GREEK POPC ANAKOPITA TARAMA GREGORY'S PIPA POCKER FULLOF SIMPLE CREEK REALPES

French cooking, will sign copies of her new cookbook The Provence Cookbook at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Borders, 34300 Woodward, in Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005 for information.

Bobby Flay, author of Boy Meets Grill and host of a show on the Food Network, will discuss and sign his latest book, Boy Gets Grill, at the Borders in Novi, 43075 Crescent Blvd., in the Novi Town Center, at 7 p.m. Monday, June 7. The flavors of Boy Gets Grill draw inspiration from everywhere from the Caribbean, South America, and Asia to the Italian-American dinners at a firehouse in the Bronx. Call (248) 347-0780 for information.

A local author, Greg Zotos of Livonia, will be signing

### Chefs create adventurous traditional Southern dishes



Savoring Savannah: Feasts from the Low Country highlights the character of Savannah's cuisine.

Imagine taking five of the best chefs in town and creating a cookbook, stoked by the fire from their stovetops and their imaginations. That's what Savoring Savannah: Feasts from the Low Country, by Nathalie Dupree and Martha Giddens Tesbit (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95) does take the Low

Country's dishes and allow the reader to savor the flavors in a variety of foods.

Imagine grilled plate if you've simply shrimp, wrapped in country bacon, served paid attention to with white bean cakes and roasted red pepper nutrition, the colors vinaigrette. Herbs are infused in rock Cornish game hens, and textures will Bluffton oysters combined with leeks and happen.' ham. Then there's tasty twists on tradition Elizabeth Terry with black eyed pea chef salsa, sweet potato pancakes and banana

custard with semisweet chocolate. Bacon and sweet Vidalia onions are mixed with cornbread, and pecans and zucchini combined in another side dish.

"I think that something will be beautiful on the plate if you've

simply paid attention to nutrition, the colors and textures will happen," said Elizabeth Terry, one of the chef's featured in the book and what the book's authors call a "foremother of New Southern cooking." She owns Elizabeth on 37th and is a winner of the James Beard Best Chef in the Southeast Award.

> She says she's always enjoyed poring over old manuscripts of recipes. Savannah's environment is ideal for growing herbs and vegetables, she adds. "They don't need cultivation here," Terry said. "And the items we like for soups and salads - garden lettuce, turnips, tiny tomatoes, as well as several herbs – can be backdoor fresh." Even downtown

hedges there feature rosemary, she notes. "I

enjoy cooking with herbs not only because they intensify the flavor of food, but also because less oil or fat is needed." Joe Randall, caterer and owner of

PLEASE SEE COOKBOOK, D6

### copies of his new debut cookbook, Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes, at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Borders, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, in the Novi Town Center. The cookbook contains a collection of traditional Greek recipes. For information, call (248) 347-0780.

### Drink line added

Pepsi-Cola North America hopes to quench consumers thirst for low-carbs with a new product.

The soft drink giant will launch Pepsi Edge, which contains less than 50 percent less sugar, carbohydrates and calories than rega ular colas.

The new drink contains a blend of Splenda (sucralose) and high fructose corn syrup. The national rollout\* will begin this summer, according to the Food & Beverage Report, a publication of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan.

"The time is right, the proposition is strong and everyone we've talked to is ready for this idea," said Dave Burwick, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Pepsi Cola North America.

"The product hits the sweet spot with a great balance of taste, diet needs and Pepsi persona."

### New 'Fridge Packs'

Miller Brewing Co. soon will be selling "Fridge Packs," a new consumer package offered by other beverage companies, to consumers.

The packs are designed to fit conveniently into home refrigerators.

Miller Lite and Miller Genuine Draft fridge packs will be available wherever canned beer is sold by the end of the month. Miller will also produce Miller Genuine Draft Light packs in the Midwest.

## Stir-fry chicken only takes 10 minutes

One of the main reasons fewer Americans cook at home is time. There's just isn't enough of it.

One federal agency reports that the percentage of households that cooks an average of once a day declined from 44.3 percent in 1993 to 40.5 percent in 2001. Those 4 percentage points equal about 11 million people.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1959 Americans spent 26 percent of their food budgets away from

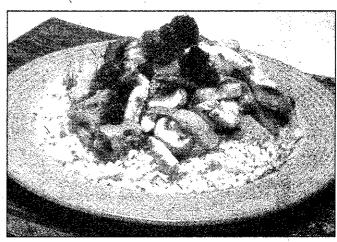
home; by 2000, it had grown to 47 and pre-washed fresh vegetables to percent. Other researchers find that buying commercially prepared meals - including heat-and-eat packaged foods from supermarkets - has steadily increased.

We opt for convenience over nutrition. But it doesn't have to be that way. It just takes a little advance planning and a wellstocked kitchen.

Buy frozen, chopped vegetables and fruits to defrost in the microwave. Or get bags of pre-cut

mix into a salad or use in a fiveminute stir-fry. One day per week, maybe over the weekend, take an hour to cook a large batch (double or triple the recipe) of a healthful dish. Then you can divide it into individual portions and freeze them. That way, you can just defrost a meal in the microwave on days you don't have time to cook. Stock a variety of home-cooked

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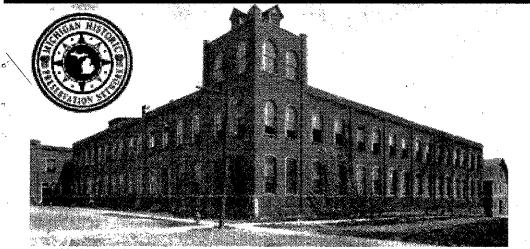


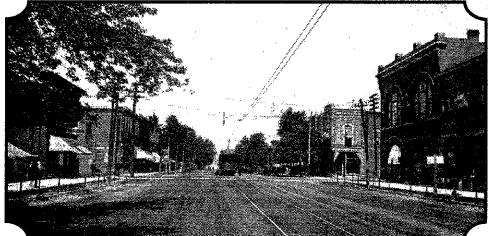
Use pre-cut frozen vegetables as a short cut in this chicken stir-frv.

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#### Bella Cucina

Learn about healthy appetizers and entrees at 6:30 p.m. on April 20 and 27. Roasted eggplant and garlic dip. grilled mushroom caps, potatoes and parsley, vinaigrette for vegetable patter, zucchini appetizer and mushroom risotto will be the demonstrated dishes in the three-hour class in the kitchen in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel at N. Territorial and Beck roads. Class size is limited to 12 for \$50 per person. Payment is due at registration. For information, call (734) 454-4659.

#### Wine tasting

Unique Restaurants will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month 6 -8 p.m., alternating at a different Unique restaurant. At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme - including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004, URC's Master

### CALENDAR

Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be on hand to describe the wines, answer questions, and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35 per person and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. URC rotates the event among four of its fine dining restaurants: Shiraz, Morels, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar and Northern Lakes Seafood Company. The next Wednesday wine tasting, Sweet Treats: Dessert and Dessert Wine Together is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, at Morels, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, Call (248) 642-1094, ext, 3 for information. The next Monday special sit-down wine tasting, The Legends -The Wines You've Always Wanted to Taste, is scheduled for Monday, May 17 at Shiraz, 30100 Telegraph: Call (248) 645-5289 for information.

### Appetizers

Learn salad making in Beyond Vinegar and Oil, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the commissary kitchen of Prontol at 4343 Normandy Court (one block east of Coolidge, just north of 13 1/2 Mile Road in Royal Oak. Other classes include Low Carbs, April 21; Sushi and Stir Fry, April 28; Cinco de Mayo, May 5; Sweet Delights, May 12;

Dinner Party for 4, May 19; and Great American Classics, May 26. Other classes are Picnic Foods, June 2, and Hot off the Grill, June 9. Class fee is \$25 per person. Register by calling Pronto! at (248) 549-1519 ext.0.

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### Braised pears make savory side dish

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Typically, poached or braised pears are served for dessert. says cookbook author Diane Morgan, who is based in Portland, Ore.

However, she developed this recipe, combining pears with soy sauce, ginger root, a touch of cayenne, and a splash of rice vinegar, for what she describes as "the most delectable side dish you've ever tasted."

"Forget the usual meat and potato combo - serve these braised pears with grilled pork tenderloin or chicken," she says

Or use your own taste and imagination to guide you to other great pairings.

### BRAISED PEARS WITH SOY-GINGER GLAZE

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalt-

- ed butter, melted 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
- ½ cup packed golden brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper 4 firm but ripe Bosc pears,
- peeled, halved lengthwise, and cored
- 2 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar

In a 10-inch saute pan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the soy sauce, ginger, sugar and cayenne pepper.

Stir until the sugar is melted and the ingredients are well combined; then reduce the heat to medium-low.

Add the pears, cut side down, and simmer, basting frequently, until the pears are tender when pierced with a knife, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Transfer the pears to a microwave-safe serving dish.

Bring the liquid in the pan back to a slow boil and add the vinegar. Simmer the sauce until it is thick and syrupy, about 3 minutes. Pour the sauce over the pears and serve immediately or set aside until ready to serve. Reheat in the microwave just before serving. Serves 4.

Cook's note: The dish can be made 1 to 2 days before serving. Refrigerate in a covered container. Serve with grilled pork tenderloin, chops, or roast or grilled chicken.

Recipe developed for AP by Diane Morgan, courtesy Pear Bureau Northwest

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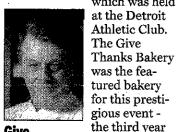
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## 'Artisanal' bread doesn't mean 'Artisan' bread

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Give Thanks

Gerald Matthes

what overawed by being on the same dais as the great chefs who came to prepare each delicious course. But I was put at ease by their generous appreciation of the bread I brought for the dinner. We made three types of rolls - Swiss multigrain; German pretzel rolls, topped with coarse salt; and rustic Ciabatta rolls with tiny chips of red and vellow bell peppers. Happily, the guests loved them too. For many, it was their first experience with true Artisan bread. That is, handcrafted bread made with naturally fermented starters, instead of commercial yeast - resulting as in past years

in wonderfully complex flavors.

All those rolls at that dinner were made over a three-day period (instead of the usual 12 hours.) As with handcrafted cheese and fine wine, time makes a world of difference.

So, not surprisingly, Artisan bread sales in the United States rose 10 percent last year - while the rest of the bread industry cowered in the face of the low-carb

onslaught. Consumers have begun to realize that nutritious, full grain bread provides valuable carbohydrates.

More and more, bland supermarket bread is being ignored. However, the choices are not as simple as they might

appear. The big chains and supermarkets have tried to move into the Artisan limelight. They've even stolen and misused the word with signs calling out "Artisanal Bread is Here!" And for the unwitting, the belief is that "Artisan" and "Artisanal" are one and the same thing. But that's far from the truth.

The Artisanal breads in these stores are shipped frozen, after having been parbaked at the point of origin and then "finished off" to become an imitation of Artisan (hand-crafted) bread made with all-natural ingredients by a skilled baker.

The claims for "Artisanal" bread are often extravagantly made, but these claims rarely hold up. Recently, a New York Times food writer conducted a "blind" taste test. Loaves in numbered bags (so that no one could tell which was which) were compared. Two were parbaked "Artisanal" loaves. Three were handcrafted loaves from nearby Artisan bakeries. The results of the test were predictable. The parbaked loaves were "several notches below the others...the crust was not crisp...almost no flavor."

In contrast, the Artisan loaves "had lovely dense texture, more complex flavors and crisp crusts."

Summing up the test results, the food editor wrote, "It depends upon how you feel about bread. If ordinary supermarket bread is your point of reference, parbaked loaves are an improvement. But for a demanding bread lover, the parbaked compromise is just not worth it."

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So, from one bread lover to another... keep a discerning look out for the real thing. Your taste buds will "give thanks!"

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester. You can reach him at (248) 601-1542.

Add oil, swirl to coat pan and heat oil until very hot.

Add chicken and stir-fry until it loses pink color.

With slotted spoon, remove chicken from pan and set aside.

Add garlic and stir-fry until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add vegetables to pan. Stir-frv about 2 minutes.

Return chicken to pan.

Add basil, oregano and chicken broth. Stir-fry until chicken is opaque throughout, about 4 minutes.

Add cheese and toss.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, including juices from pan, over hot cooked rice, preferably brown. Makes 4 servings

Nutritional information per serving: 316 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 27 g. carbohydrate, 27 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 244 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. For more ideas and recipes, you can read or order a free single copy of the AICR brochure called Homemade for Health online at www.aicr.org. You can also order a free copy of the brochure by calling 1-800-843-8114 ext. 450, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Blue corn flapjacks hit the breakfast table

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

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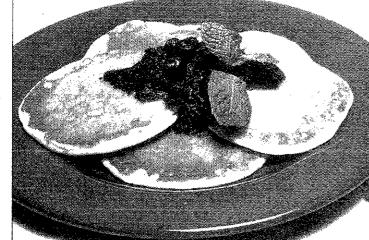
Truthfully -

Blue food has been popular with kids for a surprisingly long time, particularly in sweets, from ice pops to candycoated chocolate. There is a healthy blue food, though, that I encourage you and your family to try.

Blue corn is no gimmick. It is special, and for more than its color and its Southwest Native American heritage.

Particularly sacred to the Hopi and other pueblo Indian tribes, blue corn, cultivated primarily in the southwestern United States for over 400 years, sends down exceptionally deep roots that help it tolerate extreme heat and dryness. It has not become more widely cultivated, despite these strengths, because it also grows slowly and has a lower yield than other types of corn.

Ground blue corn feels lighter than other cornmeal. Native Americans use it to make a creamy, sustaining, hot drink called atole. For blue corn tortillas, which are thicker, coarser and grainier than others, the grain is first treated with lime to remove its tough hull, then ground into the doughy masa from which tor-



Blue corn flapjacks are healthy and delicious.

tillas and corn chips are made. Chefs and a few home cooks have discovered that blue cornmeal makes exceptional pancakes, waffles, and muffins. In addition to their eye-catching color, they have its stronger, earthy yet sweet flavor, which blends especially well with whole-wheat flour, as in these delectably light pancakes. Mix in blueberries, or serve with the accompanying blueberry syrup

BLUE CORN FLAPJACKS

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup whole-wheat pastry flour 1/2 cup blue cornmeal

- ½ teaspoon baking powder <sup>1/4</sup> teaspoon baking soda 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 large eggs <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup low-fat plain yogurt
- ½ cup reduced-fat (2 percent) milk
- 2 tablespoons melted butter 3 or 4 drops almond extract % cup honey
- 1 cup frozen blueberries, thawed 1 tablespoon frozen orange juice
- concentrate, thawed Cooking spray In large bowl, combine whole-

wheat flour, cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda, and sugar.

In another bowl, whisk eggs with yogurt, milk, butter, and almond extract until well combined. Pour mixture into dry ingredients, whisking to combine them.

Coat heavy, large skillet or griddle with cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. When the skillet or griddle is hot, pour in 3 tablespoons batter at a time for each pancake, leaving a 3-inch space between them. When small holes appear on the surface and bottom of pancakes is dark brown (about 3 minutes), turn them. Cook until they are browned on bottom and firm in center when lightly pressed with a fingertip. Repeat until remaining batter is used up, respraying pan as needed.

Meanwhile, heat honey in small saucepan over medium heat until liquid, 2-3 minutes, stirring a few times. Place blueberries and juice concentrate in a blender and pulse a few times until almost a purée. Mix into the honey until well blended. Simmer 3 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature with the flapjacks. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 262 calories, 7 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 46g. carbohydrate, 7 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 142 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of The Joy of Soy.

## **STIR-FRY**

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items in your freezer for later use.

To save time, the following recipe uses pre-sliced mushrooms, a jar of minced garlic, and a bag of frozen mixed vegetables that includes zucchini and peppers.

If you prefer to use fresh vegetables, substitute one large zucchini, diced, and 1 large red pepper, cored and diced.

### **10-MINUTE ITALIAN CHICKEN** STIR-FRY

### 1 tablespoon canola oil <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pound skinless, boneless

chicken breast, cut in<sup>3</sup>/-inch pieces

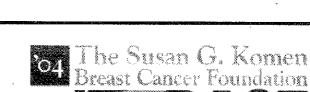
116-ounce bag frozen mixed vegetables for stir-fry

1 teaspoon finely minced garlic ½ cup sliced fresh mushrooms 1 teaspoon dried basil

- I teaspoon dried oregano 1/2 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium
- chicken broth ·2 tablespoons grated Parmesan
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## 'Steak' out the classics and the trends when grilling

While the chill may remain for a few more mornings, the spring has arrived, making it the unofficial start of grilling season. Steaks and burgers continue to be two of the most popular grilled foods, with steaks claiming first place.

"Popular steak cuts are good choices, but don't shy away from other cuts that you might not be as familiar with," says Chef Dianna Stoffer, with the Certified Angus Beef brand. "Some hot trends in restaurants include flat iron (also called top blade), tri-tip and shoulder tender. They are easy to grill too.

'Keep it basic by grilling any of these cuts with salt and pepper to taste, or have some fun with flavor by using dry rubs or marinades," Stoffer adds. Visit www.certifiedangusbeef.com for rub and marinade recipes, and other ideas.

### TOP BLADE, A.K.A. FLAT IRON

Opt for top blade or flat iron. Cut from the chuck, it is usually sold as steaks. It is remarkably tender and full-flavored, and sells in a medium price range. 4 each (4-5 ounce) Certified Angus Beef flat iron or top blade steaks <sup>3</sup>Seasoning, as desired.

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 8-10 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking time. For medium-rare remove steaks when a meat thermometer registers 140 <sup>2</sup>F. Serves 4.

### **TRI-TIP**

Established as a West Coast favorite, the tri-tip is catching on across the nation. This medium-priced option is usually available in a small 1-1/2 to 2pound roast and can easily be sliced into individual portions after grilling. 1-1/2 pounds Certified Angus

Beef Tri-tip Seasoning, as desired.

Preheat grill to medium. Season roast and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 35-45 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140 ºF, for mediumrare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time.

Remove roast to a cutting board and let it rest 10-15 minutes, covered with a foil tent. (The internal temperature will continue to rise 5-10 degrees). Carve agross the grain into 1/4inch slices. Serves 6.

skirt steak 2 tablespoons olive oil 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice Kosher salt, to taste Other seasoning if desired, such as cumin or garlic

Rub steak with oil, and marinate in lime juice and seasoning, in refrigerator for 1 hour. Preheat grill to medium. Grill 5-6 inches from heat source for 3-5 minutes per side, or until a meat thermometer registers 140 °F, for medium-rare to medium. Remove steak to cutting board and let it rest 5 minutes. Carve diagonally across the grain into/4-inch slices. Serves 3-4.

### RIBEYE

Sometimes called Delmonico, this steak offers the most robust beef flavor and is succulent and juicy. Beef aficionados are partial to ribeye served with the bone in

and called aa cowboy steak. Look for steaks at least 1-inch thick.

4 each (7-8 ounce) Certified Angus Beef ribeye steaks Seasoning, as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-4 inches from the heat source for 11-14 minutes or until a meat thermometer registers 140 ºF for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfwaythrough cooking time. Serves 4.

### STRIP STEAK A.K.A. TOP LOIN

Also named New York and Kansas City strip on restaurant menus, it is most often simply called a strip steak. Nicknamed the steak lover's choice, it is the number one pick for those wanting a traditional steak that is flavorful and juicy. Buy strip steaks that are at least 1-inch thick. 4 each (6-8 ounce) Certified

Angus Beef strip steaks Seasoning, as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-4 inches from heat source for 15-18 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140 ºF, for mediumrare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

### Porterhouse

For diners with a hearty appetite, this larger version of the T-bone offers portions of both strip and tenderloin (filet) steaks. It's a great pick for anyone who enjoys a variety of steak tastes. As with any fine steak, it is best if they are at least 1-inch thick.

4 each (14-16 ounce) Certified Angus Beef porterhouse steaks Seasoning, as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill for 14-16 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140 ºF, for medium-rare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

#### HAMBURGER

A beloved American meal, the hamburger can be made plain, with flavors added before cooking, after as toppings, or both. Its versatility is matched only by its frugality. Starting with cold ground beef makes it easier to mold appetizing hamburgers. Regardless of how it's flavored, remember to cook all ground meat to 160 ºF.

J pound Certified Angus Beef ground chuck, round or sirloin

Seasoning, as desired

Preheat grill to medium. If

desired, add seasoning to beef before forming patties about<sup>3</sup>/-1. inch thick and 4-inches around Grill 3-4 inches from heat source. for 12-16 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 160 ºF, medium.Turn once halfway 🛫 through cooking time. Serves 3.\*

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Add a little spice to grilling by experimenting with season ings. Try the following or use 🛬 these suggestions to inspire unique ideas: Kosher salt, fresh ground pepper, garlic (minced or powder), lemon pepper, basil or basil and oregano mixed, Dijon mustar prepared herbs or steak seasoning, ginger (minced or powder), lime juice, cumin and ground red pepper

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### SHOULDER TENDER ROAST

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Angus Beef shoulder tender Seasoning, as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season beef and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 14-18 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140 ºF, for mediumrare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time.

Remove roast to a cutting board and let it rest 5 minutes. Carve across the grain into 1inch slices. Serves 2-3.

### SHOULDER CENTER A.K.A. RANCH STEAK

The shoulder center steak is another previously overlooked chuck cut. Sold at a mediumprice cut, it's bold flavor and tenderness will make the shoulder center steak a dinnertime favorite.

4 each (4-5 ounce) Certified Angus Beef shoulder center

steaks Seasoning, as desired

Preheat grill to medium. Season steaks and grill 3-5 inches from heat source for 11-14 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140 ºF, for mediumrare to medium. Turn once halfway through cooking time. Serves 4.

### SKIRT STEAK AS ARRACHERA

A classic Mexican grilling cut, skirt steak is winning fans across North America. It can be served as steak, in sandwiches or in traditional Mexican dishes. This thin cut cooks very quickly making a bit of marinating advisable. 1 pound Certified Angus Beef

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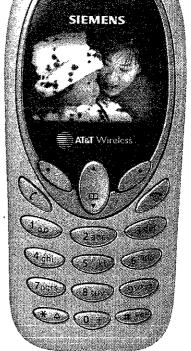
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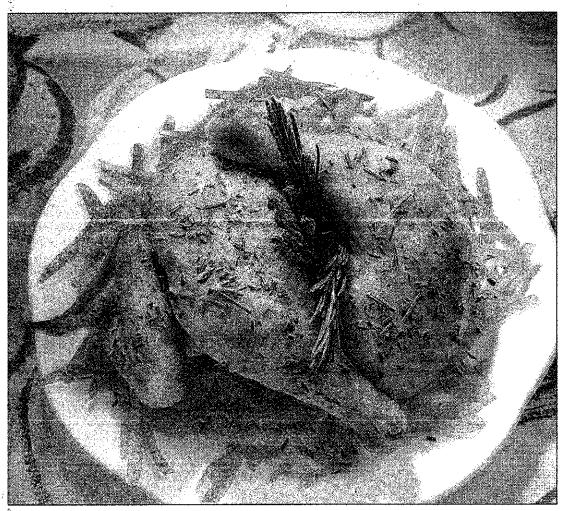
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Tender rock Cornish game hens are roasted with cilantro, thyme, basil, sage and garlic for a touch of freshness.

### COOKBOOK

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Chef Joe Randall's Cooking School, said that the basic Southern spices are salt, pepper and cayenne.

"You need just enough cayenne to say 'hello,' " Randall said.

Randall's shrimp wrapped in bacon with white bean cakes and roasted red pepper vinaigrette adds Asian seasonings with the interesting flair of white bean cakes instead of traditional white toast.

Bernard McDonough, executive chef at the Ford Plantation, the historic home of Henry Ford and now a second home community, creates menus dictated by what's in season, fresh and available.

McDonough's cooking is described as eclectic - taking dishes from New York or San Francisco and melding them with traditional regional favorites, such as a squab, a bird from the region, grilled in a Georgia peach teriyaki marinade, served with a ragout of potato, chorizo and black lentils.

George Spriggs, co-owner of North Beach Grill and George's of Tybee, adds Caribbean overtones to traditional Southern. He says he hires chefs who "have a substantial command" of herbs, spices and flavor combinations.

Susan Mason, a Low Country caterer, tells the authors her family "always said 'I love you' with food." She offers crab cakes with tarragon tartar

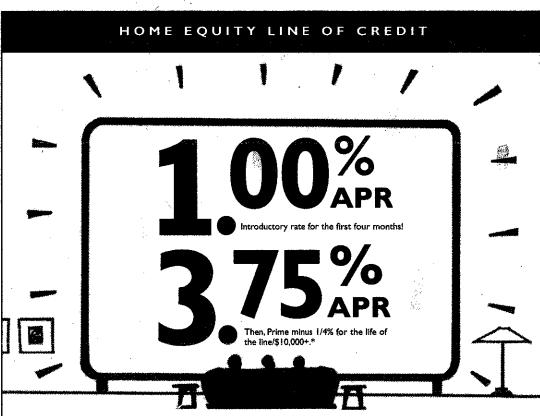


Grilled shrimp are wrapped in bacon, while white bean cakes and roasted red pepper vinaigrette complete the flavorings in this dish.

sauce, tomato sandwiches, grilled vegetable marinade and blackberry cake with seven minute frosting.

The book is an enjoyable and as breezy as a patio on a Southern mansion. It reflects on Savannah residents' love for the outdoors with suggested menus for picnics and beach parties. Of course, there's room for the formal with suggested menus for a symphony dinner and madiera dinner.

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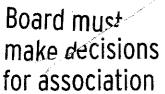
### Board must for association

recent questions, our association is controlled by a management company who will not relent to the will of the board. Is this a common

I have received several communications from coowners who believe it was coincidental that this column mentioned that management companies usurp the role of the board of directors. Unfortunately, it is all too common when directors, who are not willing to assert their prerogatives as directors, rely too heavily on management companies. While management companies serve a useful purpose — to consult with the board and give it direction — ultimately the board must make final decisions. The board should not allow the management company to fill a vacuum of power which board members have abdicated knowingly or otherwise. Prudent operation dictates that both the management company and the board work together with legal counsel to formulate sound business decisions.

We are worried about an elderly condo member who is forgetful and causing damage to their unit and common elements. What can we do to deal with this situation?

The first step would be to communicate with the elderly member in a nice way, pointing out that it is important to make sure that no one gets hurt and that no one's property gets damaged. If that does not work, you may want to contact the member's family, contract services for the person or, if necessary, file court action. You are best advised to consult with your attorney regarding this matter.



As a follow-up to one of your problem?

**BY NORMAN PRADY** CORRESPONDENT

You can name Santa's reindeer, Snow White's dwarfs, the nine planets and you always win a fortune sitting in your family room answering questions contestants miss on Jeopardy. You're smart. Bright.

Intelligent. How about when you're out looking for a house to buy? Still smart, bright and intelligent?

Well, maybe you can put together a Smart Homebuyer's Test for yourself. Here are some

suggestions: How much house can we afford?

"We ask buyers to get preapproval for a mortgage," said Genie Redinger, associate broker, Century 21 Country Hills, Bloomfield Hills. "They should have that information upfront. A letter from the lender that they can show to sellers," she said. As a buyer's agent, Redinger said potential homeowners might discuss other bills they have. "Then I can talk to them about what they might consider, with mortgage payment and the rest," she said. "Whenever someone tells me their price limit, I go a little above and below to present them with what's on the market. If they're in the \$200,000-\$225,000 range, I would talk them out of looking at the halfmillion-dollar house. Let's look at what's in your range and not muddy the waters."

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"But if it's somebody who wanted something in pristine, perfect condition, I'd tell them, 'Look, this is just too much for you.' They're so in love with the outside they say they can live with the inside. As their buyer-agent, I believe I have to tell them if I think it's not the house for them."

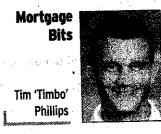
seem they're not serious about buying." Donoho is a sales agent with ERA Country Ridge Realty, Livonia

The uncertainty, Donoho said, "can lead to buying something they don't really want."

■ Can we bring our wish list along? Marcia Gies, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker

Schweitzer in Troy, said she runs into wish lists all the time. "There are a lot of homes out

there that just need elbow grease, paint, Carpet, She caid. Structurally, it's a great house. But kids today don't want to do the work. Everything used to be hand-me-down, but not today. Kids today are out buying new



### **Teachers** get special deals

f you belong to one of several unique groups of people, you may get special consideration for your next mortgage. Of course, there are always specials available for first time buyers, and local municipalities, organizations, or local banks and credit unions who sometimes offer local incentives. However, it is now becoming more common for lenders to target their marketing to very specific groups of borrowers, like teachers.

If you are a teacher (or you know a teacher), you may be interested to learn that fulland part-time teachers (grades K through 12) looking to purchase either a home or condominium as their primary residence may be eligible for some pretty sweet deals.

Not all lenders have preferential programs for teachers, and teachers may need to do the "Sherlock Holmes thing" to find special deals. However, here's a preview of some of the benefits teachers may find at the end of their search.

### FINANCING

First, teachers may expect to get at or close to 100 percent financing for their home purchase, credit scores permitting. Better credit scores mean they can carry more debt while still getting a mortgage approval. However, as with most mortgages, excess debt will limit their mortgage amount.

In some cases, a teacher may be able to get a mortgage without even having a credit history. In such cases, lenders will use "alternative documentation" such as a good rental history and utility or cell phone bills to form the basis of the mortgage approval. Making "too much" income is usually not a factor for most teachers as income limits are often waived. Also, they may often be allowed to have their sellers pick up a chunk of their closing costs, usually up to 3 percent or so of the purchase price. Perhaps most notably, teachers may not be required to sit through a full Saturday's worth of otherwise mandatory "homebuyer's education."

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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🖀 We found a house, love the outside, but the inside's a pit. Is it OK to buy it?

"The homebuyers might tell me they want to do a house over, get their own taste in it," said Merle Solway, sales agent, Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse, Birmingham.

"If they can get a good buy and put their own sweat equity into it, that's OK. I might say, 'Look, you can take a wall out here, redo the kitchen, redo the bathroom and this will be gorgeous because you've got the beautiful outside.'

We're tired of looking When you're impatient you're verging on making unwise choices," said Patricia Dykes, a sales agent with Real Estate One in Rochester. "I'd tell you to give it some thought, wait a little.

Buying a house is one of biggest decisions you'll make. "You don't want to make a wrong one that will have long-term effects on your family," said Dykes. If you're tired of looking at houses, take a break.

How can we know the house we like is a good house to buy?

"Your agent will provide a market analysis of the subdivision so you'll know the fair market price," said Bruce Webb, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Westland.

And after your offer is accepted, with a contingency about satisfactory inspection, Webb said, "you'll have a professional examine the house from head to toe."

■ Do we have to decide right away what style of house we want?

"First thing," said Pam Donoho, "is what can they afford. Then, the area they want. Then, then type of house. When they're not sure about the type, it can be difficult to work with them, might

furniture on the charge card and not adding that in to what it's costing them to live there."

Deciding on a house is mak-ing us crazy. What's the cure?

You might be suffering with the human conflict between desires and rationalities, according to Dr. Susan Gottlieb, a clinical psychologist in Farmington Hills.

Write down all the pros and cons. Literally make a list. Give vourself time to think about it," she said. "Are you going beyond your means? Understand the reasons you want to buy this house. Because you love it or because your friends can afford it and you think you also should be able to."

Gottlieb said there's nothing wrong with wanting and working toward a goal, but sometimes it's better to set short-term goals that help us achieve our long-term goals.

"We all have an impulsive side that makes us want to go out and buy things we can't afford or do things we shouldn't do," she said. "Pleasure is a primary principle in all of us. Sometimes when you're impulsive, those pleasurable things can be dangerous. We suspend rational thinking because we're not considering the consequences of the decision. Our impulsive actions are childlike.

"But we don't see children buying houses."



Mortgage incentives for teachers rarely apply to investment properties, and only sometimes apply for refinances. However, discounts, specials and promotions are most certainly worth asking about if you are a teacher with a pending mortgage transaction.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



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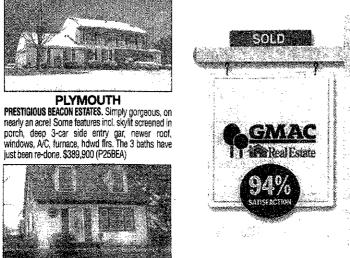


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**BY JEANNINE AVERSA** 

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Mortgage rates

climbed this week

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January amid

mounting signs

that the economy's

to their highest lev-

mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates. This week's rate

was the highest 🔬 since Jan. 8, when 80-year mortgages averaged 5.87 percent.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate mort-



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gages, a popular option for refinancing, increased this week to 5.12 percent, compared with 4.84 percent last week. For oneyear adjustable mortgages, rates moved up this week to 3.65 percent, from 3.46 percent. This week's rates for both 15-year and one-year ARMs also were the highest since Jan.

Mortgage rates on the rise

Signs that the recovery is gaining ground, including a good employment report for March released by the government last week, were factors in pushing bonds rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise, analysts said. "The bond market reacted to the

welcome news last

Friday that jobs are finally being created, which is much needed for continued expansion of the economy," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist. "Mortgage rates

again followed the bond market, rising significantly from last week to this week, and spurring speculation that the **Federal Reserve** will raise rates sooner rather than later," she said. Nationwide aver-

ages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week.

while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.5



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point. This time last year, rates on 30year mortgages averaged 5.85 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.17 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.80

percent. Looking ahead, some economists are hopeful that there will be further improvements in the nation's employment picture, which would help to offset higher mortgage rates.

David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, is predicting that sales of both new homes and previously owned ones this vear will turn out to be the second-highest on record. Home sales last year registered their best year ever. - He predicts rates on benchmark 30-

year mortgages will rise slowly this year, reaching 6.4 percent by the end of the year.

"The fundamental demand for housing against a backdrop of an improving economy and mortgage interest rates that remain historically low mean home sales will remain near record levels," Lereah said.

Rising mortgage rates, meanwhile, are slowing homemortgage refinancing activity. The Mortgage Bankers Association said refinancing accounted for 57.1 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week. That was down from 62.8 percent the previous week.



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### **Career seminar**

If you are considering a career in real estate, attend a seminar 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, or 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Keller Williams Realty Livonia Market Center, 31500 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Learn about commissions and training designed to get you started quickly. Call (734) 266-9000 for more information.

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### Graduate Remodeler Class Sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Remodelors Council, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Focuses on skills for successful management of a project at the job site. Cost, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, \$140 for BIA members, nonmembers and guests. Call (248) 862-1033.

### Home buyer class

Free seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, offered by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and her team, Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage and home inspector Craig Lee of Home Team inspection Service at First Michigan Title, southwest corner of Six Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia. Call (734) 420-9600 or email info@rfirestone-team.com for details.

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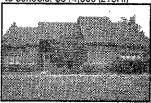
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PLYMOUTH 4 BDRM COLONIAL Beautifully landscaped oversized corner lot in the much sought after Trailwood Sub, 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial. 1st fir laundry, Kit & Breakfast rm overlooking the FR w/gas FP. Spacious rooms T/O. Wonderful cul-de-sac location, 1 yr home warranty included, close to schools. \$314,500 (215HI)



Be LIFE BEGINS HERE That's what EXCEPTIONAL HOME ON CUL DE SAC in popular Canton sub. Fresh paint EDENDERRY Time to enjoy the entranced from the moment you you'll say when you see this West Bloomfield 2-story, 4 BDRM neutral décor, privacy fenced yard. home you've worked so hard for. enter. This brick ranch features a wonderful open & airy feeling brick 2.5 BA w/finished dayligh Beautiful bay in Master suite. 1938 This splendid 3800 sq ft Cape unique re,od. Kit, 2 baths, new ranch home. Nice neutral carpet, basement in a private setting w/ Cod has a luxurious 1st floor windows, finished lower level w/ huge Kitchen/Dinette overlooks gorgeous pond views. Custom Master Suite, 3 more bedrooms rec room & bath. 2.5 car garage, the very spacious Family Room w/ kitchen remodel with Grabill upstairs, an uncompromising huge yard & decorator flair t/o. fp. Formal LR, 3 bds, 1.5 baths, cabinetry, LR w/cathedral ceiling & floorplan & design feature you'll \$163,900 (641JA) prof fin bsmt w/wet bar & loads of fireplace, study, spacious master, prof fin bsmt w/wet bar & loads of fireplace, study, spacious master, lights. Fenced yard & patic. and over 2800 square feet. \$414,900 (132WO)



acres. \$239,900 (433CA)



QUIET & QUAINT Lovely 3 bd TOTALLY UPDATED 3 bd, 1 bath bungalow located on quiet tree ranch w/access to Cass Lake. lined street. Updates include Every room updated, frshly Kitchen, windows, new carpet, & painted, new berber carpet, vinyl siding. Great open floor plan finished bsmt, updated plumbing & nice curb appeal. \$134,900 & elec. New neutral Kitchen w/ (845BO) ceramic tile floor, new Foyer w/



\$164,900 (510CA)



LR w/vaulted ceiling. Newer wall closet Spacious dining room windows & all appliances remain. & Kitchen, laundry room w/storage area, library w/shelving. \$118,500

PICTURE PERFECT Take a few BACKS TO WOODED GREAT HOUSE Double corner lot. EXCELLENT CONDITION End WERE PUTTING YOU ON TO A 3 BR RANCH w/open floor plan & COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY minutes to check this one out. You COMMONS Enjoy nature this Over 1700 sq ft, oak trim t/o, dual unit ranch Condo, centrally great opportunity own this lovely neutral décor. Foyer opens to a Wonderful country contemporary contemporary w/iventiane a ranch in Human school det for lot to beth for in the formation of the forma minutes to check this one out, you commons Enjoy nature this over 1700 sq it, oak thin 70, ouar tint ration control, centrally great opportunity own this lovely neutral decor. Foyer opens to a wonderful country contemporary won't be sorry. Great family home summer from your own private oak staircase, Library & 1st floor, located, 2 bd, 2 bath, fp in LR. Full home w/3BRs, 1.5 BAs. Gorgeous beautiful great room w/fireplace, ranch in Huron school district, w/loads of updates. Featuring a balcony that overlooks the master bedroom. It's just waiting basement, 2 car att garage, 1st floor land with with the wide state of the sta large bds, 1.5 baths, FR, spacious ceiling in GR, large bedroom w/full \$149,999 (808FA)

ceramic tile floor. Newer tear of



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JUST LISTED Great 4 bd colonial EXCLUSIVE

sq ft, 2.5 baths. A must see!

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neutral décor, and central air. \$219,500 (588GR)

the house neat. 2 car att gar, new basement. \$369,900 (328CO) Deck, fenced vd. Super house,

& bath. GR w/FP off Kit eating area cathedral ceiling, WIC, jetted tub & Nook. Master suite w/WIC & jetted & FR play cntr to keep the rest of separate shower. Extra deep tub. Home is located on 2.79

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T/o, Open Kitchen To Family Rm,

Vaulted Ceiling, Frpl, Doorwall To

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Light

\$215.000

Fixtures.

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Fabulous Puite! Backs to woods. Updates Open flr plan w/neutral decor t/o. Siding, 'Doors, Hw Spac kit & nook w/hdwd firs, Remodeled Kit, maple cabinets Top of line appls, Room W/skylights, hardwood Fis extra deep bsmt, oversized 2.5 In Bdrms, Heated gar. Prem elevation, sprnklr sys, (OEN20HAN) 888-870-9123 deck. (OEP38BRO) 888-870-9127

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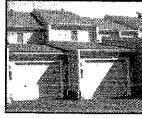
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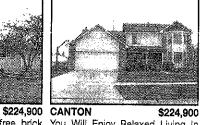
FARMINGTON HILLS \$225,000 Open, Airy, bright & Spacious W/ vauited Ceilings & Skylights All Done in Neutral Decor. Impressive 2 Story Entry. Large Eat-in Kitchen. French Doors From Master & Living Room Lead To Private Porch Överlooking Pond. (OEN00HIL) 888-870-9123





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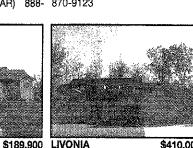
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Patio, New



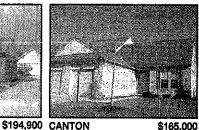
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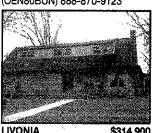




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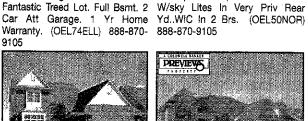
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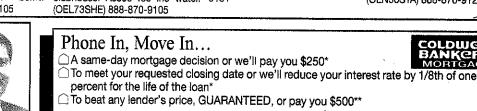
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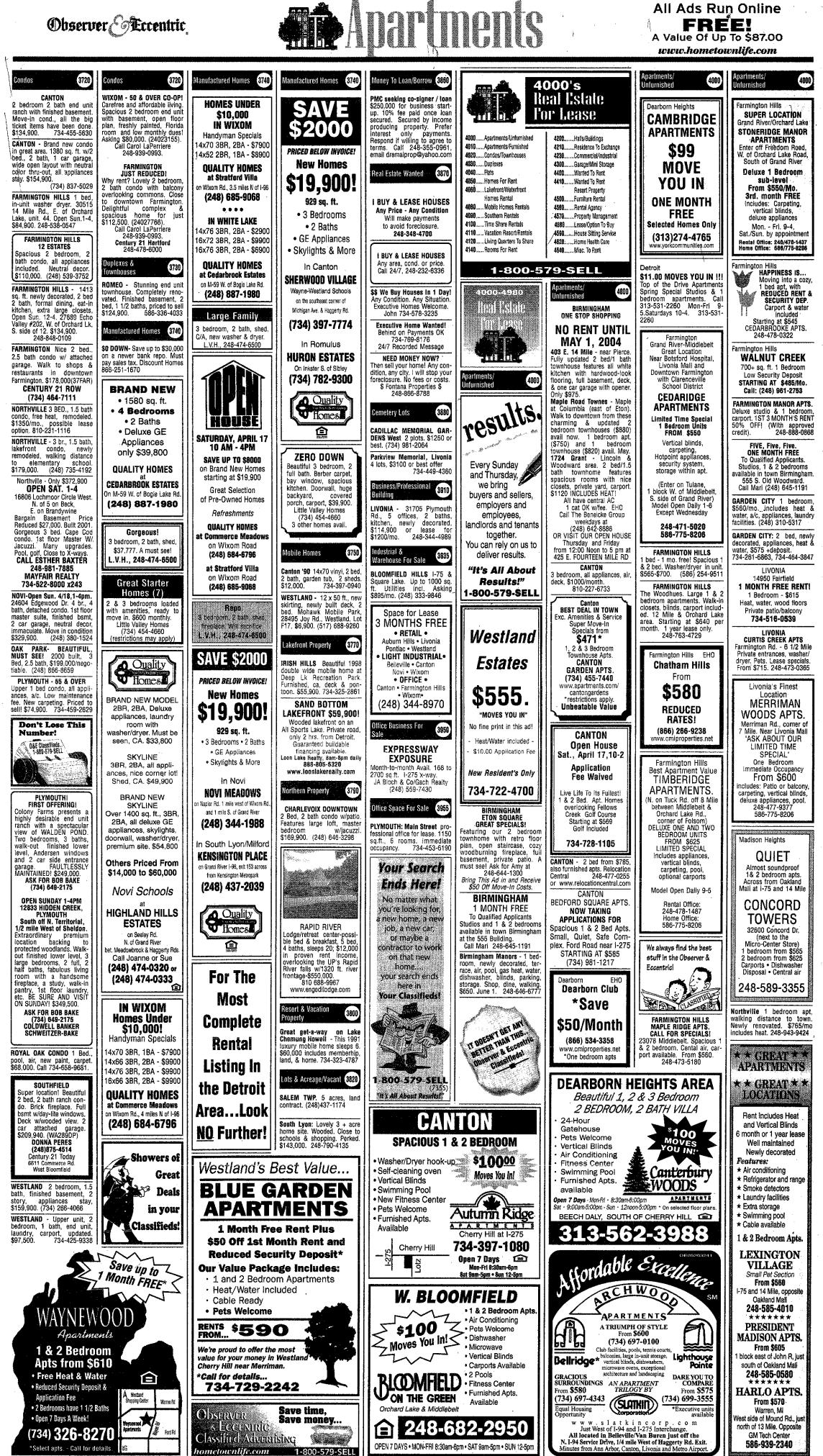
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4 BRs, 2 5 baths. Open fir plan/2 story great rm Multi-level cedar deck w/fountain. Lrg BRs. mstr ste w/blt-ins & spa tub. Cedar sun rm Yard prof

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THE LOOK OF LOVE! Great location backing to pond 2.603 SF, GR, DR, tab kit w/maple cbnts, corian cntrs. granite isl. Sound sys, mstr ste w/ vitd ceil Daylight wndws in bsmt, (2388530)

BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN LK. COMMUNITY

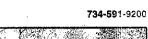


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COMMERCE \$376.900 COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Up north feeling just minutes from city conveniences. Country size lot filled with trees & perennials. A traditional 4 BR tudor completes the picture. (M4225)





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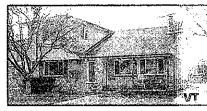


\$239,900 LIVONIA **BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH IN POP**ULAR **LIVONIA** Updates galore! Open floor plan.3 lg BRs, cozy FP w/hearth in FR. Large LR. full bornt, 2 car att gar. Newer furn, a/c, windows, roof, hwh. Well maintained! (24034257)

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LIVONIA \$209,900 LOOKING FOR A BIG HOUSE FOR THE MONEY? 2169 SF, 4 bedroom home in Liveral 4 s "States Streets" subdivision. Roof, wirerws A/C and much more are newer. (M31845



\$629,900 NORTHVILLE ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUSI 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, grand fover w/hdwd firs extending to gourmet kit 8 nook. Kit has granite island, 42 inch cabs, FR has a bay, soaring ceiling & balcony. Much more! (D44243)



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BEAUTIFUL & ALMOST NEW located on

NORTHVILLE \$324,900 **OUTSTANDING NORTHVILLE CONDO!** This 2002 built 1938 SF home offers 2 BRs, 2.1BAs, GR w/gas frpic, granite kit w/hdwd floors, huge master suite, w/ceramic luxury bath, full fin bsmt & 2 car garage! (21LYO2)

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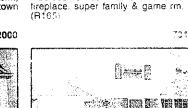
BELLEVILLE \$259.900 NEIBORHOOD PRIDE REFLECTS AROUND YOU 3 BRs, 2 story in Walden Woods sub w/ 2.5 baths, LG country Kit, DR, Finished bsmt, GR W/ FP, enclosed Fla Rm, attached garage & first floor den. (W935)



BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO 3 BRs. 2 1/2 BAs, Mstr w/sitting area, Whirlpool tub, Cer tile. Hdwd firs in Kit, Foyer. 1st FIr Indry, bsmt, 12x12 Deck, 2 Car att Gar. Close to downtown Plymouth. (C874)







SUPERIOR TWP

floor plan on 5 acres.

tabulous new oak kitchen, newer roof shingles, tireplace, super family & game rm, pole barn. (R165)

LOTS OF PRIVACY Large Ranch w/nice open



and the second Vr PLYMOUTH \$212,900

RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP ? BR 1 100 speckerbaches to varan ka ZR onas syEC an y ka⊨t TR Light of FC A: much more! (C9343)



WESTLAND \$209,900 PERFECT PLACE TO CALL HOME! Located on (East-encist) on almost a half acre wooded lot. Acres 9 so eew windws, berber crpt. 2 full a nate-thans. Mstriste has a jacuzzi. Fin bismt & morei (2014) 27441 & more! (23M37744)

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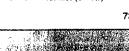
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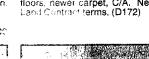
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DEARBORN \$249,900 2000 SQUARE FOOT DEARBORN COLONIAL Remodeled in 2002. 4 BRs, 3 baths, custom kitchen garage, fin bsmt/w bar-office. Hardwood floors, newer carpet, C/A. Near Levagood Pk. Land Contract terms. (D172)





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BELLEVILLE \$214,900 MAKE A MUST SEE! Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home loaded with upgrades' Huge backyard with custom wood fence. 2.5 ca gar with storage. Close to freeways, school (23K42770)

CANTON \$307,000 PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT NORTHVILLE CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, crown moldings, neutral decor, prof fin bsmt, walk to swim club & parks, ig luxurious mstr ste w/lg WIC, prvt yd, 2 tier deck, nicely Indscpd. (W6554) Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen Perfect! (90COU2)

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NORTHVILLE \$234,000 GREAT STARTER OR DOWNSIZE HOME Hard

to find in downtown Northville w/basement & garage.Fenced vargiPossible 1st floor laundry. Compare185,000 for closing costs.Walk to downtown & cider mill. (25NOV2)

### CANTON **CHARMING SPACIOUS COLONIAL** very open filr plan, huge eat-in custom kit, ig LR, formal DR, mstr BR w/WIC & access to bth. Newer rf, wndws, furn, c/a. Great lot w/patio & child's play gym. (F43438)

\$209,900 LIVONIA

4 BR BUNGALOW IN OLD ROSEDALE IN LIVONIA Great updates and beautifully maintained. 2 car detached garage. In the middle of the sub. Just listed! (B9910)

**OUTSTANDING NOVI OPPORTUNITY!!** Great outs tanbing novi OPPOR tonit yn great potential herel 3 bedroom home on nearly 3/4 acre lott 2 Garages, great for cars, boats, etcl Screened porch! Newer Roof! Novi Schools! Warrantyl Fireplace! (50STA2)

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PLYMOUTH \$201,900 A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH! Walking distance from downlown, limited traffic sub. 1236 SF, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, low maintenance in & out. Brk FP in FR. 2 car gar, newer wndws, furn, HWH, & morel (A42520)

Sparkling KIT & Brkfst area. Beautiful Ig FR w/ cathedral ceiling. 3 BRs, LR w/FP. New windows, newer hi-eff turnace/AC, newer roof. New deck



w/priv fenced yard, (83LEB2)

HURRY HURRYIII 12 mile to Franklin to complex West to address. This Beautiful 3 bedroom brick Ranch condo, In much sought after area. Many updates. End Unit, 2 Carports.

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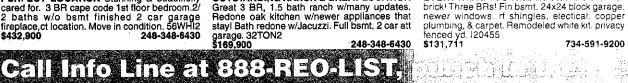
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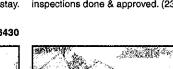
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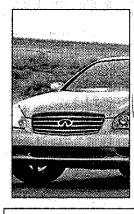
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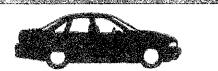
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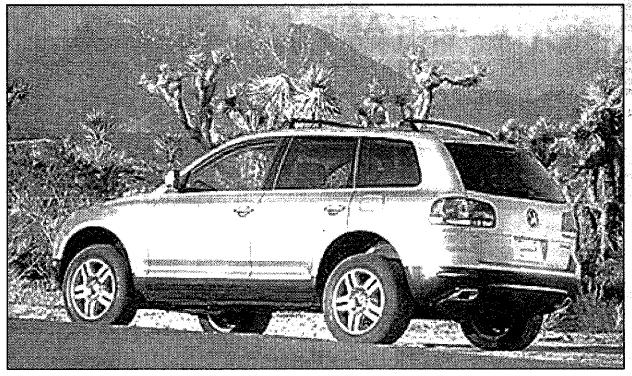
By now, I'm used to Volkswagen doing the unexpected in its bid to recover some lost traction in the U.S. automotive market. The new Beatle of a few years ago was only the first and most notable such effort. More recently, VW introduced a top-end luxury sedan called Phaeton, which took the German brand way out of its usual comfort zone.

VW's new Touareg sport-utility vehicle, introduced last year, is a bit less of a stretch for a brand that always has had utility as its middle name. VW probably should have had an SUV in the American market long before it did. And now that Touareg is on the scene, it's making a lot of SUV buyers happy. I think it's better than a lot of competitive offerings.

Despite its nearly incomprehensible and unpronounceable name whose history really doesn't need to be a topic of this review, Touareg was named Motor Trend magazine's 2004 SUV of the year. And like the editors of that magazine, I was attracted by its interesting and unconventional proportions, its ready power, its lush interior and amenities and its solid ride.

The starting price of around a suggested \$35,000 will certainly put off some buyers who, justifiably, would be expecting to pay that much for an SUV from a true luxury marque rather than from VW. VW points out that Touareg is the "most affordable" German SUV, but of course the other "German SUVs" are those produced by BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

I was also disappointed by the lack of an available third seat, the fact that the ride wasn't more car-like, and by the strange tendency that Touareg demonstrated in slow-speed, hard-corner-turning situations, either going forward or in reverse, of lurching bit by bit instead of proceeding smoothly. I checked the tires and other contingencies that I could imagine might be contributing to a problem with the particular vehicle I reviewed, but couldn't come up with a source of a problem. So I have to



The Interior of the VW Touareg is impressive for a SUV.

conclude this is how Touareg is engineered.

Those misgivings aside, there's a lot to be said for Touareg. It has a brawny look unlike most VWs, and it's proportioned to be more squarish than many other SUVs. It's available in a V6, a 3.2-liter engine rated at 220 horsepower and a V8, a 4.2liter engine boasting 310 horsepower. Mileage ranges from 14 mpg in the city to 20 mpg on the highway, depending on the engine.

The interior is where Touareg impresses a lot of SUV buyers. It has leatherette upholstery that is standard, eight-way adjustable seating, wood trim, a power-glass sunroof, dual-zone temperature controls with a rear-seat control, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and many more amenities.

Options for both models include high-intensity discharge headlamps, for an extra \$750, and an electronic park assist for \$600, which alerts the driver to objects or people that are behind the car when it is backing up. A navigation system comes bundled with a sound-system upgrade for an additional \$2,350. The V6 version offers a premium Write Dale at daledbuss@aol.com.

package for \$2,200 that includes leather trim, 12way memory power seats, heated power folding auto-dimming mirrors with memor, center console wood trim, and a front sliding armrest.

Even with all these luxury touches, however, VW clearly is trying to appeal to the off-roader with Touareg, with features such as an air suspension that lowers the vehicle when you want more agile, pavement driving and raises it when you need higher ground clearance in the brush and muck. An optional rear-differential lock forces both rear wheels to spin instead of only the one with better traction.

Oh, yes - in case you're curious, Touareg is pronounced "Tour-reg" and is named, for some reason, after a nomadic tribe in Saharan Africa whose name, in some language, means "free folk." The bet here is that not one of the Touareg people can afford a Touareg.

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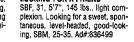
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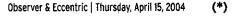
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